

CERTA Office Hours FAQ

Timeline for CERTA amendments?

First one has gone out. 14 are going out. Remaining 6 will go to contractor. End of May or early June. Email will come from Danielle Pompe.

Is the Conflict of Interest going to be changed with added federal funding? We allow employees to qualify for funds. We have had issues in past with federal funding.

We have not heard anything about this from DEQ staff. Nothing for state funding. The main thing that is a conflict of interest is if the organization owns the unit.

Participant Support Costs – when will PSC available for us?

It will be on website to download (not fillable form) and in the amendment.

As we braid CERTA with HHGP funding, can we (how should we) adjust our budget to compensate for admin costs?

Several options. Different grantees may do this differently. A possible scenario – could be that an organization can use CERTA funds without changing admin cost, but may get small amounts here or there along the way. Can take care of this now or later. Grantees can reach out for individual support from HHGP team.

Can whole home assessments be done using CERTA funds?

No. This would need to be done with HHGP funds to perform assessment.

I want to confirm that we don't have to wait until after the September meeting to commence the CERTA work.

You do not need to wait. Keep in mind that there are some case-by-case circumstances we will need to address for each grantee.

Does it matter, bid was accepted before CERTA funds available?

That is fine to receive bid before CERTA funds are assigned.

What is the maximum per unit cost?

\$5000 max per house, no exception. If total costs exceed PSC amount, remaining costs may be covered by HHGP or other funding sources.

Our maintenance department is fully staffed, how do we invoice our organization for that since we won't be using an outside contractor?

You can use staff to implement CERTA funds. We will still need to see a scope of work, hours worked, and total cost. You can create an internal invoice and include any project costs as well. This needs to be very clear to an outside auditor.

Is the PSC issuer our organization?

For some, yes – you will be the PSC issuer. For others, OHA will be the PSC issuer. This depends on whether you own your units served or not.

When we complete the household survey – using CERTA and non-CERTA funds for one household, do we do 2 surveys?

No, just complete one per household.

What do we select for heat source if the project is changing the heat source, from gas to a heat pump for example?

We will change our household survey to make this clearer.