

In accordance with the HUD Reform Act, HUD cannot provide a determination to questions that ask about a specific situation (e.g. whether an applicant or activity would be eligible or how it would be rated) outside of reviewing a submitted grant application during its formal review process. This Q&A is only meant to provide general clarification to the NOFA language, and if the responses here contradict the NOFA, the NOFA language controls.

**Q1. Can a nonprofit apply for the FY 2018 Jobs Plus grant?**

A1. Pursuant to Section III.A of the FY 2018 NOFA, Eligible applicants are Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) that operate one or more public housing developments that meet the criteria outlined in the FY 2018 Jobs Plus NOFA. Nonprofits can apply for the Jobs Plus grant to the extent they meet the eligibility requirements.

**Q2. Can an applicant apply with a subrecipient?**

Q2. No, as stated in Section III.E of the Jobs Plus FY 2018 NOFA, the program does not allow sub awards or subrecipients. All services not provided by the applicant must be contracted in accordance with HUD procurement rules.

**Q3. Can federal funds be offered as leverage? More specifically, can a Workforce Development Board offer employment and training resources funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) as leverage for a Jobs Plus proposal?**

A3. Match funding may not be contingent on future funding from any source. Additionally, in addition to meeting the requirements outlined in Section III.B of the FY 2018 NOFA, all match funding must meet the requirements at 2 CFR 200.306. Note that 2 CFR 200.306(b)(5) states that match funds "Are not paid by the Federal Government under another Federal award, except where the Federal statute authorizing a program specifically provides that Federal funds made available for such program can be applied to matching or cost sharing requirements of other Federal programs." Each applicant is responsible to ensure, with their partners, that the committed funding is eligible for the committed use.

**Q4. Can MOUs contain details about matching funds/leverage being provided or are we required to do BOTH an MOU and a Letter of Commitment for matching funds?**

A4. MOUs can contain details related to committed match. If match commitments are laid out in the MOU instead of a Match Commitment letter, then the MOU must contain all calculations described in Section III.B of the FY 2018 Jobs Plus NOFA. However, as stated in Section III.B of the FY 2018 NOFA, the letterhead requirement does not apply if match is detailed in the MOU.

**Q5. How do we count residents who receive SSI? IS SSI considered earned income? Are SSI recipients eligible to participate? Are household members who are not named SSI recipient eligible?**

A5. Every public housing resident in a Jobs Plus development(s) is eligible to participate in Jobs plus. However, for the purposes of the program's rent incentive (JPEID), SSI is not considered earned income. See also Section I.A.1 of the FY 2018 Jobs Plus NOFA (describing the JPEID).

**Q6. How does one calculate the Rent Incentives offered through JPEID that will be reimbursed to the PHA via Jobs Plus appropriations?**

A6. HUD does not prescribe a calculation method in the FY 2018 NOFA. Each applicant should estimate its own reasonable amount of JPEID reimbursements.

**Q7. How do you calculate the goal associated with the “*Employment rate of work-able adults – 110% of baseline employment rate?*”**

A7. Use your work-able baseline rate and calculate 110% of that to determine your anticipated goal. See also Section I.A.1 of the FY 2018 NOFA.

A8. Partners cannot be reimbursed for in-kind services. As stated in 2 CFR 200.96(b), in-kind contributions are “contributed...without charge.” However, partners can be reimbursed for services rendered as long as those services are eligible activities (see Section III.E of the FY 2018 Jobs Plus NOFA) and are contracted in accordance with HUD procurement rules. As stated above and in the FY 2018 NOFA, the Jobs Plus program does not allow there to be subrecipients or subgrantees.

**Q 9. Will the grant pay for salary and fringe for new hires such as Case Managers, Job Developers and Project Managers to run Jobs Plus program?**

A9. Pursuant to Section III.E of the FY 2018 NOFA, “Hiring and compensating staff such as Service Coordinators or other service-related personnel (salary and fringe benefits for either Jobs Plus-specific staff or partner staff dedicated in whole or in part to providing Jobs Plus-related service)” is an eligible activity under the Jobs Plus program. Note that such expenses must also meet the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, subpart E, Cost Principles.

Q 10. Are consortium agencies, that is multiple PHAs managed by one Executive Director, eligible to apply to the grant program if they meet the threshold criteria?

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