**Notice of Funding Opportunity**

**Closing the Homeownership Gap and Preserving Homeownership During Economic Decline**

**FR-6700-N-29I**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**5/25/2023**

1. **How do you access the full Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) document and application package?**

Follow these steps to access the full NOFO, mandatory and optional forms.

* Go to this link, <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=348399>. Under “Opportunity Number” click on “FR-6700-N-29I”
* Select the tab “Package” and under “Opportunity Package(s) Currently Available for this Funding Opportunity:” click on the “Preview” link.
* In the dialogue box that opens, click on the “Download Instructions” button.
* In the zip folder that opens, the NOFO is named *FY23 HUDRD - Closing the Homeownership Gap and Preserving Homeownership During Economic Decline.pdf*
1. **If more than one research team wants to apply for funding under this NOFO, can our organization be a partner on more than one application?**

Yes, an entity that collects eviction or other relevant data can offer to share data and partner with more than one applicant to the NOFO.

1. **The NOFO states that the narrative must be double-spaced using the standard Times New Roman 12-point font. Can information presented in table format use narrower spacing and a different font?**

HUD has allowed 8-point font for tables and figures included in applications. Please use standard Times New Roman 12-point font for all material in the narrative.

1. **Can the funds be used for travel? Equipment (computers/printers)? Data/software?**

Yes.

1. **Why “eviction” and housing stability” is mentioned in relation to data and past experience?**

Where the rating factors ask for “eviction data,” it should be read as “relevant data.” Same with past experience. “Housing stability” should be understood in the broad sense of “homeownership attainment and homeownership duration.

1. **How do we satisfy the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirement?**

Affirmatively furthering fair housing means doing research or other activities that address the existing disparities in access to housing, studies segregated living patterns or examines barriers to homeownership.

1. How do we satisfy the Advancing Racial Equity requirement?

Advancing racial equity implies doing research or other research-related activities that study and analyze the disparities in housing access faced by various minority groups in a way that could inform actions to reduce said disparities.

1. **For the Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) preference points, what certification do we present?**

Typically, a letter of commitment from a partnering MSI is required.

1. **Is there a mechanism for further questions should any more arise?**

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