

Information Session Questions – RFA #7187

- 1. Can the eviction prevention support be used for individual residents or would it need to be a broader program?**

It can be used for any sort of case management activities as long as the resident that you are providing them to is a resident of an Affordable Rental Housing Property. It may not be used for rent assistance.

- 2. Can you please give examples of spending that would fall under “Workforce Development?”**

Training and assistance with interview skills, resume writing, training around a specific professional skill, for example coding or bookkeeping. Any sort of workforce training and technical assistance to help the residents of the property build a skill that might support them in their professional development.

- 3. If there are two buildings in our portfolio, would we be able to apply for a grant for each building or is there one grant per organization?**

One grant per organization but you can serve multiple properties under that grant. It is one application per organization.

- 4. Does construction need to be completed already in order to receive grant?**

No. It is not tied to the development process, per se. It is for the resident services that could take place at any point in that process. It could be compensation for a key community partner who helped put together community members from a specific neighborhood or cultural group and helps with thinking through design components. It could be for services to a property that has been fully leased up for years and your CBO goes into that property to regularly provide after school care, English lessons, or some other service that the community has expressed a need for.

- 5. What is the cutoff for “recently in the pipeline”?**

It is 12 months. If the 4% LIHTC has exited the pipeline within the last 12 months the application would then receive the priority points

- 6. A living wage is \$55k-65k/year in OR. If an organization is paying this wage to resident services coordinator, then \$25k only supports about 1/3 of an FTE. Will OHCS be okay with such limited time/FTE additional capacity or is the dept expecting more?**

These funds are intended to be supplementary. They are not designed nor intended to fully fund resident services. Projects that are applying for financing through OHCS should generally be able to write resident services support into their project budget. But we recognize that there are gaps. This particular offering is only designed to supplement and not fully fund resident services as we know best practices would necessitate and expect. We are aware that we are not providing through this offering the full amount needed to fully staff up a resident services position and provide services in robust way.

7. What is the timeline for notification of award and project start dates?

The project start date can be flexible depending on when all of the grant materials are in place. It can take a couple of weeks to a month. Ideally, we would have the project start date within a month to month and half after notifications. For this particular grant, we are offering on a case-by-case basis, backdated to January 1, 2022. We understand that there are a number of 4% LITHC programs have provided the work and exited the pipeline We would like to provide our partner CBOs a way to recoup money spent providing those services.

8. We run a resident services peer group that provides ongoing training and support for front line resident services staff across the state. We have many rural and culturally specific organizations that are served by this program, however we do not have any specific housing development in our portfolio.

This grant is for services provided directly to the residents of affordable rental housing. Although your organization's work in creating a community of practice and support for resident services staff is very important, it does not align with this grant offering. There may be other offerings in OHCS that are designed to support the type of professional development and networking you provide. Staff will reach out to you directly to follow up on possible offerings in other Divisions within OHCS.

The GHAP Capacity Building program has provided [additional frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) on the GHAP Capacity Building program webpage.