

Fiscal Year 2021 – 2020 RFA

Technical Assistance Webinars Q&A

1. **Q** - If an applicant is ineligible to apply for CDBG, can the applicant apply for HOPWA funds only?

A - If applicant meets the eligibility criteria for HOPWA funds, they may apply.

2. **Q** - Regarding the CDBG portion of the RFA, can an applicant apply to provide only one of the following: CDBG Housing Counseling, CDBG Public Services, or CDBG Economic Development, or must the applicant provide and apply for all 3 components?

A – Applicants do not have to apply to all three; they can apply to just one.

3. **Q** - If an applicant does not meet the criteria under CDBG Housing Counseling “must be HUD approved housing counseling agencies for a minimum of three (3) years”, is the applicant disqualified from applying for another portion of CDBG such as CDBG Public Services?

A – If applicant meets the eligibility criteria for any of the other two CDBG activities, they may apply.

4. **Q** - Can applicants apply for one portion of the RFA- CDBG, ESG or HOPWA- or must they apply for all 3?

A – Applicants do not have to apply to all three; they can apply to just one.

5. **Q** - What specific services are allowable under HOPWA? What could HOPWA funds be used for?

A – For specific services allowable under HOPWA please visit:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hopwa/hopwa-eligibility-requirements/>

6. **Q** - What is the minimum and maximum range of funding that can be applied for through HOPWA?

A – There is no minimum or maximum request for the HOPWA application.

7. **Q** - What is the mechanism used to determine the amount of funding awarded when there are multiple successful applicants?

A – RFA reviewers evaluate the proposals and assist the City by making recommendations for who to fund and at what dollar amount.

8. **Q** - Is this the typical funding cycle for HOPWA funds?

A – City of Tampa has 3 year agreements with agencies. The RFA for HOPWA is released every 3 years.

9. **Q** - What is the source of the funds available for HOPWA?

A – HOPWA funds are federal dollars received from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

10. **Q** - Are these federal dollars passed through to the City of Tampa? If so, from what federal office such as HHS or HUD or another?

A – The funds under this RFA are federal dollars received from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

11. Are these funds through the President’s Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative?

A – No.

12. **Q** - What is the reason that additional points are awarded for WMBE and SLBE certification?

A – This is a City of Tampa requirement which is a part of our ordinance.

13. **Q** - Are any of the existing funded organizations under CDBG, ESG and HOPWA a WMBE and/or SLBE certified organization?

A – There are no currently funded organizations under CDBG, ESG and HOPWA that are WMBE and/or SLBE certified.

14. **Q** - Is there a page limit requirement for the RFA?

A – There is no page limit. Please keep note of the character limit for each question.

15. **Q** - Are there specific font, font size, or spacing requirements for the response to the RFA?

A – Under the “Documents” tab, there is a list of requested and required documents. All documents should be legible and complete.

16. **Q** - As an agency that is already approved to deliver HBE and housing counseling for the City of Tampa, can we apply again to deliver a different service than we presently deliver?

A – If an agency is currently funded for CDBG Housing Counseling, they may apply for a different service that what is currently being delivered.

17. **Q** - In the budget tab of the online application, there is a section for “Funding Sources/Revenue” and a section for “Leverage/Match”, but there is no section for “Funding Uses/Expenses” as there was in 2017 for entering the project budget. Can you clarify where we should enter the project budget or if it should be attached as an Excel worksheet?

A – This has been updated. It should allow you to continue with the Funding Uses/Expenses.