

# RFA #7187 ARH Partnership Grant

## FAQs

- 1. Where can I find more information about the ARH Partnership Grant and other capacity building offerings?**
  - a. You can find the RFA and general guidance on the application process on the OHCS [Procurement webpage linked here](#). Additional information about the GHAP Capacity Building Program and this and other offerings can be found on the [GHAP Capacity Building Program page linked here](#).
- 2. What is the timeline for the Request for Applications (RFA) for the competitive process?**
  - i. Please check the [Procurement Opportunities page](#) for the most up to date information about this grant offering and timeline
- 3. Who is eligible to apply for the ARH Partnership grant?**
  - a. Nonprofit organizations and Native nations (Federally Recognized Tribes and Tribal Entities in Oregon)
- 4. What is the maximum amount that I can request?**
  - a. \$25,000
- 5. How do I find out if a property is income-restricted affordable rental housing?**
  - a. Contacting the property manager is the easiest way to find out if a property has income restrictions or is classified as affordable rental housing. HUD's website also offers a map (non-exhaustive) that shows many of the state's affordable rental housing units. [HUD's map is linked here](#).
- 6. What does "primarily serves" mean for this grant?**
  - a. For the purposes of this grant "primarily serves" means that supporting a specific community (or communities) is at the core of the organization's mission, and that members of that community make up the majority of their client population. The organization may have programs or events for the general public but the majority of its time and resources are focused on serving one or more specific communities.
- 7. What type of information should I provide to show that my organization meets five out of the eight qualifying characteristics?**
  - a. Organization mission statements, history (regional, organization, and service community), information about unique knowledge and insights due to relationship with the community, community demographics, and program participant and client demographics can demonstrate the degree to which the organization meets the qualifying characteristics are some examples of information you might provide.
- 8. Can my organization apply more than once for this grant?**
  - a. No. Only one application will be accepted per nonprofit or tribal housing entity.
- 9. What kinds of resident services activities are eligible for reimbursement under this grant?**
  - a. Please review the RFA for more information about allowable activities. Most services provided in support of residents in affordable rental housing will be allowable under this grant. That includes, but is not limited to: Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing, interpretation and translation, partnership in development of outreach strategy,

support for reaching underserved populations to build the wait list, listening sessions, resident asset building strategies, eviction prevention, workforce support, family support services, educational and knowledge-sharing opportunities

**10. Can we serve residents from multiple properties with one award?**

- a. Yes. Please be sure to list the property addresses you expect to provide services to on your application. You can also add more properties after award, if needed.

**11. Are allowable activities equally weighted in application scoring?**

- a. Resident service activities will not be weighted differently for this grant offering.

**12. What is the timeframe for spending the funds?**

- a. You will have two years from the effective date of the grant agreement in which to expend the awarded funds. You may choose to expend the funds more quickly or take the entire two-year grant period.

**13. What is the cap for indirect costs/administrative costs?**

- a. This grant has an 18% cap on indirect/administrative costs. Native nations applicants may request flexibility in this cap due to their specific NICRA needs.

**14. Where can I find out if my service community counts as “rural” for this grant?**

- a. Rural is defined for this grant in alignment with the definitions used in other Affordable Rental Housing programs in OHCS. OHCS has a [Housing Data & Analysis webpage, linked here](#). You can find “rural” status of the Counties and Cities in Oregon under the Rural Definition, Rural Set Aside sub-tab.

**15. Are there extra points or a preference for innovation or pilot projects?**

- a. Not for this grant offering

**16. What definition of low to very low income are you using? What percentage AMI is this?**

- a. [https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/home-datasets/files/HOME\\_IncomeLmts\\_State\\_OR\\_2021.pdf](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/home-datasets/files/HOME_IncomeLmts_State_OR_2021.pdf)

**17. Can you explain what the criteria are for “has an ability to effectively serve BIPOC?”**

- a. It will be the applicant’s responsibility to convey to OHCS why and how their organization has been able to effectively serve Black, Indigenous, or another Community of Color. This may include educating OHCS about what “effective” or “success” means to their organization, programs, and communities they serve.

**18. How would I know if my organization is serving a community that has been historically targeted by discriminatory housing policies? do you have a map with any data for this information?**

- a. We do not have a map for this information. There are many peer-reviewed resources online that can help you learn more about housing discrimination and your service community. The Fair Housing Council of Oregon is a good resource for information about fair housing laws and the history of discriminatory housing policies. It will be the applicant's responsibility to inform OHCS of how discriminatory housing policies have impacted the communities they serve.

**19. Can you define what “providing ongoing support” to affordable rental housing property means?**

- a. Provide ongoing support means the organization has a relationship with a particular affordable rental housing property that was established by MOU or informal agreement with the property manager or ownership and has resulted in the organization having a

reoccurring resident services presence or connection with the property and its residents.

**20. Who can I contact if I have additional questions?**

- a. Please email follow up questions to [OHCS.Contracts@hcs.oregon.gov](mailto:OHCS.Contracts@hcs.oregon.gov). Make sure to put RFA #7187 – Question in the subject line of your email. While the question and answer period is open, responses to your questions will be added to this FAQ and posted online. The Grant Administrator cannot address specific questions about your application. The administrator for this grant is Kimie Ueoka, Capacity Building Analyst, Affordable Rental Housing Division, OHCS. Her email is: [Kimie.Ueoka@hcs.oregon.gov](mailto:Kimie.Ueoka@hcs.oregon.gov).