

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Addressing the Housing Affordability Crisis Research Grant Program
FR-6900-N-29R

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
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1. Who is eligible to apply for this grant opportunity?

Eligible applicants are restricted to institutions that are designated at the time of application as one of the following entity types:

- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses
- Small businesses
- Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)
- Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions (ANNH)

Individuals are not eligible applicants.

2. When are applications due?

Applications are due on **Thursday, July 24, 2025 by 11:59 PM ET**. HUD must receive your application by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline are late. Late applications are not eligible for HUD fund

3. How can I access a copy of the full Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) document?

Follow these steps to access the full text of the NOFO:

- Go to this [link](#) (alternatively, you can access www.grants.gov, click “search grants,” and type “FR-6900-N-29R” into the “keyword(s)” text box, and click “search”).
- Click on the “related documents” tab.
- Click on the hyperlink under “file name” that reads “FR-6900-N-29R-Full Announcement- Full Announcement.zip” and this will download the text of the full funding announcement as a PDF file.

4. How can I locate the “Competition ID” and the “Opportunity Package ID” for this funding opportunity?

The “Competition ID” and the “Opportunity Package ID” can be found on the grants.gov page associated with this funding opportunity. First, access the specific funding opportunity at this [link](#). Once you have accessed this page, click the “package” tab. Then, scroll to the bottom of this page. Under the header “Opportunity Package(s) Currently Available for this Funding Opportunity,” you will find the competition ID (FR-6900-N-29R). Scroll across, you will find the Opportunity Package ID (PKG00291047) associated with this funding opportunity.

5. Are applicants required to have matching funds available in order to be eligible for this funding opportunity?

No. This Program does not require cost sharing or matching.

6. Is there a mechanism for further questions, should any more arise?

Questions may be sent to researchpartnerships@hud.gov.

We will also be posting all questions that have been submitted, as well as the associated responses, to a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) list that you can find on www.huduser.gov and under the “related documents” of the funding opportunity at this [link](#). Please check back regularly to monitor new information regarding this funding opportunity.

7. Are city or municipal governments eligible to apply?

No. City and township governments are not eligible to apply as prime applicants under this NOFO. However, they may participate as partners to eligible applicants. In such cases, the eligible organization must serve as the prime applicant and, if awarded, the prime recipient. Cities or townships may also be included in the proposed project as subrecipients, contractors, or consultants, provided the partnership complies with federal requirements in 2 CFR 200.

8. Are Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) eligible to apply?

PHAs themselves are not eligible to apply as prime applicants. However, they may participate in proposed projects as subrecipients, contractors, or consultants if the partnership structure aligns with federal requirements in 2 CFR 200.

If a PHA has a separate nonprofit arm or affiliate that independently meets the eligibility requirements in Section II.A of the NOFO, that nonprofit entity may apply as the prime applicant, provided it satisfies all NOFO and federal requirements.

9. Is there a limit on the number of applications an institution can submit?

There is no limit on the number of unique proposals an eligible organization may submit. Institutions may submit multiple applications, provided each proposes a distinct project. The statement in the NOFO that "*If HUD receives more than one application from you, HUD will review only the last submission*" applies only to duplicate applications (i.e., when the same institution submits more than one version of the same proposal under the same UEI). It does not limit submitting multiple distinct proposals.

10. Can multiple Principal Investigators (PIs) from the same institution submit proposals?

Technically, yes. While there is no restriction on the number of proposals in which a PI may participate, only institutions (organizations) may submit applications; individuals, including PIs, cannot apply directly. A PI may be named in multiple proposals if they are leading or contributing to distinct projects.

11. Do subrecipients or partners need to submit the same forms and certifications as the prime applicant?

No. Only the prime applicant must submit all forms, assurances, and certifications required by the NOFO.

However, for subrecipients, subcontractors, or consultants who will be part of your key project personnel, you must include a letter of commitment from each named organization or individual. This documentation is required under Rating Factor 3 (Section V.B.1.) of the NOFO.

12. Do proposed projects require Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval?

Research conducted under this grant is subject to 24 CFR Part 60 (Protection of Human Subjects).

If your project involves human subjects, you should plan to obtain IRB approval. The IRB may determine the research is exempt from ongoing oversight, but you should budget for IRB review and any associated costs as allowable expenses under this grant.

13. Can HUD provide feedback on my proposed project idea or confirm if it's a good fit?

Under federal regulations, HUD cannot review draft proposals, advise on the merits of specific ideas, or confirm the likelihood of funding for any particular application. Applicants are encouraged to review the NOFO carefully to determine if their proposed project aligns with the funding opportunity's goals and requirements.

14. How do I apply to this NOFO?

To apply, follow these steps:

1. Review the NOFO and Application Instructions

Carefully read the NOFO posted on Grants.gov. Pay particular attention to the “*Before You Begin*” section on page 3, which provides critical guidance for preparing and submitting your application.

- **Direct NOFO Link:** [Grants.gov Listing for FR-6900-N-29R](#)

2. Access Key HUD Resources

These HUD resources offer background, application materials, and policy guidance:

- [HUD’s Funding Opportunities Page](#)
- [General HUD Grant Information](#)
- [HUD Grants Policies and Regulations](#)

3. Submit Your Application via Grants.gov

All applications must be submitted electronically through www.grants.gov. Be sure to register your organization and assign a designated Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) in advance, as this process may take several days.