

New Hampshire Housing

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Housing Trust Fund - Request for Proposals
Information Session

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What is the Special Needs program?

- It is a program created by New Hampshire Housing. It is not established by federal or state law.
- It has funded projects using various sources including the state's Affordable Housing Fund, the federal Housing Trust Fund, the federal HOME program, and Authority operating funds.
- The Authority has established a Rule (HFA:112) governing eligible uses and requirements for Special Needs projects.
- Financing is offered as a deferred payment loan with repayment from a portion of cashflow, if available

What is the national Housing Trust Fund?

- The national Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is the first new housing resource since 1974 targeted to building, rehabilitating, preserving, and operating rental housing for extremely low-income people.
- Created through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.
- All units funded with this RFP must serve extremely low income (ELI) households earning no more than 30% of AMI.
- Federal funding; section 504 of the Rehabilitation act of 1973 applies
- Must be permanent housing. May not be used for transitional housing or emergency shelters.
- Source: http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/HTF Factsheet.pdf

PBV Considerations

- Projects that score competitively for HTF will also be offered PBVs
- You may apply for HTF but not for PBVs; may not apply for PBVs but not HTF
- You may use PBVs from some other source, and can get points for doing so
- If applying for PBVs, project must be eligible for PBVs (24 CFR 983, environmental rules in part 58)

Fair Housing Legal Considerations

- This is federal funding
 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 does apply
 - Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act apply
- Projects for persons with disabilities are permitted as long as the type of disability is not narrowly defined
- Providing housing for persons with either mental illness, physical disabilities, or developmental disabilities is generally allowed
 - Considerations if you intend to serve a more narrowly defined population
 - Importance of a specifically crafted service plan for the population you intend to serve

What you need to know about this RFP: Threshold Criteria

- Eligible Uses in HFA:112.01 "Overview and Purpose"
- Applications must meet "threshold criteria" in order to be scored
- Must comply with certain rules in order to meet threshold
 - Listed on page 2 of the RFP
 - These standards and policies address significant topics like
 - Affordability restrictions
 - Reserve requirements
 - Environmental conditions
 - Income/expense trending

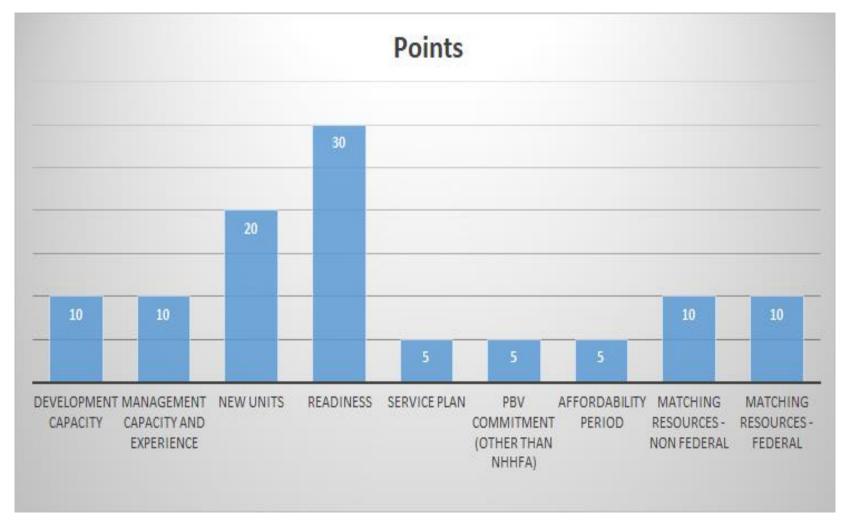


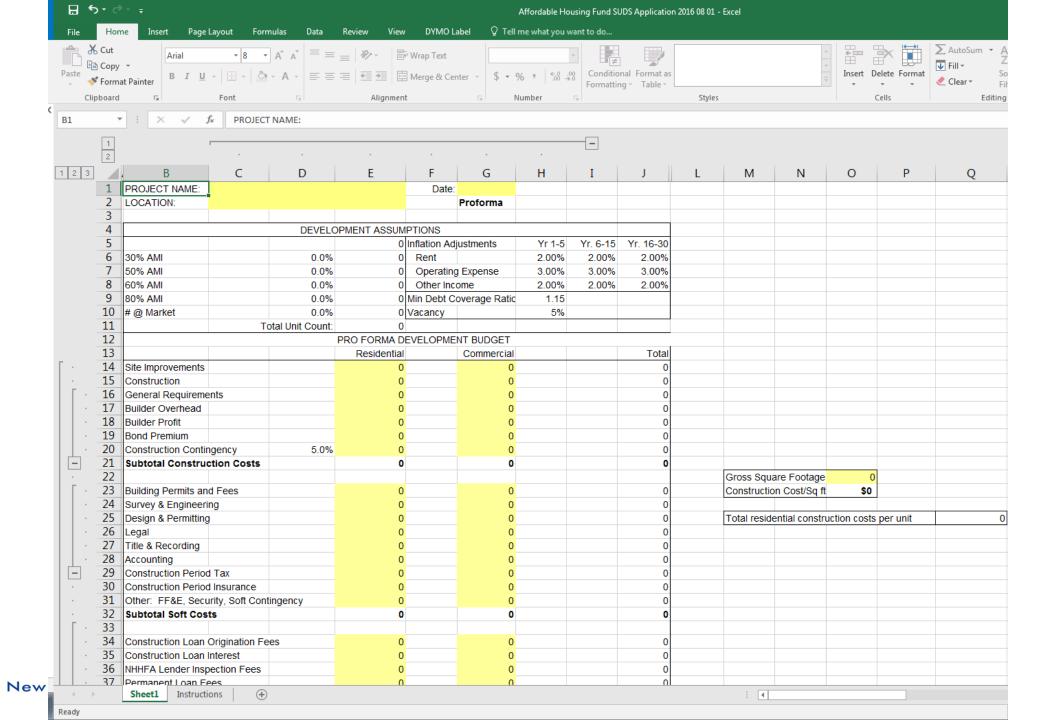
What you need to know about this RFP: Threshold Criteria (continued)

- Financial Sustainability will be evaluated based on projected income and expenses
 - Use NHHFA Special Needs Excel application form
 - Increases projected over time
- Readiness:
 - Review Progress Phase Requirements (Appendix B)
 - Submit development schedule with application (Appendix C)
- Documentation is important!
 - Submit explanation where documentation might not be available
 - If you are unsure of what is acceptable documentation, ask in advance.



Distribution of Available Points







How to Apply

- Application must be submitted by email to multifaminfo@nhhfa.org
- Online portal may be up and running by due date. If so, an addendum will be issued with more information.
- List of required documents is in the RFP (page 8).
- Applications due March 22, 2019 (no later than 5pm).
- Reservations made by May 31, 2019.
- We will let you know we received your application and may ask for clarifications.

Questions

Application deadline extension