

Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad Invites Proposals for Development and Operation of Weekly Community Markets in Islamabad

Introduction

Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) invites experienced event planners, market operators, community-event organizers and social enterprises to develop and operate weekly community markets at designated public spaces in Islamabad.

Proposed Locations

- F-6 Hill Park
- F-7 Gol Market Open Area
- F-9 Park (Gandhara Area)
- D-12 Markaz Park

MCI reserves the right to add, remove or modify locations.

Market Days and Timings

Summer (March–October): Friday, Saturday & Sunday 3:00 PM–07:00 PM

Winter (November–February): Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 AM–5:00 PM

Note: The Timing of the Market can be changed by MCI or District Administration.

Market Size

Minimum 25 stalls and maximum 40 stalls per market subject to site conditions and approval by MCI.

(The No of stalls can be changed prior approval of the MCI).

Market Components

Arts & Crafts, Handmade Products, Food & Beverage, Wellness, Children's Activities, Student Businesses, Women-led Enterprises, Family-run Businesses and Community Activities.

Revenue Sharing Mechanism

Operator may retain up to 30% of stall fee revenue as management fee. Minimum 70% revenue shall be deposited with MCI.

Operator Responsibilities

Market planning, stall management, programming, cleanliness, waste management, public facilitation, marketing, security coordination and restoration of site after every event. Only temporary and removable structures shall be permitted.

Proposal Submission

Interested operators shall submit company profile, experience, market concept, layout plan, vendor strategy, marketing plan, cleanliness plan, security plan and financial model in hard copy to Director DMA, MCI on or before the notified closing date.

Operator Evaluation Criteria (100 Marks)

Criteria	Marks	Scoring Method
Relevant Experience	25	10=1-2 projects/1 year 15=3-5 projects/2-3 years 20=6-10 projects/4-5 years 25=10 projects or above 5 years
Market Concept & Innovation	25	10=Basic concept 15=Family market concept, 20=Distinct theme and engagement 25=Innovative destination concept
Operational Capability	20	5=Basic plan, 10=Vendor/staff plan, 15=Proven management systems, 20=Comprehensive operational framework
Marketing & Community Engagement	15	5=Basic marketing 10=Social media strategy, 15=Comprehensive engagement campaign
Financial Proposal	15	5=Minimum return 10=Improved return 15=Highest sustainable return

Stall Allocation Mechanism

Up to 30% stalls may be curated by the selected operator. Minimum 70% stalls shall be allotted through a transparent MCI selection process.

Stall Holder Selection Criteria (100 Marks)

Criteria	Marks	Scoring Method
Relevant Experience	20	5=New applicant 10=1-2 events 15=3-5 events 20=More than 5 events
Product Originality & Quality	25	10=Common product 15=Quality product 20=Unique product 25=Innovative/local product
Presentation & Branding	15	5=Basic display 10=Branded display 15=Professional branding concept
Online/Social Media Presence	15	5=<5,000 followers 10=5,000-25,000 12=25,000-100,000 15=>100,000
Business Plan & Community Value	15	5=Basic proposal 10=Clear concept 15=Strong family/community value
Interview/Presentation	10	Committee assessment of suitability and commitment

Preference Categories

In case of equal marks, preference shall be given to Student Entrepreneurs, Women-led Enterprises, Family-run Businesses, Startups, Local Artisans and Persons with Disabilities.

Mandatory Documents for Stall Applicants

CNIC, Photograph, Business Profile, Product Portfolio, Social Media Links, Experience Proof and Business Plan.