



The State of Connecticut Department of Housing

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Special Round: High Opportunity Area Housing (“Special Round”)

Frequently Asked Questions

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- Q1: The NOFA indicates that each application will be reviewed and scored when received and funding will be announced based on this review. Because there are scoring criteria for this funding, which has been done in the past for competitive funding rounds, how will early applications be evaluated for funding? Is there a threshold score to be awarded funding instead of ranking of all application scores?
- A1: Application reviews will commence in the order applications are received. While there is no pre-established minimum scoring, scoring will be central to DOH’s review.
- Q2: On the rating and ranking file: C11 says the points are up to 15% affordable housing, but the scores only go to 10%?
- A2: Two points are available for projects located in a municipality with more than 7.5% and less than 15% affordable housing per the Affordable Housing Appeals List. An updated Rating and Ranking form with this correction has been posted on the DOH Website and supersedes the prior form.
- Q3: C11 says points will be awarded with 2 or more bedrooms; how many or what percent of units need to be 2 or more bedrooms?
- A3: To receive points, at least 50% of the units in the project must have 2 or more bedrooms. An updated Rating and Ranking form with this clarification has been posted on the DOH Website and supersedes the prior form.
- Q4: C35 says up to 20 points, but the scores only go up to 14?
- A4: Up to 14 points will be awarded based on project location as defined by the DOH Website Opportunity Map. An updated Rating and Ranking form with this correction has been posted on the DOH Website and supersedes the prior form.
- Q5: D35-37 provides points for Moderate, High and Very High. The NOFA states that these are the only classifications that will be accepted, so all applications would get at least 4 points here. Please confirm this.
- Q5: That is correct.
- Q6: E128 and F128 say that category has 98 points, but it appears to have only 45 points. What is the correct point calculation for the category?
- Q6: The category has 45 points. An updated Rating and Ranking form with this correction has been posted on the DOH Website and supersedes the prior form.