

HOME, HOPWA, SHIP RFA Questions

- Did HOPWA have a decrease in funding this year?
 - Yes, the City's HOPWA allocation from HUD has decreased. The FY27 allocation is \$3,672,109.00.
- As a HOPWA TBRA provider, should we be aiming for 50% of our target percentage for the continuation of our program?
 - The allocation for each County has been adjusted based on our FY27 funding from HUD. The City cannot advise agencies on specific programmatic adjustments, including target percentages. Applicants are encouraged to review the funding amounts available for their county and structure their proposed program, budget, and service targets in alignment with the available funding.
- Regarding Question 3 in Section B. Activity Information of the HOPWA application, are we able to upload maps of the proposed area in the document section instead of providing links?
 - Yes. Please just note in the text box that you will be uploading the documentation in Section G. Supporting Documents.
- Does my 501(c)3 need to be active for 3 years?
 - Yes, this is a requirement of the RFA.
- Is there a match requirement for HOPWA and HOME TBRA?
 - No, there is not a match requirement for HOPWA or HOME TBRA.

- Are there any required budget templates?
 - The RFA does not include a required budget template. Applicants must complete the budget table included in the Funding & Sustainability section of the application. Applicants are also responsible for developing and submitting any other budget-related documentation needed to support their proposal in the Supporting Documents section.

- Are there character limits for any of the sections in the HOME TBRA or HOPWA applications?
 - There are no character limits in any sections of the HOME TBRA or HOPWA applications.

- For HOPWA programs, if we are applying for multiple activities across multiple counties, do we need to submit separate applications for each?
 - Yes, individual applications must be submitted per activity/county.

- Where can I find the RFA Guidelines in Neighborly?
 - The RFA Guidelines can be found in the Program Overview section of each application.

- Does HOME TBRA serve individuals/families experiencing homelessness, those at risk of experiencing homelessness, or both?
 - The City of Tampa's HOME TBRA program requires that those served are experiencing homelessness.

- The HOME and SHIP programs seem similar; can you describe how they differ?

HOME TBRA	SHIP DRAP
Federally funded	State funded
HOME TBRA is one program that includes move-in assistance and ongoing rental subsidy for up to 2 years	SHIP DRAP is three separate activities that include Deposit/Utility Assistance, Eviction Prevention, and Rental Subsidy for up to 12 months
Clients must be at or below 80% AMI	Security/Utility Deposit and Eviction Prevention clients must be at or below 80%. Rental Subsidy clients must be at or below 50% AMI
Clients must be experiencing homelessness	Clients must be experiencing homelessness or are at risk of experiencing homelessness
Provides ongoing monthly case management for all clients	Ongoing case management is not required for all clients

- Can you explain the difference between HOME TBRA and HOPWA TBRA?

HOPWA TBRA	HOME TBRA
Households must have at least one person medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS	Households are not required to have at least one person medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS
Assistance does not currently have a maximum time limit	Assistance may not exceed 2 years
Serves clients in Hillsborough, Hernando, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties	Only serves clients within the City of Tampa limits

- Is HOME TBRA required to use Coordinated Entry or can they accept their own referrals?
 - No, HOME TBRA is not required to use Coordinate Entry and can determine their own referral process.
- Is the HOME TBRA funding amount the same as it was last year?
 - Yes, the HOME TBRA funding amount is the same as it was last year.
- Is the agency currently funded for HOME TBRA guaranteed to be awarded this year?
 - No, all agencies interested in funding are required to go through the same application and review process.
- Is the intention to award one agency or multiple agencies for HOME TBRA?
 - We are open to either award one agency or multiple agencies based on the strength of applications submitted and the recommendations of the reviewers.
- For HOME TBRA, is the \$600,000 per year or for all 3 years of the agreement?
 - The \$600,000 is per year.
- Is the Proposal Review meeting on May 19th open to the public?
 - Yes, the Proposal Review meeting is open to the public in listen-only mode.
- Will the RFA questions and answers be publicized?
 - Yes, the RFA questions and answers will be publicized on HCD's webpage.

- What is the typical timeline for monthly reimbursement if awarded?
 - Once a reimbursement request is submitted, HCD has 30 days to review. The Finance Department shall remit payment to the agency within 45 days after receipt of an approved invoice.
- For HOPWA, what are the eligible activities allowable in this RFA?
 - The allowable HOPWA activities under this RFA are Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Short Term Rent Mortgage & Utilities (STRMU), Permanent Facility-Based Housing (P-FBH), Short Term Transitional Facility-Based Housing (ST-FBH), Supportive Services (SS), Permanent Housing Placement (PHP), and Resource Identification (RI).
- Must the President sign the Exhibit F, or can any Board of Trustee member sign?
 - Any duly authorized representative may sign the Exhibit F.
- Must the President sign the Exhibit E, or can any Board of Trustee member sign?
 - Yes, the President of the Board must sign the Exhibit E.
- Is a Board of Trustees meeting necessary in order to comply with Exhibit E?
 - Yes, a Board of Trustees meeting is necessary to provide the required date on the Exhibit E.
- In Neighborly, the Supporting Documents are labeled differently than they are in the RFP. Please advise on how you would like us to proceed. Should we upload the documents under the corresponding line items in Neighborly, or will revisions be made in the system so that Exhibit A in the RFP aligns with the labeling in the software?
 - Please upload the documents under the corresponding line items in Neighborly.