

2015 NOFA Q&A Week 1

Q	New or Renewal	Question	Answer
1	New	Do organizations that have previously submitted need to resubmit?	If you have already submitted a new project proposal, you are only required to submit the additional questions listed at the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q7TWR6T . You can, however, revise a proposal that you previously submitted, or submit new proposals. It would be very strategic to do a second review of your proposal and to look at what the NOFA is prioritizing.
2	New	Why is Lahsa reopening the RFP?	LAHSA has reopened the RFP because of the new rules surrounding reallocation in the 2015 NOFA. More funding is potentially available. In addition, RRH project proposals for single adults are now open. Please go to http://lahsa.org/funding_cocnofa for more details.
3	New	Have the previous responses and applications been lost due to the fire?	Nothing has been lost because of the fire.
4	New	Since this RFP has been reopened, will there be another bidder's conference?	There will not be another bidder's conference. The requirement has been waived.
5	New	Will this second batch of RRH proposals be competing for funding with already-submitted PSH requests?	All new project applications will be in the same evaluation pool.
6	New	Can one organization submit two proposals?	Organizations may submit more than one proposal.
7	New	Is the reopened RFP is for RRH or PSH proposals?	The reopened RFP is for both RRH and PSH. The addendum amended the RRH component to add homeless adult individuals to the reopened RFP, so that we may be in alignment with the priorities of the FY2015 NOFA. The reopened RFP does not restrict proposals to only RRH, LAHSA needed to amend the RRH component because homeless adult individuals was not included in the RFP's first release, it was only included in PSH.
8	Renewal	We are a HUD direct grantee, is this for those of us who are renewing as well?	Depends on what "this" is. If you are referring to the additional questions SurveyMonkey form, that is only for LAHSA sub-recipients. If you are referring to this webinar or the "Ask A NOFA Question" on our site, that is for everyone: LAHSA Sub-recipients, HUD Directs, and New Projects RFP Proposers. If you are asking about the FY2015 CoC Program NOFA, that is for everyone as well.
9	Renewal	Is there going to be a meeting to go over the instructions on how to enter data in eSnaps, etc.?	HUD has published detailed instructional guides on how to enter data into Esnaps. https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Renewal-Project-Application-Instructional-Guide.pdf If you need further assistance, you can write us or ask a question during our Webinars on Wednesday.
10	Other	Just wondering if when to expect the CoC Program New Projects RFP for Transitional Housing.	There will not be a Transitional Housing RFP.
11	Renewal	Are leverage / in-kind contributions to a collaborative project required to be reported as "funds" on HUD form 2880 ?	Yes.
12	New	Will LAHSA issue any supplemental questions to existing proposer's who applied for Permanent Supportive Housing/Rapid Rehousing?	LAHSA sent out supplemental questions agencies that passed Threshold Review on Monday, September 28th, 2015. We have just sent out a 2nd Notice regarding those supplemental questions.
13	New	After submitting Application of Proposal how Long before the Organization will receive an response.	You will receive notification from LAHSA by November 5th at the latest.

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14	Renewal	The Grant Inventory Worksheet is locked, and only shows 9 project on it. Can you please post an unlocked GIW so we can look up our projects? Thank you.	The full GIW has been posted.
15	New	Does this RFP fund renovation projects for women and children in need of transitional services?	This RFP is not for any Transitional Housing proposals.
16	Renewal	Please discuss #6 and 7 in the Survey Monkey and the ramification of checking boxes that apply.	These questions were changed on the renewal application (and then on our SurveyMonkey questionnaire afterwards). They should make more sense now.
17	Renewal	In Q 10 if you only have one program and 3b does not apply, how to respond? On Q 10, , 3C, is this a new requirement?	Do not check the box in 3b if you only have one program. HUD gives the following explanation for 3c: "Select "Yes" if the project regularly follows-up with program participants to ensure that they have applied and are receiving their mainstream benefits and to renew benefits when required. Select "No" if there is no or irregular follow-up concerning mainstream benefits."
18	Renewal	On Q 12, what is SOAR training and how does one obtain it?	SOAR seeks to end homelessness through increased access to SSI/SSDI income supports. SOAR is a national program designed to increase access to the disability income benefit programs administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) for eligible adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. Please refer to the following link for more detail and for training opportunities. http://soarworks.prainc.com/
19	Renewal	Is Q 15 for SSO projects only?	This question is for all program types.
20	Renewal	Re: Q10, by "annual follow-ups" for mainstream benefits, is LAHSA (and HUD) referring to follow-ups for participants who are still in the program AND for participants 1 year after they have exited, or just to the former group?	Please refer to Question 17.
21	New	We submitted an application for a New RRH Project last May. It made the threshold review. If we have no changes to make in our original application, do we need to do anything further before the 10/6 deadline?	Please refer to Question 12.
22	Renewal	I have noted that e-SNAPS is only compatible with Internet Explorer at this time. When I just accessed e-SNAPS it had a message that it is not compatible with Version 11 of Internet Explorer. This is the version we have. Will this change or do we have to download an earlier version in order to complete our applications?	Once you have arrived at esnaps.hud.gov/ via internet explorer, click on the "Tools" button on the top right corner (it's a circular axle symbol). At the bottom of the list that appears, you should see "Compatibility View Settings". If you click on that, you should see "Hud.gov" in a section called "Add this website". Click add, and the problem should be solved. A demonstration was conducted during the webinar on how to solve this.
23	Renewal	The new SNOFA from HUD (FR-5900-N-25) is not entirely clear about the status of transitional housing funding in the coming year. Since we are renewing an existing TH project will it be rated differently than in the past?	Transitional Housing Renewals that fall into Tier 2 will be awarded fewer points this year.
24	Renewal	For renewal projects, Exhibit 2s were worked on prior to the NOFA getting released, when will LAHSA provide the completed sub-recipient project renewal application for review?	LAHSA should be sending the pdf of the project application to its sub-recipients for review either the 2nd or 3rd week of October.

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25	Renewal	The renewal project application has HMIS standard questions related to the HMIS lead agency. Will LAHSA release a memo answering these questions (found on page 50 of the Renewal Project Application Instructional Guide)?	LAHSA is the HMIS lead for the LA CoC. You will not see these questions on your application, and you are not responsible for answering them.
26	Renewal	This conversation pertains to HUD directs. Am I correct in assuming that we're NOT to press the "complete" button at the end of our forms until LAHSA has reviewed them? If so, it may be helpful to remind us. Thanks!	Yes, HUD directs should not press the "Complete" button at the end of the application until LAHSA has reviewed and approved the PDF(s) that you have uploaded in FileShare. The important deadlines for HUD Directs are posted on our website at http://lahsa.org/funding_cocnofa . Additional LAHSA will remind LAHSA Sub-recipients and HUD Directs in our weekly NOFA communications.
27	New	In addition to Addendum 4 and the application itself, are there any other documents/source material to which we should refer when preparing our proposals?	Please review all documents listed on the New Projects RFP Page. http://lahsa.org/funding_cocnofa
28	New	The NOFA reads: In addition, whereas general transitional housing programs will be automatically scored with fewer points than permanent housing projects, an exception has been made for transitional housing serving youth, which will be scored the same as permanent housing. Does this mean that transitional housing program serving youth may apply? Thank you!	No, this is in reference to HUD's scoring of transitional housing projects applying for renewal. HUD will not accept applications for new transitional housing programs
29	New	Will this NOFA accept submissions for programs proposing to have mixed beds in one facility? (e.g., a house providing separate beds for transitional and rapid re-housing).	Please review Section I.F of the RFP to determine the feasibility of a mixed housing model.
30	New	Is there someone in your agency to help smaller provider in filling out the application? it all seems so overwhelming.	Unfortunately this is a competition and providing assistance to one organization may be giving them an unfair advantage compared to others.
31	New	There has been trouble with getting the pages up for the coc NOFA as well as esnaps. It is now open but I saw last night that all of the renewals are due today by 5:00. Is that true? If so how are we expected to complete all of that work in one day? Esnaps also shows a warning that it does not work with Internet Explorer 11 and I can't get it to open with Google chrome. I really need assistance. Also once I do get in, what are the initial steps to open up the documents I need to do all of my grants? HELP PLEASE!	The additional questions for application renewals are due today. It's about 10 questions. Please refer to question 22 in order to resolve your technical issue with esnaps.