

Office of Homeless Services and Strategies

Notice of Funding Availability - Frequently Asked Questions

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1. **What is included in the 20 page limit?**
 - a. Only the application questions and answers. Resumes, audits, and other attachments are not included in the limit.
 - b. Please include the actual resume (not a recap of experience) if available.
2. **If funding is awarded to capital improvements, is it subject to Part 58 Environmental Review?**
 - a. Part 58 is specific to HUD funding. As this is ARPA funded, Part 58 is not required.
3. **Are homeless families included or only individuals?**
 - a. Families and individuals are included.
4. **Please elaborate on access to additional funding sources.**
 - a. Additional funding sources or strategic partnerships may bolster an application by demonstrating solvency, capacity, and increased potential for success.
5. **For ARPA eligibility guidelines, do you need us to cite specific sections?**
 - a. No, you do not need to cite specific sections. But you must be aware of the eligibility guidelines and ensure that your proposal fits within the regulations.
6. **Will families still need to participate in coordinated entry?**
 - a. Yes
7. **Should projects aim to serve a certain number of individuals?**
 - a. No, there are no set requirements on the number individuals served. The selection committee will balance the number of individuals served with the amount of funding requested and the degree of impact on the individuals served.
8. **Will there be additional funding or awards?**
 - a. The Office of Homeless Services and Strategies anticipates awarding between three and five applications. However, the number of awards and total amount awarded is within the sole discretion of the Office of Homeless Services and Strategies and may be more or less than this number.
9. **Is funding issued upfront or on a reimbursement basis?**
 - a. The timing of payments is project specific and could be upfront, reimbursement or a mixture of both. It will depend on the specific project and the needs of the awarded organization.
10. **What is the time frame for documentation and reporting? What about invoices?**
 - a. Invoicing is done on a monthly basis. Payment terms are NET 30.
 - b. Documentation and reporting is project dependent but at a minimum quarterly reporting will be required.
11. **What is considered operational costs and what is considered administrative costs?**
 - a. The award allows up to 10% for indirect cost rate. All other costs should be clearly broken down in your budget proposals.

12. Would capital improvement projects that are already underway and required reimbursement be eligible for funding?

- a. Yes, active projects would be eligible as long as it is geared towards supporting current and future clients as they navigate towards housing.

13. Are certain kinds of expenses (like rent assistance or staff salaries) considered higher value than others?

- a. All expenses considered equal, the goal is provide funding where it is most needed and can have the most impact. The applicant should demonstrate the need and the impact of the funding.