

# FYI Competitive NOFO-Fiscal Year 2024 FAQs Document

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- 1. If a PHA currently administers FYI vouchers, does this impact the maximum number of FYI vouchers that may be requested under the NOFO?**

**Answer:** No. The maximum number of FYI vouchers your agency is eligible for is not impacted by the number of FYI vouchers currently being administered by the PHA. Minimum and maximum award requirements are explained further in Section II.C. Please note, *Rating Factor 8* does take into account FYI Utilization.

- 2. If a PHA has fewer than 500 vouchers, and would be limited to a request of 25 vouchers through the Competitive NOFO, but currently has 10 non-competitive FYI vouchers - can they still request 25 through the competitive NOFO, or are they now limited to a max of 15?**

**Answer:** Your agency can still request the maximum award allowed under the FYI Competitive NOFO-Fiscal Year 2024. Applying for funds under the non-competitive process via Notice PIH 2023-04, does not exclude PHAs from pursuing funding through a future notice of funding opportunity, assuming all eligibility requirements of the NOFO are otherwise met. **Please see FAQ#1**

- 3. Can a PHA certify to having an HCV utilization rate of at least 90% if it has FYI/FUP vouchers?**

**Answer:** If the PHA administers FYI or FUP vouchers, it should include a certification of its FYI/FUP utilization rate, per Section V.A. - Rating Factor 8. The HCV Utilization Rate certification language is only for PHAs that do not currently administer FYI/FUP. The FYI Competitive NOFO-Fiscal Year 2024 states in Section V.A., "If the PHA does not currently administer either an FYI or FUP program, assign 15 points if the PHA certifies that it has an HCV utilization of at least 95 percent and above, as verified by HUD review of VMS data, as of November 2023, or as of the most recent comprehensive set of validated data available to HUD at the time of HUD's review of the application, whichever is higher. OR Assign 10 points if the PHA certifies that it has an HCV utilization of at least 90 percent, as verified by HUD review of VMS data, as of November 2023, or as of the most recent comprehensive set of validated data available to HUD at the time of HUD's review of the application, whichever is higher."

- 4. Is a PHA required to meet a specific utilization threshold to be eligible to apply under the FYI Competitive NOFO?**

**Answer:** No. The utilization rate is not an eligibility threshold requirement under this NOFO. Eligibility requirements for Competitive FYI are outlined in Section III.A. of the NOFO. The Utilization Rate is a Rating Factor under the NOFO (see Section V. A.), not a threshold eligibility requirement.

- 5. Can a PHA apply for funding under the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)-FY 2024 if they do not meet the utilization requirements under Rating Factor 8- FYI, FUP or HCV Utilization Rate?**

**Answer:** Yes.

- 6. Does HUD restrict a PHA from applying for funding under the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)-FY 2024, if they received vouchers through the Non-Competitive (on-demand) process?**

**Answer:** No. Applying for funds under Notice PIH 2023-04 (the non-competitive process) does not exclude PHAs from pursuing funding under the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Competitive NOFO - Fiscal Year 2024 (competitive process), assuming all eligibility requirements of the NOFO are met.

- 7. Can a PHA have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the PHA, the PCWA and a third-party agency that will provide the supportive services?**

**Answer:** Yes. The PHA must submit an MOU executed by the official representative of the PHA and of the PCWA. Where other partners such as a State, local, government, philanthropic, or faith-based organization, or CoC, (or a CoC recipient it designates) will be a party to the MOU, the responsibilities of the entity must be identified.

- 8. Where can applicants locate the Rating Factor Certification form?**

**Answer:** The Rating Factor Certification form is in the Appendix section of the FYI Competitive NOFO-Fiscal Year 2024.

- 9. Does the Rating Factor Certification need to be executed if your agency does not meet the utilization requirements of Rating Factor 8?**

**Answer:** Yes. The Rating Factor Certification must be signed by the Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer, or individual of equivalent position of the PHA. If your agency does not meet the requirements for Rating Factor 8, then points will not be awarded under that Rating Factor. Only Rating Factor Certifications that are appropriately signed will be scored. Failure to submit a signed Rating Factor Certification would result in the application receiving zero (0) points for the Rating Factors.