

LEAD-BASED PAINT NOFA Q AND A 2/22/2018

1) Application

a) Where can I find the Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)?

The Public and Indian Housing Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program (LBPCF) (FR-6100-N-42) can be found at

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/qmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy2017lbpcf

b) How do I apply?

The Public and Indian Housing Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program (LBPCF) (FR-6100-N-42) application can be found at

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=lead%20based%20paint>.

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 March 20, 2018. Please note, awards under this NOFA are funded with fiscal year 2017 appropriations.

c) Are there any examples of previously funded applications that can be made available to new applicants?

This is a newly funded program. There are no previously awarded applications to post.

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 NOFA?

No. The funds under this NOFA are designated for identifying and eliminating lead-based paint 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) Criteria

- a) How will HUD confirm that properties are occupied by at least one family with a child under the age of six?**

HUD will extract data from form HUD-50058, Family Report, submitted by the PHA in IMS/PIC to determine that each property has at least one family with a child under age six at the time of application. It is not required that there be a child under six in every unit. HUD will award points under Rating Factor 1 based on the portion or percentage of children in the properties as of the application due date. If this is a single-family unit grouped with others in the application, HUD will calculate a weighted average for all properties proposed for the lead-hazard control work.

- b) Can applications be submitted for properties with senior residents who are regularly visited by grandchildren under the age of six?**

No. Children must be included on the form HUD-50058, Family Report, to be counted as eligible.

4) Can a PHA submit an application that includes inspections that have already started?

Yes. A PHA can apply for funds under this program for work that has already started, but there is no guarantee of award (as the program is competitive) and HUD cannot guarantee when the funds would be available in LOCCS.

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5) Will the application require an additional narrative to the form HUD-50075.1, *Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report*?

No. Applicants may not supplement form HUD-50075.1 with additional narrative and shall limit responses to the character and spacing limits imposed by the electronic version of the form.

6) Can funds be used for work at multiple properties?

Yes. Funds can be used for work at multiple properties. Each property should be identified in Part II of form HUD-50075.1. All projects must meet the eligibility requirements in accordance with the NOFA.

7) Does form HUD- 2880, *Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report*, need to identify all projects where grant funds will be used?

No. Part II of form HUD-50075.1 includes separate columns that will capture each project name and work to be performed at each project.

8) Does the application require a scope of work evaluation?

No. Applicants do not need to submit a lead-based paint evaluation or hazard/abatement scope of work as part of the application.

9) Does the Risk Assessor need to be EPA certified?

The answer varies by state. All persons performing lead-based paint evaluations or hazard control must be currently certified for the work they do in the state where the work will be performed. Most states have an EPA-authorized lead-based paint activities certification program covering individuals conducting lead-based paint activities, typically, lead-based paint inspection, lead risk assessment, lead abatement worker, and lead abatement supervisor. Most states also require the firms that employ or hire the certified individuals that conduct the lead-based paint activity to be certified. In the remaining states, certification is obtained from the EPA Regional Office's lead program. For more information, see www.epa.gov/lead

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10) Do risk assessments need to be conducted by a third party?

No. The NOFA only requires that clearance examinations be conducted by a third-party organization. Lead evaluations and clearance examinations must be performed by persons or entities independent of the lead hazard control firm, unless the PHA uses in-house employees certified as lead inspectors and then uses certified risk assessors to conduct the evaluations or clearance.

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

The minimum award amount is \$25,000 per project period. The maximum award amount is \$1,000,000 per project period. PHAs are not required to leverage or match these grant funds and may use funds from other sources (e.g., Capital Funds) even if the total project cost exceeds the maximum grant amount of \$1,000,000. For properties built before 1960, PHAs can include the cost of testing and abatement. PHA's may use the standard estimate of approximately \$10,000 per unit in multi-family properties and \$15,000 for single family properties. Please refer to the [Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-based Paint Hazards in Housing](#) and the [Economic Analysis of the Proposed Rule on Lead-Based Paint](#) for additional guidance on cost estimates.

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

12) 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?

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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.

13) Can Lead-Based Capital Fund Program awards be used to cover relocation costs?

Yes.

14) Can Lead-Based Capital Fund Program awards be used to purchase equipment?

Yes. Grant funds can be used to purchase equipment such as an XRF machine, but cannot be used for additional ongoing costs such as user training, periodic state or EPA certifications, or registration of the nuclear source (if applicable). Those additional ongoing expenses must be paid for with operating subsidy or another source.