No Place Like HOME RFP Questions and Answers - 11/6/2018

Please note that <u>Section IV of the County's Request for Proposals has been amended</u> to clarify the County's local prioritization of projects which <u>do not</u> layer NPLH units onto units with other population requirements (excluding affordability).

Question 1: Are projects already in construction able to apply and use the money awarded by the NPLH program?

Response: HCD has advised County staff that construction activity cannot have commenced prior to award of No Place Like Home funds (anticipated in June of 2019). Projects currently in construction are ineligible for this RFP and NOFA.

Question 2: Regarding item (III)(B)(1)(e), it is unlikely that we will have final CEQA/NEPA clearance for our project in December. Is the environmental requirement a threshold requirement for purposes of the 12/5 deadline?

Environmental clearances, including CEQA & NEPA, are related to scoring under HCD's "Readiness to Proceed" category. The county will be reviewing projects and ranking them based upon the scoring criteria set forth by HCD in the NPLH Guidelines and NOFA, as well as considering projects based upon our local priorities (RFP Section IV). Environmental clearances are not a threshold requirement.

Question 3: Regarding item (III)(B)(1)(g), it is unlikely we will have public land approvals by 12/5 for our project. Is this a 12/5 threshold requirement as well, or do the requirements below follow the point scoring methodology as are in the HCD NOFA?

Necessary and discretionary public land use approvals, except for building permits and other ministerial approvals, are related to scoring under HCD's "Readiness to Proceed" category. The county will be reviewing projects and ranking them based upon the scoring criteria set forth by HCD in the NPLH Guidelines and NOFA, as well as considering projects based upon our local priorities (RFP Section IV). Land use approvals are not a threshold requirement.

Question 4: Are there any other threshold requirements in the items noted below? Meaning, are there items we absolutely need by 12/5?

Please submit all available information requested in section III(B) of the County's Request for Proposals. The Universal Rental Project Application Form (III(B)(1)), NPLH Program Supplement (III(B)(2)), and Funding Narrative (III(B)(3)), as well as the items requested in III(B)(1)(a) - (c) are threshold requirements. To the extent that other items requested in the RFP are available or other items requested in the Universal Rental Project Application Form or NPLH Program Supplement are available, please submit them so that the county may evaluate your project's scoring based upon the criteria set forth by HCD in the NPLH Guidelines and NOFA.