

Notices: Questions Asked and Answered

2022 Competitive Housing Development Request for Grant Applications (RFGA)

Licensed Residential Treatment Homes or Facilities

April 29, 2022

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Any questions that we receive after 12 pm on Wednesdays will be answered on the subsequent Q&A next week. If you sent the question and don't see it listed, it will be responded in the next Q & A Notice.

Questions + Answers

1. **Q:** Are governmental entities required to be registered with the Secretary of State?

A: Yes, please refer to page 5 of the application notice.

2. **Q:** Just to clarify, when you say SUD, that would include licensed residential treatment centers for SUD, right?

A: This application does not include SUD. This application is for Licensed Residential Treatment Homes or Facilities are for individuals requiring a high level of care as described in Section 9 on page 6 of the "Application Notices"

3. **Q:** what is the timeline for OHA to review and make decisions, when will projects be notified?, when do you expect to begin contracting and disbursement of funds?

A: Review process will begin on August 1st and will continue till at least August 31st 2022 or later if we receive a large number of applications. We anticipate announcing awards in late to mid-September with funding contracts to follow in October through November.

4. **Q:** Are organizations required to be contracted with individual counties in order to receive referrals for this population?

A: No, organizations are not required to be contracted with individual counties. Organizations may plan and implement their licensed residential treatment facilities for homes or facilities independently.

5. Q: Can you submit applications for the same project (apply for both a loan and a grant)?
A: Grant is for start-up expenses, and Loan (a forgivable loan) is for the purchase of the existing property, renovation of an existing property, acquisition, or construction.
6. Q: How will OHA choose the review committee? Will there be subject matter experts in the review committee?
A: Yes, there will be subject matter experts on the review committee.
7. Q: What if your organization manages the CMHP?
A: Please refer to page 15-16, as we need a letter of a CMHP, and CCO.
8. Q: What will be the expected turn around time on the expense reimbursement/ costs-incurred basis for release of funds?
A: Upon award and execution of the funding contract OHA will release the loan funds for the real estate portion of the project and similarly upon approval of the final start up budget will fund this grant as well. The intent is to get these projects funded and implemented as soon as reasonably possible.
9. Q: Will you please clarify the eligible applicants? We are both a special district government and a 501(c) nonprofit. It doesn't look like we're eligible. Is that correct?
A: Special district government and a 501(c) nonprofit organization are eligible to apply. Please refer to page 2.
10. Q: Is the goal for the future SUD application still focused on reducing census at OSH?
A: No, this is not a SUD application. Further information will be provided once a SUD application is posted.
11. Q: Is OHA's expectation that between CCOs and CMHPs, the operational and services/supports will be covered for RTHs, RTFs, and SRTFs?
A: Our division of OHA administers the funding for development and start up costs. CCOs & CMHPs or other entities that fund the operational services or supports work independently of our program fund initiatives.
12. Q: Due to the current workforce issues, there is concern of having difficulty hiring staff. How will the state support these housing efforts if we cannot hire enough people? Will there be upcoming grants to support sustainability of these homes being built?
A: This is a housing development application that funds capital and start up costs. We do have project completion requirements and can be flexible on the operations start up date if you experience difficulty hiring enough staff to get your project occupied and started on schedule.
13. Q: If an agency is wanting to purchase a current SRTF with 5 beds that is licensed as a class 2 facility and re-license it as a class 1 facility. Would that qualify as adding new beds under class 1?

A: If this project will add a new bed(s), yes that would qualify.

14. Q: RTH/RTF/SRTF is responsible to provide or contract for treatment services. Or will the CCO/CHMP be responsible for providing the treatment services if the facility does not have a treatment program?

A: It is the responsibility of the RTH/RTF/SRTF to provide or contract for treatment services. Regarding the CCO and the CMHP.

15. Q: If Counties apply for funding for an SRTF, would they have any rights to hold those beds for county residents?

A: We advise you to talk to your legal counsel since holding beds for specific population is a Fair Housing issue.

Q: If an individual applies as an RTH/RTF/SRTF then are they expected to provide treatment services?

A: Yes