Mental Health Housing NOFA Frequently Asked Questions
Questions and Answers as of April 11, 2017
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SMI/SUD NOFA:
Q: If our services consist of off-site, do we describe the offsite service in Section 4.1 Competitive Scoring of the application, page 3, Impact question 1(j)?
A: Yes. Please include both off-site and on-site services in your description on page 3 of Section 4.1 Competitive Scoring, Impact question 1(i) of the application.

Q: If a project is 100% affordable but only 25% of the units are proposed to be set aside for Serious Mental Illness or Substance Use Disorder, can the applicant request $50,000 for 100% of the units, or is it limited to only $50,000 for those 25% of units set aside for the target population?
A: You may request up to $50,000 per affordable unit whether or not they are set aside units. So in your scenario above you could request up to $50,000 per unit for 100% of the units.

Q: Do we need to include the “Required site accessibility and Visitability features” information as stated in the NOFA instructions in the Architectural Review section 4.6 of the application?
A: Yes. This information is required as stated in the instructions. To better clarify the requirement Section 4.6 has been updated.

Q: Does Section 1.4 A(3) of the NOFA apply to both Supportive and Supported Housing?
A: Supported Housing Only.

Q: Are residents in Mental Health Supportive Housing required to have a private room or can it be a shared roommate unit?
A: It can be a shared roommate if the project is for transitional housing. If it's a permanent housing project residents must not be required to have a roommate.

Q: For Transitional Mental Health Housing, is there a minimum length of stay?
A: We haven't identified a minimum length of stay, but would encourage it to be long enough to ensure residents have secured permanent housing prior to leaving the transitional setting.

Q: We were wondering if we can overlay this funding with our SUDs in a scenario of dual diagnosis recovery housing; ie. SUD and chronic major depression?
A: If dual diagnosis housing, resident would need to meet the definition of SMI and housing would be considered SMI and under the 25% limitation.
Crisis Respite NOFA:

Q: Do we need to include the “Required site accessibility and Visitability features” information as stated in the NOFA instructions in the Architectural Review section 4.6 of the application?
A: Yes. This information is required as stated in the instructions. To better clarify the requirement Section 4.6 has been updated.

Q: Under Financial Viability where do we put the estimated 5 year operating expenses?
A: Section 4.3 Financial Assumptions, Question 10. To better clarify the requirement Section 4.3 has been updated.