

Home Repair Fund NOFA

Info Session



Agenda

1. Info Session Overview
2. Opportunity Overview
3. Q and A



Info Session Purpose

- Provide clarity on the Notice of Funding Availability
- Answer technical questions
- Cannot provide recommendations on strategy



Questions

- Please hold questions until the end.
- All questions and responses, and this presentation, will be added to NOFA at <https://https://pvdrescueplan.com/home-repair-fund/>.
- Questions received after the event will also be posted on site.



Opportunity Overview



NOFA Goals



Provide American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to non-profit subrecipient organizations to administer home repair programs to provide housing rehab grants to eligible households and properties within the City.

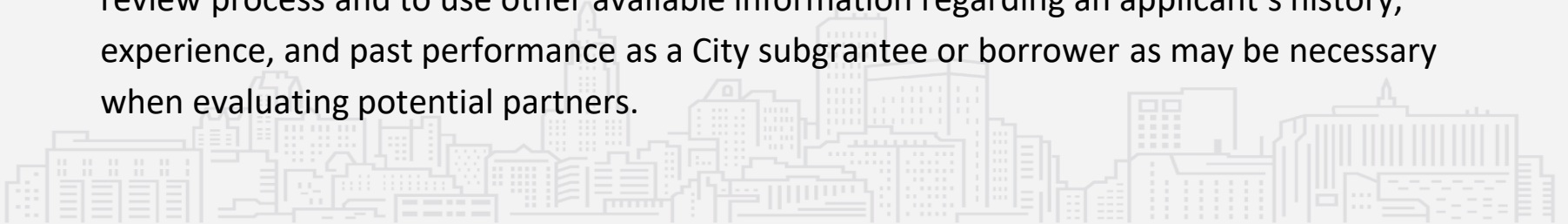
- Assist individuals and families experiencing financial hardships to address home repair needs to enable safe shelter;
- Foster stability in hardest-hit neighborhoods through housing quality improvement and equity-building.



NOFA Process



- City solicits proposals for federally-funded initiatives in accordance with identified priorities & needs.
- Non-profit agencies submit proposals to carry out initiatives on behalf of City as “subrecipients”. Federal government empowers City as pass-through entity to vet and seek quality projects delivered at best price.
- City may fund a program for the full amount requested, or less than the full amount, or not at all.
- The City reserves the right to request additional information from applicants during the review process and to use other available information regarding an applicant’s history, experience, and past performance as a City subgrantee or borrower as may be necessary when evaluating potential partners.



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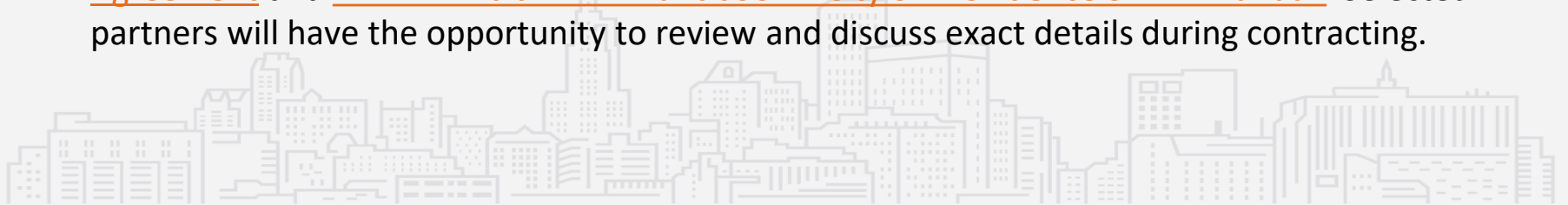


- Up to \$3,000,000 available to award for housing rehab programs. No minimum set.
- NOFA also includes an additional \$500,000 set-aside for programs offering pre-electrification services that will enable households to access forthcoming state and federal electrification incentives.



Requirements

- This funding opportunity is open to public or private non-profit organizations or collaboratives that have demonstrated experience and capacity to provide housing rehabilitation services to priority populations most impacted by the pandemic in Providence.
- Projects must have a completion date on or before June 30, 2024. Extension of the project(s) is possible contingent upon available funding. Expenditure deadline 2026.
- All recipients of ARPA funds are subject to required federal contract provisions. These include requirements around procurement procedures, records maintenance, and regular reporting. Details may be found in [Attachment A: Sample City of Providence ARPA Agreement](#) and [ARPA Exhibit: ARPA Handbook – City of Providence SLFRF Manual](#). Selected partners will have the opportunity to review and discuss exact details during contracting.



Requirements

- Project must provide direct benefit to one or more of the ARPA eligibility categories:
 1. Households verified to be presumed eligible via current enrollment in a means-tested federal program (LIHEAP, TANF, SSDI).
 2. Households verified to be earning at or below 65% AMI using an accepted income-verification methodology;
 3. Households living in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs).
- Project services must be designed to be culturally-competent and accessible.
- Financial assistance to clients must be structured as a grant due to Treasury requirements.



Threshold Criteria



- Established history of managing rehabilitation programs and initiatives for low-income populations in Providence.
- Capacity to deliver culturally-competent and accessible services in languages other than English.
- That the applicant is eligible for federal funding, i.e. has active and valid registration with [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov).
- That the agency has no conflict of interest that would violate City, State, or Federal Conflict of Interest laws or policies and has disclosed any potential conflicts.
- That the agency has an accounting system and sufficient internal controls necessary to meet federal standards described at [2 CFR 200.302](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-200/subpart-302/section-200.302).
- That the applicant is committed to federal [Fair Housing Rules](#).
- That the applicant is familiar with the [Lead Safe Housing Rule](#) and its applicability to federally-assisted rehabilitation activities.
- That the applicant has reviewed – ***and can fully comply with*** – [Treasury SLFRF guidance](#).
- That no more than 10% ~~7%~~ of the total program budget is for administrative/indirect costs; this should be demonstrated in the project budget.



Application

Application Form:

- NOFA will be open until December 21, 2022 – 11:59PM.
- Application sections*:
 - General Information
 - Program Narrative
 - Timeline & Budget
 - Certification

*Application form is fillable PDF; you may provide narrative, timeline, and budget as separate PDF attachments if more space needed.

- Submit applications at <https://pvdrescueplan.com/home-repair-fund/> (bottom of page)
- All submitted applications found to meet threshold criteria will then be evaluated based on this [rubric](#).





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Questions and Answers



Indirect Cost Rate?

- Addendum to be issued that permits respondents to budget 10% of modified direct costs or provide a negotiated indirect cost rate (if seeking above 10%).



Q & A

- Final Date for Questions: December 13, 2022
- Q&A Posted Online: December 14, 2022



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Thank you!

