

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

Questions and Answers Addendum Posted Friday, 1/23/15

1. Could you please tell us if the total funding available amount of \$219, 771.00 is the total amount per county or the total amount of all monies to be awarded for this RFP?
 - a. \$219,771.00 is the total amount of funding to be awarded in this RFP. It is the allocation amount from HUD.

2. If the amount is not per county, will DOH only consider applications that promise to serve all 4 counties or also those promising service to less than all 4?
 - a. Your proposal must at least serve one of the allowable counties. It does not need to serve more than one county.

3. Page 21 of RFP, d. ii. states clients will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. Are we then to assume that our Northeast Coordinated Access practices of using the VI-SPDAT to select applicants according to vulnerability will not be acceptable with this grant?
 - a. That is correct. HUD does not want HOPWA funding prioritized

4. Our Northeast Coordinated Access employs a shared waitlist for all agencies in Windham/Tolland Counties offering permanent supportive housing. Is the HOPWA funded-program expected to keep its own waitlist or can it also be combined with other PSHs?
 - a. Per HUD, HOPWA must be a first come, first serve program so you can't have HOPWA on a priority list or shared wait list.

5. Do staff trainings qualify as Resource Identification/Technical Assistance?
 - a. No they do not. HUD regulations 24 CFR 574 state: Resource identification to establish, coordinate and develop housing assistance resources for eligible persons (including conducting preliminary research and making expenditures necessary to determine the feasibility of specific housing-related initiatives)
 - b. HUD regulations 24 CFR 574 state Technical assistance in establishing and operating a community residence, including planning and other pre-development or pre-construction expenses and including, but not limited to, costs relating to community outreach and educational activities regarding AIDS or related diseases for persons residing in proximity to the community residence;

6. Do housing assistance tasks, such as calculating rental assistance and the re-certification process qualify as Resource Identification/Technical Assistance?
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7. The budget form does not include a section on Resource Identification/Technical Assistance. How do we differentiate this from Supportive Services on the budget form?
- a. These are two very different eligible activities. Resource Identification is research in the community and start up of needed programs. HUD regulations 24 CFR 574 state: Resource identification to establish, coordinate and develop housing assistance resources for eligible persons (including conducting preliminary research and making expenditures necessary to determine the feasibility of specific housing-related initiatives)
 - i. If you chose to resource identification to develop and implement a new HOPWA program, enter the amount of funding in the budget line 5h
 - b. Supportive Services is case management and referral for clients. Per HUD regulations 24 CFR 574: Supportive services including, but not limited to, health, mental health, assessment, permanent housing placement, drug and alcohol abuse treatment and counseling, day care, personal assistance, nutritional services, intensive care when required, and assistance in gaining access to local, State, and Federal government benefits and services, except that health services may only be provided to individuals with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or related diseases and not to family members of these individuals;
 - i. If you are offering supportive services case management, enter the funding amount in section 4 of the budget
8. Is there a cost limit per unit of TBRA for Resource Identification/Technical Assistance?
- a. Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) is it's own eligible activity category: TBRA is a housing subsidy provided for use on the open rental market. The tenant holds a lease with a private landlord for a unit that is rented at or under Fair Market Rent and that meets Housing Quality/Habitability Standards. Costs include rent, utility costs, and security deposits.

