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# Automated Permitting Systems Demonstration NOFO

PDR-2600-DC-0290

Applications are due by 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time on 07/13/2026.

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# BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, register in the required systems and review the application materials. If you are already registered, confirm that your information is current and active.

## **SAM.gov Registration**

You must have an active and up-to-date account with [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov), at the time of application and throughout the life of any award.

To register, go to [SAM.gov Entity Registration](https://sam.gov) and click Get Started. From the same page, you can also click the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.

It can take several weeks to register in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov), so get started now if you are planning to apply. [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) 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 [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) registration. This requires a [Login.gov](https://login.gov) registration as well. See step-by-step instructions at the [Grants.gov Quick Start Guide for Applicants](https://grants.gov). You must apply for funding using [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov), unless HUD has approved your [waiver request](#).

See [Section VI.B](#). Submission Methods.

## **Find the Application Package**

Use the Grants Search at [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and search for opportunity number PDR-2600-DC-0290 . 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 Grants.gov, contact the Support Center on [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov).

To get updates on changes to this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), click Subscribe from the View Grant Opportunity page on [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov).

### **Application Deadline**

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### **HUD Listserv**

To get **email alerts** about current and future funding opportunities, **subscribe** to [HUD's Funding Opportunities listserv](#).

# I. BASIC INFORMATION

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## I. BASIC INFORMATION

See [Contact and Support](#) section of this NOFO.

### A. Summary

**Federal Agency Name:**

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**HUD Program Office:**

Policy Development and Research

**Announcement Type:**

Initial

**Program Type:**

Discretionary

**Paperwork Reduction Act Information:**

2501-0044

**Due Date for Intergovernmental Review:**

See [Section VI.C.1.](#)

#### Key Facts

**Opportunity Name:**

Automated Permitting Systems Demonstration NOFO

**Opportunity Number:**

PDR-2600-DC-0290

**Federal Assistance Listing(s):**

14.506

#### Key Dates

**Application Due Date:**

11:59:59 PM Eastern Time on:

07/13/2026

**Anticipated Award Date:**

08/31/2026

**Estimated Performance Period Start Date:**

10/01/2026

**Estimated Performance Period End Date:**

10/01/2029

### 1. NOFO Summary

The Automated Permitting Systems Demonstration NOFO is intended to support jurisdictions that will deploy automated building code permitting systems and partner with HUD to evaluate their applicability and effectiveness within real-world operating conditions. This demonstration will test the real-world deployment of an automated permitting platform within a government

permitting environment to evaluate its effects on processing timelines, workflow efficiency, staff roles, and applicant experience. The demonstration will generate empirical evidence on operational performance, costs, governance needs, and potential cost savings to inform broader adoption by state and local jurisdictions.

## 2. Funding Details

### Type of Funding Instrument

CA (Cooperative Agreement)

### Available Funds

Funding of approximately **\$3,000,000** 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.

### Estimated Number of Awards

6 awards from [available funding](#)

The minimum award amount is \$300,000 and the maximum award amount is \$1,500,000.

### Length of Performance Period:

36-month project period and budget period

Other

Length of Periods Explanation:

Applicants should select a period of performance that aligns with the proposed project. The period of performance will vary by project based on the level of complexity and the proposed methodology. In selecting a period of performance, you should consider activities that typically cause delays, such as data acquisition or collection. The minimum period of performance is 12-months and the maximum period of performance is 36-months.

## B. Agency Contact(s)

See [Contact and Support](#) section of this NOFO.

## II. ELIGIBILITY

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#### A. Eligible Applicants

#### B. Eligible Applications

#### C. Cost Sharing or Matching

## II. ELIGIBILITY

### A. Eligible Applicants

If your organization is not an eligible applicant, your application won't be reviewed or scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD.

#### 1. Eligible Entity Types:

00 (State governments)

01 (County governments)

02 (City or township governments)

07 (Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized))

#### Additional Information on Eligibility

You cannot apply as an individual.

[Faith-based organizations](#) may apply just like any other organization. [HUD does not have any policies or practices that unfairly target these institutions.](#)

#### 2. Restrictions

##### a. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

You must meet the current [General Statutory and Regulatory Eligibility Requirements](#). If you do not meet these requirements, your application won't be scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD. This is a threshold requirement for all HUD funding.

##### b. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

If you have any outstanding or unresolved judgments for violating civil rights laws, you must settle them before you apply. If you don't, settle the civil rights law violations before you apply, your application won't be scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD. This is a threshold requirement for all HUD funding.

### B. Eligible Applications

1. An application from an [eligible entity](#) is considered for funding if it meets basic [threshold requirements](#) and passes [merit review](#).

2. Your application must support the [goals](#) of this NOFO.

3. Awards made under this NOFO will not be used to conduct activities that subsidize or facilitate illegal racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination, including activities where race or intentional proxies for race will be used as a selection criterion for employment or program participation.

### C. Cost Sharing or Matching

This Program does not require [cost sharing or matching](#).

# III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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### A. Purpose

### B. Goals and Objectives

### C. Authority

### D. Unallowable Costs

### E. Indirect Costs

## III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### A. Purpose

As the President said in his Executive Order on Removing Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Home Construction (March 13, 2026):

*The American dream of homeownership depends on a dynamic housing market in which a varied inventory of new homes is built and renovated each year. Layers of unnecessary regulatory barriers, slow permitting processes, and onerous mandates at all levels of government have delayed construction, restricted development, and driven up the costs of new housing. These constraints have made housing less affordable for many Americans.*

*It is the policy of my Administration to reduce regulatory barriers to building homes and to steward taxpayer dollars in a manner that promotes housing affordability.*

HUD has developed the Automated Permitting System Demonstration NOFO to address slow housing permitting processes by collaborating with States and local governments to test new automated permitting tools that may increase the speed and lower the cost of permitting, with the broader aims of promoting housing affordability.

The demonstration will support jurisdictions that will deploy automated building code permitting systems and partner with HUD to evaluate their applicability and effectiveness within real-world operating conditions. This demonstration will test the real-world deployment of an automated permitting platform within a government permitting environment to evaluate its effects on processing timelines, workflow efficiency, staff roles, and applicant experience. The demonstration will generate empirical evidence on operational performance, costs, governance needs, and potential cost savings to inform broader adoption by state and local jurisdictions.

The demonstration is necessary because it addresses the budget and implementation constraints that affect the willingness of local governments to adopt new technology. The demonstration provides funding to support the implementation and execution of the product. Government support is critical for encouraging the experimentation with technology that will create the evidence needed to encourage adoption at a national scale.

By supporting the adoption of automated permitting processes, the demonstration will advance the President's Executive Order on Removing Barriers to American Leadership on Artificial Intelligence (January 23, 2025), which stated that "it is the policy of the United States to sustain and enhance America's global AI dominance in order to promote human flourishing, economic competitiveness, and national security."

**HUD substantial involvement.** HUD expects to execute cooperative agreements with selected applicants under this NOFO. As such, the following examples of HUD substantial involvement are expected:

- Review and final approval of the overall project management plan.
- Review and final approval of the project plan which may include data collection protocols, data collection instruments, and analytic plans.

- Review and approval of any written materials documenting results.
- Support in identifying available and relevant data assets and facilitating access to select data assets, where feasible.
- Regularly scheduled meetings to discuss project progress.
- Review and approval of any changes in key personnel or employment of any external consultants.

## B. Goals and Objectives

The primary purpose of the NOFO is to demonstrate and document the implementation of automated permitting and plan review systems for testing the real-world deployment of an automated permitting platform within a government permitting environment to evaluate its effects on processing timelines, workflow efficiency, staff roles, and applicant experience.

Through this demonstration, HUD seeks to accelerate the adoption of automated permitting platforms in willing jurisdictions, gather operational data on performance and implementation challenges, and develop practical guidance for other permitting offices considering similar investments. The resulting findings are intended to inform future state and local policy, technical assistance, and permitting modernization efforts nationwide. Additionally, jurisdictions will track core metrics for their administrative permitting process, including permit timelines, revision cycles, and review outcomes, before and after implementation of an automated permitting system. The demonstration will quantify changes in permit processing time, staff workload, applicant experience, and costs (in dollars and percentages) resulting from the use of automated permitting, and to identify the data, governance, and operational conditions required for effective use of these technologies.

Funding would cover the initial three-year period of the software licensing, costs associated with hardware or cloud-based infrastructure necessary to support system operation, as well as salaries and expenses for staff to manage the adoption and operation of the system, including assembling data to document outcomes. Participating jurisdictions could deploy systems such as PermitFlow, Blitz Permits, CivCheck, Permitify, or similar platforms that assist with application intake, completeness checks, automated code screening, and digital workflow management. These examples are provided for illustrative purposes only and do not constitute an endorsement. Recipients must conduct all procurements in accordance with 2 CFR 200.319 and related procurement requirements to ensure full and open competition. While these systems are increasingly marketed to state and local governments, there is limited publicly available documentation of implementation experiences, staffing implications, and governance considerations.

Jurisdictions will document how these systems affect processing times, accuracy of application, staffing workloads, and applicant interactions, and will highlight integration protocols for use with any existing permitting software. Findings from these demonstrations will be used to produce case studies, practical guidance, and/or published recommendations to help state and local permitting offices evaluate how automated permitting solutions can improve the consistency, predictability, and efficiency of residential permitting processes. Ultimately, an intended outcome of this is that it will lead to a better understanding of automated permitting processes, highlight both the advantages as well as any challenges of

automated permitting, and provide a playbook for other jurisdictions interested in integrating this technology.

Research supported under this funding opportunity must be consistent with the tenets of Gold Standard Science that are outlined in the Executive Order published May 23, 2025 titled [Restoring Gold Standard Science](#). Applicants should become familiar with all other applicable current and future Executive Orders, a listing of which is found [here](#).

## C. Authority

This program is authorized by Sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. §1701z-1 and §1701z-2) and funding is provided by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119-4, approved March 15, 2025).

## D. Unallowable Costs

Funds may not be used for a doctoral dissertation research NOFO. However, doctoral students may work on projects funded under this NOFO, and costs such as stipends or tuition remission may be allowable if reasonable, necessary, and directly related to the proposed research, consistent with 2 CFR 200.466.

The recipient or subrecipient must not earn or keep any profit. HUD will determine whether the salary rates are reasonable, customary for the skill set provided and the tasks to be conducted, and in accordance with federal legal requirements.

Lease or rental of space for any activities supported through this NOFO is allowed only under the following conditions:

- The lease must be for existing facilities not requiring rehabilitation or construction except for minimal alterations to make the facilities accessible for a person with disabilities;
- No repairs or renovations of the property may be undertaken with funds from this NOFO; and
- Properties in the Coastal Barrier Resources System designated under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501) cannot be leased or rented with federal funds.

Unallowable costs include unrelated capital expenditures, infrastructure projects not tied to permitting operations, or system purchases used for non-permitting purposes.

## E. Indirect Costs

If you expect to charge [indirect costs](#) to the award, submit the Indirect Cost Information for Award Applicant/Recipient form (HUD-426) with your application.

## F. Program History

This is a new funding opportunity.

## G. Other Information

### Eligible Activities

Grant funds may be used to support both technology acquisition and the staff capacity required to implement and operate automated permitting systems and document results. Allowable costs may include, but are not limited to, the following categories:

### **Technology and System Costs**

Subscription or licensing fees for automated permitting or plan review systems. Usage of funds must be limited to the period of performance or prorated accordingly.

- Costs associated with integrating new tools with existing permitting or municipal IT systems.
- Data migration, system configuration, testing, and initial deployment activities.
- Hardware or cloud-based infrastructure necessary to support system operation. Costs for hardware and related information technology infrastructure necessary to support the implementation and operation of automated permitting systems may be allowable, subject to prior written approval by HUD. Such costs must be clearly justified as essential to the approved scope of work, directly allocable to the project, and reasonable in cost and scale. Hardware purchases must not involve facility construction, rehabilitation, or permanent building improvements. Equipment with a per-unit acquisition cost of \$10,000 or more is subject to the requirements of 2 CFR § 200.313 and must be specifically identified and approved by HUD prior to purchase. All hardware costs must comply with applicable federal procurement standards and HUD grant management policies.

Grant funds may be used to purchase, implement, and operate automated permitting and plan review systems, including digital and artificial intelligence-enabled tools, when those costs are necessary to carry out the approved project and comply with federal requirements.

Allowable technology and system costs may include software, hardware, and related services, as described below.

### **Software Costs**

- Funds may be used for subscription fees, licenses, or usage-based costs for digital permitting, plan review, workflow automation, or AI-enabled platforms. These costs must be limited to the period of performance or prorated accordingly.
- Some software, including AI-enabled systems, may meet the definition of a capital asset under federal regulations. When software is considered a capital asset, its purchase is treated as a capital expenditure and is subject to the requirements of 2 CFR § 200.439 and requires prior written approval from HUD.
- Costs to integrate new software with existing permitting or municipal information technology systems are allowable when they are directly related to the approved scope of work. This includes data migration, system configuration, testing, validation, and initial deployment activities needed to place the system into service.

### **Hardware, Infrastructure, and Capital Equipment**

- Funds may be used to purchase hardware or cloud-based infrastructure needed to support the implementation and operation of automated permitting systems, subject to

prior written approval from HUD.

- All hardware and infrastructure costs must be clearly justified as essential to the project, directly related to the approved activities, and reasonable in cost and scale. These costs may not include construction, rehabilitation, or permanent improvements to buildings or facilities.
- Capital expenditures for equipment or software are allowable only when approved by HUD and consistent with 2 CFR § 200.313 and 200.439.

### Limits on Capital Costs

- HUD expects that capital equipment and capital software costs will make up only part of the total award. Applicants should balance these costs with staffing, training, implementation, and operational activities.
- As a general guideline, applicants should expect that combined capital expenditures for equipment and capital software will not exceed 40 percent of the total award amount. HUD may approve a higher or lower amount based on the project scope and the justification provided.
- All capital assets purchased with grant funds must primarily support the funded project. Equipment or software may continue to be used after the period of performance if the original project purpose has been completed and federal interest is protected, consistent with 2 CFR § 200.313.

### Procurement and Federal Interest

- All technology, equipment, and software purchases must follow applicable federal procurement standards including, 2 CFR §§ 200.317 through 200.327 and HUD grant management policies.
- Recipients may retain ownership of equipment and capital software purchased with grant funds, but that ownership is subject to federal requirements. Recipients must properly track, manage, and safeguard these assets and follow federal rules for use, transfer, or disposal, as required by 2 CFR §§ 200.313 and 200.439.

### Budget Justification

- Applications that include capital equipment or capital software must provide a clear budget justification that explains:
  - Why the equipment or software is needed to carry out the project;
  - How it supports automated permitting outcomes;
  - How the equipment or software will be used after the project ends; and
  - How the recipient will manage and safeguard the asset to protect the federal government's interest.

### Staffing and Operational Costs

- Funds may be used for salaries and related expenses for staff responsible for implementation, system administration, workflow redesign, and oversight of automated

review functions;

- Training for permitting staff, plan reviewers, and information technology personnel whose roles directly support the implementation, operation, and maintenance of the automated permitting system;
- Outreach and applicant education related to new permitting processes;
- Costs associated with data collection and reporting; and
- Administrative costs related to managing the grant, either direct or indirect costs, consistent with the recipient's approved cost allocation method.

### **Research and Evaluation Support**

- Funds may be used for assembly and reporting of administrative data on processes and outcome; and
- Participation in interviews, workshops, demonstrations, and peer learning activities with HUD approval and that are directly related to performance monitoring, evaluation, or dissemination.

### **Deliverables**

HUD cooperative agreements require certain activities and deliverables as part of award and project management.

Award management activities and deliverables include:

- **Opening Meeting:** a meeting with HUD staff to review the terms and conditions of the award.
- **Quality Control Plan:** a written document that outlines the awardee's proposed approach to quality control for all activities and deliverables to be produced over the period of performance.
- **Management & Work Plan:** a written document that outlines the expected workflow for the project over the period of performance, providing a project timeline, the allocation of staff and other resources to each task, and a strategy to address any potential challenges to completing the project on time and within budget.
- **Quarterly Progress Reports:** a narrative summary of accomplishments of the awardee over the prior quarter, discussion of any deviations from the initial schedule of progress, and a summary of how those deviations impact the project and how the Grantee recommends handling the deviation. Documentation of work completed during the prior quarter should align with financial reporting submitted in the same quarter, including any invoices submitted to draw down funding from the award.
- **Final Closeout Report:** a report documenting the final breakdown of overall award spending over the full period of performance.

Project management activities and deliverables include:

- **Pre/Post Data Reporting:** the regular collection and reporting of administrative data generated through normal permitting operations, including permit processing times,

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review cycles, resubmissions, and staff touchpoints, before and after system deployment.

- Interim Deliverables: Quarterly updates and yearly formal briefings summarizing early lessons learned, operational impacts, and what changes are being made to facilitate the learnings.
- Final Report and Briefing: Report covering the overall demonstration project and a virtual or in-person briefing of the study findings for HUD staff at the conclusion of the project.

PD&R's grants management staff and the Governmental Technical Representative (GTR) for the cooperative agreement will work closely with awardees to further define deliverables during the project. Final work products must be well-written and adhere to plain language principles. The final report must be of publishable quality and conform to PD&R's Guidelines on Preparing a Report for Publication. All final work products must be compliant with § 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d). HUD anticipates publishing the final deliverable(s) on our website at [www.huduser.gov](http://www.huduser.gov). Following submission of the final report, PD&R encourages grantees to seek additional outlets for publishing and communication findings.

# IV. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

## IV. Application Contents and Forms

### A. Standard Forms, Assurances, and Certifications

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## IV. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

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.

15 pages is the total maximum length of all narratives.

Other

The application includes a narrative and all required forms and attachments. Content beyond the indicated page limits (see Section IV.C) will not be reviewed. Charts and tables are allowed and count toward the page limits. All narratives and attachments must be single-spaced 12-point Times New Roman font on letter sized paper (8 ½ x 11 inches) with at least 1-inch margins on all sides. Requirements for applications are described in Sections IV.A, IV.B., and IV.C.

### 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 [Grants.gov Forms](#). You can also [read more about standard forms](#) on HUD's Funding Opportunities page.

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-424
Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-424B

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
(HUD 424-B)		
Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD 2880)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-2880
Certification of a Drug-Free Workplace	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-50070
Certification Regarding Lobbying	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: Lobbying Certification form
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-LLL

All applicants must submit all required forms as indicated in the Forms/Assurances/Certifications column above.

## 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.

Applicants must submit the following budget-related information to support your project narrative: 1) the Grant Application Detailed Budget Worksheet (HUD-424-CBW); 2) the Indirect Cost Information Certification (HUD-426); and 3) the budget narrative, as described below in [Section IV.C.](#)

Budget Form/Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Grant Application Detailed Budget Worksheet (HUD-424-CBW)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-424CBW Form location: download instructions
Indirect Cost Information Certification (HUD-426)	If applicable, this document is required with the application and after award	Page limit: Not applicable File name: ICR Doc. Form location: download instructions

## C. Narratives and Other Attachments

If applicable, you must upload narrative and other attachments in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using the Attachments Form. When using the Attachments Form, you can upload PDF, Word or Excel formats.

The table below describes the submission requirements for a complete application. Applicants must submit all required forms as indicated in the Notes/Description column as indicated below.

Form/ Document	Submission requirement	Notes/ Description
Code of Conduct	If not included in <a href="#">HUD's eLibrary</a> , this document is required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: Code <a href="#">Acceptable Content</a>
Cover Sheet	Required with the application	Page limit: 1 File name: Cover Sheet The Cover Sheet is described in more detail below.
Project Abstract	Required with the application	Page limit: 2 File name: Project Abstract Additional information below.
Resumes of Key Staff	Required with the application	Page limit: 6 Resume of no more than two pages per person for up to three key personnel. File name: Resumes
Narrative Response to Rating Factors	Required with the application	Page limit: 15 File name: Narrative Response Additional information below.
Budget narrative	Required with the application	Page limit: 3 File name: Budget Narrative
Letters of commitment	Required with the application, if applicable	Page limit: N/A File name: Letters of

Form/ Document	Submission requirement	Notes/ Description
		Commitment

In addition to the requirements above, the following additional information applies to the "Narratives and Other Attachments."

- **Cover Sheet** (One-Page Maximum): The cover sheet must include the applicant's legal name, a statement regarding whether the applicant has previously been a recipient of PD&R funding, and project title.
- **Project Abstract** (Two-Page Maximum): Applicants must submit a Project Abstract written in plain language for a general audience that provides a clear, stand-alone summary of the proposed project. The abstract must include the project title; the names and affiliations of the Project Director, key project team members, and any partner organizations with a brief description of their roles; a concise summary of the project objectives, overall study design, and expected results; and the total amount of HUD funding requested. The Project Abstract is for informational purposes only, will not be evaluated or scored, and does not count toward the narrative limit. Any information the applicant wishes HUD to consider in scoring must be included in the appropriate rating factor narrative, not in the Project Abstract.
- **Narrative Response to Rating Factors** (15-Page Maximum): Applicants must submit a project narrative that directly and clearly responds to each of the rating factors identified in Section V.B.1 (Rating Factors 1 through 4). The narrative must be organized by rating factor, with each section clearly labeled to correspond to the applicable factor. All required project descriptions and explanations must be included within the narrative responses to the rating factors and formatted in accordance with Section IV. Any information not provided within, or explicitly referenced by, the rating factor responses will not be reviewed or scored. Points for each rating factor will be based solely on the content submitted in response to that specific factor, including any appendices that are clearly cited in the narrative. Applicants may submit additional supporting materials as appendices; however, these materials will be considered only if they are referenced in the relevant rating factor response and clearly labeled in the footer with the corresponding rating factor they support.
- **Supporting Materials.** Include, as appendices, required materials that are needed to support your responses to the rating factors, particularly rating factor 3. These will not be counted towards the Rating Factors narrative 15-page limit.
  - Applicants must provide brief resumes or position descriptions for the proposed staff, including the Project Director and up to two additional key personnel (total of three). Each resume must not exceed two pages and is limited to information that is relevant in assessing the qualifications and experience of key personnel who will be managing, implementing, or evaluating the proposed demonstration.
  - Additionally, applicants should include the following in supporting materials:
    - Organizational chart.

- Letters of commitment (if applicable). If consultants or subrecipients are proposed as key personnel on the project, a letter of commitment from each named individual must be submitted as evidence of their commitment to the project.
- List of references for any research findings or data cited in your responses to the rating factors.

Supporting materials must not exceed 20 pages. Any pages more than this limit will not be reviewed. Any information should not be a continuation of the rating factor narrative but provide further clarification, if needed, of statements made in the rating factor narrative. Any supporting materials with information that is a continuation of rating factor narrative will not be considered.

- Budget. Include a total budget using form HUD424CBW (<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/424CBW.xlsx>) included in the Instructions download at [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), with supporting budget justification of up to four pages, which will cover all budget categories of the federal grant request. The budget justification is a written narrative explanation covering each of the components of the budget, which justifies the cost in terms of the proposed work. This information will not be counted towards the Rating Factors narrative 15-page limit. Use the budget format discussed in Rating Factor 4, Section V.B.1 below. In completing the budget forms and budget justifications, you should address the following elements:
  - Direct Labor costs, including all full- and part-time staff required for the planning and implementation phases of the project. These costs should be based on full time equivalent (FTE) or hours per year (hours/year) (i.e., one FTE equals 2,080 hours/year);
  - A separate budget form and budget justification for each sub-recipient receiving more than 10 percent of the total federal budget request;
  - Supporting documentation for salaries and prices of materials and equipment, upon request.

## D. Other Application Content

### 1. Technical Application Errors

HUD will contact you to fix a technical error with your timely application after the due date. Technical errors, if corrected, do not affect (positive or negative) your merit rating under this NOFO. Examples of technical errors include, but are not limited to: inconsistencies in funding requests; a missing or incomplete form or certification; failure to submit an otherwise sufficient application under the correct Assistance Listings number or Funding Opportunity Number in Grants.gov; improper signature on a form or certification; and missing or inappropriate eligibility documentation.

HUD will send notice to the [authorized organization representative](#) to fix a technical error. You must respond timely and appropriately to HUD's notice (see [submission requirements](#)).

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

As directed in HUD's Notice of Technical Application Error, please ensure to include (CC) [ResearchPartnerships@hud.gov](mailto:ResearchPartnerships@hud.gov) when emailing corrections to HUD at [applicationsupport@hud.gov](mailto:applicationsupport@hud.gov) to ensure receipt of submission. HUD will not review nor accept responses only submitted to the [ResearchPartnerships@hud.gov](mailto:ResearchPartnerships@hud.gov) inbox.

# V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

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### A. Threshold Review

**When you apply:** Your application is reviewed to make sure it meets the threshold requirements of this NOFO. If your application has a [technical error](#), HUD will allow you to [correct it](#). If you fail to meet **any** of the threshold requirements, your application is **not** eligible for HUD funding. If you do meet the threshold requirements, your application moves to [Merit Review](#) (the next step).

#### 1. Timely Application Submission

Late applications are not evaluated and not eligible for funding. See deadlines in [Section VI](#).

#### 2. Complete Application

If your application is timely, HUD will confirm completeness. Your application is considered for funding if it is complete and responsive to the requirements in this NOFO. If your application is incomplete, HUD will ask you to fix any [technical errors](#). Otherwise, incomplete and nonresponsive applications are not considered for funding.

#### 3. Eligible Applicant

Upon receipt, HUD will confirm whether you are an [eligible applicant](#). Applications from ineligible applicants do not proceed to [merit review](#) and are not eligible for HUD funding.

**4. Requested Funding Level:** Applicants seeking an award amount that is below the minimum award amount (\$300K) or above the maximum award amount (\$1.5M) will be deemed ineligible.

#### 5. Responsiveness to NOFO Purpose and Required Rating Factor Narratives

The application must (1) demonstrate that the proposed project is within the scope of, and aligned with, the purpose, objectives, and goals of this NOFO as described in Section III, and (2) include a narrative response for each required rating factor identified in Section V.B, clearly labeled and submitted in the required format and within applicable page limits. Applications that propose activities outside the scope of the NOFO, or that omit a required rating factor narrative, will be deemed non-responsive and ineligible for further review.

### 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.

If your application meets the threshold requirements, a panel will review and score its merits. The panel may include HUD employees and non-employees. They will evaluate your application based on the following criteria. The results of the evaluation are shared with senior HUD officials who make the [final decisions about funding](#) consistent with this NOFO.

#### Merit Review Summary

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Total number of points = 100</b>
Rating Factor 1: Contribution of the Proposed Project	30 points
Rating Factor 2: Soundness of Approach	30 points
Rating Factor 3: Project Management and Capacity of the Team	20 points
Rating Factor 4: Budget and Timeliness Reasonableness	20 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 points</b>

The maximum number of points that can be awarded to any proposal is 100. No preference points are available under this NOFO. Your project proposal must include a response to each of the Rating Factors.

## 1. Rating Factors

Your application must include a response to the following criteria.

### Rating Factors Details

	<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Max points = 100</b>
	<b>Rating Factor 1: Contribution of the Proposed Project</b>	30 max points
	<p>A. The applicant must describe the current permitting workflow. The narrative shall include a description of the administrative data currently being collected to monitor permitting workflow.</p> <p>B. Applicant must clearly describe the shortcomings of the current permitting system and justify the need for the proposed improvements/automation.</p> <p>C. Applicant must explain how the project will answer one or more of the following implementation and performance questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. How does the deployment of an automated permitting platform affect permit processing timelines and workflow efficiency?</li> <li>ii. How does the automated permitting platform system affect staff roles, workloads, and the level of human oversight required to ensure code compliance?</li> <li>iii. What implementation costs, data requirements, and governance structures are necessary to operate the</li> </ol>	

	<p>system effectively?</p> <p>iv. What are the impacts on organizational level changes with respect to transparency, predictability, and responsiveness?</p> <p>v. Are there cost savings and how much in dollars (\$) and percentages (%)?</p>	
	<b>Rating Factor 2: Soundness of Approach</b>	30 max points
	<p>This factor evaluates the quality, feasibility, and readiness of the applicant's proposed approach to implementing a permitting system demonstration. Reviewers will assess whether the applicant has identified a clear permitting workflow problem, proposed an appropriate technology-enabled solution, demonstrated sufficient governmental commitment and internal implementation capacity, and established a credible plan for measuring outcomes, managing data, and maintaining appropriate oversight.</p> <p><b>A. Proposed Permitting System and Workflow Improvement</b> The applicant must provide a narrative description of the permitting system proposed for the demonstration. The narrative should describe the system's core functions, how it changes, replaces, or integrates with current processes, and the specific workflow problems it is intended to address. The applicant should clearly explain how the proposed approach is expected to improve efficiency, transparency, consistency, customer experience, staff capacity, and processing timelines. This includes describing how core metrics, including permit volume, permit type, processing times, approval rates, resubmission rates, and staff touchpoints (see Appendix for Program Definitions) will be affected, collected, and reported.</p> <p><b>B. Implementation Readiness, Government Buy-In, and Internal Capacity</b> The applicant must describe how the proposed permitting system described in rating factor 2.A will be deployed within the existing permitting environment. The narrative should include a structured implementation plan with major phases, milestones, timelines, responsible offices, staffing roles, vendor or contractor roles, and key implementation risks. The applicant must also provide statements or supporting documents to reflect how they will ensure sufficient support and cooperation from all necessary levels and components of</p>	

local government, including, as applicable, leadership, permitting departments, information technology offices, budget or finance offices, procurement offices, legal counsel, inspection or code enforcement offices, or other relevant entities.

Where the demonstration may affect staffing structures, work assignments, review procedures, inspection processes, or labor considerations, the applicant must describe how these issues have been or will be addressed. The applicant should identify potential risks such as internal resistance, operational disruption, interagency dependencies, or labor concerns, and explain how authority, governance structures, and internal political capacity will support successful implementation.

**C. Data Collection, Analysis, and Performance Measurement**  
The applicant must provide a detailed data collection and analysis plan that identifies how administrative data and core metrics will be collected and analyzed using the selected permitting platform to assess efficiency and effectiveness. The plan must include a clear approach to comparing core metrics between the existing (pre-demonstration) and new automated processes. Core metrics of interest to HUD include permit volume, permit type, processing times, approval rates, resubmission rates, and staff touchpoints (see Appendix for Program Definitions).

**D. Data Management, Oversight, and Quality Assurance**  
The applicant must describe plans for documenting data management, system oversight, bias mitigation, and quality assurance practices. This includes clearly identifying the role of human review in ensuring code compliance and maintaining appropriate safeguards in the use of the permitting system.

Applicants may include additional supporting materials, consistent with the requirements in Section IV.C, as evidence that the applicant has the commitment and authority needed to implement the proposed demonstration, such as:

- Letters of support or commitment
- Memoranda of understanding
- Executive approvals
- Council or board actions
- Governance charters

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project charters</li> <li>• Interagency agreements</li> <li>• Labor-management consultation documentation</li> <li>• Procurement or IT approvals</li> </ul>	
	<b>Rating Factor 3: Project Management and Capacity of the Team</b>	20 max points
	<p>A. The applicant must describe a clear, practical, and forward-looking plan for managing the work necessary to carry out the proposed project within the allotted resources and within the proposed timeframe. The narrative should include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Timeline for the completion of the demonstration, including start dates, completion dates, for major milestones. Timelines should be logical, reasonable, and account for the system deployment, operational use, interim documentation of lessons learned, and final synthesis of demonstration findings.</li> <li>ii. The narrative should include a staffing chart showing the role of each proposed staff member and the allocation of resources for the project by presenting total person hours for each by year by project task.</li> <li>iii. Plan to ensure overall project quality control and identifying points in the schedule where a quality control lapse is most likely to occur, and the impact on deliverables to HUD.</li> </ol> <p>B. The applicant must identify up to three (3) key personnel and provide a brief narrative describing the roles and responsibilities of key personnel and how their expertise is relevant to the proposed work. Key personnel are defined as individuals who will have primary responsibility related to managing or carrying out the proposed work. The key personnel must be identified in the proposal and must include, at a minimum, the Project Director. Key personnel may be in-house staff, subrecipients, and/or consultants for whom a contract or agreement already exists. If consultants or subrecipients are proposed as key personnel, a letter of commitment from the named individual must be submitted as evidence of their commitment to the project. Letters of commitment will not be counted towards the 15-page</p>	

	<p>narrative page limit.</p> <p>C. The applicant must include an appendix with resumes or biosketches (each with a 2-page maximum) for up to three key personnel identified in the proposal. This appendix does not count towards the 15-page narrative page limit.</p>	
	<p><b>Rating Factor 4: Budget and Timeline Reasonableness</b></p>	<p>20 max points</p>
	<p>The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed project is well defined, feasible, and financially sound. Reviewers will assess whether the proposed activities, schedule, and budget materials are complete, consistent, and reasonable in relation to the stated objectives, level of effort, and period of performance. The following items will be evaluated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The proposed project scope and timeline,</li> <li>B. The Grant Application Detailed Budget Worksheet (HUD Form 424-CBW), and</li> <li>C. The Budget Narrative.</li> </ul> <p>The Budget Narrative must clearly explain how requested funds support each phase of the project: software licensing, cost associated with hardware or cloud-based infrastructure necessary to support system operation, implementation support, staffing for oversight and monitoring, and the production of required data documentation and deliverables. These items must be aligned and reasonably support the completion of the proposed project within the proposed timeline.</p>	

This NOFO does not offer any preference points.

## 2. Other Factors

Your application must respond to the following additional criteria.

### a. Budget

The panel will evaluate but not approve the budget. The panel will assess whether the budget aligns with planned program activities and objectives. Panel members will consider whether the budget and the requested performance period are fully justified and reasonable in relation to the proposed project.

## C. Risk Review

Before making any awards, HUD will evaluate each applicant's likelihood of successfully carrying out the project. Here's what HUD looks at:

### Past Performance:

- Government-wide performance data, as noted in [2 CFR 200.206\(a\)](#)
- Public sources like news reports, Inspector General findings, Government Accountability Office reports, and complaints proven to have merit
- History of managing Federal awards (if applicable), including on-time reporting, meeting planned goals, and following previous award rules. And, the extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards
- Reports from past audits, including those performed under 2 CFR part 200, subpart F—Audit Requirements
- History of finishing activities on time and using any promised matching or leveraged funds

### Organizational Health:

- Financial stability
- Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards in 2 CFR part 200
- Capacity, including staffing structures and capabilities

### Results:

- Ability to promote self-sufficiency and economic independence
- Number of people served or targeted for assistance

To the extent allowed by law, HUD will consider applicant compliance with current administration Executive Orders, a listing of which is found [here](#).

HUD may use the results of the risk review to make final funding decisions and/or set specific conditions on the award.

## D. Selection Process

When making award funding decisions, HUD will consider:

- Threshold review results, including eligibility requirements.
- Merit review results.
- Risk review results.

To the extent allowed by law, HUD may also consider:

- The scope of the overall projected impact on the program and administrative goals and priorities in this NOFO.

- Reasonableness of the estimated costs to the government.
- The applicant's readiness to conduct the proposed work.
- Likelihood that the proposed project will result in the benefits expected.
- Broad range of recipients beyond recurrent recipients.
- Geographic dispersion.
- All else being equal, preference for applicants with lower indirect cost rates.
- Applicants with demonstrated success in implementing Gold Standard Science (applicable to research awards).
- Applicants with potential to produce immediate results and potential for longer-term, breakthrough results, based on the goals of this NOFO (applicable to research awards).

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.
- Withdraw an award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application, if terms and conditions are not finalized or met timely.
- 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.
- Consistent with Section 4 of Executive Order 14332, and to the extent permitted by applicable law, HUD leadership and/or their designees may exercise independent judgment in accordance with the selection criteria in making final award selections.

Each application will be scored by a panel of subject matter experts. Following scoring, a list of all applications will be delivered to the PD&R selecting official in ranked order. The PD&R selecting official makes award selections based on an evaluation of threshold, merit, and risk review as described in this NOFO. HUD has discretion in selecting applicants to ensure a distribution of funding across eligible applicant types, research demonstration topics and approaches, and geography.

All applicants will receive a formal decision notice sent to the organization's point of contact as listed on the SF-424.

## E. Award Notices

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If your application is 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. The notice may also include HUD-imposed award conditions as provided under [2 CFR 200.208](#).

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.

Should HUD offer a lower award amount than you requested, and you choose to accept it, you must submit revised versions of your proposal, budget, and budget narrative, along with a summary of changes, by a deadline set by HUD. HUD will then review these revisions and decide if any further information or changes to the award terms are needed. If you fail to provide the requested information, HUD will not issue the award and may choose another applicant.

# VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

## VI. Submissions Requirements and Deadlines

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## VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

You must apply electronically, unless you qualify to submit a [paper application](#). See [Find the Application Package](#) to make sure you have everything you need to apply online.

Make sure you are current with [SAM.gov](#) and UEI requirements before applying for the award. See the [Before You Begin](#) section of this NOFO.

### A. Deadlines

#### 1. Application submission deadline:

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

07/13/2026

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. An improper or expired registration and password issues are not causes to allow HUD to accept applications after the deadline date.

HUD will only accept and review up to one proposal from each applicant for this NOFO.

#### 2. Grace Period for Grants.gov Submissions

If [Grants.gov](#) rejects your application before the deadline, you have up to 24 hours after the application deadline to correct and resubmit your application. Any application submitted during the grace period but not received and validated by Grants.gov will not be considered for funding. 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 [Grants.gov](#), see the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#).

Make sure that your application passes the [Grants.gov](#) validation checks or we may not get it.

[Grants.gov](#) 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 [SAM.gov](#) registration is not good cause.

Use the information in the [Contact and Support](#) 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.**

## C. Other Submission Information

### 1. Intergovernmental Review

This NOFO is not subject to Executive Order [12372](#). No action is needed.

### 2. Technical Application Errors

HUD will contact you to fix a [technical error](#) with your timely application after the due date. Use the following submission requirements to respond to HUD's notice.

#### a. Fix Errors in Electronic Applications

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

The HUD notice will allow between 48 hours and 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 is closed, then the due date moves to 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.

## D. False Statements

By submitting an application, you acknowledge your understanding that providing false or misleading information on your application, or during any part of the performance phase of an award, can lead to serious consequences. Those consequences include but are not limited to: fines, repayment, restitution, prison time, termination of any HUD award, and being banned from receiving any future HUD award and doing business with the federal government (18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1012, 18 USC 1010, 18 USC 1014, 18 USC 287, 31 USC 3729 et seq., 31 USC 3801-3812, FAR Part 9.4, 2 CFR Part 180, other remedies in your HUD award).

# VII. POST - AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

## VII. Post-Award Requirements and Administration

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## VII. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

### 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 – 2026](#):

#### Administrative

3. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ([2 CFR part 200](#))
4. HUD requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files consistent with [2 CFR 200.303\(e\)](#)
5. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) ([2 CFR part 170](#))
7. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation ([12 U.S.C. 1701z-1](#); 12 U.S.C. 1702z-2; [24 CFR part 60](#); and [FR-6278-N-01](#))
8. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) ([5 U.S.C. § 552\(b\)](#) and [24 CFR 15.107\(b\)](#))
9. Presidential Executive Actions affecting federal financial assistance programs
  - [Executive Order \(EO\) 14332](#) (*Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking*)
  - [EO 14303](#) (*Restoring Gold Standard Science*)
  - [EO 14219](#) (*Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative*);
  - [EO 14218](#) (*Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders*);
  - [EO 14202](#) (*Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias*);
  - [EO 14205](#) (*Establishment of the White House Faith Office*)
  - [EO 14182](#) (*Enforcing the Hyde Amendment*);
  - [EO 14173](#) (*Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity*);
  - [EO 14168](#) (*Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*)
  - [EO 14151](#) (*Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing*); and
  - [EO 14148](#) (*Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions*)

#### Civil Rights and Other Protections

10. The Fair Housing Act ([42 U.S.C. 3601-3619](#)) and Civil Rights laws (24 CFR 5.105(a))
11. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements ([42 U.S.C. § 3608\(e\)\(5\)](#) and [24 CFR 5.150 et seq](#))

13. Compliance with Immigration Requirements ([8 U.S.C. § 1601-1646](#); [8 U.S.C. § 1324a](#) ("[Unlawful employment of aliens](#)"); and [Executive Order 14218](#), *Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders*)

14. Accessible Technology requirements ([29 U.S.C. § 794d](#); [29 U.S.C. 794](#); and [42 U.S.C. 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))

15. Ensuring, when possible, the consideration of small businesses, minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms consistent with [2 CFR 200.321](#)

17. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements ([29 U.S.C. § 794](#) and implementing regulations at [24 CFR parts 8](#) and [100](#); [28 CFR part 35](#))

18. Applicable Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requirements in the Housing Chapter of VAWA ([34 U.S.C. § 12491-12496](#)); [24 CFR part 5, subpart L](#); and program-specific regulations

19. Trafficking in persons ([Section 106\(g\) of the Trafficking Victims Protections Act of 2000 \(TVPA\), as amended 22 U.S.C. § 7104\(g\)](#) and implementing regulations at [2 CFR part 175](#))

## **Environmental**

20. Environmental requirements that apply in accordance with [24 CFR part 50](#) or [part 58](#); [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.](#)

## **Business Integrity**

21. 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

22. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment ([41 U.S.C. § 3901](#) and [2 CFR 200.216](#))

23. Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections ([41 U.S.C. § 4712](#))

24. Drug-Free Workplace ([2 CFR part 2429](#))

In addition, if any part or provision of the award agreement or terms of this NOFO are enjoined or held to be void or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, they shall be ineffective as to such jurisdiction and only to the extent of such prohibition or enjoinder and shall not invalidate or affect the legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions and applications of the Agreement and Notice. In the event the enjoinder of such provisions is stayed, dissolved, or reversed, the full terms of the award agreement and NOFO, including such provisions, will automatically become effective. This clause is self-executing and will become effective, binding, and enforceable automatically upon issuance of this NOFO.

## **B. Environmental Requirements**

### **1. Environmental Review**

Activities funded under this NOFO are exempt or categorically excluded from environmental

review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4321) and not subject to environmental review under related laws and authorities. The exemption or categorical exclusion is in accordance with 24 CFR part 50 .19 (b)(1), (3), (7), (8), and (13).

## 2. NOFO Impact Determination Related to the Environment

This NOFO has no significant impact related to the environment. HUD has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) as required by HUD regulations at [24 CFR part 50](#), which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4332(2)(c)). To learn more about this FONSI, go to [HUD's Funding Opportunities](#) web page.

## C. Remedies for Noncompliance

HUD may terminate all or a part of your award as described under 2 CFR 200.340 through 200.343 pursuant to the terms and conditions of your award, including, to the extent authorized by law:

- if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities; or
- in the case of a partial termination, if HUD determines that the remaining portion of the award will not accomplish the purposes for which the HUD award was made.

HUD may also impose specific conditions on your award or take other remedies as described by 2 CFR 200.339 through 200.343, if you do not comply with your award terms and conditions.

You are encouraged to review the PD&R Termination Guide, found at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/ota/guidance.html>.

## D. Reporting

HUD requires recipients to submit performance, financial, and program reports as outlined below. You must comply with these reporting requirements to remain eligible for HUD funding. See [Section VII.C.](#) of this NOFO.

Further, the Recipient hereby acknowledges that HUD is in the process of implementing new grants management and reporting tools for all records pertinent to the Federal award. Recipient agrees to report on grant performance and financial activities (including vendor and cash disbursement supporting details for the Recipient and its Subrecipients) using these new tools when they are released and to satisfy occasional requests for records pertinent to the federal award, consistent with the requirements for recordkeeping, access to records, and reporting laid out in 2 CFR part 200, which may be amended from time to time. HUD will work with the Recipient to support its transition to the new reporting tools. HUD reserves the right to exercise all of its available rights and remedies for any noncompliance with these grants management and financial reporting requirements, to include, without limitation, requiring additional or more detailed financial reports, suspension of disbursements, and all other legally available remedies, to the furthest extent permitted by law.

Report	Description	When
Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awards equal to or greater than \$30,000</li> <li>Data on executive compensation and first-tier subawards</li> <li>See <a href="#">Public Law 109-282</a> and <a href="#">2 CFR part 170</a></li> <li>HUD reports initial prime recipient data to <a href="#">usaspending.gov</a></li> <li>Submit via <a href="#">SAM.gov</a></li> </ul>	See <a href="#">2 CFR Appendix A to Part 170(a)(2)(ii)</a>
Reporting on Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>See <a href="#">Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200</a></li> <li>Submit via <a href="#">SAM.gov</a></li> </ul>	See <a href="#">2 CFR Appendix-XII to Part 200 I.(d)</a>
Progress Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of progress status</li> <li>Work to be performed during the next reporting period</li> <li>Any anticipated risks and plans to mitigate those risks</li> </ul>	Quarterly
Final Narrative Report	A summary report that provides the final breakdown of overall award spending over the period of performance	Upon completion on the period of performance

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Report	Description	When
Federal Financial Report, SF-425	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary of key financial data</li><li>• See <a href="#">2 CFR 200.328</a></li></ul>	See <a href="#">2 CFR 200.328</a> or award terms

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# VIII. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

## VIII. [Contact and Support](#)

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### 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 [Federal Communications Commission](#).

### A. Agency Contact

#### 1. Program and Application Requirements

Name: Policy Development & Research

Phone: 202-402-4354

Email: [researchpartnerships@hud.gov](mailto:researchpartnerships@hud.gov)

Note: HUD's assistance is limited by the standards at [24 CFR 4.26](#).

#### 2. Paper Application Waiver Request

Name: Research Partnerships

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**HUD Reform Act.** HUD is prohibited from disclosing [covered selection information](#) 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 [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov). 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 [agency contact for program and application requirements](#) in this NOFO. HUD may limit the information provided to protect the integrity of the competition.

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

You are encouraged to provide feedback on your application experience by completing our [Applicant Experience Survey](#). 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 [online resources](#) to learn background on some of the NOFO requirements.

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#### 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 [24 CFR 5.151](#), as amended by [90 FR 11020](#)).

**Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)** is the person with legal authority to: give assurances, make commitments, submit your application, and enter into agreements with HUD. They also have [special permissions](#) to act on behalf of their organization within the Grants.gov system.

**Consolidated Plan** has the same meaning as defined at [24 CFR part 91](#).

**E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC)** is [defined at 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.

**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.

**Small business** is defined as a privately-owned corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship that has fewer employees and less annual revenue than regular-sized business. The definition of "small"—in terms of being able to apply for government support and qualify for preferential tax policy—varies by country and industry. The U.S. Small Business Administration defines a small business according to a set of standards based on specific industries. See [13 CFR part 121](#).

**System for Award Management (SAM)** has the same meaning as in [2 CFR 25.100\(b\)](#).

**Threshold Requirements** are eligibility requirements you must meet before HUD rates your application for funding.

**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)** has the same meaning as in [2 CFR 25.100\(a\)](#).

#### 2. Program Definitions.

**Approval rate** is the percentage of permit applications that receive final approval relative to all applications reaching final disposition within the reporting period.

**Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)** is a state or local governmental entity with legal authority to administer, enforce, and make determinations regarding permitting, plan review, and code compliance within a defined geographic area.

**Permit volume** is the count of permit applications submitted within a given reporting period.

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**Review cycle** is the count of distinct formal plan review rounds required before a permit reaches final disposition.

**Staff touchpoints** per permit represent the number of discrete interactions between jurisdiction staff and a permit application throughout the review process, including counts of logged staff actions, including formal reviews, comment issuance, approvals, reassignments, or documented communications.

**Total processing time** is the number of calendar days between the date a permit application is initially submitted and the date the permit is issued or reaches a final disposition.

PD&R provides a Common Terms/Glossary resource to help applicants understand program keywords and phrases used throughout HUD Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs), Notices of Intent (NOIs), and related award documents. This resource is available at on <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/ota/funding-opportunities.html>.