

2024 RFP Bidders Conference- Thurston County OHHP

Questions & Answers

Q: Is the City of Tumwater Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) part of this request, or will it be coming out later?

A: CDBG is included in the [Request for Proposals](#) released on February 23, 2024. A CDBG Bidders Conference will be held on March 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. It will be held online and in person at Tumwater City Hall in the Sunset Room. [Join online via Microsoft Teams](#)

Q: Regarding the RFI, you went over the limited share of funding for the 60/80 percent area median income (AMI) level of income for the regular RFP. For the RFI, the outer limit is 80% but is there a preference for below 60%? And is the scoring for lower income part of the Community Need part of the matrix?

A: Yes, it can go up to 80%, but 60% or below projects are prioritized. It is considered a part of community need.

Q: Is it acceptable to submit an application that has two levels of income, some units under 60 percent, and some 80 percent?

A: Having a mix of income levels is acceptable.

Q: If we have multiple projects to put in the pipeline, even perhaps multiples each year, how do you want that reflected? Or does that require a separate application for each project proposed?

A: Please submit one application per project for the Request for Information for placement into the pipeline.

Q: The 60/20/20 split - is that applying to the RFI or to the RFP?

A: The 60/20/20 split is related to the Request for Information (RFI), up to 60% of available funding will be reserved for projects in the pipeline, at least 20% will be available through the RFP and 20% will be reserved for the Opportunity Fund.

Q: Is the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) restricted to 80% AMI?

A: The CHDO is specific to federal HOME dollars and has an 80% AMI threshold.

Q: If an agency has more than one project, are they to submit separate applications?

A: Yes, submit a separate application for each project. There is no limit to the number of applications you may submit.

Q: Is there a deadline for questions and will you issue an FAQ?

A: March 22, 2024 is the last date for substantive questions with an answer that could impact other applicants. Clarifying questions that do not impact other applicants will be answered up until applications are due. Please send any questions into HousingThurston@co.thurston.wa.us. We will post an FAQ on the website.