



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PIH HOUSING RELATED-HAZARDS CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM (HRH)

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HRH



Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6400-N-68

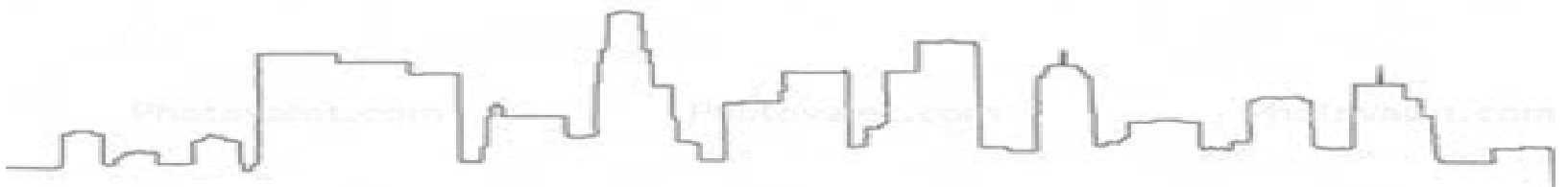
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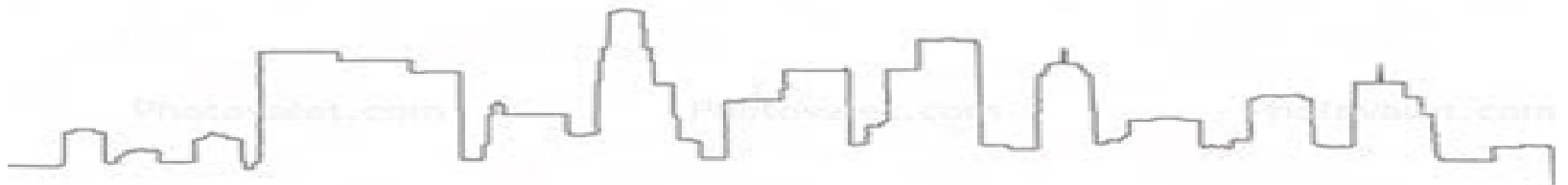
Deadline Date: May 25, 2021





PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

- To help Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) identify and eliminate housing-related hazards in public housing such as mold, carbon monoxide, pest infestation, radon, install fire sprinklers and address other housing hazards
- Hazards of priority included in Rating Factors and Appendices





1) APPLICATION

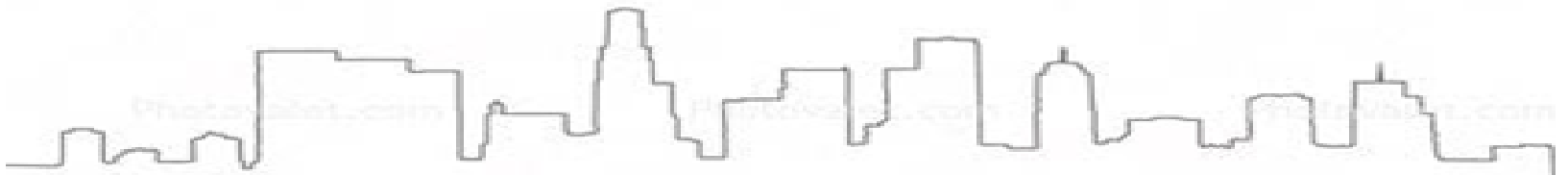
a) Where can I find the Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)?

The PIH – Housing-Related Hazards Capital Fund Program (HRH) (FR-6400-N-68) can be found at:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy20_housingrelated_hazardcapitalfund

HUD.gov -> “What We Do” -> Grants -> Browse Funding Opportunities.

Grants.gov -> search by name or [FR-6400-N-68](#)

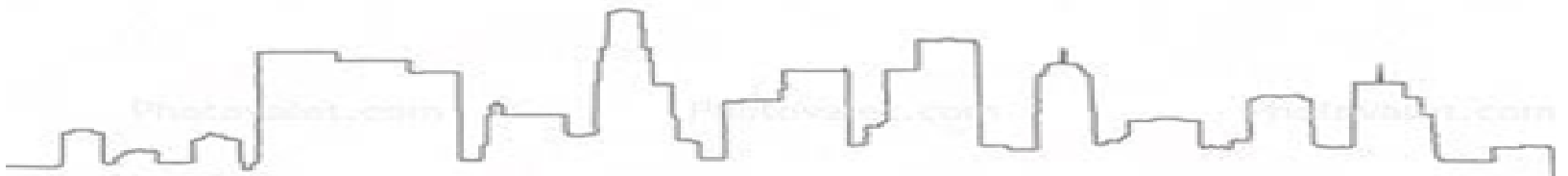




1) APPLICATION

b) How do I apply?

- PIH Housing-Related Hazards Capital Fund Program (FR-6400-N-68) *application can be found on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)*
- *Application instructions and application packages must be downloaded from Grants.gov and submitted electronically through Grants.gov. HUD cannot email applications.*
- *Submissions are due by 11:59pm on May 25, 2021.*
- *Awards under this NOFO are funded with fiscal year 2020 appropriations.*

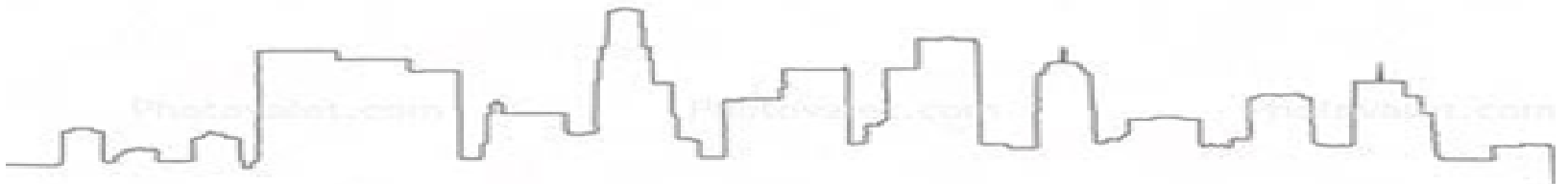




2) ELIGIBILITY

a) Can a PHA that only administers Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA), or Project Based Vouchers (PBV) apply for funds under this NOFO?

No. The funds under this NOFO are designated for identifying and eliminating housing-related hazards in public housing (Section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937) only.





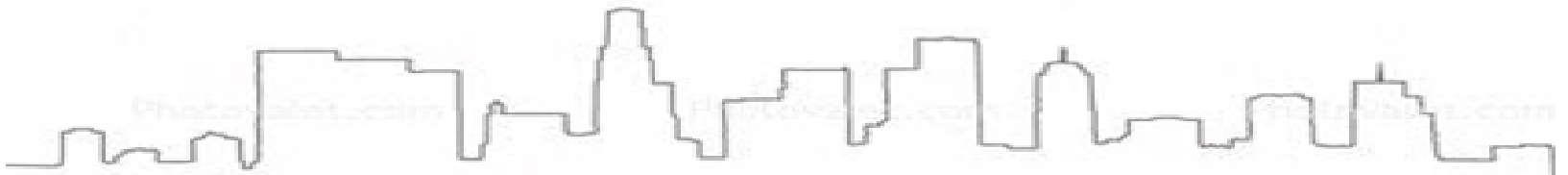
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b) Can individuals, nonprofits, resident associations, tribes or tribally designated housing entities apply for this grant?

No. Only PHAs may apply.

c) How many applications can a PHA submit?

One. A PHA may submit only one application but the request may be for more than one project.

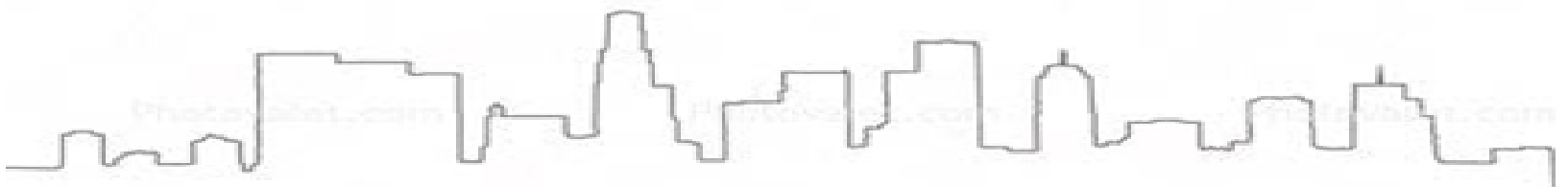




3) ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS

Eligible activities and costs for this NOFO will be covered under Budget Line Item (BLI) 1480 General Activities, with the following additional restrictions:

Funds can only be used for Capital Fund activities associated with the housing-related hazard(s) identified in the application. Other work in the property, including work to prepare for hazard control (e.g., repairs to the substrate, fixing leaks or other renovations) shall be funded by other sources.



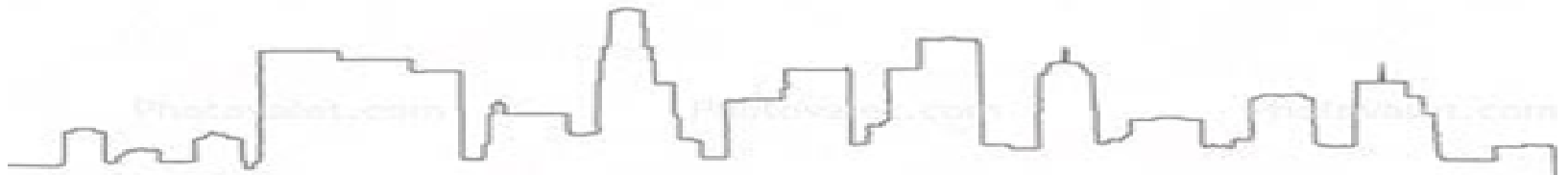


3) ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS CON'T



Funds under this NOFO may only be used in public housing, as defined by Section 3 of the 1937 Act and PHAs participating in the Capital Fund program under Section 9 of the 1937 Act and 24 CFR part 905. Funds may not be used at projects under Commitments to enter into Housing Assistance Payments Contracts (CHAPs) under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) as authorized under Public Law 112-55 and implementing notices. Properties that will be converting to another federal housing assistance program must complete all housing-related hazard control activities prior to conversion.

Funds may not be used for housing-related hazard activities in housing that is planned for demolition in the Five-Year Action Plan.





4) REVIEW CRITERIA

The maximum number of points to be awarded is 102. Applicants will first be reviewed for eligibility for the award, and then competitively scored based on the following rating factors.

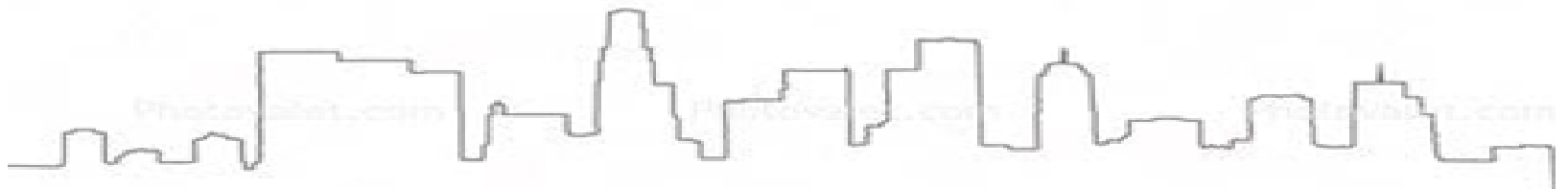
Rating Factor 1: Hazard Type (5 points)

Rating Factor 2: Need (45 points)

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach and Cost Estimate (35 points)

Rating Factor 4: Past Performance (13 points)

Other Factors & Bonus Preference (4 points)





RATING FACTOR 1: HAZARD TYPE

Rating Factor 1 will be scored based on the type of housing-related hazard the PHA is proposing to address. Please note that mold and carbon monoxide are prioritized and will receive the most points because they are specified in the Appropriations language that established this grant program

Points distribution is as follows:

Carbon Monoxide - 5 points

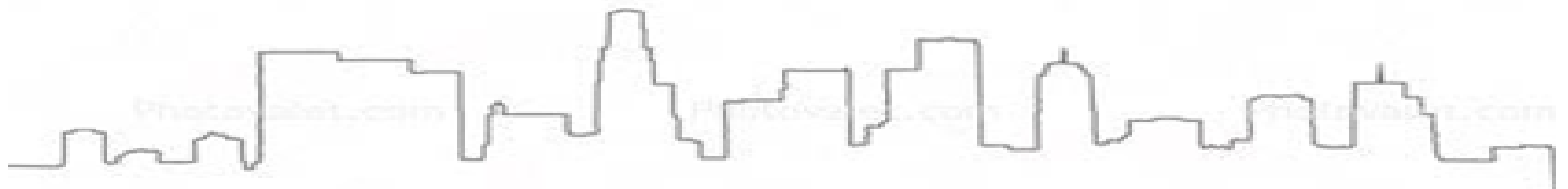
Mold - 5 points

Radon - 5 points

Fire Sprinklers - 3 points

Pest Infestation Hazards - 3 points

Other Housing-Related Hazard - 1 point



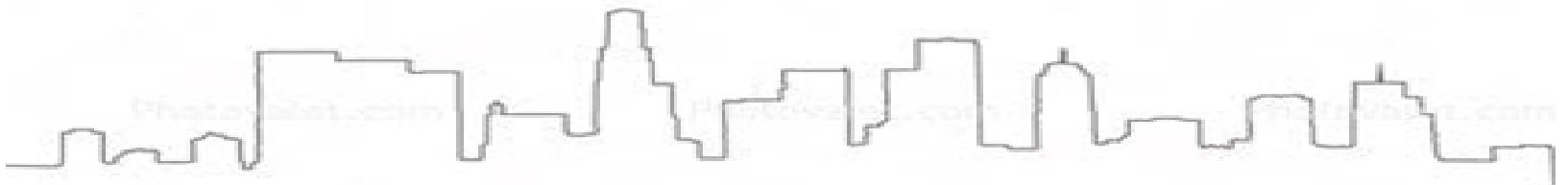


RATING FACTOR 2: NEED



Rating Factor 2 will be scored based on the narrative description of the PHA's need for a Housing-Related Hazard grant. The narrative response must not exceed **5 pages** and should include:

- A description of steps taken to assess properties for the hazard
- A description of the data gathered through testing/assessment or from resident complaints/ observations
- An estimate of how many units in each proposed AMP are impacted by the hazard
- A description of the future potential impacts of the hazard
- A description of resident need/special circumstances shared with the PHA or local environmental area factors

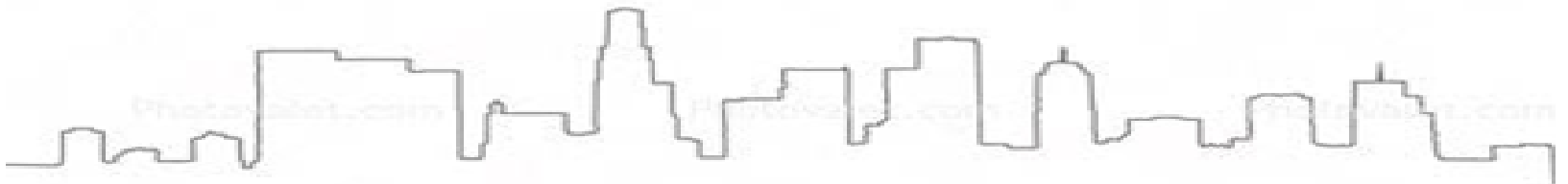




RATING FACTOR 3: SOUNDNESS OF APPROACH & COST ESTIMATE

Rating Factor 3 will be scored based on the content of the PHA's form HUD 50075.1 Parts I & II. Points will be awarded as follows:

- **What work items/activities are necessary to address this hazard(s)? 10 points**
- **Is the 50075.1 sound? 10 points**
- **Is the cost estimate sound? 5 points**
- **Description of Plan to Implement the Grant 10 points**





- **APPENDIX A: Key Residential Health and Safety Hazards under this NOFO**

- Carbon monoxide and other combustion products of heating and cooking appliances and motor vehicles in attached garages
 - Where it comes from, what to target for intervention, how to do monitoring, International Fire Code standards
- Mold and moisture
 - Risk factors for residents, best intervention strategies
- Radon
 - Where it comes from, how to measure, ways to mitigate
- Pest infestation hazards
 - Health hazards expected, sources, best intervention strategies
- Fire sprinklers

- **APPENDIX B: Some Other Residential Health and Safety Hazards under this NOFO**

- Allergens, asbestos, lead paint, lead in drinking water, pesticide residues, unintentional injury/fires

- **APPENDIX C: Selected Relevant Publications, Guidelines and Other Resources**

- Guidance, regulations, recommended standards

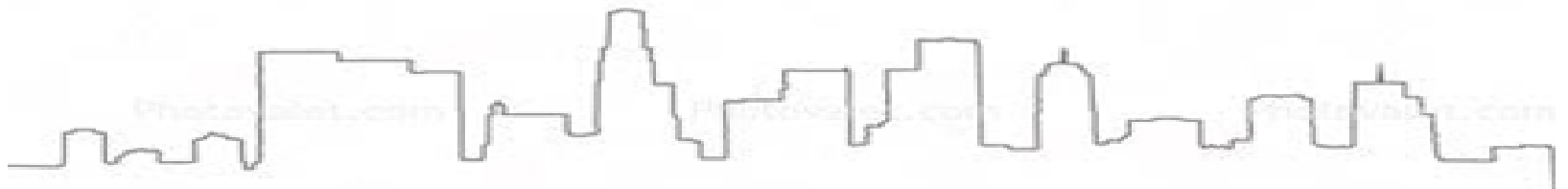




RATING FACTOR 4: PAST PERFORMANCE

Rating Factor 4 will be scored based on the PHA's reporting history in LOCCS for all open Capital Fund Program grants and whether the PHA has had any Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit or Independent Public Accountant (IPA) audit findings in the previous fiscal year. The following details the scoring breakdown:

- **Past Performance - 12 points possible**
 - Audit Subfactor – 5 points
 - No OIG or IPA audit findings in previous fiscal year – 5 points
 - Either an OIG or IPA audit finding in previous fiscal year- 2 points
 - Both OIG and IPA audit findings in the previous fiscal year – 0 points
 - LOCCS Reporting Subfactor - 7 points
 - PHA reported on time in LOCCS for all open grants for the past 12 months -7 points
 - PHA did not report on time in LOCCS for one or more months in the past 12 months – 0 points

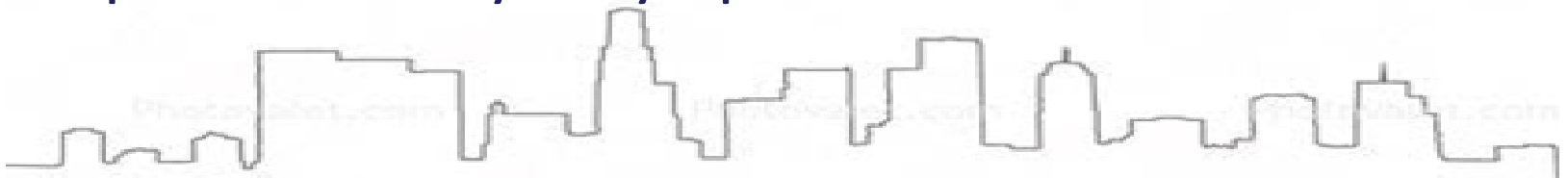




OTHER FACTORS – SECTION 3

Your application will receive up to 2 points based your response to the following inquiries:

- Types and amounts of employment, training, and contracting opportunities to be generated as a result of proposed grant activities;
- Specific actions to be taken to give Section 3 residents and Section 3 business concerns priority consideration for employment, training, contracting, and other economic opportunities;
- Written criteria to be used for determining eligibility of Section 3 residents and business entities;
- Written procedures to be used for notifying Section 3 residents and business entities about the availability of training, employment, and contracting opportunities;
- Methodology to be used for monitoring developers, contractors and subcontractors that are awarded covered contracts to ensure compliance with Section 3 requirements;
- Strategies for meeting the Section 3 minimum numerical goals for employment and contracting opportunities; and
- Contact information and qualifications for staff persons who will be responsible for the day-to-day implementation of Section 3.





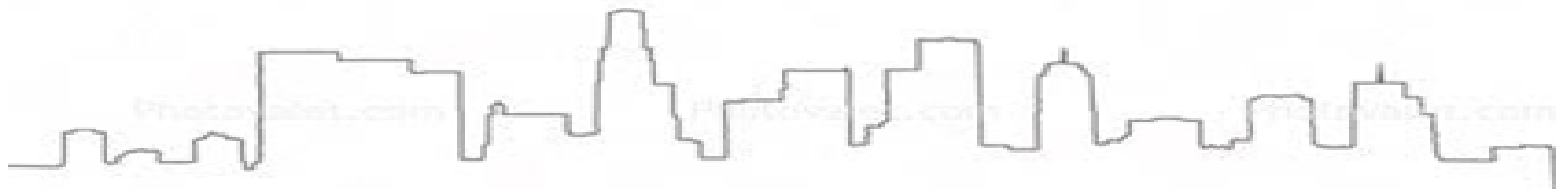
PREFERENCE POINTS

HUD encourages activities in support of the Secretary's FY20 Initiatives. HUD may award up to two (2) points for any of the 3 preferences (OZ, PZ or HBCU).

Opportunity Zones. Opportunity Zone (OZ) Certification and Supporting Documentation: Applicants proposing projects in an Opportunity Zone community must identify the state, county and census tract(s) of the opportunity zone(s) in which the activity will be carried out and provide certification to HUD in order to receive preference points. The certification must affirm that the investment is in a qualified Opportunity Zone, and be submitted as a supporting attachment on the applicant's letterhead with the application package. Applicants must also provide supporting documentation showing that the investment is in an Opportunity Zone.

Historically Black Colleges/Universities. An applicant partnering with a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) will receive up to two (2) Preference Points when the application includes a Letter of Commitment certifying that an HBCU Partnership is in place and signed by an authorizing official of the HBCU and documentation of the college or university's status as an HBCU. Click here to view the list of accredited HBCU's.

Promise Zones HUD encourages activities in Promise Zones (PZ). To receive Promise Zones Preference Points, applicants must submit form HUD 50153, "Certification of Consistency with Promise Zone Goals and Implementation," signed by the Promise Zone Official authorized to certify the project meets the criteria to receive preference points. To view the list of designated Promise Zones and persons authorized to certify, please see the Promise Zone pages on HUD's website.



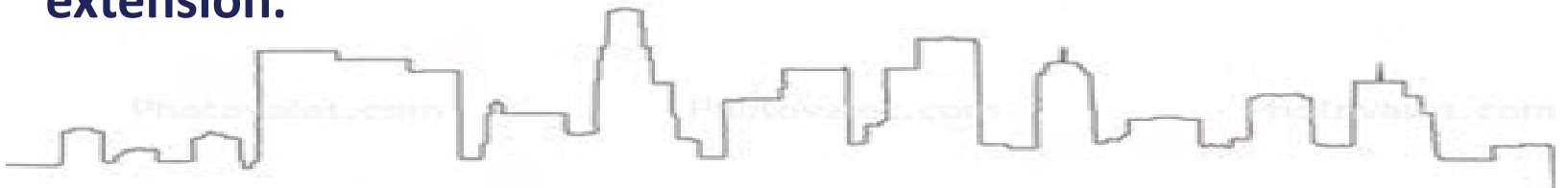


ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

1) What are the maximum grant award amounts and permitted periods of performance?

The maximum award amount is \$4,000,000 per project period. PHAs are not required to leverage or match these grant funds and must use funds from other sources (e.g., Capital Funds) if the total project cost exceeds the maximum grant amount of \$4,000,000.

Additionally, eliminating housing-related hazards is an eligible Capital Fund expense. As with any Capital Funds, a PHA must obligate 90% of its housing-related hazards grant awards within 24 months of grant award and expend the funds within 48 months of grant award unless HUD grants an obligation extension.





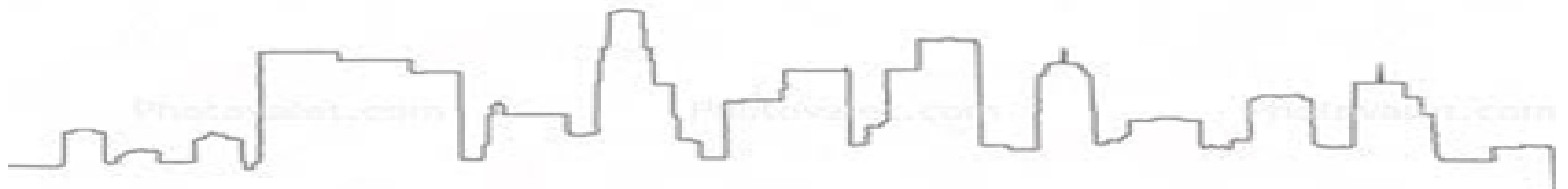
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

2) Is a PHA still eligible to receive a grant award if it is issued a Commitment to enter into a Housing Assistance Payment (CHAP) since the time of submission?

No. Funds cannot be used for projects with active CHAPs. If an applicant is awarded grant funds and also has an active CHAP, the applicant will be required to withdraw the CHAP or refuse the grant award.

For other conversions, all work must be completed before the property converts.

Funds may also not be used for properties that are planned for demolition.





QUESTIONS?



HUD staff will be available to provide clarification on the content of this NOFO. Please note that HUD staff cannot assist applicants in preparing their applications. Questions regarding specific program requirements for this NOFO should be directed to the point of contact listed below.

Office of Capital Improvements PIHOCI@HUD.gov

Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

