



**Life Sciences Innovation Infrastructure RFP  
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Questions & Answers  
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In connection with the **Request for Proposals** relating to the Life Sciences Innovation Infrastructure RFP released by NYCEDC on 6/9/2021, the questions from potential Respondents and answers provided by NYCEDC are below.

1. Q: I would like to clarify if this program would also support the development of telemedicine technology (integrated diagnostic devices, network communications, software-hardware integration, and onsite delivery) to address remote region medical resource deficit issue, and in preparation for future pandemic events that would require isolation and distancing between clinicians and patients. Or is this an equipment/infrastructure grant only?

A: Yes, a project may pertain to the development of telemedicine technologies. However, the contribution from the City is restricted to the funding of renovation, construction, and/or equipment, as detailed in the RFP. Respondents are expected to identify additional sources of funding for the ongoing operations of the project.

2. Q: Our question is whether our facility qualifies as a candidate for submission of a proposal in response to your RFP. We offer facilities and expertise in NMR, X-ray crystallography and electron microscopy. We serve Principal Investigators and their laboratories in New York from our academic institutions and thus are a critical resource for all those doing basic research and seeking to create spin-off companies. We also facilitate research for national academic clients as well as pharmaceutical and biotech companies who need complex structural analysis of biological molecules. We enable the creation of new basic products that lead to therapeutics, formation of biotechnology companies and licensed products. We do not create companies, we do not create jobs other than the employees at our facility but we are an essential resource for both the academic and commercial community. Do we qualify?

A: Yes, a 501(c)(3) organization meets the critical eligibility requirement to apply for city capital funds through this RFP. However, the current and/or future activities of a respondent's project must adhere to the goals of the RFP, one of which is providing critical resources and services to the local community of early-stage life sciences companies.