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Speaker 0 00:00:00 <silence> Welcome everyone to the Preservation and Reinvestment initiative for Community Enhancement Notice of Funding Opportunity, otherwise known as the PRICE NOFO webinar. My name is Jennifer Day. I'm from the Special Issues team in the Office of Block Grant Assistance, and I will be your MC for today's webinar. This is the sixth in a series of webinars covering HUD's PRICE NOFO. These webinars are intended for potential PRICE applicants and provide participants with an overview of PRICE and the application requirements. Today's webinar will provide a look at Fair Housing Civil Rights, and Equity. Next slide, please. Today's agenda includes a quick look at the PRICE NOFO landing page, some grants.gov, resources, and a review of upcoming webinars, followed by opening comments from HUD leadership, a presentation on Fair Housing, Civil Rights, and Equity. We'll leave time at the end for the Q&A. I will cover a few General housekeeping rules before we get started.

Speaker 0 00:00:57 All participants will be muted, so we ask that you submit all questions using the chat feature so that our presenters may be able to see questions and respond. Please send your chat to all presenters to ensure we are receiving questions throughout the event. Webinar materials will be posted on the PRICE page at HUD.gov. Materials will be posted as soon as they are made 508 compliant. Next slide, please. As a reminder, HUD has created a dedicated webpage for the PRICE competition. The PRICE NOFO landing page can be found at on HUD.gov and contains a link to the notice of funding opportunity, NOFO related webinars, including previous webinars on manufactured housing and copies of application package materials. We highly encourage you to check this page regularly for updates. Next slide. We also want to remind everyone that materials, instructions, and the application package are available through grants.gov.

Speaker 0 00:01:55 as we get closer, we understand there may be some challenges here. So just a reminder that HUD does not manage grants.gov. So, if you come across any challenges, please reach out to them directly. You can email support@grants.gov or call 805 184 726. They're also resources on the website, including an FAQ page and a page specifically about error messages. Next slide. This webinar is the sixth of eight webinars for PRICE. These webinars are geared towards potential applicants. Our next webinar is Eligibility, Public Participation and Partnerships, which will be on April 24th, followed by the Uniform Relocation Act and some FAQs on May 1st. Next slide.

Speaker 0 00:02:46 now that we've discussed PRICE resources and the webinar series, I will introduce Director Nash for opening remarks. Kim Nash is the acting Director for the Office of Block Grant assistance within the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This office provides policy oversight and guidance for administering Community Development Block Grant programs outside of her present acting role. Kim serves as a senior confidential advisor within the Office of Economic Development. This office is responsible for the award and administration of \$4.6 billion for congressionally directed grants. While living and working in California Kim served as the Director of HUD San Francisco Office of Community Planning and Development. Prior to her role as Director in CPD, Kim served as the Regional Council for HUD San Francisco Regional Office. Kim is a graduate of Spelman College and the University of Denver Strumm College of Law. Now, I'll hand it over to Director Nash.

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Speaker 1 00:03:45 Thank you, Jennifer. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Kimberly Nash. As you've heard, I'm the acting director of the Office of Block Grant Assistance. Our team has been working closely together to bring these webinars to you, and I hope they have been of assistance in your grant writing for the PRICE NOFO. If after this webinar you still have additional questions, please feel free to submit your questions to PRICE at HUD.gov. That's the PRICE at HUD.gov. We'll do our best to answer your questions within the time constraints. And, we have here today and within the constraints of the HUD Reform Act. As previously stated, this webinar will focus on civil rights, fair housing, and equity aspects related to the PRICE NOFO. Civil Rights and fair housing are an ever-increasing requirement for entities that receive federal funding from HUD. We want to ensure that citizens can receive fair and unbiased assistance when seeking help to find safe and affordable housing in our country.

Speaker 1 00:04:47 Equity is a key part of everything we do at HUD, and the commitment to advance equity runs throughout the PRICE NOFO. This funding opportunity is one component of HUD's commitment to the Biden Harris Administration's whole of government equity agenda and the President's executive order on advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities through the federal government. As the team will discuss today, our work at HUD, and more importantly, and more specifically for the PRICE program to advance equity aligns with the following strategic goals, advancing equitable development, and increasing the supply of affordable housing, advancing sustainable ownership and the wealth generation, reducing barriers and enhancing support for protected classes of people by enforcing fair housing regulations, advancing housing justice, and improving rental assistance, reducing racial and ethnic disparities for those experiencing homelessness by identifying and addressing barriers and advancing sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice and driving the creation of good paying jobs. In addition to supporting these equity goals, the PRICE funding has the potential to support accessible housing and improve infrastructure for the elderly or persons with disabilities living in manufactured housing and manufactured housing communities. HUD will prioritize applicants that successfully show how they will affirmatively further fair housing and adhere to the requirements of the fair housing laws and related regulatory requirements. Thank you for joining us today, and we look forward to reading your proposals. I'll turn it back over to Jennifer now to introduce our next speaker.

Speaker 0 00:06:37 Thank you, Director Nash. Next on the agenda, we have Assistant Director Edkeshia Anderson to discuss fair housing, civil rights, and equity in relation to the PRICE NOFO. Thank you, assistant Director Anderson for joining us today.

Speaker 2 00:06:55 Hi. Thank you, Jennifer. Can we go to the next slide, please? Good afternoon everyone. My name's Edkeshia Anderson. I am the Assistant Director for Special Issues in our State and Cities Division of the Office of Block Grant Assistance. It's a mouthful. I know <laugh>, but we are the team that has consistently worked on this NOFO for you. So, I hope that this webinar today assists you as you're working through your grant writing processes. So, before we jump into the NOFO itself, we wanted to give you a level playing field as far as definitions are concerned, about fair housing and civil rights and equity, and then we'll hop into how they relate to the NOFO itself. Next slide, please.

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Speaker 2 00:07:44 So, fair housing. when we talk about fair housing, we talk about the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability. Let me say that again. It prohibits discrimination based on these factors. It is illegal to discriminate in the sale of rental, house of rental housing, or the sale of housing, including against individuals seeking a mortgage or housing assistance. So, as you're developing your proposals, I want you to keep in mind that these laws are in place to help protect your constituents and the people that you are wanting to serve in your communities.

Speaker 2 00:08:27 Next slide, please. So, the Civil Rights Act does have some stipulations for HUD grant recipients as well. particularly for us. We want to ensure that you're looking at Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disability Act. All of these acts prohibit discrimination in housing, housing and community development programs. As Acting Director Nash stated, this is something that is very integral to HUD grants. So please keep in mind as you're building out your programs, that these acts do come into play when you're working with your, working with the public when you're trying to provide them housing. Additionally, with our civil rights laws, they also include, persons with limited English proficiency. So, as we go into the presentation, you'll hear me talk more about Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, how we market, our different programs for the public to partake. So, we'll talk a little bit more about that, in a little bit. Next slide, please.

Speaker 2 00:09:42 So, what is Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing? We affectionately call it AFFH, so we don't have to stumble over the words as much <laugh>. but that really means it's just the actions that you're taking as a community to make sure that every one of your constituents know that your project is there, that what you're proposing and that it's available to them. We want to make sure that we're reaching those underserved communities, such as black and brown populations, those with limited English proficiency, and anyone that may have a barrier or a restriction to accessing, different aspects of your program. We want to make sure that it's an equal playing field for everyone to be able to participate. So, when we talk to you about AFFH, we just want to know that what you're doing in your community is available, is open, your processes are unbiased. Okay, next slide, please.

Speaker 2 00:10:48 and lastly, let's talk about equity. So, we've provided you with a resource here. Once this webinar transcript and slide deck is available on the website, you'll be able to click into it to see, this Executive order 13985, which talks more about equity, and what it means within, our HUD programs. Basically, it boils down to fairness. We want to treat everyone with the same respect. We want to make sure that individuals in underserved communities are able to participate, and we just want to make sure that no one is denied anything because of those different, aspects, whether it be race, sexual orientation, their familial status, whatever it may be. We want everyone to be able to have the same opportunities across the board.

Speaker 2 00:11:44 So, once, you're able to pull down this presentation, like I said, you'll be able to click the link and it'll give you some background information on this executive order. Next slide, please. So, now that we have the definitions under control, and everybody's on the same page on how they relate to the PRICE NOFO, let's jump into the goals and priorities for PRICE. Next slide. So, I'm not going to read this whole screen because there are a lot of competition goals for PRICE, but I do want, to note that last bullet here, because that's more pertinent to this presentation. the

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competition goal is to support accessibility, modifications, repairs, and replacements of deteriorating manufactured housing unit, especially to increase accessibility and access for persons with disability, facilitate aging in place for older adults, and increase access to affordable housing for low-income households.

Speaker 2 00:12:51 Next slide, please. So, now that we've talked about the goals, let's talk about what you will see inside the NOFO. one of the factors which is Factor (a), which is need, the priority behind that particular factor is just to prioritize the proposals that demonstrate accessibility and equitable solutions throughout their project. Next slide. Okay. So, in this next section, we're going to walk through our actual scoring factors. but I do want to point out that this presentation only discusses those factors that are relevant to civil rights and fair housing. These are in no way the complete prompts. So please refer to your NOFO and ensure that you're answering each prompt as required, for your applicant. Type. Next slide.

Speaker 2 00:13:51 So, Factor (a) needs one of the prompts in Factor (a) asks you about the barriers to manufacture housing preservation and revitalization in your project area. This question applies to both the Main and the Replacement Pilot components of the competition. One thing to note is that Tribal Applicants are not required to submit a narrative for this section unless they believe it will strengthen their proposal. So, when you're answering this particular question, if you're applying for the Main or the Replacement Pilot components, or if you're applying for both of them, we want you to include the barriers to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. these barriers could include existing patterns of segregation in the community, lack of opportunity and racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty and discrimination. it, it could run the gamut, but we want you to really assess what the barriers are to AFFH in your community, understand how those barriers affect your project area, and how you can eliminate those barriers. So, keep that in mind as you're writing this, the narrative for this particular prompt. Okay, next slide.

Speaker 2 00:15:11 Secondly, there's Subfactor (b)(ii) under affordability and equity. The question asks, what projections will be in place for residents? This applies to all applicants. So, no matter which portion of the PRICE competition you're applying to, whether it's the Main, the Replacement Pilot, or the Tribal, everyone should have a prompt to answer or a narrative to answer this prompt. We are looking for communities where tenants of manufactured housing units rent the unit and or the pad. The community will maintain and adopt a tenant site lease projections consistent with or greater than those required by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. What does that mean, <laugh> one, when you're looking at this particular question, we want to know that you are protecting your applicants, for, from any possibility of them being removed from their property. So, if you're in a manufactured housing community where you may be renting the housing unit and someone else may own the actual land that it sits on, are there protections there for your, for your residents?

Speaker 2 00:16:22 Tell us about how you plan to protect them should something happen in that instance. Just think about the ramifications of your project. I don't want to say think about the bad things that could happen, but needless to say, that's kind of where you need to go in your thinking process. just so that there's preparation and a plan in case something were to happen, for some additional resources, to help you answer this section, we've, provided some links there, to the Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac information, and the White House Blueprint for Renter's Bill of Rights. So,

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once this presentation is up again, you'll have those resources there for you, to kind of help you work your way through that, this particular question. Next slide.

Speaker 2 00:17:19 Okay. So, the second part of this question, how does your proposal encourage access to resources and finances, especially to underserved communities in persons? When you're answering this question, of course, you know, you want to pull from the resources we've provided for you. As you're talking about how you'll make sure those resources are available to those that need financing, there's several different options out there. Understand your community and what's required so that you can provide the best possible access to the resources and finances for your app, for your applicants. Once your programs are put in place, we do want you to, to read the entire prompt here to make sure you are answering the question in its entirety. We don't want you to miss anything. So, like I said before, we're talking about specific questions here as it relates to the civil rights and fair housing. But make sure you're reading the prompt completely, and answering each aspect. because they're going to play into each other. Okay, next slide.

Speaker 2 00:18:32 so to continue this, there are some stipulations here too that you need to pay attention to. Some of the questions in the prompts only apply to the Main program and the Replacement Pilot program, and then Tribal Applicants may have a different requirement. So, I did want to point that out, on this slide here. Okay, next slide. Subfactor (b)(ii), environment resilience. So, if you were with us, at the last webinar, we did a webinar on the environment, with our environmental office. They went over quite a bit of this, but we did want to point it out because environmental resilience is a big factor of civil rights and fair housing. It's not just about the environment itself, but about how the environment affects the people that are in your community. We want to make sure that your projects are in places that are prepared for the type of weather in your area.

Speaker 2 00:19:37 we don't want you building properties inside flood zones, for instance. We don't want our communities to be put into hazard zone ways. So that's what we are talking about here, environment and resilience. So, when you're answering this question, don't just think about your environment conditions as a weather pattern. Think about how that actually affects those in your community. Is your community prone to tornadoes? How will your project survive within an area like this? Think about how that affects your constituents. Will you need to be able to relocate people or something of that nature happen? Will you have access to additional funding if a disaster were to happen? We want you to keep all these things in mind as you're building out your proposals. Next slide.

Speaker 2 00:20:34 So, again, please make sure you're reading all of the prompts all the way through, because sometimes, you're depending on your applicant type, you may have a slightly different variation, of the question, which again, as you can see, our Tribal Applicants are just slightly different, than the Main in the, Replacement Pilot program. Next slide. Lastly, Factor (c) Capacity. We asked this question because we know that some of the eligible applicants are going to have capacity as far as grant writing, but we want to understand what your capacity is when promoting racial equity. Throughout this NOFO, we talk about equity, we talk about fair housing, we talk about civil rights, and this question specifically looks at that point. And we want you to, to take the time to analyze how you're promoting racial equity through your project. make sure that when you talk about racial equity and your barrier section that all of it connects together. We should be

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able to read from that section to this section to see how your project is adhering to these guidelines. So, describe your experience working directly with underserved communities, and design or operate projects that equitably benefits such groups. So, think about how you're soliciting people to come in to apply. Think about how you're marketing, your project, how you're designing it, and in your planning stages, make sure there is a component to promote racial equity. Next slide.

Speaker 2 00:22:28 Okay, so that's the NOFO. Those are our scoring prompts. So, let's hop into our required attachments. Next slide. So, as you can see, there are three required attachments, our Advancing Racial Equity Narrative, Affirmative Marketing Narrative, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Narrative. Next slide. So, these are attachments. I want to be specifically clear. These are separate from the narratives inside your NOFO exhibits. When you're answering those prompts, these should be separate attachments, and submit it to your grants.gov account. So, Attachment A is your advancing racial equity narrative. This one is a little different from the others only because Tribal Applicants in this instance are not required to submit a narrative. So, if you're a Tribal Applicant and you're applying to the tribal set aside, you're not required to submit a narrative unless you believe there are potential barriers to underserved communities. and they would benefit from that in your, in your proposed grant activities. So, again, Tribal Applicants are not required, but it is recommended if you believed it would assist your application. The other applicants were the Main and the Replacement Pilot programs. You must submit a narrative demonstrating this, this Advancing Racial Equity narrative. So, we expect to see at least the paragraph, if not more, describing the instances on this screen. Please ensure that you're reading through each of the prompts, each of the requirements, as you're completing your narrative. Okay, next slide.

Speaker 2 00:24:27 So, Attachment B, Affirmative Marketing Narrative. All applicants must submit a narrative demonstrating that the housing services or other benefits provided under this grant meet AFFH. We've provided you with some examples of demographic groups and some examples of outreach efforts. These lists are not all inclusive. There are other entities that could be on this list. There are other ways for you to do outreach. These are just some examples that we've provided to kindly help get the juices flowing. So please be creative in how you market your particular program. Be creative when you're talking to us about it in your narrative, just some examples of the demographic group. Of course, you know, we've stated them before in previous slides. So, you have your black and brown persons, your persons with limited English proficiency, persons with disabilities and families with children. And yes, that is a group, a demographic that we have to to protect.

Speaker 2 00:25:41 so some examples of outreach. You could talk to your community contractors, your service providers, making sure you're marketing on your website. There are logos available to attach to any kind of paper marketing. You'll just need to reach out to us, and we can help provide some of that information for you if you need it for your marketing resources. Of course, there's television, radio, print, media. but be creative about how you're reaching people. Today is changing and technology is changing. So be mindful that people are not receiving information like they may have years ago. and be proactive when you're thinking about how to market and how to reach, those underserved communities. Sometimes it may require you going door to door and just talking to people or walking around the neighborhoods. but be creative because there, there are ways to reach your audience.

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Speaker 2 00:26:47 Next slide. So, the last attachment, the AFFH Narrative. This narrative is mandatory, required and limited to no more than two pages. AFFH, can, can take a lot of, of writing. That's why we're trying to limit it to no more than two pages. So, we want you to address the barriers to AFFH. We want you to describe meaningful actions that you've taken that provide opportunities to act to access safe, accessible, healthy housing. We want you to describe how your actions promote integration and reduce segregation. This can be a lengthy, lengthy discussion.

Speaker 2 00:27:37 Try to limit it to no more than two pages. and for our Tribal Applicants, we need you to address how your project will help address barriers in for, in affordable housing for tribal members. Next slide. Okay, so those are the attachments. We've talked about definitions, we've talked about our scoring factors, and then there are just a few other requirements, which are not directly tied to civil rights, but it is, a portion of it. So, let's hop into those real quick. Next slide. So, I'll briefly talk about this. I'm not going to spend a lot of time on this particular slide, only because we do have, the next presentation. We'll specifically give you information about this. So, you'll get a lot of detailed information on public participation at our April 24th webinar. and it'll, it'll give you, a little bit more, I guess, meat and potatoes as we call it, about what that means for the PRICE NOFO.

Speaker 2 00:28:50 So basically, just on a high level, before we go to the, the next thing is just made sure that you are holding a public hearing, for your community. So, public hearing can be a couple different things. When you're on a government entity, you'll understand what a public hearing is. If you're a community representative, or a nonprofit or for-profit that's working with the community. This could be just a simple community meeting. But as it relates to civil rights and fair housing, we want to make sure that everyone is able to attend. So, your meeting must be in person, but have some sort of virtual option, for those that cannot attend in person. And you want to make sure you give them at least 15 days to comment. So, you've posted your narrative portions, and you're looking for input from the community.

Speaker 2 00:29:48 That's what this public participation means. We just want to make sure there's equal access to the information, even for those with disabilities and limited English proficiency. So think about, how you can help those, like, if you need an interpreter, if for the virtual portion of your meeting, if you need a, sign language interpreter, if you need someone that speaks a different language, how can you incorporate that into your public meeting? so think about that as you're going through your project. and then make sure you get it, it's actually something that you can facilitate, because we do want everyone to have equal access.

Speaker 2 00:30:32 Okay, next slide. one thing that may trip you up, especially if you're a governmental agency that's worked with, federal contracts before federal grants, is resolution of civil rights matters. This is one instance where an applicant can be deemed ineligible if they have civil rights matters that haven't been resolved, or are still going through litigation processes. So, we want you to make sure that you don't have any outstanding civil rights matters. and if you do have civil rights matters, make sure that they're resolved or be able to provide an explanation why it has not been resolved. Like I said, this is part of the threshold requirement for, grant application. So, if this is an instance where an applicant can be deemed ineligible and their application will not be reviewed further than the threshold, should that happen, of course, you will get notification that you have not met that requirement and why. Next slide. Okay. I will turn it back over to Jennifer for our

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question-and-answer session. So, if you haven't, please, put your questions in the chat box and Jennifer will assist us. I'm here.

Speaker 0 00:32:07 Thank you. Assistant Director Anderson. We are now going to be transitioning to the Q&A portion of the webinar. And so, we've got Director Nash that will be assisting us. in this section. As Edkesha mentioned, please type your questions using the chat feature and Webex. A reminder, per the HUD Reform Act, HUD cannot advise applicants on their application. The NOFO is the definitive source for information about application requirements. If your question is not answered during the session, please submit the question to PRICE at HUD.gov. and then the FAQs will be updated regularly. With that, we'll go to our first question. question number one. What about if the MHC is resident owned? And I believe that was in reference to fair Housing civil rights and equity requirements in the NOFO.

Speaker 1 00:33:11 The Fair Housing Civil Rights and equity requirements in the NOFO apply to all applicants. Dr. Anderson has mentioned that there are some requirements that are not applicable to Tribal Applicants and those have been identified, but otherwise, we would expect all applicants to address these topics and, the NOFO applications will be scored, with regard to these considerations.

Speaker 0 00:33:45 Thank you. The next question is about past webinars. So, when will the past webinars be available?

Speaker 1 00:33:59 So we are gathering, materials and we are going to have those webinars posted shortly. We're working with a partner to make sure that those get to you timely. And so, we're, we're, we're, we're committed to getting those to you soon.

Speaker 0 00:34:15 Great, thank you. Now we've got a question on formatting. do the narratives need to be 12-point Times New Roman and double spaced?

Speaker 1 00:34:28 So, we do require a 12-point font and formatting issues are covered in the NOFO, and they're specifically covered at a section. And let me pull that for you. I think we have that section here, Section 4.b.2 of the NOFO.

Speaker 0 00:34:51 Right. Thank you. let's see here. So, our next question, and we're looking this up for everyone, what is the percentage cap with regards to administrative costs? So just give us a moment while we grab that from the NOFO.

Speaker 1 00:35:11 Yeah, we're going to pull that from the NOFO. Right now, we're capped at 10% for states, 20% for tribes. And so, it's going to be specified depending upon the entity type. So, we want to be careful in terms of relating that to you, to you. So, give us just a second and we'll pull that information and share it with you, and we'll drop it into the chat.

Speaker 0 00:35:44 You guys are moving faster than we are <laugh>. so, my, oh, go ahead.

Speaker 1 00:35:59 Confirming, I see a question on confirming, an in-person public meeting is required even if a multi-state entity, even if you're a multi-state entity, that that is correct. We require in-person public meetings, and the form of those public meetings is specified and outlined and discussed in the NOFO. and thank you for the question. With regard to a multi-state entity, you know, we, we, we would encourage you, in addition to the public meeting notices, you can also

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provide virtual meeting options, as a supplement to that. But yes, in-person public hearings are required.

Speaker 0 00:36:44 Great. Thank you. Sure. There's also a question here about examples of rent controls for rent renters provided. Can you provide what you might be looking for in a resident owned community? So, I think that may be in reference to the affordability requirements.

Speaker 1 00:37:05 can you say a little bit more about the question? I am, I'm not sure. You're talking about the affordability of the units and how to maintain the affordability of the units. There's a number of methods of doing that. And then there's also, we also had a discussion, in this with regard to protecting, affordability for residents. If you could give us a little more clarification on what you'd like to know, we'd be happy to respond.

Speaker 0 00:37:32 Great. So, we'll come back to that. and then, when will an updated FAQ be provided?

Speaker 1 00:37:42 So after this webinar, we will go through, and evaluate your questions and where we have, pervasive questions, we will go ahead and update the FAQ to include responses to those questions.

Speaker 0 00:37:57 Great, thank you. Okay. We've got a question here. Is this NOFO only for building a new community or if you have an existing manufactured home community that needs grants for infrastructure, roads and sewers?

Speaker 1 00:38:12 Yeah, thanks for that question. That's a great question. So, PRICE Main does consider and is, primarily designed to exist, to support existing manufactured communities. and then we have, the PRICE Replacement Pilot, which is, is allowing for, additional units, the construction of new units.

Speaker 0 00:38:37 Great, thank you.

Speaker 1 00:38:39 Sure.

Speaker 0 00:38:44 so we've got a question here. Can a local municipality apply for funds to improve and replace privately owned mobile home communities? Or would the local agency need to acquire the mobile home community and turn it into public housing prior to making improvements or replacements to be eligible?

Speaker 1 00:39:01 Jen, I'm sorry, can you repeat that one more time? I was

Speaker 0 00:39:03 Sure. No problem. There's a lot of things in it, <laugh>. Yeah.

Speaker 1 00:39:05 Yeah. Lemme ask too. I think with regard to the response, the question with regard to, the admin caps, if someone from our team could go ahead and drop that into the chat, I'd appreciate it. I'm sorry. And then go-ahead Jen.

Speaker 0 00:39:22 No problem. Okay. So, can a local municipality apply for funds to improve or replace privately owned mobile home communities? Or would the local agency need to acquire the mobile home or the mobile housing community and turn it into public housing prior to making improvements or replacements?

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Speaker 1 00:39:44 yeah, thanks for that question. No, <laugh> manufactured housing communities can apply directly, or they could apply working, as a part of a partnership entity. and so, there isn't a requirement, that, that the applicant, affiliate with, their local government entity in order to apply under the NOFO.

Speaker 0 00:40:11 Great. Thank you. and then going back to our percentage cap, it is 10% for states and local government and 20% for tribes. And that local government also includes any nonprofit applicants as well.

Speaker 1 00:40:34 Thanks, Jen. Thanks for reading that. I see a question popping up with regard to whether or not you have to submit more than one application to apply, under both Main and the replacement and you can apply under a single application.

Speaker 0 00:40:53 Great. I've got a question here. are local government offices required to apply through DCED? I'm not sure I know what DCED is.

Speaker 1 00:41:11 Yeah. I think I need a definition on that acronym. I don't want to assume, but I can tell you that local entities may apply directly. And so, I hope that answers your question. Okay.

Speaker 0 00:41:30 can a standalone mobile home be eligible for repairs, or does it have to be an entire community?

Speaker 1 00:41:41 I'm sorry, Jen, can you repeat that one more time?

Speaker 0 00:41:43 Sure, no problem. Mm-Hmm. <affirmative>, can a standalone mobile home be eligible for repairs, or does it have to be an entire community?

Speaker 1 00:41:55 so, that's a great question. What we're looking at is, we're looking at manufactured housing communities. I think the question is getting to how many units have to be considered to be a part or be eligible for the application. And so, we'll pull that and get that for you. One second.

Speaker 0 00:42:15 Okay. So, we'll follow up on that question. Yep. We've got a question here that falls under the HUD Reform Act, but I want to make sure that we acknowledge it. so there was a question here. Are photographs allowed to show existing conditions and demonstrate, need encouraged or advised to be a part to be included in the narrative? So again, this is something that it's up to you how you demonstrate need, within your application. So, under the HUD Reform Act, we're not allowed to answer that question for you. Okay. And then going back to the question about a second here,

Speaker 1 00:42:55 I think we had a question, a statement. So, we just had a question earlier. We wanted to clarify that local entities do not need to apply through their state. Okay. They may apply directly.

Speaker 0 00:43:06 And then I think that was also a reference to whether or not a local community had to apply through their Department of Community and Economic Development Departments. Yeah,

Speaker 1 00:43:17 That's the, they said reference. Got it. <laugh>.

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Speaker 0 00:43:31 so we have a very specific question that I'm not positive we can answer today, but we can give clarification on if we can't. The question is, can you confirm that unit replacement can take place outside of a manufactured housing community on fee simple or family-owned land?

Speaker 1 00:43:53 so this NOFO is focused on manufactured housing communities. If there is a proposal to do something outside of that, we'll have to circle back with you to respond with, with regard to that. I don't want to say too much there.

Speaker 0 00:44:15 and then there's a question here that's another one that we may have to address in our FAQs, but wanted to make sure we're acknowledging it. are there insurance requirements for a mobile home to be eligible? So, I think that one, we'll have to go back into the

Speaker 1 00:44:41 NOFO. Yeah, we'll have to, yeah, we'll have to, circle back and respond with respondent L regard to

Speaker 0 00:44:47 That. We'll make sure that gets integrated into FAQs. but you can go ahead and look in the NOFO in terms of requirements. and it should give you some very clear language there.

Speaker 1 00:44:59 Yeah, I just can't recall what we say with regard to insurance right now. So, we'll have to circle back on that. Okay.

Speaker 0 00:45:10 And I believe those are the questions that we've received so far. We'll just give it one more moment. It looks like we've got a couple more coming in. Okay. Let's see. Okay, so this is a question about formatting again, let me just pull it out here. Okay. So, the question here is, instructions indicate that each narrative needs to be uploaded separately. Title pages are not numbered, but answers are, we are to number the pages and we have no more than 40 pages. If an exhibit is only one fourth of a page long, can we use three-fourths of the narrative somewhere else?

Speaker 1 00:46:18 So those are the types of questions, that, we're, we're probably not going to be able to answer because it's going to turn on the specifics. So, so long as you conform to the page requirements, to respond to all of the aspects of the NOFO, how you choose to do that is, is, is how you choose to do it. Great,

Speaker 0 00:46:43 Thank you. in the NOFO the following statement is made on page six, assisting manufactured housing, renters or home site renters with land and site acquisition. Definitely need clarification if this refers to a site or land in a manufactured housing community. Yeah. So, I believe this is,

Speaker 1 00:47:11 We part that pretty finely, but, but getting to the point of whether or not acquisition is an eligible activity, it is. and with regard to more specificity, you should take a look at the NOFO and read that very closely.

Speaker 0 00:47:27 Thank you. So again, we're getting a lot of very specific questions. So, I'm going to go ahead and acknowledge them. But Kim, feel free to let me know if we need to.

Speaker 1 00:47:40 Yeah, I think, I think, if we're getting a lot of, kind of, what if questions or scenarios, we probably won't be in a position to respond to those. But go ahead and put them in the

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a, a q and as I said, what we'll do is, excuse me in the question in the Q&A. And what we will do is we will certainly go through those and update our FAQs on the basis of this.

Speaker 0 00:48:06 Great. Thank you. Mm-Hmm, <affirmative>.

Speaker 1 00:48:10 and, and we do want to remind everyone that the topic for today <laugh>, is, fair Housing, civil Rights and Equity. and so those are the topics that we are prepared to cover today. So, we've, we've taken some other questions not tied to that in the interest of being helpful, which is what we're here to do. But please remember the purpose of today's webinar. Thank you.

Speaker 0 00:48:41 Okay. So, with that, just a reminder, that if your question was not answered today, you can go ahead and also submit it to PRICE at HUD.gov. and then I'm going to go ahead and wrap up for today. Can we move on to the next slide, please? Thank you. So, I just wanted to remind everyone that next week's webinar, which will actually be webinar seven, is going to review NOFO eligibility. So, a lot of these questions we'll talk about next week, public participation and partnerships that's scheduled for April 24th at 3:00 PM and you can register in the same place that you registered for this webinar. and again, thank you all for joining us. Thank you to Dr. Anderson, director Nash, really appreciate your help today. and we look forward to reviewing your applications down the line. Thank you everyone.

Speaker 1 00:49:36 Thank you, Jennifer.