

FY24 Healthy Homes Production Grant Program (FR-6800-N-44) Due September 4, 2024

Program Overview

The FY24 Healthy Homes Production Grant Program aims to identify and mitigate housing-related health and safety hazards to reduce the number of families and individuals living in homes with health hazards. This program supports comprehensive housing interventions to ensure safer and healthier homes.

Requirements

Applicant Eligibility: Eligible applicants include state and local governments, Native American tribes, and other organizations involved in housing and health services. If you were awarded a grant under the FY2023 HHP NOFO, you are ineligible to apply for FY 2024 HHP funding.

Funding Information

Estimated Total Funding:

\$40,000,000

Minimum Award Amount:

\$1,000,000 Per Project Period

Maximum Award Amount:

\$2,000,000

Per Project Period

Healthy Homes Direct Costs. Awardees must expend at least sixty-five percent (65%) of grant funds on direct costs defined specifically as healthy homes identification and remediation activities in the home. Based on the eight Healthy Homes Principles, grantees are required to assess and remediate housing-related health and safety hazards using a comprehensive Healthy Homes Assessment Tool to identify /address hazardous conditions that pose a likelihood of harm to occupants. OLHCHH anticipates an average unit cost of \$10,000, to include assessments, labor, Healthy Homes interventions, and any necessary follow up. Pgs. 16-18 for details.

Match Requirements:

Program	Minimum Match (of federal request)	Direct Lead Hazard Control Costs	Maximum Administrative Costs
LHRCBG	10%	65%	10%

Shared costs or matching funds and contributions must not be paid by another Federal award, except where the Federal statute authorizing a program specifically provides that Federal funds made available for such program can be applied to matching or cost sharing requirements of other Federal programs. NOTE: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds may be used as match to satisfy the matching resource requirements, provided they are specifically

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designated for the activities and costs allowed in this NOFO. Proposed matching commitments that are not eligible, such as, funding sources that are federal (e.g., HOME or Weatherization Assistance Program funds) or that are not committed for allowable uses (e.g., rehabilitation, code compliance) will not be counted towards satisfying the match requirements of the programs in this NOFO.

Merit Criteria (15-page maximum length + budget narrative -see Appendix B)

The merit criteria for the FY24 Healthy Homes Production Grant Program (FR-6800-N-44) are divided into four rating factors, each with specific sub-factors and maximum points:

Rating Factor 1: Applicant and Partner Capacity (35 points)

This factor assesses the capacity of the applicant and partners to successfully implement the grant. It includes the following sub-factors:

- **Key Personnel (10 points):** Evaluation of the qualifications and experience of key personnel, such as the Project Director (PD) and Program Manager (PM). The PM must dedicate at least 50% of their time to the grant. Resumes and job descriptions for planned key personnel are required.
- **Organizational Experience (12 points):** The applicant's experience in managing similar programs, achieving performance benchmarks, and implementing financial management controls. Examples include past performance in programs like the Community Development Block Grant's housing rehabilitation activities, Healthy Homes Demonstration, and others.
- **Equity Experience and Plan (12 points):** Demonstration of experience and plans for promoting racial equity, affirmative marketing, and outreach. This includes:
 - **Affirmative Marketing and Outreach (2 points):** Strategies to market the program broadly, particularly to demographic groups least likely to be aware of it.
 - **Experience Promoting Racial Equity (8 points):** Experience in working with underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities.
 - **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (2 points):** How the proposed activities align with fair housing requirements to address disparities and promote integration.
- **Contractor/Sub-Recipient Capacity (1 point):** Adherence to federal procurement processes for hiring contractors or sub-recipients.

Rating Factor 2: Need and Extent of the Problem (30 points)

This factor evaluates the level of need for the program based on selected data points. The application should document the specific needs and extent of housing-related health hazards in the target area.

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Rating Factor 3: Program Financial Management (25 points)

This factor assesses the viability and soundness of the proposed budget and financial management plan. It includes the evaluation of the proposed expenditures and financial controls.

Rating Factor 4: Advancing Racial Equity (8 points)

This factor is dedicated to addressing the applicant's efforts to advance racial equity in the program activities. The response should cover how the program will promote equity and include strategies for affirmative marketing and outreach, experience in promoting racial equity, and aligning activities with fair housing requirements.

Other Factors

- **Section 3 Requirement (2 points):** Ensuring job and contract opportunities for residents and businesses.
- **Promise Zone Preference Points (2 points):** Additional points for activities in Promise Zones.

Scoring Summary

- **Total Points:** 102 points
- **Minimum Required for Funding Consideration:** 75 points

Scoring and Evaluation

- Applications must score at least 75 points to be considered for funding.
- Points are awarded based on the quality of responses, ranging from "Outstanding" (100%) to "Non-Responsive" (0%).

Eligible Expenses and Activities

- 1. Direct Healthy Homes Remediation Costs (at least 65% of grant funds)**
 - **Conduct Testing:** Includes sampling, testing, and analysis for allergens, carbon monoxide, radon, and other health hazards.
 - **Radon Testing:** Must be conducted by a credentialed professional.
 - **Remediation Activities:** Based on the eight Healthy Homes Principles, including interventions to address identified hazards.
- 2. Administrative Costs (up to 10% of grant funds)**
 - **General Program Administration:** Preparing budgets, reports, interagency agreements, and compliance systems.
 - **Travel and Equipment:** Costs related to program administration, including office supplies and necessary training.
 - **Indirect Costs:** Allowable under specific federal requirements and must be charged in accordance with a cost allocation plan or indirect cost rate agreement.
- 3. Ineligible Expenses**
 - Purchase of real property.
 - Equipment purchases exceeding \$5,000 per unit,

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- except for X-ray fluorescence analyzers.
- Medical treatment costs.
- Solely behavioral change activities or education without accompanying remediation.