AHF 12.0 NOFA Questions and Answers

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Please email questions to https://www.smcgov.org/housing/ahf12-nofa

Q1 We are using an ENA to show site control for the development and the current ENA expires on May 3, 2024. We are currently in the process of getting the ENA extended and will have this document approved by City Council on 04/16. There will be no lapse in site control, but the executed agreement will not be ready by 04/12. Will this meet the site control threshold?

A1 You may submit the existing ENA and describe the expected timeline for extension. Please submit evidence of the extension as soon as it is received. If evidence of the extension is not provided before submission of funding recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, your application may be disqualified.

Q2 Because of our Board meeting dates, the borrowing resolution will not be available until after the AHF 12.0 application deadline. Does this prevent us from applying?

A2 Please upload an explanation of the reason your Borrowing Resolution is not available to be uploaded and describe when it will be submitted. If we do not receive the Borrowing resolution before the submission of recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, a recommendation to fund your project may be disqualified.

Q3 We are not allowed to upload certain confidential information to a shared platform like CDS. Can we email confidential information instead?

A3 Yes, email confidential information directly to jstokley@smchousing.org and upload in place of the required attachment an explanation of the reason for not uploading the confidential information. Please know that information submitted to DOH may be subject to a Public Records Act request, and we cannot guarantee confidentiality.

Q4 When reading the MTW Annual Plan, it seems the (Moving to Work) funds are set aside to cover gap financing for affordable housing in San Mateo County, without any other specific guidelines. Does that mean if we meet the Measure K guidelines, we automatically qualify for the MTW funds as well? If so, say we have a \$10M gap, how do you suggest I split my funding request between the AHF funds and the MTW funds (i.e., 50-50)?

A4 The MTW Funds under MTW Activity 2012-26 provides funding for leveraging additional investment fund for affordable housing development. MTW funds are awarded through a competitive process in the form of an RFP and/or NOFA, which in this case coincides with the AHF process when MTW funds are available. In the past, some projects received both AHF and MTW funds. It is up to the developer to determine how much AHF and/or MTW funds to request for their particular project. Please be mindful that the San Mateo County Department of Housing receives multiple and competitive proposals. The County reviews all the proposals, makes decision on which projects need to be funded, and determines the amounts to be awarded.