First set of Questions and Answers for RFA 2022-106 Financing to Develop Housing for Persons with Disabling Conditions / Developmental Disabilities

Question 1:

The Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Qualifications Form states at C.3. that "The Board of Directors will include members or representatives of the population(s) being served by the Non-Profit." Can you provide more clarification on what is considered a member or representative of the population being served? Does an individual who has a lifetime of work as a homeless advocate satisfy this requirement as a representative although they have not experienced homelessness themselves? Since it says members or representatives, plural, how many Board members are sufficient to satisfy this requirement? Also, it says "will" include. Does that mean those individuals can be added later?

Answer:

A "member or representative of the population being served" is an individual with lived experience or a family member (as defined in the RFA) of someone with lived experience.

In response to the number of members or representatives on the Board, it shall be more than one, but less than the number that would interfere with number of board members meeting other requirements identified.

The word "will", is not intended to reference a future period of time, but rather an expectation that is met for the purposes of this application.

Question 2:

The RFA requires confirmation that the proposed Development is not located in a known flood zone or wetland area and it further states that the Development Location Point must be located outside of the flood zone and wetland area. So if a site has a small section of wetlands or has a special flood zone hazard area covering a small portion of the site, but all the buildings will be constructed in the Flood Zone X area or outside of the wetlands, will that meet the requirements of the RFA?

Answer:

The development cannot adversely impact a wetland. There cannot be any draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding, or performing grading activities in wetlands. The new construction of the Development cannot be within a floodplain.

Question 3:

Our application to FHFC will have one-non-profit applicant and two non-profit developers, both of which will be actively involved in the development, operations and on-going services and supports to the project. Can I describe both non-profits on the questionnaire and submit both non-profits supporting documents?

Answer:

The Non-Profit Entity Material Participation Questionnaire (Form Rev. 10-2021), the Executive Director Certification of Non-Profit Material Participation form (Rev. 10-2021), and the Non-Profit Application Package outlined in Section Four A.3.a.(3) must only be submitted for each non-profit entity that makes up the Applicant entity.

Question 4:

FHFC modified the current RFA from the prior year's RFA by limiting applications to Medium and Large counties. My question is twofold:

- 1) Why was this change made?
- 2) Do you see future IDD RFAs including Small counties?

Answer:

We have not had an applicant for this RFA from small counties since 2017, nor has there been any advocacy from our stakeholders to include small counties as an eligible development location. We encourage you to provide public comment for our consideration in the RFA in the future if you are interested in developing in small counties.

Please Note: The Q&A process for RFA 2022-106 is concluded. The second Q&A period is now open and questions may be submitted until February 4, 2022. Florida Housing will respond to these questions by February 11, 2022.

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