

Q: How/where can one apply for affordable living space or rehearsal space via AREA?

A: If you believe your organization meets the AREA requirements as artist workspace developers and operators, you may submit your application as detailed in Part 4. Process and Procedure of the RFEI. All RFEI responses and supporting documentation are to be submitted by hand or by mail to NYCEDC. The package must contain eight (8) hard copies and two USB drives each containing one digital copy to the following addresses:

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110 William Street
New York, NY 10038
Attn: Maryann Catalano, Chief Contracting Officer

If you are interested in renting artist workspaces, please visit the respective websites of qualified organizations for more information. The regularly updated list of qualified organizations can be found here:

https://www.nycedc.com/sites/default/files/files/rfp/qa-documents/round_2_area_qualified_respondents.pdf

The City is working on developing affordable housing opportunities for artists. For information on current affordable housing opportunities, visit NYC Housing Connect, the City's portal to search and apply for affordable housing opportunities in New York City, at the link below.

<https://a806-housingconnect.nyc.gov/nyclottery/lottery.html>

Q: Can I also submit my application through email?

A: No, as detailed within the RFEI body please submit all RFEI responses and supporting documentation are to be submitted by hand or by mail to NYCEDC. The package must contain eight (8) hard copies and two USB drives each containing one digital copy to the following addresses:

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Q: Are utilities included in the \$1.50 per square foot rent requirement?

A: Yes, utilities are included in the set \$1.50 per square foot rent ceiling. AREA affordability is defined by limiting monthly occupancy cost (including but not limited to tenant's rent, tenant's share of operating expense, tenant's share of utilities, and tenant's share of capital reserve contribution) to \$1.50 per square foot.

The AREA affordable rent shall be adjusted each year for the duration of term to reflect change in the Consumer Price Index or other market condition.

Q: Could you direct us toward the application for the RFEI?

A: The RFEI document is located on both the NYCEDC and DCLA websites. The direct links to the RFEI are listed below:

<https://www.nycedc.com/opportunity/affordable-workspace-artists-consultant-services-rfei>

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcla/programs/area.page>