



Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Council

Request for Proposals - RFP 0004-26 Homeless Housing, Assistance Prevention (HHAP) Round 5 Questions and Answers



Question	Answer
1. I believe you indicated there should be a separate application for each project. If our proposed program will provide two eligible use categories, would that be considered a single project? Or two projects?	If a single proposed program is designed and administered as one coordinated effort, even if it delivers services across two eligible use categories, that is considered a single project. Separate applications/proposals are generally required when activities are distinct, independently operated, or managed as separate programs.
2. Section I of the fillable application asks that we provide information about our <i>"most recent State/Federal grant awards for your organization."</i> Can we also include <i>County</i> funding?	While Section I primarily requests information on recent State and Federal grant awards, including County funding, it is encouraged when it is relevant and helps demonstrate the organization's experience managing public funds.
3. If a proposed purpose of a property that has federal operating subsidies which is a new Pilot program through the USDA, for this property to qualify do we need to get USDA approval for the youth set aside for the 11.5? The current operating subsidy does not have a set aside. If the USDA would not allow the YS which in this case would be 5 units of the 42 units, we could exclude the operating subsidy on the 5 units in order for us to qualify for this grant.	Applicants are responsible for confirming compliance with USDA prior to proceeding.
4. Will this PPT be on the IVCCC website later?	Yes. The Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 5 Technical Assistance Workshop PowerPoint presentation is available through our Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Council (IVCCC) Website and can be found under the HHAP Round 5 page under the Funding Announcements tab. (https://www.imperialvalleycontinuumofcare.org/2025-hhap-round-5)
5. Are for-profit organizations eligible to apply?	Yes, as noted in Section 7(c): Eligible Applicants of the RFP, for-profit organizations are eligible to apply.
6. If there are subcontractors to provide services for the primary applicant, will those SC (vendors) need to be submitted in the RFP?	Yes, any subcontractors engaged to provide services in support of the primary applicant must be identified in Attachment D Fillable Application, under Section II: Partnering Organizations, and must also meet all applicable HHAP-5 requirements.
7. Wasn't quite sure how to phrase this because I read through the RFP and I also saw the requirement to do best practices like harm	Awarded HHAP-5 applicants must follow HHAP-5 guidelines as outlined in the HHAP-5 NOFA, Imperial



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	<p>reduction. All the things that we're familiar with, promoting housing first, I'm also aware that some of the federal funding that's coming out right now does not support those practices and, that I've read, unless I misunderstood, I've read that, the funder will go back and perhaps penalize people who have promoted those practices.</p>	County's Regionally Coordinated Action Plan (Attachment A), HHAP-5 RFP 0004-26, and HHAP-5 State regulations.
8.	If a permanent housing funds received from this grant is for an acquisition and improvement/ renovation for a property that is a USDA property with rental assistance, for the 11.5% of the units are required to be Youth Set-aside, if the current units (42 units) which would require 5 units to be YSA, if USDA allows the subsidy to be reduce to 37 units be OK. We would reach out to USDA to see if subsidy could be used on the YSA.	Please refer to response #3.
9.	On the Youth Set- Aside requirement, after a period of time of advertising and community outreach, no available youth are on a waiting list, can the vacant unit be filled by other applicants?	Set-Aside (YSA) funded units must serve eligible youth. As a condition of being awarded, projects must participate in the IVCCC Coordinated Entry System (CES), which is a streamline process for accessing the resources available in the homeless crisis response system. CES prioritizes referrals for housing and supportive services for homeless youth. Please refer to the IVCCC Coordinated Entry System Policies and Procedures which may be located on the www.imperialvalleycontinuumofcare.org page under Committees.
10.	Regarding the Youth Set-Aside requirement, how many years would that requirement need to be in place?	Contractual requirements for Delivery of Permanent Housing and Innovative Solutions awardees include a 20-year affordability clause for both Youth Set-Aside and Non-Youth Set-Aside projects (Attachment A Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan, page 54). Applicants are expected to ensure HHAP-5 YSA funded units, services, and/or eligible activities under RFP 0004-26 continue to prioritize and serve the youth population in accordance with the HHAP-5 NOFA, Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan, and Imperial County RFP 0004-26 and HHAP-5 regulations.



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11.	For the Youth Set- Aside requirement, if the permanent housing is a purchase and has current tenants, would the youth set-aside (YSA) requirement start when a vacancy arises?	The Youth Set-Aside (YSA) requirement is constant throughout the grant term, and applicants should consider all requirements when completing a proposal. The awardee will be required to ensure that non-YSA and YSA units are identified and available. Grantees must detail their youth set-aside plans in applications, describing specific activities and how they serve youth.
12.	Hello- In reading the RFP, it references mostly "program" support vs. actual housing. Is this project looking for a partner to bring housing into the community, or only focused on funding programs? Thank you.	The HHAP-5 RFP is not limited to program-only support. Eligible Activities include Delivery of Permanent Housing and Innovative Solutions (including capital improvement to increase affordable housing stock), Rapid Rehousing, Prevention and Shelter Diversion, Operating Subsidies - Permanent Housing, and Street Outreach. HHAP-5 funding is intended to support eligible activities that prevent and address homelessness and facilitate access to permanent housing.
13.	I noticed the Attachment D – Fillable Application page 1 of 5 under title " Eligible Activities" doe does not match with the RFP. The listing does not include "Permanent Housing". The application lists "4 Services Coordination which is not on the RFP (maybe this was an oversight from a previous round). On page 6 of 17 of the RFP the Eligible Categories include "Delivery of Permanent Housing". On page 3 of 5 of the application, the table labeled "IV Proposed Budget does include line #3 Delivery of Permanent Housing.	The discrepancy between Attachment D Fillable Application and the Request for Proposals (RFP) has been addressed. Please refer to Addendum 1 on the IVCCC or PlanetBids Vendor Portal websites for the revised tables.