

# Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program (IHBG-COMP) for FY2025

FR-6900-N-48

Applications are due by 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time on 01/15/2026.

Public and Indian Housing

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# **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

If you believe you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, register in the appropriate systems now and review the application package. If you are already registered, make sure your registration is active and up-to-date.

#### **SAM.gov Registration**

You must have an active and up-to-date account with <u>SAM.gov</u>, at the time of application and throughout the life of any award.

To register, go to <u>SAM.gov Entity Registration</u> and click Get Started. From the same page, you can also click on the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.

It can take several weeks to register in <u>SAM.gov</u>, so please get started now if you are planning to apply. <u>SAM.gov</u> also provides each organization with a unique entity identifier (UEI). A valid UEI is required to apply for funding.

#### **Grants.gov Registration**

You must have an active <u>Grants.gov</u> registration. This requires a <u>Login.gov</u> registration as well. See step-by-step instructions at the <u>Grants.gov Quick Start Guide for Applicants</u>. You must apply for funding using <u>Grants.gov</u>, unless HUD has approved your <u>waiver request</u>.

See Section VI.B. Submission Methods.

# **Find the Application Package**

Use the Grants Search at <u>Grants.gov</u> and search for opportunity number FR-6900-N-48. The application package has all the online forms you need to apply. You also need to access the Download Instructions link and review the content before you apply.

If you have other technical difficulties using <u>Grants.gov</u>, access the Support Center on <u>Grants.gov</u> for assistance.

To get updates on changes to this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), click Subscribe from the View Grant Opportunity page for this NOFO on <u>Grants.gov</u>.

#### **Application Deadline**

Applications are due by 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time on 01/15/2026.

#### **HUD Listserv**

If you are interested in email notices about upcoming funding opportunities, subscribe to <u>HUD's Funding</u> <u>Opportunities listserv</u>.

**Note**: To help you find what you need, this NOFO uses internal links. In Adobe Reader, you can go back to where you were by pressing Alt + Left Arrow (Windows) or Command + Left Arrow (Mac) on your keyboard.

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## I. BASIC INFORMATION

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# A. Summary

#### **Federal Agency Name:**

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

#### **HUD Program Office:**

Public and Indian Housing

#### **Announcement Type:**

Initial

#### **Program Type:**

Discretionary

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act Information:**

2577-0218

#### **Due Date for Intergovernmental Review:**

See Section VI.C.1.

#### **Key Facts**

#### **Opportunity Name:**

Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program (IHBG-COMP) for FY2025

#### **Opportunity Number:**

FR-6900-N-48

# **Federal Assistance Listing:**

14.867

# **Key Dates**

Application Due Date: 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time on:

01/15/2026

**Anticipated Award Date:** 

06/17/2026

Estimated Performance Period Start Date:

07/01/2026

Estimated Performance Period End Date:

07/01/2031

# 1. NOFO Summary

The Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program (IHBG-COMP) provides competitive grant opportunities to eligible IHBG Formula recipients for eligible housing projects that increase the availability of affordable housing for low-income Tribal

families.

# 2. Funding Details

# **Type of Funding Instrument**

G (Grant)

#### **Available Funds**

Funding of approximately \$150,000,000 is available through this NOFO.

Additional funds may become available for award. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the selection process contained in this NOFO.

#### **Number of Awards**

HUD expects to make approximately 35 awards from the funds available under this NOFO.

#### **Length of Performance Period:**

60-month project period and budget period

Length of Periods Explanation:

# **B.** Agency Contact(s)

See Contact and Support section of this NOFO.

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# **II. ELIGIBILITY**

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## II. ELIGIBILITY

You are invited to apply if your organization is an eligible entity type and meets the funding conditions included in the NOFO. HUD will review applications from eligible applicants using the criteria in <u>Section V. of this NOFO.</u>

# A. Eligible Applicants

# 1. Eligible Entity Types:

07 (Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized))

11 (Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments))

Additional Information on Eligibility

The following additional information clarifies the list of eligible entities types (above):

- **Indian tribes**, as defined under Section 4(13) of NAHASDA that are allocated IHBG Formula funding.
- For Native Alaskan Tribes only: Pursuant to the General Provisions in the annual appropriations Act, only Native Alaskan Indian Housing Block Grant recipients that received IHBG grants in Fiscal Year 2005 are eligible to apply directly for funding under this NOFO. Native Alaskan Tribes that are required to designate a Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) in Alaska for their IHBG formula program may not apply directly for funding under this competition. Native Alaskan Tribes that choose to, but are not required to, designate a TDHE in Alaska for its IHBG formula program may apply for IHBG competitive funds directly.
- Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE), as defined under Section 4(22) of NAHASDA, that have ever been allocated IHBG formula funding.
- Individuals are ineligible applicants.

#### 2. Restrictions

# a. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility

You must comply with the current <u>General Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility for HUD's Competitive Programs</u>. HUD will review your eligibility before issuing an award. As part of this review, HUD uses <u>SAM.gov</u> and Department of Treasury data.

# b. Application Eligibility

Your application is considered for funding if it satisfies the application review requirements in Section V. of this NOFO.

# c. Additional Application Eligibility Restrictions:

**Multiple Applications Received:** HUD will only consider one application for each applicant. If more than one is received, HUD will review the last one received before the application deadline.

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**Applications from Corresponding Tribe or TDHE:** HUD will only consider one application per Tribe or its corresponding TDHE. An Indian tribe that authorizes a TDHE to apply on its behalf may not also submit its own application for funding. If an Indian tribe submits an application (in addition to its authorized TDHE application), the tribe's application will not be evaluated.

**Subawards:** Eligible applicants may make subawards to other eligible entities under this NOFO. However, HUD will only assess the entity listed on line 8.a. on the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) throughout this competition.

**Resolution of Enforcement Actions:** HUD will use its records to determine if an applicant has open enforcement actions for program non-compliance related to any ONAP grants. An application from an applicant that has an open or pending Notice of Intent to Impose Remedies (NOI) or an Imposition of Remedies (IOR) will be considered ineligible for funding under this NOFO and HUD will not review the application.

**Minimum/Maximum Grant Amount:** HUD has established a maximum grant amount of \$7,500,000 and a minimum grant amount of \$500,000. If your application requests more than the maximum applicable grant amount or less than the minimum grant amount under this NOFO, then HUD will not review your application. Applicants must clearly document the amount requested on line 18a of the SF-424.

Grant Ceilings: HUD has adopted population-based grant ceiling categories for IHBG Competitive awards based on American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) population or Tribal Enrollment, whichever is higher, from the 2025 Final IHBG Formula data. IHBG formula data is available on the HUD ONAP IHBG Formula webpage. For TDHE applicants, HUD will combine the highest FY 2025 AIAN or enrollment formula data numbers for each Tribe included in the proposed project to determine the ceiling for the grant award. Please see the table below. Regardless of whether your application proposes one or multiple projects with funding under this NOFO, your application may not receive a grant that exceeds the applicable maximum grant amount set under this NOFO or the grant ceiling for your population. If your application requests more than the maximum applicable grant amount under this NOFO or the applicable grant ceiling (based on IHBG Formula population) HUD will not review the application.

Population	Ceiling
50,001 and above	\$7,500,000
10,501 - 50,000	\$6,000,000
10,500 and below	\$5,000,000

# **FY 2025 IHBG-COMP Grant Ceilings**

# **B.** Cost Sharing or Matching

This Program does not require cost sharing or matching.

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# III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

# A. Purpose

The Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program (IHBG-COMP) provides competitive grant opportunities to eligible IHBG formula recipients under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) to carry out eligible affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income Tribal families.

# **B.** Goals and Objectives

HUD will give priority to projects that spur construction and rehabilitation of housing on Indian reservations and in other Indian areas. HUD strongly encourages the following types of projects:

- New Construction of affordable housing projects that will increase the number of housing units available for low-income Native American families,
- Housing rehabilitation projects that will increase the useful life of existing affordable housing units and alleviate substandard housing conditions, and
- Acquisition of existing housing units that increases affordable housing stock.

You must use grant funds to benefit low-income Indian families, except under some circumstances as provided in section 201(b) of NAHASDA. You are encouraged to address the needs of Tribal members who have no permanent residence, are living in overcrowded conditions, or living in a home without plumbing or a kitchen.

# C. Authority

The IHBG program, and its derivative IHBG-COMP, are authorized under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), as amended, (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.) Regulations for IHBG Formula and IHBG-COMP are found at 24 CFR Part 1000. Funding for this program is provided by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119-4, approved March 15, 2025)

#### **D. Unallowable Costs**

See 2 CFR Part 200 and 24 CFR Part 1000 for unallowable costs.

#### E. Indirect Costs

If you expect to charge <u>indirect costs</u> to the award, submit the Indirect Cost Rate Certification form (HUD-426) with your application.

# F. Program History

HUD has made significant changes to the IHBG-COMP scoring criteria since FY 2024. These changes focus on program priorities of project feasibility and assessment of past performance. Many of the changes reduce the administrative burden on Tribal applicants. You should carefully review the updated scoring criteria for clarity on application requirements and expectations. Key changes to the FY 2025 IHBG-COMP NOFO include:

**Application Eligibility Threshold Restrictions:** Section II.A.2.c: Applications from applicants with open enforcement actions for program non-compliance will be considered ineligible.

#### **Documentation No Longer Required:**

- Certification of Compliance
- Environmental Review Expression of Intent.

#### **New Documentation Requirements**

- New versions of the Cost Summary (Form HUD-4123) and Implementation Schedule (Form HUD-4125)
- Indirect Cost Information for Applicants/Recipients (Form HUD-426)
- Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace (<u>HUD-50070</u>)
- For New Construction projects, Assurance for Construction Programs (Form SF 424-D).

# **Format Changes**

- New HUD-wide NOFO Template has streamlined and simplified the structure of all HUD NOFOs.
- **New Subfactor:** <u>1.1. Project Description and Rationale</u> establishes the scope, purpose, and feasibility of the project right from the start of the application.

#### **Consolidated and Restructured Subfactors:**

- 1.2. Project Implementation Plan combines the FY2024's 3.2 and 3.3 but simplifies the
  requirements and reduces the overall points. The Implementation narrative must align
  with the Implementation Schedule form and be feasible for the timeline.
- 2.1. Project Type and Outputs significantly simplifies prior 3.1. a.-d. by establishing the primary project for applications with multiple activities. While applicants must address all rating factors for each project they propose, they will only be scored on the primary project: the one with the greater share of the budget. New Construction is prioritized by maximum points. However, applicants that at listed at or below the 25 percentile of the Per Capita Income list that propose Housing Rehabilitation are also awarded maximum 8 points. Project outputs are also addressed here, previously in 4.2. Outputs and Outcomes.
- 2.2. Priority Beneficiaries and Outcomes combines FY2024's Need subfactors 2.2 and 2.3, simplifying applicants' demonstration of local housing need and the outcomes previously addressed in 4.2. Outputs and Outcomes. Reduced requirement for point maximum points for applicants serving priority beneficiaries from 100% to 75%.
- 3.1. Undisbursed ONAP Funding simplifies the assessment of past performance by combining the total amount of ONAP funding remaining undisbursed (Previously 1.2. Progress of IHBG Funding, 1.3. Progress of Competitive Funding, and 1.4. Progress of Pandemic IT Funding). Applicants with remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)

and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) will also receive 0 points, compared to 2024 where only undisbursed CARES funds received 0 points.

# **Removed Rating Factor 4:**

- Prior NOFO's Subfactor 4.1. Coordination was removed due to the limited coordination in priority IHBG-COMP projects.
- Prior NOFO's 4.2. Outputs and Outcomes was split and combined with 2.1 and 2.2.

**Scoring Adjustments:** The following subfactor scores were adjusted to better reflect program priorities:

#### Minimum Scoring for:

- Rating Factor 1 is now 25 points (as opposed to 30 points for rating factors 1-2 in the prior NOFO) aligning Rating Factor 1's importance to funding decisions.
- Rating factors 1-3 remains at 75 points.

#### Increased Points:

- 1.3. Project Budget: points increased from 8 to 10 points from prior NOFO due to enhanced specificity in budget expectations. Previously subfactor 3.4.
- 1.4. Applicant Capacity points increased from 8 to 10 from prior NOFO due to the critical nature of the subfactor. Previously subfactor 1.1.
- Rating Factor 3: Past Performance total factor scores increased significantly to reflect the prioritization of applicant performance.
- 3.1. Undisbursed ONAP Funding: Combines prior subfactors 1.2-1.4 into one, the total points increased from 9 to 10.
- 3.2. Findings: Points significantly increased from 2 to 8 due to the relation to applicant capacity. Previously subfactor 1.5.
- 3.3. Timely Reporting: Points significantly increased from 2 to 8. Previously subfactor 1.6.
- 3.4. Audit Submission: Points significantly increased from 2 to 8. Previously subfactor 1.7.

#### Reduced points:

- 1.2. Project Implementation Plan reduced points from combined total of 16 for prior subfactors 3.2. and 3.3. to 5 points.
- 1.5. Commitment to Sustain Project reduced from 8 points in previous 3.5. to 3 points, emphasizing simplified evaluation metrics.
- Rating Factor 2: IHBG-COMP Program Priorities total factor scores decreased from 38 to 30 points due to combination of subfactors and criteria simplification as noted above.

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Build America, Buy America Act (BABA): Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements apply to ICDBG awards obligated after September 30, 2024. See the <u>Notice PIH: 2024-35</u>: Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) – Implementation Guidance for Tribal Recipients for Build American Preference compliance information. Please also check <u>Codetalk</u> regularly for updates.

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Applications must include three main elements: a) standard forms, assurances, and certifications; b) budget; and c) narratives and other attachments. The content, forms, and format for each element are included in this section.

You may use this section as a checklist to ensure you submit a complete application.

If you don't provide the required documents in the correct format, your application is incomplete.

Do not submit password protected or encrypted files.

Element	Submission Form
Standard Forms, Assurances, and Certifications	Upload using each required form.
Budget	Use the required budget form.
Narratives and Other Attachments	Insert each in the Attachments form.

Total page limit per application is 150 pages, not including required forms.

# A. Standard Forms, Assurances, and Certifications

You must properly complete and submit with your application the standard forms, assurances, and certifications identified below. You can find all forms in the application package or review them and their instructions at <a href="Grants.gov Forms">Grants.gov Forms</a>. You can also <a href="read more about standard forms">read more about standard forms</a> on HUD's Funding Opportunities page.

Forms/Assurances/ Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Application for Federal Assistance ( <u>SF-424</u> )	Required with the application (non-curable).	File name: SF-424 Form location: application package Read more about standard forms and see additional information below
Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD 424-B)	Required with the application (non-curable).	File name: HUD-424B Form location: application package Read more about standard forms

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Forms/Assurances/ Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD-2880)	Required with the application (non-curable).	File name: HUD-2880 Form location: application package Read more about standard forms
IHBG-COMP Implementation Schedule ( <u>HUD-4125</u> )	Required with the application (non-curable).	File name: HUD-4125 Form location: download instructions See additional information below
Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace ( <u>HUD-50070</u> )	If applicable, required with the application (curable).	File name: HUD-50070 Form location: download instructions
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)	If applicable, required with the application (curable).	File name: SF-LLL See additional information below
Assurances for Construction Programs ( <u>SF-424D</u> )	If applicable, required with the application (curable).	File name: SF-424D Form location: application package See additional information below
Certification of Consistency with Promise Zone Goals and Implementation (HUD-50153)	If applicable, required with the application (curable).	File name: HUD-50153 Form location: download instructions See Section V.B.2.a.
Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points ( <u>HUD-2996</u> )	If applicable, required with the application (curable).	File name: <u>HUD-2996</u> Form location: application package See <u>Section V.B.2.b.</u>

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Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424): Completed in Grants.gov.

- See Grants.gov SF-424 Form Instructions.pdf.
- The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CDFA) number for IHBG-COMP is: 14.867.
- FR-6900-N-48 is the Funding Opportunity Number (FON) for the FY2025 IHBG-COMP.
- The entity identified in line 8. Applicant Information, a. Legal Name, and the 8.c. UEI must be consistent.
- Your application must include a valid UEI that is registered and active at SAM.gov. An application with a UEI that does not match the organization name as registered in SAM.gov will result in an ineligible application that will not be reviewed.

Assurances for Construction Programs (SF-424D): Completed in Grants.gov. New requirement for applications that include constructions activities.

Implementation Schedule (HUD-4125): This form reflects the tasks, phases, and milestones for the project. Period of Performance dates listed on the Implementation Schedule must match the dates proposed on the SF-424. For applications proposing multiple projects, you may choose to submit a separate Implementation Schedule for each project. HUD may require successful applicants to update errors on the Implementation Schedule based on the pre-award requirement process outlined in this NOFO.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL): Completed in Grants.gov.

# **B.** Budget

You must submit a budget with your application to support your project narrative. At a minimum, your budget must indicate direct and any indirect costs.

You must also submit form HUD-426, based on the requirements in Section III.E. of this NOFO.

Budget Form/Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Cost Summary ( <u>HUD-4123</u> )	Required with the application (non-curable).	File name: HUD-4123 Form location: download instructions See additional information below
Budget Detail	Required with the application (non-curable).	Detailed cost breakdown (chart or another format of applicant's choosing)  See additional information below

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Budget Form/Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
		File name: <u>HUD-426</u>
Certification ( <u>HUD-426</u> )		Form location: download instructions
		See form instructions and Section III.E.

#### **Notes on Required Budget Documents:**

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**Cost Summary (HUD-4123):** Your application must include a Cost Summary. It provides budget cost information including specific activity costs, administration, planning, and total resources that will be committed to the project, including resources from both Federal and non-Federal sources. For applications proposing multiple projects, you may choose to submit a separate Cost Summary form for each project. The Cost Summary totals must match the information provided on the SF-424 and Budget Detail.

If numbers do not match or there are other errors, HUD may require successful applicants to update errors on the Cost Summary form based on the pre-award requirement process outlined in this NOFO. If you do not submit a Cost Summary, your application will not be reviewed.

**Budget Detail:** Your application must include a Budget Detail that shows a breakdown for each budget line, including all sources and uses of funding for the proposed project(s). The Budget Detail may be submitted as a separate attachment or as part of the Project Plan. The figures on the Budget Detail must match the figures on the SF-424 and Cost Summary. The narrative must provide details on eligible activities and all planning and administrative costs including indirect costs.

Ensure that Planning and Administrative Costs (P&A) are below the 20% cap for administrative costs. Indirect costs count toward the P&A cap. P&A costs do not include direct project costs (e.g. certain architectural/engineering, environmental, technical assistance, and staff/overhead costs related to directly carrying out eligible activities).

For applications proposing multiple projects, you may choose to submit a separate Budget Detail for each project. HUD may require successful applicants to update errors on the Budget Detail as a pre-award condition.

#### **Indirect Cost Rate Documentation**

Indirect Cost Information for Award Applicant/Recipient (<u>HUD-426</u>) New Requirement: If you are using a federally negotiated indirect cost rate, then your application must clearly state the approved rate and distribution base in the Budget Detail and amount budgeted in the Cost Summary (HUD-4123, line 5b). You must also include a letter stating the approved rate and distribution base or other documentation from the cognizant agency showing the approved rate; or If you have never had an indirect cost rate and wish to use the de minimis rate, then you must clearly state the intent to use the de minimis 15% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) in accordance with <u>2 CFR 200.414(f)</u>. Indirect Costs rates count toward the Planning

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and Administrative Cost cap of 20% for IHBG-COMP projects.

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#### C. Narratives and Other Attachments

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If applicable, you must upload narrative and other attachments in Grants.gov using the Attachments Form. When using the Attachments Form, you can upload PDF, Word or Excel formats.

Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Response to Rating Factors	Required with the application (non-curable). Also known as Project Plan or Workplan Narrative	See <u>Section V.B.</u> File name: Project Plan
Tribal Resolution Authorizing a TDHE to submit application.	TDHEs only: Required with the application (curable).	Tribal Resolution or Tribal Certification from accepted IHBG IHP. See additional information below
Code of Conduct	If not included in HUD's eLibrary, this document is required with the application (curable).	File name: Code of Conduct  Acceptable Content

#### **Notes on Required Narratives and Non-form Attachments:**

**Project Plan:** The Project Plan, previously the Workplan Narrative, is the response to the rating factors in Section V.B., Merit Review. It addresses all the components of each factor and subfactor and describes the proposed project.

**Tribal Certification:** If an application is submitted by a TDHE on behalf of a Tribe, the application must include either a Tribal certification or resolution on official letterhead authorizing the TDHE to submit the application, or a copy of the Tribal Certification from your Indian Housing Plan (IHP) that states that the Tribe has delegated to the TDHE the authority to submit an IHP on behalf of the Tribe without prior review by the Tribe.

# D. Other Application Content

#### **Supporting Documentation:**

You are strongly urged to submit only information that is required and/or requested in the NOFO or relevant to a specific narrative response. You may submit documentation supporting your project plan like maps, waiting lists, building plans, etc. Attachments must support the rating factors and will not be used in lieu of information provided in the Project Plan in response to the rating factor criteria. Label each page of each attachment with a page number and with a reference to the applicable Rating Factor and Subfactor in the NOFO. Do not submit files containing personal information such as social security numbers or files that

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#### A. Threshold Review

HUD reviews each application to make sure it meets the following threshold requirements. If you meet all threshold requirements, your application will advance to a merit review. If you fail to meet one or more threshold requirements, your application is not eligible for HUD funding.

# 1. Eligible Applicant

You must meet the applicant eligibility criteria in this NOFO. Applications from ineligible applicants are not rated or ranked and will not receive HUD funding.

- a. Multiple Applications Received: HUD will only consider one application for each applicant. If more than one is received, HUD will review the last one received before the application deadline.
- b. **Applications from Corresponding Tribe or TDHE:** HUD will only consider one application per Tribe or its corresponding TDHE. An Indian tribe that authorizes a TDHE to apply on its behalf may not also submit its own application for funding. If an Indian tribe submits an application (in addition to its authorized TDHE application), the tribe's application only the Tribe's will be evaluated.
- c. **Subawards:** Eligible applicants may make subawards to other eligible entities under this NOFO. However, HUD will only assess the entity listed on line 8.a. on the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) throughout this competition.

# 2. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

Applicants with outstanding, unresolved judgments against them for violations of civil rights laws must resolve those judgments before the application submission deadline or the applicant will be deemed ineligible.

- a. An applicant is ineligible for funding if the applicant has received notice of a judgment imposed against them for violations of:
  - the Fair Housing Act or a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing law for discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status; or
  - 2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or the Violence Against Women Act or substantially equivalent state or local laws.
- b. HUD will determine if actions to resolve the judgment taken before the application deadline date will resolve the matter. Examples of actions that may be sufficient to resolve the matter include, but are not limited to:
  - 1. Current compliance with a voluntary compliance agreement signed by all the parties;
  - Current compliance with a HUD-approved conciliation agreement signed by all the parties;

- Current compliance with a conciliation agreement signed by all the parties and approved by the state governmental or local administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter;
- 4. Current compliance with a consent order or consent decree; or
- 5. Current compliance with a final judicial ruling or administrative ruling or decision.

# 3. Timely Submission of Applications

Late applications are not eligible for funding. See deadlines in Section VI of this NOFO.

**4. Correct Funding Opportunity Number:** The Funding Opportunity Number (FON) for this NOFO is FR-6900-N-48. Box 12 on your SF-424 must include this FON. If the FON is missing or incorrectly refers to a different FON, HUD will not review your application and your application is not eligible for funding.

#### 5. Resolution of Enforcement Actions:

HUD will use its records to determine if an applicant has open enforcement actions for program non-compliance related to any ONAP grants. An application from an applicant that has an open or pending Notice of Intent to Impose Remedies (NOI) or an Imposition of Remedies (IOR) will be considered ineligible for funding under this NOFO and HUD will not review the application.

#### 6. Minimum/Maximum Grant Amount:

HUD has established a maximum grant amount of \$7,500,000 and a minimum grant amount of \$500,000. If your application requests more than the maximum applicable grant amount or less than the minimum grant amount under this NOFO, then HUD will not review your application. Applicants must clearly document the amount requested on line 18a of the SF-424.

# 7. Grant Ceilings:

HUD has adopted population-based grant ceiling categories for IHBG Competitive awards based on American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) population or Tribal Enrollment, whichever is higher, from the **2025 Final IHBG Formula** data. IHBG formula data is available on the HUD ONAP IHBG Formula webpage. For TDHE applicants, HUD will combine the highest FY 2025 AIAN or enrollment formula data numbers for each Tribe included in the proposed project to determine the ceiling for the grant award. Please see the table below. Regardless of whether your application proposes one or multiple projects with funding under this NOFO, your application may not receive a grant that exceeds the applicable maximum grant amount set under this NOFO or the grant ceiling for your population. If your application requests more than the maximum applicable grant amount under this NOFO or the applicable grant ceiling (based on IHBG Formula population) HUD will not review the application.

Population	Grant Ceiling
50,001 and above	\$7,500,000

# FY 2025 IHBG-COMP NOFO Grant Ceilings

#### **B. Merit Review**

HUD expects to evaluate and score your application using the following merit criteria and process. Merit reviewers evaluate and score all applications that pass the threshold review. Merit reviewers may include Federal and non-Federal persons. Reviewers receive a copy of your application to evaluate and score each application separately.

#### **Merit Review Summary**

Total number of points = 100 or 104
38 points
30 points
32 points
100 points
2 points
2 points
104 points

# 1. Rating Factors

Your application must include a response to the following criteria.

# **Rating Factors Details**

Rating Factor 1: Project Feasibility	38 points
1.1. Project Summary and Rationale	10 points
1.2. Project Implementation Plan	5 points
1.3. Project Budget	10 points
1.4. Applicant Capacity	10 points
1.5. Commitment to Sustain Project	3 points

# Rating Factor 1: Project Feasibility

# **Subfactor 1.1. Project Summary and Rationale**

Summarize the project to include the rationale behind the project and how it is feasible for the timeline and budget proposed. This brief overview should identify the following components:

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A. **Project Rationale:** State the project's purpose or planned outcome, how it will achieve this purpose, and how the project is cost-effective and likely to be achieved.

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- B. Project Type: New Construction, Rehabilitation, Acquisition, Infrastructure
- C. Housing Use: Rental, Homebuyer, Homeowner, etc.

**Format** 

D. Project Location

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- E. Total Project Budget
- F. Period of Performance
- G. Project Outputs:
- Number of units
- Unit type: single-family, duplex, triplex, etc.
- Unit size: square feet, number of bedrooms and baths.

*If you propose multiple projects*, you must summarize each project. Specify the share of the proposed grant amount for each project. The primary project is the one with the greatest share of the budget.

To receive the **maximum 10 points** for the subfactor, the summary must clearly demonstrate that the project rationale is sound, the project is cost-effective and feasible, and clearly identify all components listed above.

#### Applications will be scored for Subfactor 1.1. as follows:

- 10 points The project rationale is sound, and the plan is feasible and cost-effective.
   The summary clearly described the project and included all the applicable components A-G.
- 8 points The project rationale is sound, and the plan is feasible and cost-effective.
   The summary clearly described the project and included all the applicable components A-G with 1 exception.
- 6 points The project rationale is sound, and the plan is feasible and cost-effective.
   The summary clearly described the project and included all the applicable components
   A-G with no more than 2 exceptions.
- 4 points The project rationale, feasibility, and/or cost-effectiveness is unclear or the summary included all the applicable components A-G with no more than 3 exceptions.
- 0 points The project rationale is not explained, or the plan is not feasible, or the
  application did not provide sufficient information to receive points in this subfactor.

#### **Subfactor 1.2. Project Implementation Plan**

Provide a project implementation plan that includes an Implementation Schedule (<u>HUD-4125</u>) and a narrative Implementation Detail describing the project's implementation.

HUD will evaluate whether your Project Implementation Plan is feasible and reasonable in relation to the proposed project based on the following components:

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- Period of Performance (POP) Start and End Dates
- Expected Closeout Date (90 days from POP End Date)

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- Tasks needed to complete the proposed project
- Completion dates for each task.

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- **B.** Implementation Detail: Clearly describe the:
- Phases of project and their timelines
- Tasks included in each phase of the project
- Milestones marking completion of phases.

**For Infrastructure Projects**: If you propose infrastructure for housing that will be completed after the period of performance, you must describe the planned housing development project and timeline.

To receive the **maximum 5 points** for this subfactor, your implementation plan must be well-developed, feasible, and address all the components described above.

## Applications will be scored for Subfactor 1.2. as follows:

- **5 points -** The project implementation plan clearly and thoroughly addresses **all** the components in A-B.
- 4 points The project implementation plan clearly and thoroughly addresses all the components in A-B with 2 exceptions.
- **0 points -** The project implementation plan clearly and thoroughly addresses all the components in A-B with **3 or more exceptions.**

# **Subfactor 1.3. Project Budget:**

Provide a project budget that includes the Cost Summary (<u>HUD-4123</u>) and a Budget Detail describing the project costs. Your application must demonstrate a feasible project implementation plan that addresses the following components:

- A. The **Cost Summary** must clearly and thoroughly identify the following components:
  - Project activity, its cost, and funding source
  - Planning and Administration Costs
  - If applicable, Indirect Costs
- B. The **Budget Detail** must clearly and thoroughly describe the following components:
  - Breakdown of cost by line item for each proposed activity, including administration and planning costs
  - Description of the relevant qualifications and experience of the individual(s) who prepared the budget
  - If your budget includes indirect costs, you must demonstrate how you are calculating

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these costs in accordance with either your current federally- approved negotiated rate or the de minimis rate in accordance with 2 CFR 200.414

C. The Cost Summary and Budget Detail are thoroughly prepared, and consistent with each other and the rest of the application.

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D. Costs are eligible, allowable, reasonable, and necessary for implementing the proposed project activities. If New Construction, costs are compliant with <a href="Notice PIH 2024-28">Notice PIH 2024-28</a>: Total Development Cost (TDC) for Affordable Housing Under NAHASDA.

If you propose multiple projects, you must provide a Budget Detail for each project.

To receive the **maximum 10 points** for this subfactor, you must clearly and thoroughly address components A-D, as listed above.

#### Applications will be scored for Subfactor 1.3. as follows:

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- 10 points The planned budget clearly and thoroughly addressed all the components A-D as listed above.
- **8 points -** The planned budget clearly and thoroughly addressed components A-D as listed above with **1 exception**.
- 6 points The planned budget *clearly and thoroughly* addressed components A-D as listed above with 2 exceptions.
- 4 points The planned budget adequately addressed components A-D as listed above with 2 exceptions.
- 2 points The planned budget adequately addressed components A-D as listed above with 3 or more exceptions.
- **0 points -** The planned budget adequately addressed components A-D as listed above with **4 or more exceptions.**

## **Subfactor 1.4. Applicant Capacity:**

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Provide information that demonstrates your administrative capacity to implement the proposed project. Include the following information:

- A. List the key roles needed to implement the proposed project (e.g., Project Director, Construction Manager),
- B. Describe each role's responsibilities in implementing the proposed project
- C. Describe the relevant experience of the staff person or contractor in each role or, if the role will need to be filled, when and how the role will be procured.

If HUD identifies a gap in your administrative capacity, it may adjust your rating score in accordance with the scoring criteria and Section V. C. Risk Review.

To receive the **maximum 10 points**, you must clearly and thoroughly address components A-C, as listed above and have qualified staff in all key positions with knowledge, experience, and successes relevant to the project.

## Applications will be scored for Subfactor 1.4. as follows:

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- Described all the key roles that will have major responsibilities in implementing the project,
- Described the responsibilities of all the key roles,

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 Demonstrated that all the staff in those key roles have relevant experience and the capacity to successfully complete and administer the project.

#### • 8 points - The applicant:

- Described all the key roles that will have major responsibilities in implementing the project,
- Described the responsibilities of all the key roles,
- Demonstrated that all but one of the staff in those key roles have relevant experience and the capacity to successfully complete and administer the project. One key role will need to be contracted.

#### 6 points - The applicant:

- Described all the key roles that will have major responsibilities in implementing the project,
- Described the responsibilities of all the key roles,
- Demonstrated that the majority, but not all the staff in those key roles have relevant experience and has addressed this capacity gap. Two key roles will need to be contracted.

#### 2 points - The applicant:

- Described most but not all the key roles that will have major responsibilities in implementing the project, or
- Described most but not all of the responsibilities of those key roles, or
- The three or more key roles do not have relevant experience, and this capacity gap was not addressed by plans to contract for the positions.
- **0 points -** The applicant did not provide sufficient information to demonstrate capacity.

#### Subfactor 1.5. Commitment to Sustain Project

Provide information to clearly and thoroughly address the following:

- A. The anticipated costs of maintaining and operating the units or infrastructure
- B. The intended source of funds to cover these costs
- C. The useful life or affordability period of the units, if applicable.

To receive the **maximum 3 points**, your application must clearly and thoroughly demonstrate a sustainable operational plan that addresses components A-C listed above.

# Applications will be scored for Subfactor 1.5. as follows:

- 3 points The applicant clearly and thoroughly addressed components A-C.
- 2 points The applicant clearly and thoroughly addressed components A-C with 1 exception.
- 1 point The applicant clearly and thoroughly addressed components A-C, with 2 exceptions.
- **0 points -** The applicant did not provide sufficient information to receive points.

# Applicants must meet the minimum score of 25 points for Rating Factor 1 to be funded.

Rating Factor 2: IHBG-COMP Program Priorities	30 points
2.1. Project Type and Outputs	8 points
2.2. Priority Beneficiaries and Outcomes	8 points
2.3. IHBG Formula Need Factor	10 points
2.4. Past IHBG-COMP Awards	4 points

# Rating Factor 2: IHBG-COMP Program Priorities

# **Subfactor 2.1. Project Type and Outputs**

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Provide a detailed description of the project to include the following:

- A. **Project Type:** (New Construction, Rehabilitation, Acquisition, or other)
- B. Project Site: Where the project is located. Note any barriers to implementation like pending lease, purchase, or permitting.
- C. **Description of the Outputs**, as applicable:
- Number of homes or other output
- Unit size (i.e., square footage, number of beds/baths) or scope of other output
- Structure type (e.g., single family, duplex, etc.), if applicable
- Housing Program: (e.g., rental, homebuyer, etc.).

You may attach supporting documentation like floorplans, architectural drawings, maps, and aerial photographs.

HUD is prioritizing applications that increase the number of homes available to low-income Tribal families. The top priority is new construction housing projects that result in new homes to increase local housing stock.

New Construction Housing includes:

New Construction: traditional stick built or alternative housing construction like modular

homes, 3-D printed homes, tiny homes, etc., and the *infrastructure to support the homes completed within the period of performance.* 

Installation of manufactured housing.

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HUD also encourages housing rehabilitation and acquisition of existing housing units that make homes available to low-income Tribal families. Housing Rehabilitation or Existing Home Acquisition includes:

- Rehabilitation of currently owned and managed rental units
- Rehabilitation of low-income private homeowner units
- Acquisition of existing housing units, or acquisition combined with rehabilitation.

In addition, IHBG-COMP may be used for other IHBG eligible activities like Infrastructure to support future new construction including water/sewer, utilities, roads for homes that may not be completed during the period of performance. IHBG-COMP cannot be used for investment or model activities.

*If you have multiple projects*, only your primary project will be scored for this subfactor. But you must provide a description of each project and identify the share of the total costs for each project. Your primary project is the one with the greatest share of the budget.

To receive the **maximum 8 points** for this subfactor, you must clearly identify the project outputs and whether your primary project is New Construction, or it is Housing Rehabilitation and you are in the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile on the <u>Per Capita Income level</u> (PCI) Index.

## Applications will be scored for Subfactor 2.1. as follows:

- 8 points The applicant clearly identified the project outputs, and one of the following applies:
  - The primary project is a New Construction Housing, and the applicant clearly identified the project outputs, or
  - The primary project is Housing Rehabilitation, and the applicant is listed at or below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile on the Per Capita Income Index, and the applicant clearly identified the project outputs.
- 6 points The applicant clearly identified the project outputs, and the primary project is:
  - Existing Home Acquisition, or,
  - Housing Rehabilitation, the applicant is listed above the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile on the Per Capita Income Index, or,
  - Infrastructure to support future housing development that is not to be completed during the period of performance.
- 4 points The applicant clearly identified the project outputs, and the primary project is not New Construction, Housing Rehabilitation, Existing Home Acquisition, or Infrastructure.
- 0 points The applicant did not provide sufficient information to receive points under

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this Subfactor.

#### **Subfactor 2.2. Priority Beneficiaries and Outcomes**

Describe the need for the project, the beneficiaries the project will serve, and project outcomes (how the project output will address their need). Specifically, you must describe the following:

- A. The number of families who will benefit from the project
- B. The need faced by these families (e.g., overcrowded, at risk of homelessness, substandard condition of dwelling, etc.)
- C. Information on how families have been or will be selected
- D. Information on project outcomes such as reducing overcrowding, preventing homelessness, increasing homeownership, or providing homes for low-income families
- E. If applicable, information supporting that 75% or more of the beneficiaries of the project:
- Have no permanent residence,
- Live in overcrowded conditions. Overcrowded is defined in 24 CFR Part 1000.302 as households with more than 1.01 persons per room as defined by the U.S. Decennial Census.
- Live in a home without kitchen or plumbing. Without kitchen or plumbing means an occupied house without one or more of the following items: (1) Hot and cold piped water; (2) Flush toilet; (3) Bathtub or shower; (4) Sink with piped water; (5) Range or cook stove; or (6) Refrigerator.

To receive the **maximum 8 points** for this subfactor, you must clearly and thoroughly address components 1-5, as listed above, and 75% or more of the project beneficiaries fit the specifications of component 5.

# Applications will be scored for Subfactor 2.2. as follows:

- 8 points The applicant clearly and thoroughly addressed all components A-E, as listed above.
- 6 points The applicant clearly and thoroughly addressed components A-E, as listed above, with 1 exception.
- 4 points The applicant clearly and thoroughly addressed components A-E, as listed above, with 2 exceptions.
- 2 points The applicant clearly and thoroughly addressed components A-E, as listed above, with 3 exceptions.
- **0 points -** The applicant did not provide sufficient information to receive points under this Subfactor.

#### Subfactor 2.3. IHBG Formula Need Factor

HUD has prepared an IHBG Formula Needs Factor Table from the 2024 IHBG Formula data

to determine the need for housing in Tribal areas.

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**You do not need to provide any documentation for this subfactor.** HUD will use its records to assign points. For your reference, you can find a copy of the **FY 2025 IHBG-COMP Subfactor 2.3. IHBG Formula Need Factor Table** in the ZIP file with the Application Instructions when you download your application from Grants.gov. It is also posted to the ONAP Codetalk <a href="IHBG-COMP">IHBG-COMP</a> webpage.

To receive the **maximum 10 points** for this subfactor, the applicant's IHBG Needs Factor amount for the Tribe is \$0 - \$1,120, or the Tribe receives the minimum IHBG formula allocation.

# Applications will be scored for Subfactor 2.3. based on the IHBG Formula Needs Table, as follows:

- 10 points The dollar amount for the applicant is \$0 \$1,120, or the tribe receives the minimum IHBG formula allocation.
- **8 points -** The dollar amount for the applicant is \$1,121 \$1,400.
- 6 points The dollar amount for the applicant is \$1,401 \$1,960.
- 4 points The dollar amount for the applicant is \$1,961 \$2,800.
- 2 points The dollar amount for the applicant is \$2,801 \$6,300.
- **0 points -** The dollar amount for the applicant is \$6,301 or higher.

#### **Subfactor 2.4. Past IHBG-COMP Awards**

To facilitate wider access to this highly competitive funding opportunity, maximum points will be awarded if you, or your corresponding Tribe or TDHE, have never received funding under any prior IHBG-COMP NOFOs.

You do not need to provide any documentation for this subfactor. HUD will use its records to assign points.

To receive the maximum 4 points, you have not previously received an IHBG-COMP Grant.

# Applications will be scored for Subfactor 2.4. based on the Prior IHBG-COMP Awards List, as follows:

- 4 points The applicant has not previously receive an IHBG-COMP award.
- 3 points The applicant received 1 IHBG-COMP award.
- 2 points The applicant received 2 IHBG-COMP awards.
- 1 point The applicant received 3 or more IHBG-COMP awards.

Rating Factor 3: Past Performance	32 points
3.1. Undisbursed ONAP Funding	8 points
3.2. Findings	8 points

3.3. Timely Reporting	8 points
3.4. Audit Submissions	8 points

## Rating Factor 3: Past Performance and Funding

#### **Subfactor 3.1. Undisbursed ONAP Funding**

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HUD will assess the cumulative remaining balance for FY 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 grants remaining in Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) as of September 30, 2025.

You do not need to provide any documentation for this subfactor. HUD will use its records to assign points.

The cumulative undisbursed ONAP grant funding will include the following grants:

- Indian Housing Block Grant Formula (IHBG)
- Indian Housing Block Grant Formula Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (IHBG-CARES)
- Indian Housing Block Grant Formula American Rescue Plan Act (IHBG-ARP)
- Indian Housing Block Grant Formula Competitive (IHBG-COMP)
- Tribal Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (TVASH)
- Indian Community Development Block Grant Single Purpose (ICDBG)
- Indian Community Development Block Grant Imminent Threat (ICDBG-IT)
- Indian Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (ICDBG-CARES)
- Indian Community Development Block Grant American Rescue Plan Act (ICDBG-ARP).

For Investing Tribes: IHBG funds identified as invested, per the last SF-425 received before September 30, 2025, will be excluded from the undisbursed funds calculation.

To receive the **maximum 8 points** for this subfactor, your balance of undisbursed ONAP grant funding is 35% or less and all CARES and ARP funds are fully expended.

#### Applications will be scored for Subfactor 3.1. as follows:

- 8 Points The applicant has 35% or less of its ONAP funding remaining undisbursed.
- 6 Points The applicant has between 36% and 50% of its ONAP funding remaining undisbursed.
- 4 Points The applicant has between 51% and 80% of its ONAP funding remaining undisbursed.
- 2 Points The applicant has between 81% and 100% of its ONAP funding remaining undisbursed.

O Points - The applicant has remaining CARES or ARP funding.

# Subfactor 3.2. Findings

HUD will assess whether the applicant has any open findings between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2025.

You do not need to provide any documentation for this subfactor. HUD will use its records or those of partner agencies to evaluate the following types of findings:

- **HUD-ONAP** related Single Audit Findings
- Single Audit Financial Statement findings (HUD-ONAP related or not) that are a Material Weakness, Significant Deficiency, or Repeat Findings
- **HUD-ONAP Monitoring Findings**
- Findings from Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and/or the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) audits or report.

To receive the **maximum 8 points**, you must not have had any of the findings listed above.

You will receive 0 points for this subfactor if you did not submit one or both of your last two audits or if you had HUD-ONAP-related Single Audit or financial statement findings (HUD-ONAP-related or not), that are a Material Weakness, Significant Deficiency, or Repeat Finding during the last two audit periods.

Applications will be scored for Subfactor 3.2. will be scored as as follows:

- 8 points The applicant did not have any open findings during the assessment period.
- 4 points The applicant either had 1 open finding, but it was resolved or was not due for resolution.
- 2 points The applicant had more than 1 open finding, but they were resolved, or not due for resolution.
- **0 points -** The applicant has any of the following:
  - One or more open findings due for resolution but unresolved
  - One or more HUD-ONAP-related Single Audit finding that is a Material Weakness, Significant Deficiency, or Repeat Finding during the last two audit periods
  - One or more financial statement finding that is a Material Weakness, Significant Deficiency, or Repeat Finding during the last two audit periods
  - One or more delinquent audit during the last two audit periods.

# **Subfactor 3.3. Timely Reporting**

HUD will assess the timely submission of required program reporting due between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2025.

You do not need to provide any documentation for this subfactor. HUD will use its

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Required ONAP program reporting includes the following:

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- Annual Performance Reports (APR)
- Annual Status and Evaluation Reports (ASER)
- Federal Financial Reports (SF-425).

To receive the **maximum 8 points** for this subfactor, you must have submitted all required reports timely.

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#### Applications will be scored for Subfactor 3.3. as follows:

- **8 points -** The applicant had **no late** reporting, 100% on time.
- 6 points The applicant submitted no more than 1 report late.
- 4 points The applicant submitted a majority (more than 50%) of reports timely.
- 2 points The applicant submitted a majority (more than 50%) of reports late.
- 0 points The applicant submitted all of its reports late.

#### **Subfactor 3.4. Audit Submissions**

HUD will assess the timely submission and the acceptance of Single Audits to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) for the **last two audit periods**. HUD will use FAC records and HUD records to assign points.

#### You do not need to provide any documentation for this subfactor, unless:

- You were not required to prepare and submit an audit because you did not meet the annual federal funds expenditure threshold. If you were under threshold, note this in your Project Plan for this section.
- You received an extension to submit your audit. Provide documentation of the approved extended due date.

See <u>2 CFR Part 200</u>, <u>Subpart F: Audit Requirements</u> regarding Single Audits and financial statement submission requirements. Note that revisions to <u>2 CFR 200.501</u> reflect an audit threshold of \$1,000,000 in annual federal funds expenditure effective October 1, 2024.

To receive the **maximum 8 points** for this subfactor, you must have submitted the audits for the last two audit periods timely.

#### Applications will be scored for Subfactor 3.4. as follows:

- 8 points One of the following applies:
  - The applicant's annual single audits for the last 2 audit periods were submitted and accepted by the FAC on time, or,
  - The applicant provided documentation supporting that it was not required to complete an audit for the last two audit periods because it did not meet the threshold under 2 CFR part 200, subpart F, or,

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- The applicant provided documentation that it was granted a waiver for the submission of the audit(s), met the extended due date, and received FAC acceptance.
- **0 points -** The applicant **failed to submit** 1 or both of the last 2 single act audits timely.

Applicants must meet a minimum score of 25 points for Rating Factor 1 and 75 points for Rating Factor 1-3 to be funded.

Rating Factor 1	Project Feasibility	38 maximum points
		25 point minimum score for Rating Factor 1
Rating Factor 2	IHBG-COMP Program Priorities	30 maximum points
Rating Factor 3	Past Performance	32 maximum points
		100 Total Points
		75 point minimum score for Rating Factors 1-3
Preference Points	Promise and Opportunity Zones	4 maximum points
		104 Total Application Points

# FY 2025 IHBG-COMP Rating Factor Scoring Table

# 2. Policy Initiative Preference Points

This NOFO supports the following policy initiatives, for which a maximum of four (4) preference points may be awarded.

Preference points are added to your overall application score. You do not need to address the policy initiatives in this section to receive an award. If you choose to address a policy initiative in your application, you must adhere to the information with any award.

#### a. Promise Zones

You may receive up to two (2) points, if your proposed activities support the goals of a Promise Zone. To receive points, you must complete and submit form HUD-50153, Certification of Consistency with Promise Zone Goals and Implementation. An authorized office of the Promise Zone must certify the project meets the criteria included on the form.

#### b. Opportunity Zones

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You may receive up to two (2) points, if your proposed activities are within an <a href="Opportunity Zone">Opportunity Zone</a>. To receive points, you must complete and submit <a href="form HUD-2996">form HUD-2996</a>, Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points. If you expect to use less than 50% of the award in Opportunity Zones, you won't receive preference points. Exceptions may be made if your application justifies the lower percentage or demonstrates a significant impact within those zones.

#### C. Risk Review

Before making an award, HUD will evaluate each applicant's likelihood of successfully implementing an award based on the following criteria.

- OMB-designated repositories of governmentwide data, as noted in 2 CFR 200.206(a)
- Other public sources such as newspapers, Inspector General or Government Accountability Office reports or findings, or other complaints that have been proven to have merit
- Financial stability
- Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards prescribed in 2 CFR part 200
- History of performance. The applicant's record in managing Federal awards, if it is a
  prior recipient of Federal awards, including timeliness of compliance with applicable
  reporting requirements, failing to make significant progress in a timely manner, failing
  to meet planned activities in a timely manner, conformance to the terms and conditions
  of previous Federal awards, and, if applicable, the extent to which any previously
  awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards
- Reports and findings from audits performed under 2 CFR part 200, subpart F—Audit Requirements or the reports and findings of any other available audits
- The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on non-Federal entities
- Capacity of the applicant, including staffing structures and capabilities
- History of timely completion of activities and receipt and expenditure of promised matching or leveraged funds
- Ability to promote self-sufficiency and economic independence

- Ability to produce positive outcomes and results
- History of ONAP program compliance.

HUD may use the results of the risk review to make funding decisions and to apply award conditions.

#### **D. Selection Process**

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When making funding decisions, HUD will consider:

- Eligibility requirements, including threshold review results.
- Merit review results.
- Risk review results.

To the extent allowed by law, HUD may:

- Fund applications in whole or in part.
- Fund applications at a lower amount than requested.
- Choose to fund no applications under this NOFO.
- Adjust funding for an application, to ensure funding or geographic dispersion, and alignment with program or administrative priorities.
- Withdraw an award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application, if terms and conditions are not finalized or met.
- Use additional funds made available after NOFO publication to either fully fund an application or fund additional applications.
- Correct HUD review and selection errors. If HUD commits an error that causes an
  applicant not to be selected, HUD may make an award to that applicant when and if
  funding is available.
- Release another NOFO, if funding is available and if HUD does not receive applications of merit.

#### Additional selection information:

- 1. Rating: Applications that pass the initial eligibility screening and application requirements threshold review will be assessed for responsiveness to the Rating Factors and subfactors during the Merit Review. Based on the rating criteria, each application will be rated and be assigned a total score.
- 2. Minimum Scoring: There is a minimum score of 25 points for Rating Factor 1: Project Feasibility. Applications that do not meet this 25-point minimum will not be considered for funding. There is also an overall score minimum of 75 points for Rating Factors 1-3 (excluding preference points). Applications that do not meet this overall minimum of 75 points will not be considered for funding.
- Ranking: Applications that meet both scoring thresholds will be ranked high to low based on score. HUD will make awards in the order of rank until funds are exhausted.

- 4. Tie-Breakers: When rating results in a tied score among applications and there is not enough money to fund all tied projects, HUD will give priority based on the following factors, in this order, to resolve the tie:
- Application proposing New Construction over Housing Rehabilitation or other IHBG eligible projects
- Application with the greatest number of housing units made available by the project
- Application with the higher score for Rating Factor 3: Past Performance and Funding
- Application with the higher score for Rating Factor 2: IHBG Program Priorities
- Application with the higher score for Rating Factor 1: Project Feasibility
- A random lottery will be used to determine order of funding when the other tiebreakers do not resolve the tie.

#### E. Award Notices

If you are successful, HUD will email an award notice to the authorized official representative from the SF-424. HUD will also notify unsuccessful applicants.

The award notice communicates the amount of the award, important dates, and the terms and conditions you need to follow. HUD may impose specific conditions on an award as provided under <u>2 CFR 200.208</u>.

You agree to the award terms and conditions by either drawing funds from HUD's payment system or signing the agreement with HUD. If you do not agree to the award terms and conditions, HUD may select another eligible applicant.

# VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

- VI. Submissions Requirements and Deadlines
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# VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

You must apply electronically. See <u>Find the Application Package</u> to make sure you have everything you need to apply online. See <u>Application Waiver</u> if you qualify to submit a paper application.

Make sure you are current with <u>SAM.gov</u> and UEI requirements before applying for the award. See the <u>Before You Begin</u> section of this NOFO.

#### A. Deadlines

#### 1. Application submission deadline:

The application deadline is 11:59:59 PM Eastern time on:

01/15/2026

HUD must receive your application by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline are late. Late applications are not eligible for HUD funding.

If HUD receives more than one application from you, HUD will review only the last submission.

HUD may extend an application due date based on emergency situations such as Presidentially-declared natural disasters. Improper or expired registration and password issues are not causes to allow HUD to accept applications after the deadline date.

#### 2. Application Grace Period:

If Grants.gov rejects any application that is submitted before the deadline, you have up to 24 hours after the application deadline to correct and resubmit your application. HUD will not consider any application submitted during the grace period but not received and validated by Grants.gov. There is no grace period for paper applications.

#### **B. Submission Methods**

#### 1. Electronic Submission

You must register and submit your application through Grants.gov. See Before You Begin.

For instructions on how to submit in <u>Grants.gov</u>, see the <u>Quick Start Guide for Applicants</u>. Make sure that your application passes the <u>Grants.gov</u> validation checks or we may not get it.

<u>Grants.gov</u> will record the date and time of your application submission. HUD will use this information to determine timely applications.

**Need Help?** See the Contact and Support section of this NOFO.

## 2. Electronic Submission Application Waiver

You may request a waiver from the requirement to submit your application electronically. The request must show good cause and detail why you are technologically unable to submit

electronically. An example of good cause may include: a valid power or internet service disruption in the area of your business office. Lack of <u>SAM.gov</u> registration is not good cause.

Use the information in the <u>Contact and Support</u> section of this NOFO to submit a written request to HUD. You must **submit your waiver request at least 15 calendar days before the application deadline**.

The receipt timestamp on HUD email determines submission time for paper applications.

#### C. Other Submissions

#### 1. Intergovernmental Review

This NOFO is not subject to Executive Order 12372. No action is needed.

#### 2. Technical Application Errors

HUD may contact you to fix a technical error with your timely application after the due date. Technical errors that you may fix are not submitted to satisfy merit review criteria. And you may not fix technical errors related to threshold review except eligibility entity documentation. Examples of technical errors include: inconsistencies in funding requests; improper signature on a form; a missing or incomplete form; and nonprofit status documentation.

HUD will send notice to the authorized organization representative from the SF-424 to fix a technical error.

Your application is not eligible for funding, if you fail to fix the error to HUD's satisfaction and by the due date in HUD's notice. HUD will not review information submitted after the application due date in HUD's notice.

You will have fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of receipt of the HUD notification to respond to these requirements. HUD will not provide any time extensions. If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, HUD must receive your response on the next business day.

# a. Fix Errors in Electronic Applications

To fix an error in response to a HUD notice, you must email the corrections to HUD at <a href="mailto:applicationsupport@hud.gov">applicationsupport@hud.gov</a>. The subject line of the email to <a href="mailto:applicationsupport@hud.gov">applicationsupport@hud.gov</a> must state "Technical Fix" and include the <a href="mailto:Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> application tracking number (e.g., Subject: Technical Fix - GRANT123456). If you do not email <a href="mailto:applicationsupport@hud.gov">applicationsupport@hud.gov</a> or if you do not include the appropriate subject line, HUD may mark your application as ineligible.

HUD allows no less than 48 hours and no more than 14 calendar days from the date of the HUD notice to fix an error. If the due date to fix an error falls on a Saturday, Sunday, Federal holiday, or on a day when HUD's Headquarters office in Washington, DC is closed, then the due date is the next business day.

# b. Fix Errors in Paper Applications

You must fix an error in your paper application, in accordance with HUD's notice. If your paper application includes an incorrect UEI, HUD will request you supply the correct UEI.

II. Eligibility VI. Submission III. Program IV. Application V. Application VII. Post-Award VIII. Contact and **Appendix** I. Basic Review Information Description Contents and Requirements and Requirements and Support **Format** Information Deadlines Administration

See the Contact and Support section.

#### **D. False Statements**

By submitting an application, you acknowledge your understanding that providing false or misleading information during any part of the application, award, or performance phase of an award may result in criminal, civil or administrative sanctions, including but not limited to: fines, restitution, and/or imprisonment under 18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1012, 18 USC 1010, 18 USC 1014, or 18 USC 287; treble damages and civil penalties under the False Claims Act, 31 USC 3729 et seq.; double damages and civil penalties under the Administrative False Claims Act, 31 USC Sections 3801-3812; civil recovery of award funds; suspension and/or debarment from all federal procurement and non-procurement transactions, FAR Part 9.4 or 2 CFR Part 180; and other remedies including termination of active HUD award.

# VII. POST - AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

VII. Post-Award Requirements and Administration

- A. Administrative, National and Departmental Policy Requirements and General Terms and Conditions
  - B. Environmental Requirements
  - C. Remedies for Noncompliance
    - D. Reporting

#### VII. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Standard post-award requirements are available online at: 24 CFR Part 1000.

#### A. Administrative, National and Departmental Policy Requirements, and **General Terms and Conditions**

You must follow the applicable provisions in the Administrative, National & Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance – 2025. You must comply with these applicable provisions:

- 4. Compliance with Immigration Requirements (8 U.S.C. 1601-1646; Executive Order 14218)
- 5. Accessible Technology requirements, (29 USC § 794d, 29 USC 794, 42 USC 12131-12165) and implementing regulations at 36 CFR part 1194 (Section 508 regulations),24 CFR § 8.6 (Section 504 effective communication regulations), 28 CFR part 35, subpart H (DOJ Web Access Rule), and 28 CFR part 35, subpart E (DOJ's Title II communications regulations)
- 8. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (42 USC § 4601 et seq.) (URA) requirements, 49 CFR part 24, and applicable program regulations
- 9. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation (12 USC 1701z-1; 12 USC 1702z-2; 24 CFR part 60; and FR-6278-N-01)
- 10. OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR part 200)
- 11. Drug-Free Workplace requirements (2 CFR part 2429)
- 12. HUD requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files (e.g., 2 CFR 200.303(e))
- 13. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (2 CFR part 170) (FFATA), as amended
- 14. Eminent Domain
- 15. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements (29 USC § 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR parts 8 and 100; 28 CFR part 35
- 17. Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct, including 2 CFR 200.317, 2 CFR 200.318(c) and other applicable conflicts of interest requirements
- 18. Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act procurement purchase requirements
- 19. Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 USC § 7104(g)) and implementing regulations at 2 CFR part 175
- 20. Environmental requirements that apply in accordance with 24 CFR part 50 or part 58
- 21. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (41 USC § 3901 note prec., 2 CFR 200.216)
- 22. Unless prohibited by law and to the extent permitted under the Freedom of Information

Act (FOIA), your application and post-award content may be released to the public in response to FOIA requests, except to the extent that certain information may be withheld under a FOIA exemption (5 USC § 552(b); 24 CFR 15.107(b)). HUD may also share your information within HUD or with other Federal agencies if HUD determines that sharing is relevant to the respective program's objectives.

- 23. Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections. 41 USC § 4712, which includes informing your employees in writing of their rights and remedies, in the predominant native language of the workforce. Under 41 U.S.C. § 4712, employees of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, and personal services contractor may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant. (See Federal Contractor or Grantee Protections | Office of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development (hudoig.gov))
- 24. Implementing Presidential Executive Actions affecting federal financial assistance programs, as advised by the Department, unless otherwise restricted by law: Executive Order (EO) 14219 (Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative); 14218 (Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders); guidance resulting from the White House Task Force established by 14202 (Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias) and the Senior Advisor to the White House Faith Office assigned by 14205 (Establishment of the White House Faith Office); 14182 (Enforcing the Hyde Amendment); 14173 (Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity); 14168 (Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government); 14151 (Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing); and 14148 (Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions)

# **B.** Environmental Requirements

#### 1. Environmental Review

You must follow these environmental review requirements, including regulations at:

24 CFR part 50

24 CFR part 58

All awards under this NOFO will be conditioned on the successful completion of an environmental review, and environmental reviews must be completed before funds are released.

Applicants must comply with HUD environmental review requirements, in accordance with 24 CFR 1000.18-1000.24. An Indian tribe can assume environmental responsibilities under 24 CFR part 58 or decline to assume environmental responsibilities and request HUD perform the review under 24 CFR part 50, in accordance with 24 CFR 1000.20(a). The timing of HUD

undertaking the environmental review will be subject to the availability of resources.

An environmental review, all required notifications, and approval of the Request for Release of Funds and Certification when applicable under 24 CFR part 58 or HUD's approval of the project or activity under 24 CFR part 50, must be completed before a recipient may commit HUD or non-HUD funds, or take any other choice limiting action, including but not limited to real property acquisition, demolition, disposition, rehabilitation, repair, new construction, site preparation or clearance, ground disturbance, and leasing. Any mitigating/remedial measures required by the responsible entity (or HUD) must be carried out. Environmental review resources are available on the Codetalk Environmental Resources page at <a href="CodeTalk Environmental Resources">CodeTalk Environmental Resources</a> | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

#### 2. NOFO Impact Determination Related to the Environment

This NOFO provides funding under, and does not alter the environmental requirements of, 24 CFR 1000.18. So, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(5)(i), this NOFO is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of1969 (42 USC § 4321). Activities under the NOFO are subject to environmental review requirements at 24 CFR 1000.18 - 1000.24 and Part 50 or 58.

#### 3. Lead-Based Paint Requirements

You must follow the lead-based paint rules below if you fund any work on pre-1978 housing. This includes buying, leasing, support services, operating, or work that disturbs painted surfaces.

- HUD's rules (Lead Disclosure Rule; and Lead Safe Housing Rule).
- EPA's rules (Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule, and Lead Abatement, Inspection and Risk Assessment Rule).

# C. Remedies for Noncompliance

HUD may apply the standard <u>remedies for noncompliance</u>. HUD may also impose additional conditions to remedy noncompliance with any federal, state, or local statutes, regulations, or terms and conditions of the award. If noncompliance cannot be remedied, HUD may terminate a Federal award, in whole or in part, consistent with 2 CFR 200.340 - 200.343.

HUD may apply the remedies at <u>24 CFR 1000.532</u> for program non-compliance or impose additional conditions to remedy noncompliance with any federal, state, or local statutes, regulations, or terms and conditions of the financial assistance award. If noncompliance cannot be remedied, HUD may terminate a federal award, in whole or in part, for any of the reasons specified in <u>24 CFR 1000.534</u>.

Failure to make progress, as evidenced by failing to meet planned activities described in the IHBG Implementation Schedule (Form HUD-4125), may constitute substantial noncompliance under <u>24 CFR 1000.534</u>. HUD will review the circumstances of each grantee on a case-by-case basis to determine if the noncompliance is substantial.

If HUD finds, after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing, that a recipient has failed to

comply substantially with any provision of NAHASDA or the regulations in this part, HUD shall carry out actions with respect to the recipient's current or future grants, which may result in termination of the grant, as appropriate, under 24 CFR 1000.532.

## **D.** Reporting

HUD requires recipients to submit the performance, financial, and program reports as outlined below. You must comply with these reporting requirements to remain eligible for HUD funding. See <u>Section VII.C.</u> of this NOFO.

HUD is implementing new grants management and reporting tools, which will be rolled out for your use in the near term. As a grantee, you will be required to report on grant performance and financial activities (including vendor and cash disbursement supporting details for yourself and your sub-recipients) using these new tools when they are released. HUD will work with you to support your transition to this new reporting environment. Once implemented, timely reporting in this new environment will be mandatory. HUD reserves the right to exercise all available rights and remedies for any noncompliance with these grants management and financial reporting requirements, to include requiring 100% review or stopping future disbursements altogether if reporting is not timely submitted.

Report	Description	When
Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)	Awards equal to or greater than \$30,000	
	<ul> <li>Data on executive compensation and first- tier subawards</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>See <u>Public Law 109-</u>         282 and <u>2 CFR part</u>         170     </li> </ul>	See 2 CFR Appendix A to Part 170(a)(2)(ii)
	<ul> <li>HUD reports initial prime recipient data to <u>usaspending.gov</u></li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Submit via <u>SAM.gov</u></li> </ul>	
Reporting on Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters	Total value of all current Federal awards exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award	See 2 CFR Appendix-XII to Part 200 I.(d)
	See <u>Appendix XII to 2</u> <u>CFR 200</u>	

Report	Description	When
	Submit via <u>SAM.gov</u>	
Annual Progress Report (APR)	<ul> <li>Project Achievements and expenditures.</li> </ul>	24 CFR 1000.514
Federal Financial Report, SF- 425	<ul> <li>Summary of key financial data</li> <li>See <u>2 CFR 200.328</u></li> </ul>	See <u>2 CFR 200.328</u> or award terms
Audited financial statement	Recipient's organizational structure, any sub-grantees or sub-recipients, and how each disbursement of grant funds was applied to an eligible cost throughout the life of the grant to receive disbursements of Federal funds.	No less than annually

# **VIII. CONTACT AND SUPPORT**

- VIII. Contact and Support
  - A. Agency Contact
    - B. Grants.gov
    - C. Sam.gov
    - D. Debriefing
- E. Applicant Experience Survey
  - F. Other Online Resources

## VIII. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals who have speech or communication disabilities may use a relay service. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, visit the webpage for the <u>Federal Communications Commission</u>.

## A. Agency Contact

#### 1. Program and Application Requirements

Name: Rebecca L. Halloran

Phone: IHBGCompetitiveProgram@hud.gov Email: IHBGCompetitiveProgram@hud.gov

Note: HUD's assistance is limited by the standards at <u>24 CFR 4.26</u>.

#### 2. Paper Application Waiver Request

Name: Rebecca Halloran

Email: IHBGCompetitiveProgram@hud.gov Phone: IHBGCompetitiveProgram@hud.gov

**HUD Organization: Office of Public and Indian Housing** 

Street: email IHBGCompetitiveProgram@hud.gov

City: Washington

DC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**HUD Reform Act.** HUD is prohibited from disclosing <u>covered selection information</u> during the selection process. The selection process includes NOFO development and publication, and concludes with the announcement of selected recipients of financial assistance. HUD will not assist you with completing your application.

# **B.** Grants.gov

Grants.gov provides 24/7 support. You can call 800-518-4726 or email <a href="mailto:support@grants.gov">support@grants.gov</a>. Hold on to your ticket number.

# C. SAM.gov

If you need help, you can call 866-606-8220 or live chat with the Federal Service Desk.

# D. Debriefing

After public announcement of awards, HUD will debrief you on your application upon your written request. Submit your written request to the <u>agency contact for program and application requirements</u> in this NOFO. HUD may limit the information provided to protect the integrity of the competition.

HUD will offer debriefs for a period of 120 calendar days, beginning 30 calendar days after

the public announcement of awards under this NOFO. You must submit a written request for debriefing via mail or email.

Information provided during a debriefing may include your final score for each rating factor, panel comments for each rating factor, and basis for HUD's funding decision.

#### **E. Applicant Experience Survey**

You are encouraged to provide feedback on your application experience by completing our <u>Applicant Experience Survey</u>. Your feedback is optional; you are not required to provide personal information. HUD may use your feedback to improve future NOFOs. Your feedback has no impact on funding decisions.

#### F. Other Online Resources

You are encouraged to review the <u>online resources</u> for context on some of the NOFO requirements.

# **APPENDIX**

**Appendix** 

**Appendix I Definitions** 

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# **Appendix I. Definitions**

#### 1. Standard Definitions

For standard definitions not listed below, refer to 2 CFR 200.1.

**Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)** - statutory obligation to affirmatively further the purposes and policies of the Fair Housing Act (see also <u>24 CFR 5.151</u>, as amended by 90 FR 11020).

**Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)** is the official within your organization with the legal authority to: give assurances, make commitments, submit your application to HUD, enter into agreements, and execute such documents on behalf of your organization. The AOR is not necessarily the Project Director. The AOR has <u>defined privileges</u> within Grants.gov.

**Eligibility requirements** are mandatory requirements for an application to be considered for funding.

**Grants.gov** is the website serving as the Federal government's central portal for searching and applying for federal financial assistance.

**Opportunity Zone (OZs)** are defined in <u>26 U.S.C. 1400Z-1</u>. In general, OZs are census tracts located in low-income communities where new investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment.

**Primary Point of Contact (PPOC)** is the person HUD may contact with questions about the application submitted. The PPOC is listed in item 8F on the SF-424.

**Promise Zones (PZs)** are <u>designated high poverty areas in select urban, rural and tribal communities</u>. The communities prioritize: increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities, leveraging private investment, reducing violent crime, enhancing public health and addressing other priorities identified by the community.

System for Award Management (SAM) has the same meaning as 2 CFR 25.100(b).

**Threshold Requirements** are eligibility requirements you must meet before HUD advances to a merit review of your application.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) has the same meaning as 2 CFR 25.100(a).

# 2. Program Definitions.