



Notice of Funding Availability for HUD's FY2015 Supplemental Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions 4/10/15

Question: My agency received a FY2014 HUD comprehensive housing counseling grant award and submitted an expression of interest stating that we are interested in FY2015 comprehensive grant funding. We just received notice about the FY2015 Supplemental Comprehensive Housing Counseling NOFA. Do we need to apply to the Supplemental NOFA to get funding for FY2015? If not, will there be another grant application for agencies that received an FY2014 grant, or is the expression of interest letter the extent of what we need to be submitted to be funded in FY2015?

Answer: Agencies that were awarded FY2014 funds through the FY2014 – 2015 NOFA as a direct grant from HUD are not eligible for a direct grant from HUD under the Supplemental NOFA. Instead, agencies that were awarded a direct grant from HUD will be eligible to receive FY2015 funds using the applications submitted under the FY2014 – 2015 NOFA if they expressed interest and remain eligible. To be funded in FY2015, such agencies do not need to complete a Supplemental NOFA application or submit any other application to HUD if they have submitted an expression of interest.

Alternatively, local housing counseling agencies (LHCAs) that were awarded FY2014 funds as a direct grant from HUD under the FY2014-2015 NOFA may affiliate with an Intermediary or SHFA and access FY2015 funding through that affiliation. However, agencies will not be allowed to access FY 2015 funding under both the FY14-15 NOFA and FY 15 Supplemental NOFA. Similarly, they cannot access funding under the FY14-15 NOFA from multiple sources – in other words they cannot be directly funded by HUD and also as an affiliate of an intermediary or SHFA.

Question: Will housing counseling intermediaries that were funded through the FY2014 – 2015 NOFA be able to make changes to their sub-grantee list for FY2015?

Answer: Yes, intermediaries will be able to make changes to their sub-grantee list subject to HUD approval. After awards are made, HUD plans to issue an award letter that will request an updated sub-grantee list and intermediaries may request changes at that time.

Question: If an agency received a sub-grant in FY2014 but is leaving (or was removed from) their intermediary network for FY2015, can the agency apply for direct FY2015 funding through the Supplemental NOFA?

Answer: Agencies that received a sub-grant in FY2014 are not eligible to receive direct FY2015 funding through the Supplemental NOFA unless they have received HUD approval as a newly approved multi-state organization or intermediary on or after March 4, 2014 and prior to publication of the Supplemental NOFA.

All other agencies that received a sub-grant in FY2014 are not eligible to receive direct FY2015 funding through the Supplemental NOFA. FY2014 sub-grantees that leave or are removed from their intermediary network for FY2015 may be able to affiliate with a different Intermediary or SHFA and access FY2015 funding through that affiliation.