

HOME/CDBG Project Support Program 2010-2011 RFP/NOFA

Questions and Responses

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Please contact Solicitation Coordinator Karl Dinkelspiel with any questions or issues.

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Question #1: There is a major difference in eligibility for this funding source this year that I'd like to clarify. In the past, a project did not have to be receiving CDBG capital funding in order to make it an eligible project for CDBG project support. This year's application makes commitment of CDBG funding a requirement. Can you please clarify that this is correct? I would like to clarify that it is a HUD requirement (or a non-PHB controlled requirement) that a CDBG eligible project actually be receiving CDBG funds in order for us to apply for the operating assistance.

PHB Response: *The eligibility criteria is more restrictive than previous years because of changes made in response to a HUD audit of prior year HOME funding and HUD comments about anticipated findings in a scheduled CDBG audit. Under HUD regulations, there is no "operating assistance" or "asset management assistance" available to organizations under this CDBG funding solicitation. We can only fund project costs including any staff time directly attributable to an active CDBG project. If we were to provide CDBG funds for a nonprofit's staff work on a project without CDBG funds committed to it-- the project would become a CDBG project and would have to meet all applicable CDBG requirements such as environmental review, layering review, Davis Bacon, and lead-based paint. It is not our desire to create a CDBG development project through the funds available under this solicitation.*

Question #2: We have one project supported by CDBG-R funds and one project supported by a Section 108 loan (guaranteed by CDBG allocation). Can I assume that both of these projects should be considered under "Fund A: Grants to Support CDBG-Funded Projects"?

PHB Response: *Yes, those funding sources are CDBG-based.*

Question #3: We have a new construction project funded with NSP funds. Can we apply for additional CDBG funding under this RFP?

PHB Response: *If your organization qualifies and is certified as a CBDO as of July 1, 2010, you may apply for CDBG dollars under this solicitation because NSP dollars are CDBG-based.*

Question #4: We are based in Portland and currently have an active HOME project in Gresham but nothing under development in Portland. Can we apply for HOME CHDO support under Portland's CDBG/HOME Project Support Program?

PHB Response: *Your organization would be eligible under HUD rules and may apply. However, for this solicitation PHB will evaluate funding applications with a priority for funding Portland based organizations with a current HOME project located in Portland.*

Question #5: The RFP said the proposal was due on June 4 and on June 7 -- What is the correct due date and time?

PHB Response: *Our apologies for that mistake.*

*In an attempt to keep the eligibility criteria as broad as possible and conform to all regulations, we have taken a few days to answer these eligibility questions. As a result, we are extending the due date and time to: **Monday June 14, 2010 at Noon.***

Question #6: The RFP said that indirect staff costs were allowed along with direct staff costs. Can the indirect include an allocation for rent and equipment?

PHB Response: *Yes, to the degree that the specific costs are detailed and included in your HUD-approved cost allocation plan.*
