

FY 2023 Section 202 NOFO

General NOFO FAQs

- 1. There are four narratives required for this NOFO: Advancing Racial Equity, Affirmative Marketing Experience Promoting Racial Equity, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Which narratives are scored and which narratives are not scored?**

In Section III.F.16, the requirements for the Advancing Racial Equity Narrative are described. The narrative is mandatory and will be evaluated, but not scored. Please submit your response to Tab L as Attachment L.

In Section III.F.16, the requirements for the Affirmative Marketing Narrative are described. The narrative is mandatory and will be evaluated, but not scored. Please submit your response to Tab L as Attachment B.

Section V.A.1.2 describes the requirements of the Experience Promoting Racial Equity narrative. The narrative is scored and has a maximum value of 5 points. Please submit your response under Tab I.

Section V.A.2.2. describes the requirements of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing narrative. The narrative is scored and has a maximum value of 5 points. Please submit your response under Tab C.

- 2. The NOFO indicates projects with 10 to 20% Poverty rate will receive 2 points and projects over 30% will receive 0 points. What about projects between 20% and 30% poverty rate?**

The NOFO was revised to reflect projects with a poverty rate between 20% and 30% will receive 1 point.

- 3. Can you please confirm the correct calculation for determining the income from the PRAC.**

$(\text{OCS} + \text{Project Paid Utilities}) * (75\% * \text{Number of PRAC units}) * (12 \text{ months})$

- 4. Regarding Rating Factor V, to achieve the 1 point related to the power operated doors, which doors must be power operated? Should all doors (including unit doors) be power operated, or just the building ingress/egress doors and common space doors?**

For the purposes of this NOFO, HUD awards points for “power operated” “ingress/egress” doors and doors in common spaces. HUD does not award points for power operated unit doors.

- 5. Primary entrances to the building from parking areas, drop-off zones, or principal pedestrian routes include accessible ramps and doorways with flush thresholds or minimal beveled door transition. There must be a passenger drop-off zone and the exterior route from the building entrance to the drop-off zone must have a handrail. Secondary doors and thresholds for exterior decks, patios, etc., shall have beveled door transitions appropriate for access in a wheelchair (e.g., beveled door transitions of no greater than ½ inch) Does this include thresholds for interior unit doorways such as balcony doors? Or does this just apply to public/common areas?**

Yes, beveled door transitions are also required for interior unit balcony doors.

NOFO Clarifications Regarding Documentation Placement

Tab	Submission Item(s)
Tab A: Eligibility	Organizational documents, bylaws, IRS tax exemption and evidence of structure
Tab B: Demonstration of Need	PDF of table used to calculate absorption ratio (with conditions)
Tab C: Development Plan	Narrative of Project Development Plan and Timeline. Provide neighborhood context; site map; a description of the project location; and how the project location is suited to meet needs of aging population.
Tab D: Development Budget, Operating Pro Forma, and Committed Funds	Provide corresponding sources and uses; Operating Pro Forma; and Evidence of Committed Funds
Tab E: Capital Needs Assessment OR Professional Cost Estimate	Capital Needs Assessment OR Professional Cost Estimate
Tab F: Site Control and Zoning	Documents demonstrating evidence of site control and zoning.
Tab G: Site and Neighborhood Standards	PDF Output from the Minority Concentration tool OR if applicable, evidence to justify exceptions
Tab H: Real Property Acquisition and Relocation	Narrative description of response to requirements
Tab I: Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience; Capital Advance Delivery; and Experience Promoting Racial Equity	Responses to NOFO requirements
Tab J: Supportive Services	Narrative in Response to NOFO Requirements.
Tab K: Physical Design and Climate Resilience	See checklist of required and optional design features; schematic drawings; documentation of green standard or certification the applicant is building to; National Risk Index (NRI) output; narrative describing and documenting climate hazard risks and mitigation; narrative assessing renewable energy; and narrative on innovative design elements.
Tab L: Advancing Racial Equity and Affirmative Marketing	Submit required narrative for Advancing Racial Equity – Attachment A Submit required narrative for Affirmative Marketing – Attachment B
Tab M: Environmental	Phase I Environmental Assessment and related reports; Phase II (if required) and

	Phase III (description of remedial actions, if required); and Related Laws and Authorities screens submitted in HEROS – Upload confirmation page generated by HEROS indicating completed submission
Tab Q: Intergenerational Housing	Narrative on intergenerational housing (if applicable)
Tab R: Climate Change	Proposing advanced carbon reduction and reducing vulnerability of the project to climate impacts and threats. For example: precipitation changes, extreme weather events, extreme heat, and sea level rise
Tab S: Environmental Justice	Proposing activities that advance Environmental Justice including Reducing or mitigating exposure, improving protection from and resilience to environmental harms, Expanding benefits and overcoming prior disinvestment.