

San Mateo County  
AHF 10.0 Questions & Answers  
as of August 4, 2022

**Funding Availability**

- Q1 Are any of the available funds federal?
- A1 At this time, there are no federal funds available through this NOFA. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are from U.S. Treasury, but these funds are not currently included in this AHF 10.0 NOFA.
- Q2 What was the 2nd source of TBD funds from the TA Session slide deck?
- A2 American Rescue Plan Act funds.

**MHSA Funding**

- Q3 Is an MOU between Developer and BHRS required for all projects?
- A3 Only for those projects that receive MHSA funds through this NOFA. Please indicate in your CDS application if the project is applying for MHSA funds.

**CDS Application**

- Q4 What is the username and password for a new account?
- A4 AHF2022 for username and password (also found in the NOFA).
- Q5 How do we get to the application?
- A5 You can access the application here - <https://www.citydataservices.net/>

**NOFA Process**

- Q6 Do we need to have a pre-application meeting if we've applied for a specific project in round 9 and have discussed with DOH?
- A6 Yes, a pre-application meeting is required for all applicants.

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## Environmental

- Q7 The application requires submitting a Part 58 Environmental Assessment (EA). Preparation of an EA will take time and would require noticing. Do we need to complete the EA and noticing before August 19? I believe the DOH will need to review and comment on the EA too. Are we just required to submit a Draft EA for DOH for review?
- A7 The Part 58 EA requirement does not have to be completed before the August 19, 2022 deadline. DOH will review the draft Part 58 provided by the project sponsor and DOH will submit the Part 58 to HUD.
- Q8 The NOFA asks for two HUD specific items in the checklist, but it also says that not all attachments are required for all Project types. If a Project does not have federal subsidy, are the following required - HUD Section 3 Plan; NEPA Environmental Assessment.
- A8 Regarding the Section 3 plan, please refer to this NOFA's Section 3 requirements on page 44 of the AHF 10.0 NOFA. The NEPA Environmental Assessment is not required in order to receive an award of Measure K or MHSA funds.
- Q9 Can the Applicant use their own consultant to prepare the Environmental Assessment? Does DOH need to approve the consultant's qualification?
- A9 Yes, an applicant may use their own qualified consultant. DH does not need to approve the consultant's qualification, however, DOH recommends that applicants choose a consultant with experience in preparing Environmental Assessment reports. DOH will review the reports and may send back the reports for revisions.

## Qualification and Preference Criteria

- Q10 Is the new inclusionary housing change, potential restriction, for rental only? Does it apply to ownership housing as well?
- A10 The requirement regarding inclusionary housing projects applies to all projects that apply for funding through this AHF 10.0 NOFA.
- Q11 If we are targeting IDD population (20%), are there any other requirements layered with this? For example, does a percentage need to be for homeless IDD?

- A11 Each project must meet the minimum qualifications set forth in the AHF 10.0 NOFA for its applicable project type. For new construction rental projects, minimum qualifications include 5% of units designated for County Clients.