FSS FY26 Funding Notice FAQs

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Q1-1. What happened to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)? Are you still funding FSS?
A1-1. FSS switched from using a NOFO to fund the FSS program to a two-part PIH notice format. The change started with FY24, and the funding notice structure remains the same as last year:

1. **General Funding Notice:** The general FSS funding notice was published through PIH Notice 2025-15. This notice is intended to remain in place indefinitely, until changes are needed. Note: No changes have been made to PIH Notice 2025-15 for the FY26 funding cycle.
2. **Annual Funding Notice:** The annual FSS funding notice is typically updated each year based on program changes and improvements and Congressional funding and directives. The FY 2026 Family Self-Sufficiency Grant Program Annual Funding Notification and Application Process is PIH Notice 2026-24.

It is important that you read the General and FY26 Annual Funding Notices together; these two FSS Funding Notices replace our previous NOFO and NOFO process. You can find them and other funding resources on the FSS Resources Page!

Q1-2. Wait, we're using GrantSolutions to apply now? What about Grants.gov?
A1-2. In FY24, we switched from Grants.gov to GrantSolutions. To reduce administrative burden, we have consolidated our process entirely within GrantSolutions. That means you will not find FY26 applications for FSS funding on Grants.gov.

Q1-3. When is the Application Deadline?
A1-3. The application is due October 13, 2026.
(See Section I.C. of the FY26 Annual Notice)

Q1-4. Are you funding New Applicants this year?
A1-4. We do not expect to fund New Applicants this year. We are always required to fund Renewal Positions first, per our statute. This year, like last year, as directed by Congress, and as explained in the Annual Notice, we are prioritizing Expansion Positions with any remaining funding. That means ***we do not anticipate having funding available for New Programs this year***. However, you are welcome to apply via the NEW application in GrantSolutions (not the renewal). Unfunded new applicants that remain eligible may be funded in the future, pending funds availability and congressional appropriations.

Q1-5. Where is the FSS Funding Page?
A1-5. Please visit the FSS Resources page for our Funding Notice information and resources.

2. Positions Q&A

Q2-1. I have heard the term Expansion Position, what do you mean?
A2-1. Generally, renewal grantees qualify for the same number of positions as your previous award, as long as the number of participants you have in your program is the same as or larger than the previous year. Expansion Positions are additional positions beyond your Renewal Positions. If funds are available after funding Renewal Positions, this year, we'll invite eligible programs to "expand" the number of positions you are being funded for. This will allow you to continue to increase the capacity of your FSS program by allowing for smaller coordinator-to-participant ratios. See Section II.A.2. of the Annual Notice for more information.

For Example: You served 130 participants in 2024. This would qualify you for 3 coordinators. However, last year, you were only funded for 2 coordinators. This year, you can apply for 2 Renewal Positions AND one Expansion Position. When we make funding determinations, we'll fund your two Renewal Positions first. After all renewal positions have been funded, we'll grant you an additional Expansion Position if we have enough funding left. This "Expansion" Position will become a Renewal Position going forward, assuming that you continue to qualify for 3 positions in the future.

If you qualify for (see the Funding Table) and want Expansion Positions, your SF-424 should reflect the WHOLE amount you are asking for (we can always fund you for LESS than you ask for, if there's not enough funding, but we can't fund you for MORE than your request.) Also, you must indicate your request for Expansion Positions on your HUD-52651.

This year, Expansion Positions will be awarded under a prioritization process described in Section II.A.2. of the FY26 Annual Notice and in Q2-4 below.

Q2-2. What are the FAM and FAM-P Scores? How are they related to funding?
A2-2. The FSS Achievement Metrics (FAM) Score is a measure of how well FSS programs are operating. A set of complete scores was published in 2023, and these scores sort programs into 4 categories based on their performance. This year, Congress directed us to prioritize programs with FAM Scores of Category 1 for Expansion Positions.

PBRA owners, Legacy MTW PHAs, Expansion MTW PHAs, who have been holding their 50058 submissions, and PHAs that have been running funded programs for less than 3 years do not have a full FAM Score. To include these agencies in performance-based prioritization, we will assign a FAM-P Score to these agencies using their participation rate. The full details of how the FAM-P Score is calculated are in the FY26 Annual Funding Notice in Section II.A.3.b. and in Q2-4 below.

Agencies with a FAM or FAM-P Score of 1 will be Priority Category 2 when we award Expansion Positions.

Q2-3. How is the FAM Score calculated? How is the FAM-P Score calculated?
A2-3. The FAM Score uses data from PIC to assign a score based on your participation rate, graduation rate, and earnings data of FSS participants. The full details of how the FAM Score is calculated, as well as FAM score determinations from 2020-2024, are available on the FSS Resources Page or will be, prior to making determinations on expansion positions.

The FAM-P Score is used to evaluate the performance of PBRA owners, Legacy MTW PHAs, Expansion MTW PHAs, and PHAs that have been running funded programs for less than 3 years. The FAM-P Score is calculated using only the participation rate for these agencies. We will calculate your FAM-P score by determining your participation rate and then assigning a score based on the following distribution:

1.95 or higher = 1
1.45 to 1.94 = 2
1.01 to 1.44 = 3

1 or below = 4

More details are in the FY26 Annual Funding Notice in Section II.A.3.b.

Q2-4. The Notice says that there are changes to the funding priority structure this year. How will prioritization of Expansion Positions work?

A2-4. The FSS FY26 Annual Funding Notice stated that there are several criteria that we will use to prioritize the order in which we fulfill requests for Expansion Positions. Applicants in each category will need to be eligible for an Expansion Position based on their participant count and will need to request one or more Expansion Positions on their HUD-52651 in order to be awarded additional coordinators.

1. Priority Category 1: Applicants who administer Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Vouchers and, as a result, provide an extension of assistance to eligible youth for up to 24 months beyond the 36-month time limit of assistance if they are participating in FSS will be awarded their eligible, requested expansion positions. We will get the list of PHAs that qualify for this Priority Category from agency records. Multifamily Owners do not administer FYI vouchers. If you receive funding under this priority, you must ensure that your FSS Action Plan reflects a policy of prioritizing FYI voucher holders in order to receive an awarded expansion position under this category. You do not need to send proof of this policy with your application.
2. Priority Category 2: Applicants with a FAM or FAM-P Score of 1, who requested expansion positions and were not in Priority Category 1 will be awarded one additional position each under this category. Applicants with FAM or FAM-P Scores of 2-4 may qualify for Expansion Positions under other priority categories.
3. Priority Category 3: Applicants who have joined the Work and Dignity Coalition as of the due date of this application and who were not awarded in Priority Category 1 or 2. We will get the list of PHAs/owners that qualify for this Priority Category from Agency records – for more information on how to join the Coalition, see the FY26 Annual Funding Notice II.A.3.c.
4. Priority Category 4: Applicants who lost a coordinator in the FY24 or FY25 funding cycles but now have a participant count which would qualify them for a reinstatement of one position.
5. Subsequent expansion positions will be awarded following the method described in the General Funding Notice in Sections VII.B.3 and VII.C.

Q2-4. How many positions should we apply for?

A2-4. As many as you are eligible for, but we won't fund you for more than that. We will fund all Renewal Positions first, and we will fund as many Expansion Positions as possible within the prioritization process described in Q2-3. See Section II.A.1. of the Annual Notice for more information.

If you qualify for (see the Funding Table) and want Expansion Positions, your SF-424 should reflect the WHOLE amount you are asking for (we can always fund you for LESS than you ask for, if there's not enough funding, but we can't fund you for MORE than you ask for.) Also, you must indicate your request for Expansion Positions on the HUD-52651.

Q2-5. We are eligible for more Renewal Positions than we want! How can we ask for fewer?

A2-5. You can ask for fewer Renewal Positions by emailing a Funding Modification Request with the number of positions you are requesting to FSS@HUD.gov, Subject Line: "FSS FY26 Renewal - Funding Modification Request - [your PHA code/Property number] [your org name]." Please also indicate the number of positions you are requesting on the HUD-52651.

Please Note: You do not need to do this if you are requesting your full number of Renewal Positions.

Q2-6. We are eligible for more Expansion Positions than we want! How can we ask for fewer?

A2-6. If you qualify for Expansion Positions but don't want any, simply indicate that you do not want any Expansion Positions when you fill out the HUD-52651. If you are eligible for multiple Expansion Positions, you can request all for which you are eligible, or you can choose to request only some of the Expansion Positions for which you are eligible. Otherwise, you can ask for as many (or as few) Expansion Positions as you want on your HUD-52651. **Just make sure the amount you request on your SF-424 reflects the Total Number of Positions you are requesting.**

Please Note: You will be responsible for maintaining a Participant Count to support your Renewal Positions in future years, so please apply for positions that you can reasonably expect to keep in the future.

Q2-7. We own a Multifamily PBRA Property with at least 75 FSS participants in 2023, 2024, or 2025, and we want to be considered for Expansion Positions or as a Joint Applicant. What can we do?

A2-7. When you submitted the 2026 FSS Annual Report survey, you reported the number of participants you served in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, respectively. We will look back at the participation counts you reported for 2023-2025 to determine whether you meet the participation threshold for an Expansion Position. If you indicate joint applicants on your HUD-52651 submission, we will add up the participant count from all joint entities. You also will need to indicate the number of Expansion Positions you are requesting on your HUD-52651 in order to be considered for additional positions.

Q2-8. We are losing a Renewal Position (or all of our positions) based on our participation data in PIC. What can we do?
A2-8. When you submitted the 2026 FSS Annual Report survey, you reported the number of participants you served in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, respectively. If you are a PBRA owner, MTW Legacy PHA, MTW Expansion PHA, or a standard PHA who is set to lose positions based on your PIC data, we will look back at the participation counts you reported for 2023-2025 on your survey to determine the number of positions you will be awarded. Be aware that for standard PHAs, this will not confer eligibility for Expansion Positions – even if you self-certify enough participants to otherwise justify any – as this is only to maintain your last number of funded positions. If you want to be considered for Expansion Positions in the future and are a standard PHA, please ensure that your PIC count is correct. If we have any questions about your self-reported participation data, we may contact you for more information.

PBRA owners, MTW Legacy PHAs, and MTW Expansion PHAs may qualify for Expansion Positions based on the self-certified participation numbers, as this is our only source of participation data for these agencies.

Q2-9. We are an MTW Expansion agency that withheld our HUD-50058 reports in 2023, 2024, and/or 2025 in anticipation of the HUD-50058-MTW-Expansion form that is not yet available. Now our Participant Count is off! What can we do?
A2-9. This year, for PBRA owners, MTW Legacy PHAs, and MTW Expansion PHAs, we will automatically use the participant counts that you submitted with your 2026 FSS Annual Report Survey. If you did not submit self-certification numbers with the survey or if we have any questions about the numbers you reported, then we will reach out to you.

Q2-10. We are applying with a Joint Applicant, and it looks like we will lose Renewal Positions or Expansion Positions compared to if we applied separately. Is this true?
A2-10. The first year that applicants combine, all Joint Applicants are eligible for at least the total number of Renewal Positions that they otherwise would be eligible for if applying

separately. After the first year, you are responsible for serving the minimum number of participants required to keep your total number of positions. See Section III.B. of the FY26 Annual Notice for more information on Joint Applications.

Q2-11. We want to apply with Joint Applicants, and we don't see their Participation Count on the Funding Table. Or, we applied with them in the past, and it looks like they're not included in our numbers now. What should we do?
A2-11. We've got you covered.

1. If you are applying with a grantee first funded in FY23, we will credit them with the higher of their Participant Count, their self-reported data from the 2026 Annual Report Survey, or a minimum of 25 Participants.
2. If you combined programs and applied with a joint applicant for the first time in FY24 or FY25, their participation count will be listed under their name on the FY26 Funding Table. HUD will count your participant counts together if you apply jointly again as indicated on your HUD-52651 submission in FY26.
3. If you are applying with the owner of any other PBRA Property, we will use the participation count you reported on the 2026 FSS Annual Report Survey.

If you have a FAM-P score and you did not include the participants from your joint applicants in your self-certified numbers from the 2026 Annual Report survey, please reach out to us at FSS@HUD.gov. The standard FAM score takes data from joint applicants into account, so we will work with you to ensure that your FAM-P score accurately captures all your participants from joint applicants as well.

See Section III.B. of the FY26 Annual Notice for more information on Joint Applications.

Please note: You should list all your Joint Applicants on your HUD-52651. If you are unsure of your Total Positions for all eligible Joint Applicants, you may review the PIC Count Table on the FSS Resources page or contact us at FSS@HUD.gov for assistance.

3. Funding Q&A

Q3-1. How do we know how much to ask for?
A3-1. You may request funding for any Renewal and Expansion Positions that you wish to request. Eligible activities are **salary and fringe, including training** (which can include **membership in a professional organization** and **associated travel costs)**, for all funded positions. Full-time positions are funded for 40 hours (or however full-time is defined at

your organization). See Section II.C. of the FY26 Annual Notice for more information on the FSS funding formula.

In short: Ask for what you need, no need to ask for less. Also, don't ask for more!

Q3-2. What if we want to ask for more funding than what the Funding Table says?
A3-2. Just ask for what you need (but only what you need)! We'll let you know if it's too much and if you need to submit supplemental documentation to support your request.

Q3-3. What's the most we can request?
A3-3. You may request as much as you reasonably need per position, up to the funding ceiling. Ordinarily, we don't ask for a breakdown of your request. But, we will ask for a justification (Funding Modification Request) with supporting documentation if your request is above your maximum. Don't worry! We will let you know if this is the case. See Section II.C. of the FY26 Annual Notice for more information.

The Funding Maximum (above which you need a funding justification) is:

1. Your per-position funded amount from FY25 x the number of positions you are requesting, up to the funding ceiling.
2. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Locality median salary for the job title "Social Worker: Other" in your Zip Code plus 50% x the number of positions you are requesting, up to the funding ceiling.

BUT DO NOT ASK FOR THE MAX UNLESS YOU ACTUALLY NEED IT. *You don't have to submit a justification except if you're over the max, but you SHOULD be able to "show your work" for how much you are requesting if we ask for it. It should not be just a random dollar figure.*

Q3-4. What if I already know that we're asking for more than our maximum, according to PIH Notice 2026-24, page 11?
A3-4. If you already know you are requesting more than your maximum, you can submit a detailed justification, including a breakdown of your request and any supporting documentation, to FSS@HUD.gov, with the Subject Line: "FSS FY26 Renewal - Funding Modification Request - [your PHA code/Property number] [your org name]."

Q3-5. The General Notice mentions a Funding Optimization Formula but I don't see a reference to this in the FY26 Annual Notice. What is this?
A3-5. To be clear, we are not using an optimization formula this year. We've placed the funding optimization formula in the notice for potential use, when HUD determines it should be used. Currently, HUD is working on using it in the future to make funding more streamlined and to ensure that everyone has exactly what they need.

Q3-6. What should I do if there isn't information for my region in the Bureau of Labor Statistics data?
A3-6. If there isn't any available information for your region, you can look at the state-level data. See Section II.C.1. of the FY26 Annual Notice for more details. Remember, though, ask for what you actually need. If we need a Funding Modification explanation, we'll ask you for it!

Q3-7. The Annual Funding Notice talks about funding offsets. What does this mean?
A3-7. In order to reduce the burden of the recapture process both on you and on HUD, we are implementing a funding offset for the first time in FY26. This means that we will project how much funding you will have leftover in your FY25 award by the end of the year and will reduce your FY26 award accordingly. By accepting the grant award, you will be requesting an extension of your FY25 grant in order to be able to use the remainder for your CY2027 expenses. Between the new FY26 funds you are awarded and your leftover FY25 funds, you should be made whole for the full amount of funding you are awarded under the FY26 Funding Notice.

Q3-8. How will you calculate the funding offset?
A3-8. Through this process, we will look at how much of your FY25 award you have spent when we pull data on October 1, 2026. At this point, we will expect that you have spent approximately 66% of your grant, which would be the amount in expenses you would incur by August 31 if you spent your award equally throughout the year. We will pull data on October 1 so that you have a month to draw for the expenses that you incurred by the end of August.

Based on your expenditure rate at that time, we will use a formula to project how much FY25 funding you should have leftover at the end of the year. Then, we will pro-rate your FY26 award by that amount plus a 10 percentage point buffer. By accepting the grant award, you will be requesting an extension of your FY25 grant in order to be able to use the remainder for your CY2027 expenses. See the table below for an example of what the offsets will look like.

Grantee Name	Percent Expended by August 31, 2026 (to be pulled 10/1/26)	Projected EOY Expended	Projected EOY Remaining	FY26 Proration Percentage	FY26 Award
PHA A	65%	97%	3%	0%	100%
Owner B	50%	75%	25%	15%	85%
PHA C	43%	64%	36%	26%	74%
Owner D	71%	100%	0%	0%	100%
PHA E	67%	100%	0%	0%	100%
PHA F	38%	57%	43%	33%	67%

You can find additional information on funding offset calculations in Section II.C.5. of the FY26 Annual Funding Notice.

Q3-9. Who will be eligible for an exception to the offsets?
A3-11. There are three categories of exceptions to the offset process:

- If you are projected to spend more than 90% of your FY25 award, you will have any leftover FY25 funds recaptured rather than being used for an offset. You will be funded for your full FY26 request through your FY26 grant.
- If you were awarded an expansion position last year (in FY25 to be used in calendar year 2026), you will not be subject to the offset procedure. You will receive your full FY26 award and any leftover FY25 funds will be recaptured.
- In rare situations, we may consider exceptions to the offset process on a case-by-case basis if you have justification for why your expenditure rate in LOCCS as of our data pull on October 1 is not representative of your expected expenditure rate by the end of the year.
    - Note that simply not drawing down timely is NOT an acceptable justification. Examples of justifications which may be approved include periods of time during the year when an FSS coordinator position was unexpectedly vacant, changes in an FSS coordinator's election of fringe benefits, or reserving funds for training that you plan to utilize before the end of the year.

See also the FY26 Annual Notice.

Q3-12. How do I request an exception from the offset process?
A3-12. If you would like to request an exception to the offset process, submit a letter to FSS@hud.gov with the subject "FSS FY26 Renewal – Offset Exception Request - [your PHA code/Property number] [your org name]" explaining your justification for requesting an exception to the offset.

4. Application Q&A

Q4-1. Do we have to submit the HUD-2880, even if it is not applicable to us?
A4-1. Yes, just fill it out with whatever is applicable and submit it. You can enter "N/A" as needed. This is a curable deficiency, so you will be able to submit revisions to this form after applying. See Section IV of the FY26 Annual Notice for more information on the application process.

Q4-2. How do we submit the HUD-2880?
A4-2. You can attach it to your application after doing one of two options:

1. Download, print, sign with a pen, and scan it, or
2. Download and sign the PDF electronically

Remember -

- The answer to 1 is YES for all FSS applications.
- The answer to 2 is YES ONLY if you are asking for $200,000 or more in THIS application.

Q4-3. Should we submit the SF-LLL if we don't lobby?
A4-3. You do not need to fill it out if it doesn't apply to you. If this is the case, you can simply ignore it. If it makes you feel better to fill it out, you can enter "N/A."

Q4-4. The SF-424 is pre-populated for Question 2 as "new," but we're a renewal! What should we do?
A4-4. Every application is "new" for each year. If a field is pre-populated, you can just ignore it.

Q4-5. Where on the SF-424 do we submit our Funding Request?
A4-5. Use Question 18a. Estimated funding ($) Federal. **Leave everything else under Question 18 blank**, and the form will automatically total your request under 18g. TOTAL. 18a will be the same as 18g.

Q4-6. Can we request multiple years of funding like we did with the FY23 NOFO?
A4-6. No. You may only ask for ONE YEAR of funding.

Q4-7. Who needs to submit a HUD-52651?
A4-7. In previous years, only certain applicants needed to submit a HUD-52651. However, this year, **all applicants are required to submit the HUD-52651.** See Section IV.C. of the FY26 Annual Notice for more information on the application process.

Q4-8. Our HUD-52651 isn't marked as completed in GrantSolutions. Does this mean that HUD didn't receive it?
A4-8. No! The link to complete the HUD-52651 takes you outside of GrantSolutions to Microsoft Forms. These systems are not connected, so the form will not show up as having been completed within GrantSolutions. You can download a copy of your responses and/or take a screenshot of the confirmation screen when you submit your HUD-52651 to put your mind at ease. If you didn't submit it, we'll ask you for it later.

Q4-9. I made a mistake when I filled out my HUD-52651 … Can I edit the form?
A4-9. Unfortunately, you can't edit your HUD-52651 after you've submitted it. Good news is you can just submit a new form, and we will use the last one you submitted. So, if you made a mistake and would like to make a change, please just submit a new response before the deadline!

Q4-10. I made a mistake when I filled out my SF-424 or my HUD-2880. What can I do?
A4-10. If you made a mistake on your HUD-2880 or your SF-424 and already submitted it, you will need to create a new application and resubmit all forms in GrantSolutions. This includes the SF-424, Form HUD-52651, HUD-2880, and the SF-LLL, if applicable, even if there was only a mistake on one of the forms. Your final application package must have the correct version of all forms. If you submit more than one application package, we will only look at the last one submitted prior to the deadline.

Errors on these forms are curable deficiencies, so you will be able to correct them. However, note that unless your mistake on the HUD-2880 would require you to enter data on Section 2 and you didn't do it already, you don't need to correct it. See Section IV of the FY26 Annual Notice for more information on the application process and Section IV.C.2 for more information on the funding forms.

Q4-11. Will I be notified if there are any problems with my application?

A4-11. When we start processing the applications, if we find that we do not have the information we need in order to be able to correctly assess your application, we will contact your Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). **Please** be sure they are monitoring their email. We are going to be moving quickly.

Ensure that your organization has an active AOR in GrantSolutions. If you do not already have an AOR for your organization, if you do not know who your AOR is, or if they are no longer part of your organization, submit a Grantee User Account Request form to GrantSolutions, copying FSS@HUD.gov, so that you can set up your account in GrantSolutions and we can update our Renewal Applicant records. You must have an AOR to apply for funding or accept any award.

Q4-12. Will you tell us if our Self-Certification is accepted or if our Funding Modification letter has been accepted BEFORE we submit the application? Should we wait to hear?
A4-12. No, we will not be reviewing those submissions before the application deadline. Please submit your application as if everything that you asked for/submitted is accepted. We will contact you if we need more information. If you have questions, please reach out to FSS@HUD.gov.

5. GrantSolutions Q&A

Q5-1. You said we would receive an email inviting us to apply as a renewal, but we never got that email! What should we do?!?
A5-1. The application can be found on GrantSolutions. Any person with a role in GrantSolutions associated with the UEI of an entity that's eligible for a renewal grant can find the "Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) - Renewal Application" on GrantSolutions. If you need help finding it, you can follow the Quick Sheet and Flowchart on the FSS Resources Page. If you follow all of those instructions and still can't find it, then contact us at FSS@HUD.gov and we'll look into it.

Q5-2. The account that has access to the FSS Renewal Directed Announcement is connected to an outdated UEI which my organization no longer uses. Can we still submit and just list the correct UEI on our paperwork?
A5-2. No. The account that you use to apply for funding **must be connected to your current UEI.** Please check to make sure that when you apply, your account is associated with the correct UEI. If your account under the correct UEI does not have access to the

Directed Announcement, please email us at FSS@HUD.gov and we will add the right UEI to give you access.

Q5-3. Who can complete our application in GrantSolutions?
A5-3. Anyone with a GrantSolutions account associated with your organization can view and edit your application. See Section IV of the FY26 Annual Notice for more details on the application process.

Q5-4. Can we have an outside grant writer prepare our application in GrantSolutions?
A5-4. Sure, if that's what you want! They will need a separate account for each application they work on, which they can request from GrantSolutions using a Recipient User Account Request Form. They can be added as "Grant Support Staff," which gives them the ability to view and edit – but not submit – your application. Please review the application process before determining that you need a grant writer. We have tried to make it simple and straightforward so as to reduce your burden (and ours!) Also – you must review the application before you submit it. YOU are attesting to its veracity.

Q5-5. Who can submit our application in GrantSolutions?
A5-5. Only someone with legal authority to certify your application on behalf of your organization can submit your application. This can be your Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) or Principal Investigator/Program Director (PI/PD) in GrantSolutions. It cannot be an outside grant writer or "Support Staff." See Section IV of the FY26 Annual Notice for more details on the application process.

Q5-6. Can we designate an outside grant writer as our AOR or PI/PD in GrantSolutions?
A5-6. No. Your AOR must have legal authority to accept an FSS award and sign the FSS Grant Agreement on behalf of your organization. Your PI/PD must have authority to certify your application on behalf of your organization. Please review the application and consider carefully if you actually need an outside grant writer. This is a curable deficiency, so you may change your application after submission to reflect the correct AOR and/or PI/PD. See Section IV of the FY26 Annual Notice for more details on the application process.

Q5-7. Do the terms Grantee Administrative Official / Grantee Authorized Representative mean the same thing as AOR?
A5-7. Yes, these terms are used interchangeably.