

FY 2018 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program NOFA

Frequently Asked Questions [Part 2]

General Questions

Question (1)

Please clarify the application due date for the 2018 Comprehensive Housing Counseling NOFA and the performance period for the grant. The information on Page 9 of the NOFA Instructions appears to conflict with Section II, D *Period of Performance*.

Answer (1)

The due date for applications for the 2018 Comprehensive Housing Counseling NOFA is August 7th, 2018.

Applicants should assume that the period of performance for grants awarded under the 2018 Comprehensive Housing Counseling NOFA will be: October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019.

Question (2)

There is a reference to a “certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan” on page 17 of the NOFA in Paragraph m. However, I do not see a corresponding form listed in *Section IV., B., Content and Form of Application Submission*. Can you please explain?

Answer (2)

The paragraph on page 17 of the NOFA following (m.) *Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities* and before (F.) *Criteria for Beneficiaries*, which begins “This program requires a certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan...” was loaded into the grants.gov NOFA document in error and does not pertain to the 2018 Comprehensive Housing Counseling NOFA. There is no requirement for Consistency with the Consolidated Plan, and no related form is required for completion of the FY 2018 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program NOFA application submission.

Question (3)

Must sub-grantees be selected through a Request for Proposals process?

Answer (3)

No. Applicants may use a variety of methods for selecting members of their network. However, the awardee must ensure that sub-grantees comply with the standards described in the NOFA and OHC Regulations (24 CFR 214).

Question (4)

Are there reporting requirements for state or local governments that make sub-awards?

Answer (4)

Yes. If a State or unit of general local government grantee makes assistance available on a competitive basis to Affiliates or Sub-grantees, then they shall notify the public at least every six (6) months of sub-grants. The notification shall contain the elements required by [42 U.S.C. § 3545\(a\)\(4\)\(C\)\(i\)](#). This notification may be by any method conducive to providing information to the public.

Additionally, any sub-awards greater than \$25,000 must be reported in the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System (FSRS). Sub-awards include grants, cooperative agreements, pass-through awards, contracts issued under a grant, loans and awards to vendors.

Application/Charts

Question (5)

The way the Preference Points are explained throughout the NOFA is very confusing. Does an agency need to qualify for Promise Zone preference points in order to also qualify for Emergency Preparedness and/or Disaster Recovery preference points? How are these points allocated?

Answer (5)

Applicants are eligible to receive preference points for Emergency Preparedness and/or Disaster Recovery independent of their Promise Zone eligibility. Applicants will receive two points for either category. Applicants may receive no more than two preference points.

In HUD-9906 Chart A, please place an 'X' in Field D if your organization meets the criteria for Promise Zone, Emergency Preparedness, or Disaster Recovery preference points.