

2023 NOFA for Long-Term Solutions to Assist People Experiencing Homelessness
Questions & Answers
1/23/23

Q: Would the solution have to be a new project or could we apply for funding for our currently existing shelter solutions?

A: Although we are acutely aware of the need for ongoing operational funding for our shelters, this money is slated for solutions that bring new resources and/or capacity into the hubs to increase our ability to house folks and keep them sheltered.

Q: Are repairs to our current shelter building allowable costs?

A: No. We have a shelter repair program at MaineHousing that would be the best source of funding for repairs to existing shelter for participants in our Emergency Shelter and Housing Assistance Program (ESHAP). This funding opportunity is meant to bring additional resources/capacity to the hubs. For information on MaineHousing's ESHAP shelter repair program please contact Vicky Dute at vdute@mainehousing.org

Q: Are there any limits around word count, page limit, attachments, format, etc.?

A: No. However, we attempted to make the application process as easy as possible and would expect fairly concise applications.

Q: How much funding is allocated to this NOFA?

A: We have not allocated a specific amount to either the Warming Shelters or Long-Term Solutions NOFAs. Since the priority of the legislature was to get individuals experiencing homelessness through this winter safely, we will fund as many reasonable warming shelter proposals as possible and then determine how much is left for Long-Term Solutions. We should have a better idea how much funding remains for Long-Term Solutions after February 3rd.

Q: Is there an award range for this RFP?

A: No award range has been determined as (i) we want to remain as flexible as possible and (ii) it will depend on the amount of funding remaining for this NOFA after we make awards for the Warming Shelter NOFA. We do not expect to be able to fund large-scale capital projects.

Q: Does *List of planned resources to be assigned to meet the obligations of this Notice* refer to resources above and beyond use of funds from an awarded proposal? In other words, is this where I would list other funding sources or in-kind donations or facility use?

A: This list should include all other sources you are bringing to the table in addition to what you are asking for. That would be personnel contributions, space contributions and the values of any other resources.

Q: Is there a list of eligible expenses covered by this particular RFP?

A: There is not a list of eligible expenses. The source of funding from the state is fairly unrestricted so we wanted to be responsive to the needs that communities presented.

Q: I am assuming there is no "right" or "wrong" amount of funding requested...just that it makes sense for the needs of the proposed project?

A: See answer above. We'll have to fund the projects with the biggest bang for the buck - based on monetary request, number of people served, other resources brought in, and how sustainable it is.