

Home Q&A for Week of February 15th through 19th

Q 1.) Is there a percentage of local match that is needed? Do you get points for local match? **A) There is not a required match, but you do get points for the amount of the match that is provided**

Feb. 22, 2021

Q 2.) Is there scoring criteria for HOME DPA? Without some type of guidelines for scoring it will be hard to adjust Match and know which cities to pair together, ie: Home Base, Great Places or neither.

A) Yes - there is scoring criteria. It has been uploaded with the Q & A. They have also been added to the HOME Application Manual. Please refer to the resources link below where you will find the Threshold & Scoring documents. <https://www.iowafinance.com/resource-archive/?program=HOME+Program&page-id=437>

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Q 3.) If a city has a current DPA program that will end this spring (Manning), are they eligible to apply this year?

A) The awards will not be made until September so if the current program is ending prior to that then they could apply this round.

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Q 4.) Does single family new construction have to be zero step, i.e. 100% accessible?

A) No, but the project must meet Federal ADA requirements if over 5 units.

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Q 5.) Why does one slide say due date of June 4 but elsewhere it says due date of April 9?

A) The correct date is April 9.

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Q 6.) Is this round of TBRA funding something we can submit a request or do we need to wait until our current TBRA grant is finished 2.22.21?

A) If you have a current open TBRA grant and are not almost completed you should wait until the next round of HOME to apply.

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Home Q&A for Week of February 22 through 26th

Q 1.) I don't believe that we covered in the training, but are we able to submit two TBRA applications?

A.) An Agency may submit more than one application. If you would be a new subrecipient an award of only one per this round may be awarded.

Q 2.) We provide services with people with disabilities and we have homes that we own where they rent from us. And I was just wondering if it would if they would be eligible for the new rental application for the rental assistance program.

A.) No, an agency can not apply for their tenants only. The TBRA is a rental assistance program where the tenant has the freedom to pick a unit.

Q 3.) You had a Webinar recently concerning the HOME Program. Is this something that we can access to view?

A.) The webinar and slides can be found out at the following links:

Home Q&A for Week of March 1st - 5th

Q 1.) I believe you said that the maximum TBRA award this year would be \$600,000; is that lower than previous years? Does this include admin funds or just program funds?

A.) \$600,000 is the total HOME award and that includes all cost for the project: administration, technical and program (This is the same as last regular HOME Round).

Q 2.) We serve multiple counties with TBRA funds (local Community Action agencies are spread throughout the State); for the questions that ask for "Yes" or "No" for waiting lists with PHAs and the average wait times--would you like us to include averages across the multiple communities? Or is there any particular way you would like us to handle such questions where the answers will vary depending on the community?

A.) Since the application will be serving several areas across the state the application needs to show each area and the need for those areas. List the areas with the PHA's waiting list for each area. Each answer that will vary depending on the community should be listed and explained for each community.

Q 3.) In this current Home program is this merely no interest loans available or is their actual Grant money to be awarded with these projects. They're seems to be some confusion about this matter.

A.) Homebuyer and TBRA application will be grants. Rental applications will have a zero-interest loan with repayment through the affordability period and a lump sum payment at the end of the affordability period. CHDO's rental applications will be forgivable loans.

Q 4.) Can a down payment application allow for both acquisition with rehab AND new construction down payment? If so, what should be selected on the project Name & Description page for #2 and #7?

A.) A home buyer application can have acquisition and rehab OR an application can be for new construction down payment. This needs to be decided at the beginning of the application process due to the environmental regulations. Whichever you are applying for needs to be selected on the Name and Description page.

Q 5.) On the scoring criteria, “Category 4” indicates no points for towns with completed homebuyer units from 10/1/2017 – 10/1/2019. Does this mean if there was an open program for the city during this time or if any units were completed during this timeframe?

A.) We would need to know if you were awarded HOME BUYER between 10/1/17 and 10/1/19. If so, your application would not receive points for these criteria.

Home Q&A for Week of March 8th - 12th

Q 1.) How is match calculated?

A.) The program cost (not including administration cost) is divided by the eligible match pledged in the application.

Q 2.) How long can a TBRA tenant receive rental assistance?

A.) The HOME rules states 12 months but assistance can go up to 24 months.

Q 3.) Can a project take any action on a project prior to award?

A.) An applicant cannot take any action on the project including with the site until after the Request for Release is funds is provided for the project, if awarded funds. This means the owner of property or the applicant.

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Q 2.) What address do I use for a TBRA application that will cover several counties?

A.) If you have an office within the service area, use that as the main address.

Home Q&A for Week of March 22nd - 26th

Q 1.) If an applicant has received a HOME award in prior years, can they apply for a new HOME award.

A.) Yes, you can apply. However, the old grant would need to be completed before an applicant can start a new grant. Consequently, the applicant may not be competitive with other applications.

Q 2.) I'm reaching out for the utility allowances for Boone and Grinnell. Can you send those to me? Also, are you currently sending out weekly clarifications? Is there a listserv I can be added to?

A.) Please contact Julie Noland @ Julie.Noland@IowaFinance.com for utility allowances.

A.) Please contact Elizabeth Christensen Elizabeth.christenson@Iowafinance.com to add to listserv.

Q 3) A project with 25 units with 5 receiving HOME funds. Is Davis Bacon required?

A.) No Davis Bacon is applicable for projects with 12 or more units.

Q 4) What happens if the DNL is 69 for a project?

A.) You would have to use construction material to mitigate the noise to 45 decibels inside, and have it verified by the A/E.