



U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

Authority to Accept Unsolicited Proposals for Research Partnerships Notice of Intent (NOI)

PDR-2600-DC-0USP

Applications are due by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time on 06/09/2027.

Policy Development and Research

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, register in the required systems and review the application materials. If you are already registered, confirm that your information is current and active.

SAM.gov Registration

You must have an active and up-to-date account with [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov), at the time of application and throughout the life of any award.

To register, go to [SAM.gov Entity Registration](https://sam.gov) and click Get Started. From the same page, you can also click the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.

It can take several weeks to register in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov), so get started now if you are planning to apply. [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) also provides each organization with a unique entity identifier (UEI). A valid UEI is required to apply for funding.

Grants.gov Registration

You must have an active [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) registration. This requires a [Login.gov](https://login.gov) registration as well. See step-by-step instructions at the [Grants.gov Quick Start Guide for Applicants](https://grants.gov). You must apply for funding using [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov), unless HUD has approved your [waiver request](#).

See [Section VI.B](#). Submission Methods.

Find the Application Package

Use the Grants Search at [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and search for opportunity number PDR-2600-DC-00USP . The application package has all the online forms you need to apply. You also need to access the Download Instructions link and review the content before you apply.

If you have other technical difficulties using Grants.gov, contact the Support Center on [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov).

To get updates on changes to this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), click Subscribe from the View Grant Opportunity page on [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov).

Application Deadline

Applications are due by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time on 06/09/2027.

See [Section VI.A](#). of this Notice.

HUD Listserv

To get **email alerts** about current and future funding opportunities, **subscribe** to [HUD's Funding Opportunities listserv](#).

I. BASIC INFORMATION

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A. Summary

B. Agency Contact(s)

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See [Contact and Support](#) section of this Notice.

A. Summary

Federal Agency Name:
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD Program Office:
Policy Development and Research

Announcement Type:
Initial

Program Type:
Discretionary

Paperwork Reduction Act Information:
Not applicable. This Notice is excluded under 5 CFR part 1320.

Due Date for Intergovernmental Review:
See [Section VI.C.1.](#)

Key Facts

Opportunity Name:
Authority to Accept Unsolicited Proposals for Research Partnerships Notice of Intent (NOI)

Opportunity Number:
PDR-2600-DC-0USP

Federal Assistance Listing(s):
14.506

Key Dates

Application Due Date:
11:59:59 PM Eastern Time on:
06/09/2027

Anticipated Award Date:
06/10/2027

Estimated Performance Period Start Date:
06/10/2027

Estimated Performance Period End Date:
06/10/2029

1. Notice Summary

This Notice solicits proposals for the Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R). Review the entire Notice to understand the proposal requirements in full. HUD will not fund incomplete or ineligible proposals.

Available funds will be awarded on a rolling basis as proposals are received, evaluated, and approved until funds are exhausted.

The Goal:

PD&R is looking for high-quality research that contributes to understanding of housing issues in the United States and provides practical data to help local, state, and federal leaders make better policy decisions.

Who Can Apply?

Eligible organizations with expertise in: housing, community development, and related research fields.

The Requirements:

To be considered, your proposal must:

- **Demonstrate Relevance to HUD's Mission and Policy Objectives:** The proposed research must clearly align with HUD's mission, programs, or policy priorities. While applicants are encouraged to address one or more of the research priority areas listed in Section III.B, proposals on other topics will be considered if they demonstrate clear relevance and potential value to HUD.
- **Leverage Shared Funding (Matching):** You must provide at least 50% of the total project cost yourself. This money can come from charities, foundations, or local/state government partners.

How the Partnership Works:

If your proposal is selected, it becomes a "cooperative agreement." This means:

- **Active Collaboration:** HUD won't just give you money and walk away; we will be heavily involved.
- **Guidance:** We will provide technical advice and help make decisions on research methods.
- **Standards:** We will ensure the research meets HUD's standards and goals.

2. Funding Details

Type of Funding Instrument

CA (Cooperative Agreement)

Available Funds

Funding of approximately **\$2,000,000** is available through this NOFO. Subject to appropriations, HUD reserves the right to award fiscal year 2027 funds based on this NOFO competition.

Additional funds may become available for award. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the selection process contained in this Notice.

Available funds will be awarded as proposals are received, evaluated, and approved, until funds are exhausted.

Estimated Number of Awards

8 awards from [available funding](#)

The number of awards will be based on the number of eligible proposals HUD receives, reviews, approves, and funds.

HUD reserves the right to reject all proposals, make no awards under this announcement, or make fewer or more awards than anticipated.

Minimum/Maximum Award Information

There are no minimum or maximum award amounts.

Length of Performance Period:

Other

Length of Periods Explanation:

The applicant may propose a start date earlier than the estimated date. HUD makes the final decision on the project performance period, taking into account the applicant's proposed schedule.

Factors Influencing the Decision:

- Specific funding rules and legal restrictions.
- HUD's own discretion and judgment.
- Direct negotiations between you and HUD.

B. Agency Contact(s)

See [Contact and Support](#) section of this Notice.

II. ELIGIBILITY

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A. Eligible Applicants

If your organization is not an eligible applicant, your application won't be reviewed or scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD.

1. Eligible Entity Types:

25 (Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification))

Additional Information on Eligibility

You cannot apply as an individual.

[Faith-based organizations](#) may apply just like any other organization. [HUD does not have any policies or practices that unfairly target these institutions.](#)

Eligible applicants under this Notice include: philanthropic entities, other Federal agencies, State or local governments and their agencies, Indian Tribes, tribally-designated housing entities, colleges or universities.

No Profit Allowed: You cannot include "profit" as a line item in your budget; HUD does not allow anyone to earn a profit from these research awards.

Defining "Philanthropic Entity": For this program, those 501(c)(3) organizations that officially fund research or charity work. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Private foundations
- Public charities
- School-based foundations
- Operating foundations

Proof Required: If you are, or are working with, a philanthropic entity, you must provide documents in your proposal proving that the group funds research or charitable activities.

Nonprofit Status Verification: HUD will check IRS data to confirm the applicant's nonprofit status.

2. Restrictions

a. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

You must meet the current [General Statutory and Regulatory Eligibility Requirements](#). If you do not meet these requirements, your application won't be scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD. This is a threshold requirement for all HUD funding.

b. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

If you have any outstanding or unresolved judgments for violating civil rights laws, you must settle them before you apply. If you don't, settle the civil rights law violations before you apply, your application won't be scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD. This is a threshold requirement for all HUD funding.

B. Eligible Applications

1. An application from an [eligible entity](#) is considered for funding if it meets basic [threshold requirements](#) and passes [merit review](#).
2. Your application must support the [goals](#) of this Notice.
3. Awards made under this Notice will not be used to conduct activities that subsidize or facilitate illegal racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination, including activities where race or intentional proxies for race will be used as a selection criterion for employment or program participation.

C. Cost Sharing or Matching

This Program requires [cost sharing or matching](#), as described below.

To be eligible for funding under this Program, cost sharing is required. Proposals that do not include the required cost share will be ineligible for funding.

The 50% Rule

- **Mandatory Match:** You must provide at least 50% of the total project cost.
 - **Example:** If your total project costs \$200,000, you must provide at least \$100,000, and HUD will cover the remaining amount.
- **What Type of Funds can be Considered Match Funds?** You can meet the 50% requirement using:
 - **Direct Costs:** Salaries, project-specific supplies, services, or equipment paid for by your organization or a partner to carry out the proposed work.
 - **In-Kind Contributions:** Donated items or staff time, provided they are properly documented.
 - **Other Federal Funds:** Only if that specific program's laws explicitly allow its funds to be used as a match.

All Matching Funds Must:

- Be used only during the approved project timeframe.
- Be clearly listed in your budget and proposal.
- Follow federal cost-sharing rules (specifically 2 CFR 200.306).

Special Rules for "Staff Time"

If your match funds cover employee time, you must:

- Show that the staff member is being released from their regular duties to work on this project without charging HUD for that time.
- Include a signed certification from an Authorized Organization Representative explaining this setup.

Required Documentation

You must provide the following documentation for matching funds:

- Signed Letters: Commitment letters on official letterhead, Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), or other formal agreements.
 - Each letter must state the exact dollar amount, the source of the funds, and how the funds are to be used.
 - All documents must be signed by an authorized representative from the contributing organization.

If these documents are missing, unclear, or incomplete, the proposal may be rejected.

III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A. Purpose

HUD created Research Partnerships to give researchers more flexibility to explore important policy questions and help fill gaps in evidence about housing and community programs.

During the open period of this Notice, HUD can accept unsolicited research proposals that address one or more of HUD's current research priorities through original research using the most rigorous methods feasible and adhering to the tenets of Gold Standard Science (See Executive Order 14303, "[Restoring Gold Standard Science](#)" (May 23, 2025)) to the extent possible.

HUD's research priorities outlined in this Notice may appear to overlap with topics included in other HUD funding opportunities. However, proposals submitted under this Notice must be independently conceived and developed by the applicant and must not be prepared in response to, or adapted from, a specific HUD NOFO, funding announcement, or solicitation. The key distinction is that unsolicited proposals originate from the applicant's own research and are not structured to meet the requirements, evaluation criteria, or scope of any existing or anticipated HUD competition.

HUD will not use this Notice to fund the same work, substantially similar work, or a discrete component of work that is already funded by the Federal Government or that is specifically addressed through another available or anticipated HUD funding mechanism.

Applicants should review Section III.B of this Notice for more information about HUD's research priorities and available resources. To be eligible, an unsolicited proposal must:

1. Be original and innovative,
2. Be developed independently by the applicant (without HUD's direction or help),
3. Include enough detail to show that the research would be useful to HUD,
4. Offer a strong return on investment for federal funds,
5. Not be submitted in response to, or repurposed from, an existing or anticipated HUD funding opportunity,
6. Not be substantially based on or duplicative of a prior federally funded competitive award, and
7. Not be a brief concept paper.

Proposals must be full research plans that clearly show how the work would support one or more of HUD's research priorities and clearly describe the proposed methodology.

HUD expects to execute cooperative agreements with selected applicants under this Notice. As such, the following examples of HUD substantial involvement are expected:

- Review and final approval of the overall project management plan.
- Review and final approval of the research design, which may include data collection protocols, data collection instruments, and analytic plans.

- Review and approval of any written materials documenting research results.
- Support in identifying available and relevant data assets and facilitating access to select data assets, where feasible.
- Regularly scheduled meetings to discuss project progress.
- Review and approval of any changes in key personnel or employment of any external consultants.

B. Goals and Objectives

HUD has identified the following research priority areas to help guide applicants in developing proposals that align with current Departmental and Administration interests. Applicants are not required, but strongly encouraged, to address priority areas, which reflect topics where HUD has identified significant policy relevance and evidence gaps. HUD welcomes proposals that build the evidence base using rigorous research and evaluation approaches and will consider proposals on other topics, provided they demonstrate clear relevance to HUD's mission, programs, and policy objectives.

Priority areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting cost-efficient industrialized housing production through research on innovative building technology, innovative financing, and other methods.
- Actions the federal government can take to increase housing affordability for renters and homeowners, with a focus on solutions that do not require additional spending or new programs and/or analyzing federal government policies that worsen the housing affordability crisis.
- Reducing homelessness and increasing community quality of life.
- Best practices for implementing Made in America requirements in housing and community development projects.
- Meeting the housing needs of older adults and persons with disabilities through innovative approaches that do not increase costs to the Federal government.
- Understanding the relationship between housing policy and household decisions around marriage and family formation and current programmatic and policy deterrents to marriage and family formation.
- Identifying innovative approaches to increasing employment and earnings among HUD-assisted tenants and reducing length of stay in assisted housing.
- Supporting the success of Opportunity Zones, including but not limited to quantifying and analyzing Opportunity Zone impacts.
- Understanding the role immigration plays in the housing affordability crisis.
- Analyzing the impact of, and impediments to, faith-based organizations in addressing the housing affordability crisis.

Proposals must also indicate how the research would advance knowledge about the policy priorities in one or more of the President's Executive Orders and Presidential Memoranda,

which are available from the [Federal Register](#). Applicants may identify an Executive Order or Presidential Memorandum listed below or another applicable Executive Order or Presidential Memorandum and explain its connection to HUD programs, policies, statutory responsibilities, or broader housing and community development priorities.

- "[Removing Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Home Construction](#)," March 13, 2026
- "[Promoting Access to Mortgage Credit](#)," March 13, 2026
- "[Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets](#)," July 24, 2025
- [Delivering Emergency Price Relief for American Families and Defeating the Cost-of-Living Crisis](#), January 20, 2025

Applicants are expected to incorporate the tenets of President Trump's Executive Order on [Restoring Gold Standard Science and HUD's 2025 Implementation Plan for Gold Standard Science](#).

C. Authority

This program is authorized by Sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. §1701z-1 and §1701z-2). Funding for this program is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-75, approved February 3, 2026).

D. Unallowable Costs

Certain costs are generally not allowed under federal awards unless specifically approved. For full details, please refer to [2 CFR §§ 200.420–200.475](#). Applicants are encouraged to review the full regulations in 2 CFR part 200 subpart E for guidance and to consult with HUD if unsure whether a cost is allowable.

Funds may not be used for a doctoral dissertation research grant program. However, doctoral students may work on projects funded under this Notice, and costs such as stipends or tuition remission may be allowable if reasonable, necessary, and directly related to the proposed research, consistent with [2 CFR § 200.466](#).

The recipient or subrecipient must not earn or keep any profit. An organization may not evaluate or conduct research on itself. HUD will determine whether the salary rates are reasonable, customary for the skill set provided and the tasks to be conducted, and in accordance with federal legal requirements.

Lease or rental of space for any activities supported through this Notice is allowed only under the following conditions:

- The lease must be for existing facilities not requiring rehabilitation or construction except for minimal alterations to make the facilities accessible for a person with disabilities;
- No repairs or renovations of the property may be undertaken with funds from this Notice; and
- Properties in the Coastal Barrier Resources System designated under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501) cannot be leased or rented with federal funds.

E. Indirect Costs

If you expect to charge [indirect costs](#) to the award, submit the Indirect Cost Information for Award Applicant/Recipient form (HUD-426) with your application.

F. Program History

The authority to accept Unsolicited Research Proposals has long been used by the Office of Policy Development and Research to support timely and policy-relevant research that advances HUD's mission. Through this mechanism, PD&R has been able to collaborate with research partners to address emerging policy questions, fill critical evidence gaps, and generate findings that inform program improvements and strengthen housing policy. This Notice reflects an updated emphasis on producing evidence that is actionable and responsive to current policy priorities.

HUD's use of this authority has resulted in research that makes substantial contributions to the Department's evidence-building activities. Examples include studies on long-term economic outcomes for children in assisted housing, the experiences of households leaving housing assistance, major data compilation efforts for the HOPE VI program, advances in building technology such as the use of cold-formed steel, and examinations of how landlord behavior shapes housing opportunity for assisted renters. Reports from these and other Research Partnerships projects are available on [HUDUser](#).

The authority Congress provided to HUD to enter into noncompetitive cooperative agreements for research remains an important tool for advancing PD&R's evidence-building mission. HUD encourages prospective partners to propose research that fills unmet evidence needs, supports emerging policy and program objectives, and leverages HUD's unique data and research assets.

G. Other Information

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities under this Notice include all research, regulatory, and project management activities that contribute to meeting the objectives with a high degree of quality. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- All research activities required to complete the proposed project, including: the development of a research design, data collection and analysis plan; outreach and communication efforts related to the execution of the research project; data collection and analysis, including data acquisition; development of written products, such as research briefs/reports or policy toolkits; and the communication of findings to stakeholders.
- Engagement with subject matter experts on any aspect of the project, as needed, to bring expertise to enhance the research team's knowledge in critical areas.
- Training or capacity-building activities related to project implementation, including attendance at, and/or participation in, relevant conferences.
- Meeting regulatory requirements for research, such as the engagement of an Institutional Review Board to review and approve data collection instruments and the

development of Informed Consent materials for study participants, if needed.

- Project management activities, including required project management tools (Opening Meeting, Management and Work Plan and Budget, Quality Control Plan, and Quarterly Progress Reports) and regular communication with HUD staff on all project deliverables.
- Travel, as required, to carry out the project as designed.
- Dissemination of research findings to stakeholders, including attendance at relevant conferences.

Deliverables

HUD cooperative agreements require certain activities and deliverables as part of award and project management. Award management activities and deliverables include:

- Opening Meeting: a meeting with HUD staff to review the terms and conditions of the award.
- Quality Control Plan: a written document that outlines the awardee's proposed approach to quality control of all research activities and written deliverables to be produced over the period of performance.
- Management & Work Plan: a written document that outlines the expected workflow for the project over the period of performance, providing a project timeline, the allocation of staff and other resources to each task, and a strategy to address any potential challenges to completing the project on time and within budget.
- Quarterly Progress Reports: a narrative summary of accomplishments of the awardee over the prior quarter, discussion of any deviations from the initial schedule of progress, and a summary of how those deviations impact the project and how the Grantee recommends handling the deviation. Documentation of work completed during the prior quarter should align with financial reporting submitted in the same quarter, including any invoices submitted to draw down funding from the award.
- Final Closeout Report: a report documenting the final breakdown of overall award spending over the full period of performance.

Project management activities and deliverables include:

- Research Design: a technical blueprint that outlines how the funded research project will be conducted, including the key research question, a strategy for accessing/collecting any necessary data, proposed analytic methods, and an outline of proposed deliverables.
- Draft and Final Product: the culmination of the overall research effort. The final product generated under the award will be dependent upon the project. Any final written deliverables must be of publication quality and thoroughly describe the research objectives, the methodology, the study limitations, and the findings.
- Final Briefing: a virtual briefing of the study findings for HUD staff at the conclusion of the project.

1. HUD data, analysis, and reporting infrastructure. HUD makes significant investments to improve and support the nation's housing data, so submitting institutions are encouraged to consider opportunities to use HUD-sponsored survey data and administrative data. The American Housing Survey (AHS; <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ahs.html>) is one of HUD's largest research investments. The AHS provides a wealth of data on the size and composition of the nation's housing inventory that researchers could use more effectively to address questions about housing market dynamics.

PD&R's grants management staff and the Governmental Technical Representative (GTR) for the cooperative agreement will work closely with awardees to further define deliverables during the project. Final work products must be well-written and adhere to plain language principles. The final research report must be of publishable quality and conform to [PD&R's Guidelines on Preparing a Report for Publication](#). All final work products must be compliant with § 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d). HUD may publish the final research deliverable(s) on our website at www.huduser.gov. Following submission of the final product, PD&R encourages grantees to seek additional outlets for publishing and communicating research findings.

Research Assets

HUD has made, and continues to make, significant investments in Research Assets, as described below, including program demonstrations and the production of datasets and data linkages. In considering potential research partnerships, HUD urges organizations to consider ways to take advantage of HUD's Research Assets to address data and evidence gaps.

1. HUD administrative data linkages.
 1. PD&R has partnered with the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) to longitudinally link HUD's administrative records for rental assistance participants with the National Health Interview Survey, the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, and associated NCHS linked files for Medicare, Medicaid, and mortality data. These data resources are available through the NCHS research data centers (https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/linked-data/hud/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data-linkage/hud.htm).
 2. HUD and the Census Bureau have entered into an interagency agreement to link data from demonstrations and administrative systems with survey data and other administrative records. PD&R encourages research partnerships that effectively use data assets through public use data or restricted access arrangements with Census or NCHS research data centers. Further information is available at: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/pdrdatas/landing.html>.

Data License Proposals and Data-Only Requests. To access restricted-use HUD data without a funding request, researchers may obtain a HUD data license provided their research aligns with HUD priorities. A copy of the data license proposal is available from the HUD USER research portal: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/publications/pdf/data_license.pdf. Proposals may be submitted to HUD by e-mail to DataLicense@hud.gov. Data license proposals will be forwarded to the appropriate PD&R office for review and approval. HUD does not require researchers to obtain a data license to use HUD-National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

linked datasets, but a HUD research partnership can support waivers of NCHS fees for the research data center if a research proposal is accepted by NCHS.

IV. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

IV. Application Contents and Forms

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IV. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Applications must include three main elements: a) standard forms, assurances, and certifications; b) budget; and c) narratives and other attachments. The content, forms, and format for each element are included in this section.

You may use this section as a checklist to ensure you submit a complete application.

If you don't provide the required documents in the correct format, your application is incomplete.

Do not submit password protected or encrypted files.

Proposals submitted under this Notice must address one research project described in Section III.B of this Notice. Applicants may submit more than one proposal; however, each submission must present an original and distinct research concept that complies with the requirements outlined in Section III. Duplicate or substantively overlapping proposals from the same applicant will not be considered for review or funding.

Element	Submission Form
Standard Forms, Assurances, and Certifications	Upload using each required form.
Budget	Use the required budget form.
Narratives and Other Attachments	Insert each in the Attachments form.

15 pages is the total maximum length of all narratives.

Other

All submitted materials should meet the following formatting requirements, unless otherwise specified in this Notice:

- **Font size:** Must be 11 points or larger. Smaller text in graphics, figures, graphs, diagrams, and charts is acceptable, as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%. Some PDF conversion software reduces font size. It is important to confirm that the final PDF document complies with the font requirements.
- **Line spacing:** Single spaced
- **Paper Size and Margins:** Use paper (page) size no larger than standard letter paper size (8 ½" x 11"). Provide at least one-half inch margins (½") – top, bottom, left, and right – for all pages. No applicant-supplied information can appear in the margins.
- **Text color:** No restriction. Though not required, black or other high-contrast text colors are recommended since they print well and are legible to the largest audience.
- **Orientation:** Both portrait and landscape attachments are accepted. However, keep in mind that landscape can be difficult to read online and may require reviewers and staff

to scroll to see all available text.

- **Figures (e.g., Images, Graphics, Charts, Graphs, and Tables):** Images and other figures must be readable as printed on an 8.5" x 11" page at normal (100%) scale. The Project Abstract attachment should only include text (no figures).
- **Headers and Footers:** Do not include headers or footers in your attachments, with the exception of page numbers.
- **Hypertext, Hyperlinks, and URLs:** Hyperlinks and URLs may not be used to provide information necessary to proposal review. Proposals must be self-contained and reflect the information available at time of review.
- **Single versus Multi-Column Page Format:** A single-column page format easily adapts to various screen sizes and is highly encouraged. Multi-column formats, especially for information spanning multiple pages, can be problematic for online review.

A. Standard Forms, Assurances, and Certifications

You must properly complete and submit with your application the standard forms, assurances, and certifications identified below. You can find all forms in the application package or review them and their instructions at [Grants.gov Forms](#). You can also [read more about standard forms](#) on HUD's Funding Opportunities page.

If you are applying for an award for scientific research, you must commit to complying with administration policies, procedures, and guidance respecting Gold Standard Science (EO 14303).

Forms/Assurances/ Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-424
Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD 424-B)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-424B
Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD 2880)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-2880
Certification Regarding Lobbying	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: Lobbying Certification form
Disclosure of Lobbying	Required with the application,	Page limit: Not applicable

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Activities (SF-LLL)	if applicable	File name: SF-LLL
Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace (HUD-50070)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable. File name: HUD-50070

B. Budget

You must submit a budget with your application to support your project narrative.

At a minimum, your budget must indicate direct and any indirect costs.

Budget Form/Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Grant Application Detailed Budget Worksheet (HUD-424-CBW)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-424CBW Form location: download instructions
Indirect Cost Information Certification (HUD-426)	This document is required with the application and after award	Page limit: Not applicable File name: ICR Doc. Form location: download instructions

You must submit a detailed project budget that identifies the total amount of HUD funding requested and the total value of matching contributions provided by partners or by the applicant organization. All applicants must use form HUD-424CBW, included with this Notice, to present the full budget and cost share information for the proposed project. The budget must align with the proposed workplan, reflect allowable costs, and clearly distinguish federal funds from non-federal match contributions.

Important: Proposals that include proposals already funded through another HUD assistance agreement, or that are currently under review in any other active HUD competition, are not eligible for funding under this Notice. HUD will not consider or duplicate funding for the same or substantially similar research activities.

C. Narratives and Other Attachments

If applicable, you must upload narrative and other attachments in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using the Attachments Form. When using the Attachments Form, you can upload PDF, Word or Excel formats.

All applicants must submit a proposal which consists of the following components:

Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Cover Sheet	Required with the Proposal	Page limit: 1 page File name: Cover Sheet
Project Abstract	Required with the Proposal	Page limit: 2 pages File name: Project Abstract
Response to Rating Factors	Required with the application	See Section V.B Page limit: 15 pages File name: Project Narrative
Budget Narrative	Required with the proposal	Page limit: 3 pages File name: Budget Narrative
Certification by Offeror	Required with the proposal	Page limit: Not applicable File name: Offeror Certification
Resume/Biosketch Appendix	Required with the proposal	Page limit: 3 pages per staff File name: Resumes
Cost Share/Match Documentation	Required with the proposal	Page limit: Not applicable File name: Cost Share Documentation
Past Performance Appendix	Required with the proposal	Page limit: 2 pages File name: References
Code of Conduct	If not included in HUD's eLibrary , this document is required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: Code Acceptable Content

In addition to the required forms, assurances, and certifications (see Section IV.A.) and the required budget documents (see Section IV.B.), the following seven narratives and other attachments, that are also listed in the above table, are required to be submitted with each proposal.

Cover Sheet

Page Limit: Maximum 1 Page

Applicants must submit a complete Cover Sheet. The information provided should accurately reflect the applicant organization and the individual responsible for the scientific and technical leadership of the proposed project, including:

- **Applicant's Legal Name:** Enter the full legal name of the applicant organization as it appears in SAM.gov and on the SF-424. This name must match all federal proposal documents.
- **Project Director or Principal Investigator (PD or PI) Contact Information:** Identify the individual who will provide scientific and technical oversight of the project. The PD or PI is responsible for ensuring that the proposed research is conducted in accordance with the approved workplan, budget, and cooperative agreement terms. If multiple PDs or PIs are proposed, applicants must designate a single individual as the primary point of contact. All listed PDs or PIs must meet the qualifications defined in this Notice.
 - **Prefix:** Select or enter a prefix for the PD or PI, if applicable.
 - **First and Last Name:** Enter the legal first and last name of the PD or PI.
 - **Position or Title:** Enter the PD or PI's current position or official title within the applicant organization.
 - **Email:** Provide a valid and monitored email address for the PD or PI. This will be used for all official communication regarding the proposal and award.
 - **Phone Number:** Enter a direct daytime phone number where the PD or PI can be reached. Include area code and any necessary extensions.

Project Abstract

Page Limit: Maximum 2 Pages

Applicants must complete all elements described below. The Project Abstract should provide a clear, self-contained overview of the proposed research and must be suitable for review by both subject matter experts and a general policy audience.

- **Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:** Provide a concise project title that is consistent with the title listed in Section 11 of the SF-424. The title must be no longer than 200 characters, including spaces and punctuation. Applicants must ensure the proposed title is unique and not identical to any other HUD research project submitted for the same proposal deadline under the same Project Director or Principal Investigator.
- **Total Federal Funds Requested:** Enter the total amount of federal support requested for the full project period. This figure must include both Direct Costs and Indirect Costs.
- **Total Match Contribution Amount:** Provide the total value of match commitments that meet the requirements of this Notice. Matching contributions must equal at least 50% of the total project cost.
- **Match Contribution Source:** Identify the specific organizations providing matching resources. Sources may include philanthropic entities or government agencies at the

federal, state, or local level. Applicants should briefly characterize the type of contribution, such as cash, in-kind services, or third-party support.

- **Proposed Project Duration:** Indicate the proposed length of the project.
 - **Start Date:** Provide an estimated start date.
 - **End Date:** Provide the proposed end date that corresponds to the total project duration.
- **Primary Place of Performance:** The Primary Place of Performance (PPOP) will default to the applicant organization's physical address. If any portion of the proposed project will be carried out at a location other than the applicant's primary place of business, applicants must identify the alternative PPOP site and provide the applicable information below:
 - Organization Name, if the primary performance site differs from the applicant organization
 - Street Address
 - City
 - State or Territory
 - 9-digit Postal Code
- **Project Abstract:** Provide a concise and accurate summary of the proposed research. The abstract must be able to stand alone as a description of the project apart from the full proposal. It should clearly state the research question, the methodological approach, the expected contribution to the field, and the anticipated policy relevance. The abstract should be written for an audience that is scientifically literate but not necessarily expert in the specific topic area. Do not use the first person. Avoid describing past accomplishments or prior work. Brevity and clarity are expected.
- **Project Relevance:** In no more than four sentences, describe how the proposed research helps improve understanding of important housing or community development issues in the United States and addresses a clear policy or practice need. Applicants should explain how the results could produce useful insights or evidence to inform policy decisions or program design at the local, state, or Federal level. Proposals should briefly note how the research meets the Goals and Objectives listed in Section III.B, as applicable. Hyperlinks, URLs, and external references are not permitted in this section.
- **Key Members of the Research Team:** Identify all key personnel and partner organizations that are essential to the successful completion of the proposed research. This section must include the name, role, organizational affiliation, and contact information for all senior or technical staff who will contribute substantively to the design, execution, analysis, or dissemination of the research. Applicants must also identify any partner organizations, subrecipients, or collaborating institutions, and describe the specific responsibilities each will undertake. The individuals and entities listed here must be consistent with the staffing plan, budget, and any supporting

materials submitted as part of the complete proposal, if selected.

Narrative Response to Rating Factors

Page Limit: Maximum 15 Pages

Applicants must submit a Narrative Response to Rating Factors that clearly and comprehensively describes the proposed research project. This narrative will serve as the primary basis for HUD's evaluation of technical merit, feasibility, and alignment with HUD's research priorities.

The Narrative Response should clearly address the following:

- The objectives and policy relevance of the proposed research, including how it contributes to understanding key housing or community development issues and relates to the research priorities identified in this Notice.
- How the research will advance knowledge related to one or more policy priorities expressed in one or more of the President's Executive Orders or Presidential Memoranda.
- The rigor, appropriateness, and suitability of the proposed research methods and analytical approach.
- The qualifications, expertise, and capacity of the Principal Investigator, key personnel, and the applicant organization to successfully carry out the proposed work.
- The contribution of the project to strengthen research, policy, or analytical infrastructure, where applicable.

Applicants must explicitly explain what they propose to do, why the work is important, how the research will be conducted, how success will be measured, and what benefits or actionable insights the project is expected to produce if successful. Innovative or non-traditional approaches are permitted, but must be clearly described and well justified.

The Narrative Response must also address the instruction provided in Section C. Technical Merit Review and present a coherent, well-organized description of the proposed work. The narrative should be prepared with the rigor and level of detail expected of a formal research proposal or a manuscript submitted for publication.

A high-quality Narrative Response should include the following elements:

- **Project Overview and Goals:** Clearly describe the purpose of the proposed research, the primary research questions or hypotheses, and the overall goals and objectives for the period of performance.
- **Research Design and Key Steps:** Describe the overall research approach and design, including the sequence of major research activities and how they are logically connected to the stated objectives.
- **Supporting Literature and Policy Context:** Summarize relevant prior research, existing evidence, and policy context. Explain how the proposed work builds upon, extends, or addresses gaps in the current state of knowledge, and how it relates to any ongoing or prior work by the Principal Investigator supported by other funding.

- **Methods and Analytical Approach:** Describe the research methods, analytical techniques, and statistical approaches to be used, as appropriate. Methods must be well justified and clearly suited to addressing the proposed research questions.
- **Key Decision Points:** Identify major decision points or milestones during the project and explain how interim findings or results will inform subsequent project activities.
- **Deliverables and Outputs:** Describe the expected research products, such as reports, datasets, tools, policy briefs, or other deliverables, and explain how they will support HUD's policy, programmatic, or operational needs.
- **Feasibility and Timeline:** Provide a realistic project timeline with major milestones and demonstrate that the proposed scope of work is feasible within the proposed period of performance and available resources.
- **Broader Impacts and Policy Relevance:** Describe the broader impacts of the proposed research. For HUD, broader impacts may include, but are not limited to, advancing the Goals and Objectives identified in Section III.B.
- **Data Plan:** Identify proposed data sources, data collection strategies, and any planned use of administrative, survey, or secondary data. Address data quality, limitations, and overall feasibility.
- **Data Management and Dissemination:** Describe plans for data management and sharing, as applicable. This should include plans for the preservation, documentation, and dissemination of research data and related products, consistent with HUD and federal data-sharing expectations. Applicants should explain how research findings and products will be made accessible to HUD, policymakers, researchers, and other relevant audiences.

Budget Narrative Submission

Page Limit: Maximum 3 Pages

Applicants must submit a Budget Narrative that clearly explains how the proposed budget supports the successful completion of the proposed research project and documents required cost share/matching contributions.

The Budget Narrative will be evaluated in conjunction with the following materials:

1. The proposed project scope of work and project timeline
2. The Grant Proposal Detailed Budget Worksheet (HUD Form 424-CBW)

These components must be fully aligned, and taken together, must demonstrate that the proposed budget is reasonable, allowable, allocable, and sufficient to complete the proposed project within the proposed period of performance.

Purpose of the Budget Narrative

The proposal budget identifies the total amount of federal funding requested to complete the project. The Budget Narrative must provide a clear and detailed explanation of how funds will be used in each budget category listed in HUD Form 424-CBW and how those costs directly support the proposed research activities, deliverables, and timeline.

Since cost sharing/matching contributions are required, the Budget Narrative must clearly identify the source, nature, and value of those contributions and explain how they will support project activities.

Budget Justification Requirement

For each budget category, applicants must provide a clear justification explaining the basis for the requested funding amounts and how those costs are necessary to carry out the proposed research. HUD will rely on the Budget Narrative to assess the reasonableness of costs and to determine the final award amount and approved budget incorporated into any resulting award.

Certification by Offeror

Each applicant must submit the following Certification by Offeror, signed by an Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) of the applicant organization, attesting to the statements outlined below. This certification is required to ensure compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements governing HUD's funding competitions.

The following must be included:

- This is to certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that: (a) this proposal has not been prepared under Federal Government supervision; (b) The methods and approaches stated in the proposal were developed by this offeror; (c) Any contact with employees of the Department of Housing and Urban Development has been within the limits of section 103 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3537a) and its implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 4, subpart B; and (d) No prior commitments were received from departmental employees regarding acceptance of this proposal.
- Date:
- Organization:
- Name:
- Title:

(A responsible official of the proposing organization or a person authorized to contractually obligate the organization shall sign this certification).

Resume/Biosketch Appendix

Page Limit: Each resume or biosketch is limited to a maximum of 3 pages.

Applicants must submit a Resume/Biosketch Appendix that documents the qualifications and relevant experience of key project personnel. This appendix is used to assess the applicant's capacity to successfully carry out the proposed research.

The Resume/Biosketch Appendix must include the following:

- Resumes or biosketches for up to three (3) key staff, which must include the Principal Investigator (PI) and the Project Director, if different individuals.
- Each resume or biosketch must clearly describe the individual's relevant education,

professional experience, and role on the proposed project.

- The Principal Investigator must be an employee of the applicant organization and must be compensated by the applicant.

Applicants should ensure that the submitted resumes or biosketches are current, clearly written, and directly relevant to the proposed research activities. Failure to include the required personnel or to comply with page limitations may result in the proposal being deemed incomplete or ineligible for further review.

Cost Share/Match Documentation

Applicants must submit Cost Sharing/Match Documentation, signed by an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), attesting to the integrity, independence, and eligibility of the proposed submission. The documentation is a required component of the proposal and will be used by HUD to determine eligibility and compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. The documentation must affirm the requirements described in Section II.B. Cost Sharing or Matching.

- **Cost Sharing Eligibility and Documentation Certification:** As a condition of eligibility, the applicant must also certify that:
 - All proposed cost sharing or matching contributions comply with 2 CFR 200.306 and are allowable, reasonable, necessary, and allocable to the proposed project.
 - Matching contributions will be incurred during the approved project period and are clearly identified and documented in the proposal budget and Budget Narrative.
 - Any federal funds proposed as match are permitted to be used for cost sharing under the authorizing statute of the contributing federal program.
 - If staff time is proposed as an in-kind matching contribution, the applicant must certify that:
 - The staff member will be released from other organizational duties to work on the project.
 - The associated labor costs will not be charged to HUD funds.
 - A signed statement from the Authorized Organization Representative explaining this arrangement is included in the proposal package.
- **Required Documentation of Matching Contributions:** The applicant must certify that the proposal includes clear and verifiable documentation of all matching contributions. Acceptable documentation includes:
 - Signed letters of commitment on organizational letterhead
 - Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)
 - Other formal written agreements from each contributing partner
 - Each document must:

- Specify the dollar value of the contribution
- Identify the source of funds or in-kind support
- Describe how the contribution will be used to support the proposed project
- Be signed by an AOR of the contributing organization

Past Performance Appendix

Applicants must submit a Past Performance Appendix that demonstrates prior experience performing research or related work relevant to the proposed project.

The **Past Performance** Appendix must include the following:

- At least two (2) references from past funders for projects completed or substantially performed by the applicant organization.
- For each reference, applicants must provide:
 - The name of the funding organization
 - The funder's primary point of contact, including name, title, email address, and telephone number
 - A brief summary of the funded project(s), including the project purpose, scope, period of performance, and the applicant's role
- Referenced projects must reflect relevant work performed within the past five (5) years and should demonstrate experience aligned with the scope, complexity, or subject matter of the proposed research.

Applicants should ensure that all reference information is accurate and current. HUD may contact references as part of its review process to verify past performance. Failure to provide the required number of references or sufficient project detail may result in the proposal being deemed incomplete or negatively impact the applicant's evaluation.

D. Other Application Content

1. Technical Application Errors

HUD will contact you to fix a technical error with your timely application after the due date. Technical errors, if corrected, do not affect (positive or negative) your merit rating under this Notice. Examples of technical errors include, but are not limited to: inconsistencies in funding requests; a missing or incomplete form or certification; failure to submit an otherwise sufficient application under the correct Assistance Listings number or Funding Opportunity Number in Grants.gov; improper signature on a form or certification; and missing or inappropriate eligibility documentation.

HUD will send notice to the [authorized organization representative](#) to fix a technical error. You must respond timely and appropriately to HUD's notice (see [submission requirements](#)).

Your application is not eligible for funding if you fail to fix the error to HUD's satisfaction by the

due date in HUD's notice. HUD will not review information submitted after the due date in HUD's notice.

As detailed in HUD's Notice of Technical Application Error, applicants must include researchpartnerships@hud.gov in their correction email to applicationsupport@hud.gov only to confirm your submission. Correction submissions sent only to this email address will not be accepted or reviewed.

V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

V. Application Review Information

A. Threshold Review

B. Merit Review

C. Risk Review

D. Selection Process

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V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

A. Threshold Review

When you apply: Your application is reviewed to make sure it meets the threshold requirements of this Notice. If your application has a [technical error](#), HUD will allow you to [correct it](#). If you fail to meet **any** of the threshold requirements, your application is **not** eligible for HUD funding. If you do meet the threshold requirements, your application moves to [Technical Merit Review](#) (the next step).

1. Timely Application Submission

Late applications are not evaluated and not eligible for funding. See deadlines in [Section VI](#).

You can submit a proposal at any time before this Notice expires. HUD will review and award proposals as they come in, until all available funds are used. To have the best chance of getting funded, submit your proposal as early as possible.

2. Complete Application

If your application is timely, HUD will confirm completeness. Your application is considered for funding if it is complete and responsive to the requirements in this Notice. If your application is incomplete, HUD will ask you to fix any [technical errors](#). Otherwise, incomplete and nonresponsive applications are not considered for funding.

Proposals that do not include the required narrative components, or that fail to explicitly address the Announcement's stated purpose in Section III.A., will be deemed ineligible, will not advance to Policy Relevance Review or Technical Merit Review, and will not be considered for funding.

3. Eligible Applicant

Upon receipt, HUD will confirm whether you are an [eligible applicant](#). Applications from ineligible applicants do not proceed to [technical merit review](#) and are not eligible for HUD funding.

4. Policy Relevance Requirement

All proposals submitted under this Notice must undergo a Policy Relevance Review to determine eligibility for further evaluation. Proposals that do not satisfy the Policy Relevance criteria below will be deemed ineligible, will not advance to Technical Merit Review and will not be considered for funding. HUD will assess all supporting materials to determine whether the proposed research responds to the Goals and Objectives in Section III.B.

1. Alignment With HUD's Mission and Priorities

- a. A proposal will be deemed ineligible if the proposed research:
 - i. Does not relate to HUD programs, policies, or statutory responsibilities
 - ii. Does not advance knowledge related to a policy priority expressed in an Executive Order or Presidential Memorandum
 - iii. Primarily serves private, commercial, or narrowly local interests without

broader public applicability

2. Addresses a Demonstrated Policy Need

- a. A proposal will be deemed ineligible if it:
 - i. Does not clearly articulate a policy-relevant research question
 - ii. Lacks a demonstrated connection to HUD's priorities or evidence needs

B. Technical Merit Review

If your application meets the threshold requirements, a panel will review and score its merits. The panel may include HUD employees and non-employees. They will evaluate your application based on the following criteria. The results of the evaluation are shared with senior HUD officials who make the [final decisions about funding](#) consistent with this Notice.

Technical Merit Review Summary

Proposals that meet all eligibility, threshold, and certification requirements will be eligible for Technical Merit Review. No preference points are available under this Notice.

Only proposals that pass eligibility, threshold, and policy review will proceed to Technical Merit Review and be considered for funding, subject to the availability of funds.

Technical Merit Review will be conducted by Subject-Matter Experts (SMEs) with expertise relevant to the proposed research. In conducting this review, HUD will consider the overall strength of each proposal, including its research design, technical quality, and feasibility, as described in the required Narrative Response in Section IV.C.

Basis for Technical Merit Review

Rather than responding to separate rating factors, applicants must address all required elements through the Narrative Response and supporting materials described in Section IV.C of this Notice. Technical Merit Review will assess whether the proposal, taken as a whole:

- Clearly articulates a well-defined research objective and policy or practice relevance consistent with the research priorities identified in this Notice;
- Proposes a research approach and methodology that are appropriate, well-reasoned, and likely to produce credible and useful findings;
- Demonstrates that the research team has the qualifications, experience, and management capacity to successfully complete the proposed work; and
- Includes a reasonable and well-justified budget and period of performance that align with the proposed scope of work.

Budget materials will be reviewed for reasonableness and alignment with proposed activities, but budgets are not approved by the review panel. Final budget determinations will be made by HUD as part of award negotiation, consistent with applicable regulations.

C. Risk Review

Before making any awards, HUD will evaluate each applicant's likelihood of successfully carrying out the project. Here's what HUD looks at:

Past Performance:

- Government-wide performance data, as noted in [2 CFR 200.206\(a\)](#)
- Public sources like news reports, Inspector General findings, Government Accountability Office reports, and complaints proven to have merit
- History of managing Federal awards (if applicable), including on-time reporting, meeting planned goals, and following previous award rules. And, the extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards
- Reports from past audits, including those performed under 2 CFR part 200, subpart F—Audit Requirements
- History of finishing activities on time and using any promised matching or leveraged funds

Organizational Health:

- Financial stability
- Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards in 2 CFR part 200
- Ability to follow all required laws and rules
- Capacity, including staffing structures and capabilities

Results:

- Ability to promote self-sufficiency and economic independence
- Number of people served or targeted for assistance

HUD may use the results of the risk review to make final funding decisions and/or set specific conditions on the award.

D. Selection Process

When making award funding decisions, HUD will consider:

- Threshold review results, including eligibility requirements.
- Technical Merit review results.

- Risk review results.

To the extent allowed by law, HUD may also consider:

- The scope of the overall projected impact on the program and administrative goals and priorities in this Notice.
- Reasonableness of the estimated costs to the government.
- The applicant's readiness to conduct the proposed work.
- Likelihood that the proposed project will result in the benefits expected.
- Broad range of recipients beyond recurrent recipients.
- Geographic dispersion.
- All else being equal, preference for applicants with lower indirect cost rates.
- Applicants with demonstrated success in implementing Gold Standard Science (applicable to research awards).
- Applicants with potential to produce immediate results and potential for longer-term, breakthrough results, based on the goals of this Notice (applicable to research awards).

To the extent allowed by law, HUD may:

- Fund applications in whole or in part.
- Fund applications at a lower amount than requested.
- Choose to fund no applications under this Notice.
- Withdraw an award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application, if terms and conditions are not finalized or met timely.
- Use additional funds made available after Notice publication to either fully fund an application or fund additional applications.
- Correct HUD review and selection errors. If HUD commits an error that causes an applicant not to be selected, HUD may make an award to that applicant when and if funding is available.
- Release another Notice, if funding is available and if HUD does not receive applications of merit.
- Consistent with Section 4 of Executive Order 14332, and to the extent permitted by applicable law, HUD leadership, and/or their designees, may exercise independent judgment in accordance with the selection criteria in making final award selections.

E. Award Notices

If your application is successful, HUD will email an award notice to the authorized official representative from the SF-424. HUD will also notify unsuccessful applicants.

The award notice communicates the amount of the award, important dates, and the terms

and conditions you need to follow. The notice may also include HUD-imposed award conditions as provided under [2 CFR 200.208](#).

You agree to the award terms and conditions by either drawing funds from HUD's payment system or signing the agreement with HUD. If you do not agree to the award terms and conditions, HUD may select another eligible applicant.

Negotiations and Final Grant

After HUD has made selections, a HUD Grants Officer may negotiate specific terms of the funding agreement and budget with the selected applicant. If HUD and the selected applicant do not successfully conclude negotiation in a timely manner, or the selected applicant fails to provide requested information, the applicant will not be awarded. In this case, HUD may select another eligible applicant.

Adjustments to Funding

HUD reserves the right to fund less than the amount requested in a proposal.

A. HUD may fund no portion of a proposal that:

1. Is ineligible for funding under applicable statutory or regulatory requirements;
2. Fails, in whole or in part, to meet the requirements of this Notice;
3. Duplicates activities funded by other federal awards; or
4. Duplicates activities funded in a prior year.

B. If an applicant turns down an award offer, or if HUD and an applicant do not finalize the terms and conditions of the award in a timely manner, HUD may withdraw the award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible proposal.

C. If additional funds become available either through the current appropriations, a supplemental appropriation, other appropriations or recapture of funds during the Notice period, HUD may, in accordance with the appropriation, fund additional proposals.

D. If funds remain after the Notice's expiration date, remaining funds may be made available within the current FY for other competitions within the program area, or be held for future competitions (if allowable in accordance with the applicable appropriation or authorizing statute), or be used as otherwise provided by authorizing statute or appropriation.

VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

VI. Submissions Requirements and Deadlines

A. Deadlines

B. Submission Methods

C. Other Submissions

D. False Statements

VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

You must apply electronically, unless you qualify to submit a [paper application](#). See [Find the Application Package](#) to make sure you have everything you need to apply online.

Make sure you are current with [SAM.gov](#) and UEI requirements before applying for the award. See the [Before You Begin](#) section of this Notice.

A. Deadlines

1. Application submission deadline:

The application deadline is 11:59:59 PM Eastern time on:

06/09/2027

HUD must receive your application by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline are late. Late applications are not eligible for HUD funding.

If HUD receives more than one application from you, HUD will review only the last submission.

HUD may extend an application due date based on emergency situations such as Presidentially-declared natural disasters. An improper or expired registration and password issues are not causes to allow HUD to accept applications after the deadline date.

You can submit a proposal at any time before this Notice expires. HUD will review and award proposals on a rolling basis as they come in, until all available funds are used. To have the best chance of getting funded, submit your proposal as early as possible.

If you received a waiver to submit a paper proposal, it must be received by HUD no later than May 1, 2027.

B. Submission Methods

1. Electronic Submission

You must register and submit your application through [Grants.gov](#). See [Before You Begin](#).

For instructions on how to submit in [Grants.gov](#), see the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#). Make sure that your application passes the [Grants.gov](#) validation checks or we may not get it.

[Grants.gov](#) will record the date and time of your application submission. HUD will use this information to determine timely applications.

After submitting through Grants.gov, you must email your Grants.gov confirmation number to: researchpartnerships@hud.gov. This email is only to confirm your submission. Proposals sent to this email address will not be accepted or reviewed.

Need Help? See the [Contact and Support](#) section of this Notice.

2. Electronic Submission Application Waiver

You may request a waiver from the requirement to submit your application electronically. The request must show good cause and detail why you are technologically unable to submit electronically. An example of good cause may include: a valid power or internet service disruption in the area of your business office. Lack of [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) registration is not good cause.

Use the information in the [Contact and Support](#) section of this NOFO to submit a written request to HUD. You must **submit your waiver request at least 15 calendar days before the application deadline.**

C. Other Submission Information

1. Intergovernmental Review

This NOFO is not subject to Executive Order [12372](#). No action is needed.

2. Technical Application Errors

HUD will contact you to fix a [technical error](#) with your timely application after the due date. Use the following submission requirements to respond to HUD's notice.

Your proposal is not eligible for funding and will not be reviewed for technical merit, if you fail to fix the error to HUD's satisfaction and by the due date in HUD's Notice of Technical Application Error. HUD will not review information submitted after the proposal due date in HUD's notice.

Pre-Selection Communications

HUD may, at its sole discretion, contact an applicant prior to selection to request clarification of information contained in a submitted proposal. Any such communication will be limited to clarifying existing information necessary to support HUD's review of the proposal for alignment with program objectives or administrative completeness.

a. Fix Errors in Electronic Applications

To fix an error in response to a HUD notice, you must email the corrections to HUD at applicationsupport@hud.gov. The subject line of the email to applicationsupport@hud.gov must state "Technical Fix" and include the [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) application tracking number (e.g., Subject: Technical Fix - GRANT123456). If you do not email applicationsupport@hud.gov or if you do not include the appropriate subject line, HUD may mark your application as ineligible.

The HUD notice will allow between 48 hours and 14 calendar days from the date of the HUD notice to fix an error. If the due date to fix an error falls on a Saturday, Sunday, Federal holiday, or on a day when HUD's Headquarters is closed, then the due date moves to the next business day.

As detailed in HUD's Notice of Technical Application Error, applicants must include researchpartnerships@hud.gov in their correction email to applicationsupport@hud.gov only to confirm your submission. Correction submissions sent only to this email address will not be accepted or reviewed.

b. Fix Errors in Paper Applications

You must fix an error in your paper application, in accordance with HUD's notice. If your

paper application includes an incorrect UEI, HUD will request you supply the correct UEI.

D. False Statements

By submitting an application, you acknowledge your understanding that providing false or misleading information on your application, or during any part of the performance phase of an award, can lead to serious consequences. Those consequences include but are not limited to: fines, repayment, restitution, prison time, termination of any HUD award, and being banned from receiving any future HUD award and doing business with the federal government (18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1012, 18 USC 1010, 18 USC 1014, 18 USC 287, 31 USC 3729 et seq., 31 USC 3801-3812, FAR Part 9.4, 2 CFR Part 180, other remedies in your HUD award).

VII. POST - AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

VII. Post-Award Requirements and Administration

- A. Administrative, National and Departmental Policy Requirements and General Terms and Conditions
- B. Environmental Requirements
- C. Remedies for Noncompliance
- D. Reporting

VII. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Standard post-award requirements are available online at:

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/ota/guidance.html> .

A. Administrative, National and Departmental Policy Requirements, and General Terms and Conditions

You must follow the applicable provisions in the [Administrative, National & Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance – 2026](#):

Administrative

1. Build America, Buy America (BABA) (Sections 70901-52 of [Public Law 117-58](#); [41 U.S.C. 8301 et seq](#); and [2 CFR Part 184](#))
2. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act ([42 U.S.C. § 4601 et seq](#); [49 CFR part 24](#); and applicable program regulations)
3. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ([2 CFR part 200](#))
4. HUD requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files consistent with [2 CFR 200.303\(e\)](#)
5. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) ([2 CFR part 170](#))
6. Eminent Domain
7. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation ([12 U.S.C. 1701z-1](#); 12 U.S.C. 1702z-2; [24 CFR part 60](#); and [FR-6278-N-01](#))
8. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) ([5 U.S.C. § 552\(b\)](#) and [24 CFR 15.107\(b\)](#))
9. Presidential Executive Actions affecting federal financial assistance programs
 - [Executive Order \(EO\) 14332](#) (*Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking*)
 - [EO 14303](#) (*Restoring Gold Standard Science*)
 - [EO 14219](#) (*Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative*);
 - [EO 14218](#) (*Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders*);
 - [EO 14202](#) (*Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias*);
 - [EO 14205](#) (*Establishment of the White House Faith Office*)
 - [EO 14182](#) (*Enforcing the Hyde Amendment*);
 - [EO 14173](#) (*Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity*);
 - [EO 14168](#) (*Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*)
 - [EO 14151](#) (*Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and*

Preferencing); and

- [EO 14148](#) (*Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions*)

Civil Rights and Other Protections

10. The Fair Housing Act ([42 U.S.C. 3601-3619](#)) and Civil Rights laws (24 CFR 5.105(a))

11. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements ([42 U.S.C. § 3608\(e\)\(5\)](#) and [24 CFR 5.150 et seq](#))

12. Economic Opportunities for Low-and Very Low-income Persons ([12 U.S.C. § 1701u](#) and [24 CFR part 75](#))

13. Compliance with Immigration Requirements ([8 U.S.C. § 1601-1646](#); [8 U.S.C. § 1324a](#) ("Unlawful employment of aliens"); and [Executive Order 14218](#), *Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders*)

14. Accessible Technology requirements ([29 U.S.C. § 794d](#); [29 U.S.C. 794](#); and [42 U.S.C. 12131-12165](#) and implementing regulations at 36 CFR part 1194 (Section 508 regulations), [24 CFR § 8.6](#) (Section 504 effective communication regulations), [28 CFR part 35, subpart H](#) (DOJ Web Access Rule), and [28 CFR part 35, subpart E](#) (DOJ's Title II communications regulations))

15. Ensuring, when possible, the consideration of small businesses, minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms consistent with [2 CFR 200.321](#)

16. Equal Participation of Faith-based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities consistent with [42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq.](#); [24 CFR 5.109](#); [Executive Order \(EO\) 14202](#), *Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias*; and [EO 14205](#), *Establishment of the White House Faith Office*

17. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements ([29 U.S.C. § 794](#) and implementing regulations at [24 CFR parts 8](#) and [100](#); [28 CFR part 35](#))

18. Applicable Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requirements in the Housing Chapter of VAWA ([34 U.S.C. § 12491-12496](#)); [24 CFR part 5, subpart L](#); and program-specific regulations

19. Trafficking in persons ([Section 106\(g\) of the Trafficking Victims Protections Act of 2000 \(TVPA\), as amended 22 U.S.C. § 7104\(g\)](#) and implementing regulations at [2 CFR part 175](#))

Environmental

20. Environmental requirements that apply in accordance with [24 CFR part 50](#) or [part 58](#); [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.](#)

Business Integrity

21. Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards (Code of Conduct), including [2 CFR 200.317](#), [2 CFR 200.318\(c\)](#), and other applicable conflicts of interest requirements

22. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment ([41 U.S.C. § 3901](#) and [2 CFR 200.216](#))

23. Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections ([41 U.S.C. § 4712](#))

24. Drug-Free Workplace ([2 CFR part 2429](#))

In addition, if any part or provision of the award agreement or terms of this Notice are enjoined or held to be void or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, they shall be ineffective as to such jurisdiction and only to the extent of such prohibition or injunction and shall not invalidate or affect the legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions and applications of the Agreement and Notice. In the event the injunction of such provisions is stayed, dissolved, or reversed, the full terms of the award agreement and Notice, including such provisions, will automatically become effective. This clause is self-executing and will become effective, binding, and enforceable automatically upon issuance of this Notice.

B. Environmental Requirements

1. Environmental Review

Activities funded under this Notice are exempt or categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4321) and not subject to environmental review under related laws and authorities. The exemption or categorical exclusion is in accordance with 24 CFR 50.19 (b)(1) and (3).

2. Notice Impact Determination Related to the Environment

This Notice has no significant impact related to the environment. HUD has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) as required by HUD regulations at [24 CFR part 50](#), which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4332(2)(c)). To learn more about this FONSI, go to [HUD's Funding Opportunities](#) web page.

C. Remedies for Noncompliance

HUD may terminate all or a part of your award as described under 2 CFR 200.340 through 200.343 pursuant to the terms and conditions of your award, including, to the extent authorized by law:

- if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities; or
- in the case of a partial termination, if HUD determines that the remaining portion of the award will not accomplish the purposes for which the HUD award was made.

HUD may also impose specific conditions on your award or take other remedies as described by 2 CFR 200.339 through 200.343, if you do not comply with your award terms and conditions.

You are encouraged to review the PD&R Research Grant Termination Guide, which is found at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/ota/guidance.html>.

D. Reporting

HUD requires recipients to submit performance, financial, and program reports as outlined below. You must comply with these reporting requirements to remain eligible for HUD

funding. See [Section VII.C.](#) of this Notice.

Further, the Recipient hereby acknowledges that HUD is in the process of implementing new grants management and reporting tools for all records pertinent to the Federal award. Recipient agrees to report on grant performance and financial activities (including vendor and cash disbursement supporting details for the Recipient and its Subrecipients) using these new tools when they are released and to satisfy occasional requests for records pertinent to the federal award, consistent with the requirements for recordkeeping, access to records, and reporting laid out in 2 CFR part 200, which may be amended from time to time. HUD will work with the Recipient to support its transition to the new reporting tools. HUD reserves the right to exercise all of its available rights and remedies for any noncompliance with these grants management and financial reporting requirements, to include, without limitation, requiring additional or more detailed financial reports, suspension of disbursements, and all other legally available remedies, to the furthest extent permitted by law.

Report	Description	When
Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)	- Awards equal to or greater than \$30,000 - Data on executive compensation and first-tier subawards - See Public Law 109-282 and 2 CFR part 170 - HUD reports initial prime recipient data to usaspending.gov - Submit via SAM.gov	See 2 CFR Appendix A to Part 170(a)(2)(ii)
Reporting on Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters	- Total value of all current Federal awards exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award - See Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200 - Submit via SAM.gov	See 2 CFR Appendix-XII to Part 200 I.(d)
Progress Report	Summary of progress status	See award terms

Report	Description	When
	- Work to be performed during the next reporting period - Any anticipated risks and plans to mitigate those risks	
Federal Financial Report, SF-425	- Summary of key financial data - See 2 CFR 200.328	See 2 CFR 200.328 or award terms
Race, Ethnicity, and Other Data Reporting, if applicable	Recipients that provide HUD-funded program benefits to individuals or families, report data on the race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and family characteristics of persons and households funded by this program.	Annually on January 10 for the duration of the period of performance.
Audited financial statement	Recipient's organizational structure, any sub-grantees or sub-recipients, and how each disbursement of grant funds was applied to an eligible cost throughout the life of the grant to receive disbursements of Federal funds.	No less than annually

In addition to the reporting requirements identified in this Notice, additional reporting requirements may be included in the award's Terms and Conditions and will be finalized during award negotiation, at HUD's discretion. Any additional requirements will be consistent with applicable federal statutes, regulations, and HUD policies, including 2 CFR Part 200 and program-specific requirements governing research cooperative agreements. Reporting requirements may address, as applicable, project performance, interim and final deliverables, financial reporting, data collection, dissemination activities, and coordination with HUD evaluation or oversight efforts. Awardees will be required to submit all reports in the form, frequency, and manner specified in the executed award agreement. Applicants are encouraged to review reference resources and guidance materials available on the HUD User website to better understand HUD's reporting expectations and standard practices for research awards: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/ota/guidance.html>

VIII. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

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Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals who have speech or communication disabilities may use a relay service. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, visit the webpage for the [Federal Communications Commission](#).

A. Agency Contact

1. Program and Application Requirements

Name: Research Partnerships

Phone: 202-402-7205

Email: researchpartnerships@hud.gov

Note: HUD's assistance is limited by the standards at [24 CFR 4.26](#).

2. Paper Application Waiver Request

Name: Carol Gilliam

Email: carol.d.gilliam@hud.gov

Phone: 202-402-4354

HUD Organization: Office of Policy Development and Research

Street: 2415 Eisenhower Avenue

City: Alexandria

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HUD Reform Act. HUD is prohibited from disclosing [covered selection information](#) during the selection process. The selection process includes Notice development and publication, and concludes with the announcement of selected recipients of financial assistance. HUD will not assist you with completing your application.

B. Grants.gov

Grants.gov provides 24/7 support. You can call 800-518-4726 or email support@grants.gov. Hold on to your ticket number.

C. SAM.gov

If you need help, you can call 866-606-8220 or live chat with the [Federal Service Desk](#).

D. Debriefing

After public announcement of awards, HUD will debrief you on your application upon your written request. Submit your written request to the [agency contact for program and application requirements](#) in this Notice. HUD may limit the information provided to protect the integrity of the competition.

Please note that Debriefing is not applicable under this Notice.

E. Applicant Experience Survey

You are encouraged to provide feedback on your application experience by completing our [Applicant Experience Survey](#). Your feedback is optional; you are not required to provide personal information. HUD may use your feedback to improve future Notices. Your feedback has no impact on funding decisions.

F. Other Online Resources

You are encouraged to review the [online resources](#) to learn background on some of the Notice requirements.

PD&R provides a Common Terms/Glossary resource to help applicants understand program keywords and phrases used throughout HUD Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs), Notices of Intent (NOIs), and related award documents. This resource is available at on <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/ota/funding-opportunities.html>.

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1. Standard Definitions

For standard definitions not listed below, refer to [2 CFR 200.1](#).

Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) is the person with legal authority to: give assurances, make commitments, submit your application, and enter into agreements with HUD. They also have [special permissions](#) to act on behalf of their organization within the Grants.gov system.

E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) is [defined at Grants.gov](#).

Eligibility requirements are mandatory requirements for an application to be considered for funding.

Grants.gov is the website serving as the Federal government's central portal for searching and applying for federal financial assistance.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are any historically Black college or university included on this [list of accredited HBCUs](#).

Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) are

- (1) an HBCU as defined in [20 U.S.C. § 1061](#)(2) and included on this [list of accredited HBCUs](#);
- (2) a Hispanic-serving institution (as defined in [20 U.S.C. § 1101a\(5\)](#));
- (3) a Tribal College or University (as defined in [20 U.S.C. § 1059c\(b\)\(3\)](#));
- (4) an Alaska Native-serving institution or a Native Hawaiian-serving institution (as defined in [20 U.S.C. § 1059d\(b\)](#));
- (5) a Predominantly Black Institution (as defined in [20 U.S.C. § 1059e\(b\)\(6\)](#));
- (6) an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution (as defined in [20 U.S.C. § 1059g\(b\)\(2\)](#)); or
- (7) a Native American-serving nontribal institution (as defined in [20 U.S.C. § 1059f\(b\)\(2\)](#)).

Opportunity Zone (OZs) are defined in [26 U.S.C. 1400Z-1](#). In general, OZs are census tracts located in low-income communities where new investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment.

Primary Point of Contact (PPOC) is the person HUD may contact with questions about the application submitted. The PPOC is listed in item 8F on the SF-424.

Small business is defined as a privately-owned corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship that has fewer employees and less annual revenue than regular-sized business. The definition of "small"—in terms of being able to apply for government support and qualify for preferential tax policy—varies by country and industry. The U.S. Small Business Administration defines a small business according to a set of standards based on specific industries. See [13 CFR part 121](#).

System for Award Management (SAM) has the same meaning as in [2 CFR 25.100\(b\)](#).

Threshold Requirements are eligibility requirements you must meet before HUD rates your application for funding.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) has the same meaning as in [2 CFR 25.100\(a\)](#).

2. Program Definitions.

Application vs. Proposal may be used interchangeably to be consistent with the language in Grants.gov. Your proposal, with the required forms, will be the document you submit for consideration.

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) vs. Notice of Intent (NOI) may be used interchangeably to be consistent with the language in Grants.gov. A NOI is PD&R's mechanism for accepting and reviewing unsolicited research partnership proposals under the authority set forth in this Notice.

"Philanthropic Entity": For this program, those 501(c)(3) organizations that officially fund research or charity work. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Private foundations
- Public charities
- School-based foundations
- Operating foundations