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**From:** FED Victoria <getfedvictoria@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, Jul 22, 2015 4:25 PM  
**To:** grants@victoria.ca; Public Hearings  
**Cc:** Ben Clark; Jill Doucette  
**Subject:** Re: Public Hearing Grant Questions  
**Attachments:** bikekitchen.jpg

Good afternoon,

My sincere apologies for not responding to these questions before now! Please see my answers below:

1. Clarify what is meant by a bike kitchen.

A bike kitchen is essentially a bike repair toolkit, usually installed on the street for public use. Bike kitchens allow cyclists to repair minor bike issues like flat tires and broken chains free of charge while out and about. Saanich recently installed one (see the picture attached). While the FED team believes a bike kitchen would be a great addition to the FED district, it is not a project that we are considering for this year, and this grant money would not be allocated specifically to its installation.

2. Elaborate on the general community benefit for the proposed initiatives, distinct from the benefit for member restaurants, noting the City's inability to subsidize businesses.

FED's is primarily a project for the community. While we are working with local business partners to make this neighbourhood a destination, the vision extends beyond the restaurants in the district to the streets, alleyways, parking lots and all under-utilized concrete spaces. A vibrant FED district will contribute to the community in the following ways:

- urban beautification and food production (install street-side planters growing edibles for anyone walking by);
- community spaces (curate new community spaces that connect people to their food);
- food education (host events like walking tours and canning/preserving workshops).

3. How are you going to address issues around older buildings in the City and the weight of roof top gardens; how that is a disadvantage and what are you doing to address that?

Rooftop gardens can be a fantastic use of under-used urban spaces, and can help manage stormwater and reduce the urban heat island effect. If FED were to consider a rooftop garden project, we would work primarily with new buildings that could meet the structural requirements of a green roof, or possibly we would find a property owner partner who would commit to making the necessary structural upgrades to an existing building. However, as with the bike kitchen, we do not currently have any rooftop gardens planned and this grant money would not be used for this purpose.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if there is any other information I can provide.

Kind regards,

Heidi.

On Wed, Jul 22, 2015 at 3:48 PM, [grants@victoria.ca](mailto:grants@victoria.ca) <[grants@victoria.ca](mailto:grants@victoria.ca)> wrote:

Hi there,

FED Restaurant Society was emailed the following questions and requested a response via [publichearings@victoria.ca](mailto:publichearings@victoria.ca), and have not received a response.

Please respond to the following questions by **4:30pm** today to be eligible to provide additional information.

### **FED Restaurant Society**

1. Clarify what is meant by a bike kitchen.
2. Elaborate on the general community benefit for the proposed initiatives, distinct from the benefit for member restaurants, noting the City's inability to subsidize businesses.
3. How are you going to address issues around older buildings in the City and the weight of roof top gardens; how that is a disadvantage and what are you doing to address that?

Please 'reply' to this email, at [publichearings@victoria.ca](mailto:publichearings@victoria.ca) with your response. As this is a time-sensitive application process, we would appreciate your response as soon as possible, and no later than 11:00 am on **Wednesday, July 22**.

For reference, below is the link to the archived video of the meeting where you can listen to the questions should you wish for more detail:

<http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/council-webcasting.html>

Thank-you,

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