

HHGP Round 2 Funding Frequently Asked Questions (Updated 7/14/2026)

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Funding and Eligibility Questions

Would HHGP funds be able to support an HVAC upgrade for a resilience hub?

Only if that resilience hub was someone’s primary residence. The definition of residence is: Any dwelling that is intended for occupation by a single family and is occupied by one or more individuals who are members of low-income household as the individual's principal residence, including a site-built home, manufactured home, residential trailer, mobile home, condominium unit or unit within multifamily housing.

For “Structural or safety improvements that increase accessibility or visitability” - what are considered 'safety improvements.” I am part of a cross-disability non-profit and we will get people items after they have left rehab, newly disabled, to make sure their places and spaces are accessible to them. We also do a lot with back-up power for people health and communication safety and accessibility.

The purpose of the funding is to make home repairs for low-income People with Disabilities and Older Adults to help keep them in their homes. Accessibility modifications are one of the key components of this funding. In terms of purchasing “items” – it will depend on the items being purchased. If it is related to a home repair, such a wheelchair ramp, then it would be an allowable cost. Other personal items or medical equipment would most likely not be allowed. If the individual is on Medicare, there may be other funding options to pay for these items. In terms of back-up power, we would need more information to make a determination. In general, grant funds are intended for home repairs and accessibility modifications. If the backup power was required to properly implement an accessibility device, such as a lift, then using grant funds for this purpose may be allowable.

We have two projects that we feel would be good matches for this funding and I'd like to get your opinion on whether these would be strong candidates for funding:
Development of 34 new transitional housing units designated for non-elderly disabled adults and seniors and Rehab and repair for existing subsidized housing, focused on units with senior occupants and accessibility needs.

Healthy Homes funding does not cover new construction so could not be used for development of transitional housing. The funding could be used for repairing existing homes for Older Adults with accessibility needs as long as the Older Adults were at or below 80 % area median income and the other requirements of the funding were met.

Would community outreach, household intake, and whole-home or aging-in-place assessments conducted as part of establishing a Healthy Homes program be considered eligible activities?

Yes, these would be allowable activities with HHGP funding. However, since the funds are designed for home repairs, the outreach and assessments would need to be paired with implementation of home repairs.

Can funds be used for: 1. modifications of bathrooms, and 2. remediation of hoarding items? We have seen many people with disabilities who could use this type of work.

Modifications of bathrooms to better serve low-income Older Adults or People with Disabilities is a priority use of this funding and HHGP funds could be used. For remediation of hoarding items, if the hoarding posed a threat to the health and safety of the resident, who was an Older Adult or Person with a Disability and/or caused an accessibility issue (person could not safely get around their home) then it would be a priority use of this funding and HHGP funds could be used.

If our rental property includes older adult and/or disabled residents, but not all (100%) resident population falls within these populations, will our project still be considered?

This is a bit of a gray area. For example, if a roof was needed for a multifamily residence where some but not all the residents were older adults and/or disabled, we want to be able to make that project happen. When it comes to work specific to a unit, clients need to meet the priority population criteria.

Would that be a pro-rated situation? 3 of 10 units meeting the criteria means only 30% of the work is covered?

We don't have any type of formula worked out at this point, but it is something we want to try and support.

A lot of seniors in our portfolio need help with taking down of old trees/landscaping needs/overgrowth and need help with those services. Would this funding be able to cover that?

While this is not a priority of this round of funding, if trees or landscaping poses a risk to health and safety, it would be covered. For example, if someone is using a wheelchair and can't get into their home because of a tree root blocking their residence, that would be an allowable cost. However, routine landscaping would not be covered under this grant funding.

Would repairing/turning over vacant units be eligible if the units were restricted to being used by the priority populations?

No. Units that are being repaired using HHGP funds cannot be vacant. Under this grant, there must be somebody who's either currently living in that unit or is under an agreement to be in that unit.

What if the unit has income restrictions?

Even if there are income restrictions and population restrictions, there has to be an actual name tied to the residence. It can't just be a vacant unit that is being held for the next qualified person.

Funding Prioritization or Scoring Questions

Is previous experience coordinating mitigation contractors and managing home-based projects viewed as relevant experience for organizations that are expanding into Healthy Homes services?

Yes, working with contractors and managing projects would be seen as relevant experience.

Are there particular elements you encourage first-time applicants serving rural, under-resourced communities to emphasize in their proposals?

Please refer to the RFGA for the desired elements in this grant application. We cannot provide additional guidance or recommend specific elements to individual applicants, as this would provide an advantage over others that apply.

When applying, does the organization need to have a full list of projects that the funding would apply to? We have an active community energy program and this funding would help supplement our current funding for further impact but not all of our projects all lined up at this time.

No. When possible, include the full list of projects; as it will make your application stronger if you're clearly about to identify what you're aiming to accomplish with these funds. With that said, not all projects may be identified and some unknown repairs may result from doing a whole home assessment.

I work with an organization with an existing home repair program that serves a low-income culturally specific population but does not explicitly serve individuals with disabilities or older adults. Would my organization still be competitive?

Yes. The intent of this funding is to serve older adults and individuals with disabilities. Having an existing program and serving a historically underserved population are both huge assets. We encourage everyone who is interested to apply and to emphasize your organization's strengths, whether that would be serving people in the communities you described that happen to be older adults and individuals with disabilities or other ways you may have access to those populations.

Would it be competitive to ask for multiple projects within one application? For example, if a building needed a new roof and there was also a need for accessibility modifications.

Yes. You can submit multiple projects from one organization as long as they are all included in the same application. Only one application is allowed per organization.

Reporting Requirement Questions

NA

Disbursement and Budget Questions

NA

Other Questions

Is there a particular whole home and/or aging in place assessment you recommend using?

No. We recommend using the assessment that best aligns with your project or program and that best suits the needs of your clients.

Is there any restriction on the type of funds that can be used to leverage? e.g. can federal funds be used as leverage?

No. We don't have any restrictions on the kinds of funds that you can use to leverage with HHGP funding.

How do we determine application word limits? I don't see these in the online application form or downloadable form.

*Any word limit would be a SmartSheet system limit, not our program application limit. If you do hit that, you can submit a supplemental document. Smartsheet forms have a default limit of **4,000 characters** (including spaces) for a single text response field. This comes out to about 650-800 including spaces.*

Is there a requirement to meet prevailing wages?

HHGP grant agreements outline requirements related to Oregon Prevailing Wage Law. Grantee organizations are responsible for ensuring compliance on every project. Specifically, grantees must:

- *Determine if state Prevailing Wage Rate (PWR) or the federal Davis-Bacon Act (DBRA) apply to a specific project.*
 - ***If** determined to apply:*
- *Require all contractors/subcontractors to pay the applicable rates.*
- *Fulfill all BOLI requirements.*

Because requirements depend on how each project is structured, these determinations must be made by your organization on a project-by-project basis. OHA cannot make them in advance.

BOLI's PWR Unit (pwr.email@boli.oregon.gov) can help with determinations, though before contacting them directly, you might review [BOLI's Prevailing Wage Rate Laws handbook](#) if you have not done so already. This resource is quite detailed and outlines exemptions to PWR requirements.

Because project scope and structure vary across grantees, we have been advising grantees that these determinations need to be made project-by-project rather than inferred from another's experience.

Can you remind me when the timing of the award is? When would we get the money in hand?

We don't yet know for certain, but most likely not until next year, in early 2027. We will update successful grantees as soon as we have a more specific timeline.

