

FON
FR-6900-N-29F

Applications Due
04/09/2025



Organization Name Title

Advancing HUD's Learning Agenda through Cooperative Agreements with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Alaska Native/ Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions

Table of Contents

BEFORE YOU BEGIN	3
I. BASIC INFORMATION	4
A. Summary	4
B. Agency Contact(s).....	5
II. ELIGIBILITY	6
A. Eligible Applicants.....	6
B. Cost Sharing or Matching.....	6
III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION.....	7
A. Purpose.....	7
B. Goals and Objectives.....	8
C. Authority	8
D. Unallowable Costs	8
E. Indirect Costs.....	9
F. Program History.....	9
G. Other Information.....	9
IV. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT.....	15
A. Standard Forms, Assurances, and Certifications.....	15
B. Budget	16
C. Narratives and Other Attachments	16
D. Other Application Content	19
V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION.....	20
A. Threshold Review	20
B. Merit Review	21
C. Risk Review	25
D. Selection Process.....	26
E. Award Notices	27
VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES.....	28
A. Deadlines.....	28
B. Submission Methods	28
C. Other Submissions.....	29
D. False Statements.....	29
VII. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION	30

A. Administrative, National and Departmental Policy Requirements, and General Terms and Conditions	30
B. Environmental Requirements	32
C. Remedies for Noncompliance	32
D. Reporting.....	32
VIII. CONTACT AND SUPPORT	34
A. Agency Contact.....	34
B. Grants.gov	34
C. SAM.gov	34
D. Debriefing	34
E. Applicant Experience Survey	35
F. Other Online Resources	35
APPENDIX.....	36
Appendix I. HUD Strategic Goals	36
Appendix II. Definitions	36

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If you believe you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, register in the appropriate systems now and review the application package. If you are already registered, make sure your registration is active and up-to-date.

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 on 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 please 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](https://grants.gov).

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 FR-6900-N-29F . 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](https://grants.gov), access the Support Center on [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) for assistance.

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

Application Deadline

Applications are due by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time on 04/09/2025.

HUD Listserv

If you are interested in email notices about upcoming funding opportunities, subscribe to [HUD's Funding Opportunities listserv](https://www.hud.gov).

Note: To help you find what you need, this NOFO uses internal links. In Adobe Reader, you can go back to where you were by pressing Alt + Left Arrow (Windows) or Command + Left Arrow (Mac) on your keyboard.

I. BASIC INFORMATION

This NOFO solicits applications for Advancing HUD's Learning Agenda through Cooperative Agreements with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Alaska Native/ Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions. Review the entire NOFO to understand the application requirements in full. HUD will not fund incomplete or ineligible applications.

A. Summary

Through this funding opportunity, HUD's Office of Policy Development & Research (PD&R) will fund eligible institutions to conduct research that addresses one or more of the Eligible Research Questions listed in Section III.G. The NOFO is intended to: (1) fund quality research that contributes to knowledge on housing and community development; and (2) support minority-serving institutions to conduct housing and community development research important to their local communities and the students they serve.

The Eligible Research Questions are adapted from [HUD's Learning Agenda](#), which articulates a set of critical, policy-relevant research questions that, if addressed, would support the advancement of HUD's mission of creating strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality, affordable homes for all. The Learning Agenda draws on input and support from practitioners, advocates, people with lived experience in HUD programs, researchers, and policymakers at the federal, state, and local levels.

Awards made under this NOFO will be cooperative agreements. Awardees should anticipate substantial involvement by subject matter experts within PD&R in support of the selected research projects. Substantial involvement is defined in Section III.A of this NOFO.

1. NOFO Summary

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

HUD Program Office: Policy Development and Research

Funding Opportunity Title: Advancing HUD's Learning Agenda through Cooperative Agreements with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Alaska Native/ Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions

Announcement Type: Initial

Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6900-N-29F

Assistance Listing Number(s): 14.506

Paperwork Reduction Act Information: 2501-0044

Key Dates:

Due Date for Application Submission: 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time on 04/09/2025

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

Anticipated Award Date: 09/01/2025

2. Funding Details

Type of Funding Instrument

CA (Cooperative Agreement)

Available Funds

Funding of approximately **\$10,000,000** is available through this NOFO.

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 NOFO.

Subject to appropriations, HUD reserves the right to award fiscal year 2025 funds based on this NOFO competition.

Number of Awards

HUD expects to make approximately 25 [awards](#) from the funds available under this NOFO.

HUD anticipates making a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 40 awards.

The minimum award amount is \$250,000 and the maximum award amount is \$2,500,000.

HUD also expects to make approximately 25 additional awards from any funds made available in fiscal year 2025.

Period of Performance

Estimated Project Start Date:

10/01/2025

Estimated Project End Date:

09/30/2030

Length of Project Periods:

Other

Length of Periods Explanation:

Applicants should select a period of performance that aligns with their proposed project. The period of performance will vary by project based on the level of complexity and the proposed methodology. In selecting a period of performance, applicants should consider activities that typically cause delays when selecting their performance period, such as acquiring data or securing approval from an Institutional Review Board (IRB) prior to data collection. The minimum period of performance is 12 months and the maximum period of performance is 60 months.

B. Agency Contact(s)

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

II. ELIGIBILITY

You are invited to apply if your organization is an eligible entity type and meets the funding conditions included in the NOFO. HUD will review applications from eligible applicants using the criteria in [Section V of this NOFO](#).

A. Eligible Applicants

1. Eligible Entity Types:

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

Hispanic-serving Institution (HSIs)

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)

Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions (ANNH)

[Additional Information on Eligibility](#)

[Faith-based organizations](#) may apply on the same basis as any other organization.

Individuals are ineligible applicants.

Eligible applicants are restricted to institutions that are designated by the U.S. Department of Education at the time of application as one of the four following categories of federally recognized minority-serving institutions (MSI): Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), Tribal Colleges or Universities (TCU), and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNH). Institutions must apply annually to the U.S. Department of Education for federally recognized minority-serving eligibility designations. Institutional designations can change from year to year. You may verify the status of your institution by visiting <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/idades/eligibility.html>. Scroll down and click on the most recent version of the Eligibility Matrix, a read-only Excel worksheet that lists data for postsecondary institutions. You may also establish your institution's status with a letter or other document from the U.S. Department of Education.

2. Restrictions

a. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility

You must comply with the current [General Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility for HUD's Competitive Programs](#). HUD will review your eligibility before issuing an award. As part of this review, HUD uses [SAM.gov](#) and Department of Treasury data.

b. Application Eligibility

Your application is considered for funding if it satisfies the application review requirements in [Section V. of this NOFO](#).

B. Cost Sharing or Matching

This Program does not require [cost sharing or matching](#).

III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A. Purpose

HUD's Learning Agenda articulates a set of critical, policy-relevant research questions that can inform policy and practice related to housing and urban development at the federal, state, and local level. Such research can generate benefits beyond the immediate scope of the project and can support broader applications, contribute to policy or program design, or enhance program implementation strategies. PD&R has identified a subset of research questions adapted from HUD's Learning Agenda that will be the focus of this funding opportunity. These questions are grouped under seven topic areas:

1. Community Development and Place-Based Initiatives
2. Disaster Recovery
3. Fair Housing
4. Homelessness
5. Homeownership, Asset Building, and Economic Opportunity
6. Housing and Health
7. American Indian, Alaska Native, and/or Native Hawaiian Housing Needs

The funds being made available under this NOFO will advance two goals: (1) funding quality research that contributes to knowledge on housing and community development; and (2) supporting minority serving institutions to conduct housing and community development research important to their local communities and the students they serve. HUD encourages applicants to propose research methods that leverage the assets of the applicant institution, including its unique relationships with the community or communities upon which the institution's MSI designation (ANNH, HBCU, HSI, or TCU) is based and that are appropriate to address the research question being pursued. HUD is interested in funding research proposals that reflect a broad array of methodologies, including, but not limited to, controlled experiments, quasi-experimental studies, administrative data linkage and analysis, case studies, community-engaged research, ethnography, and other qualitative methods.

Applicants that have not previously applied for, or received, Federal financial assistance, such as a grant or cooperative agreement, may consider partnering with a research institution that has previously been awarded Federal financial assistance.

Awards made under this NOFO will be cooperative agreements and, therefore, awardees should anticipate substantial involvement by subject matter experts within PD&R. Substantial involvement may include, for example:

- 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

1. Applicable Goals and Objectives from HUD’s Strategic Plan

This NOFO supports HUD’s mission and [HUD’s Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years \(FY\) 2022-2026](#). The goals, objectives, and measures applicable to this NOFO are included in [Appendix I](#). These are in addition to increasing equity and improving customer experience - two overarching HUD priorities. Consider this information in your application and when tracking the success of your project, if selected for award. HUD will monitor compliance during the [award performance period](#).

This NOFO seeks to advance HUD’s strategic goal of supporting underserved communities. Through this funding opportunity, PD&R is seeking to expand HUD’s research partnerships to institutions that may have been historically underrepresented in the field of housing and urban development research and to support research projects that build on the unique relationships that Minority Serving Institutions have with their local communities and the students they serve.

2. Civil Rights and Equity Goals

The Fair Housing Act requires HUD funding to create diverse neighborhoods, increase housing choice, reduce inequality, and eliminate discrimination. Executive Orders [13985](#) and [14091](#) direct HUD programs to reduce racial disparities. Your application must respond to these requirements in [Section V.B.3](#) of this NOFO. and if you receive this award, you must track and report your progress towards these goals.

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) and funding is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024).

D. Unallowable Costs

Funds may not be used for a doctoral dissertation research grant program. The recipient or subrecipient must not earn or keep any profit. An organization may not evaluate or conduct research of 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 NOFO 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 NOFO; 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 (HUD-426) with your application.

F. Program History

This is a new funding opportunity. Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit PD&R's [website](#) to learn more about HUD's long history of working closely with minority serving institutions.

G. Other Information

Overview

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support research projects that address one of the research questions listed under "Eligible Research Questions" below. HUD believes that MSIs are uniquely positioned to address these research questions in a manner that could amplify the impact of the research findings at the state and local level. Research questions are organized under seven topic areas. Applicants are encouraged to visit [PD&R's webpage for minority-serving institutions](#) to access a series of short white papers that provide a high-level overview of the current state of the research within each topic area, foundational studies that HUD has supported related to the topic area, and the context for the selected research questions included in this NOFO.

Eligible Research Questions

Applicants must submit proposals to address one or more of the research questions listed below. Applications that propose a research question *not* included in this section will not be eligible for funding.

Research questions are organized under seven topic areas:

1. Community Development and Place-Based Initiatives
 - a. What can be learned from local and federal neighborhood revitalization initiatives about the most effective ways to improve housing and neighborhood conditions and outcomes for residents?
 - b. To what extent are HUD programs addressing community safety, and are there opportunities to do more to reduce violence, either through housing-based service interventions or changes to the built environment?
 - c. How can federal housing and community development programs better meet the local needs of rural communities and territories?
 - d. How are CDBG grantees using federal resources (including the Section 108 loan guarantee program) to support innovative approaches to affordable housing and economic development?
2. Disaster Recovery
 - a. How have the most devastated communities affected by natural disasters recovered, and how have different public policies and local implementation affected that recovery?

- b. Where do people go after a natural disaster, and what are the disaster survivors' characteristics and other distinguishing factors that lead survivors to permanently leave, stay, or return to their impacted communities?
 - c. How are communities responding to and addressing the relocation needs resulting from natural disasters, including slow-onset disasters (e.g., thawing permafrost, sea-level rise, and drought)?
 - d. How have communities successfully prepared for and responded to extreme heat events, especially for high-risk populations such as older adults, persons living with disabilities, agricultural workers, and families with young children?
3. Fair Housing
- a. In what ways and to what extent does housing discrimination (including discriminatory impacts/effects) occur through tenant screening policies and practices, such as credit and criminal background checks, and non-rent costs, such as application fees and security deposits? What are promising or proven strategies to reduce or eliminate discrimination in tenant screening and non-rent costs?
 - b. How can innovative methods be used to better detect and measure housing discrimination?
 - c. What are ways to identify and eliminate discriminatory practices in home sales and mortgages, such as steering, appraisal bias, and financing referrals?
 - d. What are ways to identify and eliminate discriminatory practices in land use, public infrastructure funding, affordable housing siting, and related practices?
4. Homelessness
- a. How have communities' efforts to address homelessness among youth aged 16-25 evolved over the past decade? What efforts have been most successful, and what are the lessons learned?
 - b. What are promising local solutions to homelessness and overcrowding in rural communities?
 - c. What strategies have communities implemented to overcome the barriers faced by people experiencing homelessness when trying to access emergency shelter?
 - d. What is known about local community responses to unsheltered homelessness and best practices with respect to encampments, vehicle homelessness, and other forms of unsheltered homelessness?
5. Homeownership, Asset Building, and Economic Opportunity
- a. What are the most promising strategies at the local, state, and federal levels to support low-income homeowners in meeting their repair and maintenance needs and preserving homeownership (and associated wealth gains)?
 - b. How does student loan debt influence homeownership and mortgage default risk?
 - c. What asset building activities are effective in rural or tribal communities? How effective are Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) at facilitating asset building in such communities?
 - d. What effect does improved access to affordable quality childcare have on the employment outcomes of parents/guardians and on the developmental outcomes of children?

6. Housing and Health

- a. How are states with approved Section 1115 Medicaid waivers for the provision of Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) delivering, or planning to deliver, housing supports to eligible beneficiaries?
- b. What are the best models for communities to meet the mental and behavioral health needs of HUD-assisted households, including access to voluntary supportive services?
- c. How can communities leverage housing policies and programs to support health, social connection, and overall well-being among older adults?
- d. How can housing assistance programs be leveraged to improve maternal and child health outcomes? For example, how can rental assistance programs prioritize pregnant people for housing assistance programs to ensure both mother and child are stably housed at the time of delivery? Can home visiting models promote health or other beneficial outcomes for families with children living in HUD-assisted housing?

7. American Indian, Alaska Native, and/or Native Hawaiian Housing Needs

Construction-related topics

- a. How do residential construction costs differ between tribal and non-tribal areas, and what drives these cost differences? Does use of federal financing for residential construction increase costs in tribal areas in ways that are different than non-tribal areas?
- b. Can use of innovative building technologies (such as modular, penalized, or 3D printing technology) and/or local sources of building components and materials in tribal areas reduce residential construction costs, improve energy efficiency, and/or improve resilience to natural hazards?
- c. Are there model tribal building codes that could help reduce the cost of construction and improve resiliency? Do tribal nations adopt, modify, or enforce state or local building codes, and if so, how?
- d. Is factory-built housing (manufactured or modular housing) an effective solution to housing challenges in tribal communities, e.g. affordability, shortage, and overcrowding? If so, how can these models be scaled-up?
- e. What strategies are institutions in tribal communities, including Tribal Colleges and Universities, implementing to produce skilled laborers needed to close local housing construction workforce gaps? What types of training are most needed? What specific housing construction demand is being targeted? What is the estimate of the gap and/or needed laborers in the pipeline?

Culturally appropriate housing and community development

- f. What are culturally appropriate housing designs and design features that tribal communities consider as minimal standards for establishing a sense of connectedness with tribal lands and tribal heritage? What are the most effective approaches to gathering culturally informed design information, and how might approaches vary by segments of the tribal population?
- g. What features and design standards are recommended to address multigenerational living in tribal communities and the integration of elders into the community when

building or rehabilitating housing and, in particular, supporting residents' ability to age in place?

Disaster Resilience and Recovery

h. What are effective disaster preparedness recovery, mitigation, and adaptation strategies undertaken by one or more tribal communities in response to natural hazards and disasters of one or more types, including the COVID-19 pandemic?

Financing

i. What are innovative approaches to, or models of financing the construction and maintenance of affordable housing in tribal areas, and how can these approaches be scaled and applied to other tribal areas?

Homelessness

j. How does homelessness in tribal communities present differently than homelessness in non-tribal communities, and what are effective ways to better measure the extent of homelessness in tribal communities?

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities under this NOFO include all research, regulatory, and project management activities that contribute to meeting the NOFO 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, such as incentive fees for study participants or honoraria for community practitioners and research partners, including people with lived experience; data collection and analysis; development of written reports; and the communication of findings to stakeholders.
- Engagement with subject matter experts, including people with lived experience, 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 Narrative 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 Research Report: the culmination of the overall research effort. The final report must be of publication quality and thoroughly describe the research objectives, the methodology, and the findings.
- Final Briefing: a virtual briefing of the study findings for HUD staff at the conclusion of the project.

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 intends to publish the final research report on our website at www.huduser.gov. Following submission of the final report, PD&R encourages grantees to seek additional outlets for publishing and communicating research findings.

Preparing Your Applications

Institutions that are interested in applying for funding to address one or more of the Eligible Research Questions in Section III.G. of this NOFO must assemble a *research project proposal* for each research question the institution seeks funding to address. The contents of the proposal are detailed in Section V.B of this NOFO.

Eligible institutions may only submit **a single application** in response to this funding opportunity; however, each application may include **up to four unique research project proposals**. The institution will be responsible for coordinating and submitting all research project proposals under a single application.

For example, Institution X wishes to submit four research project proposals: one proposal to address a research question under the Fair Housing topic area, a second proposal to address a research question under the Homelessness topic area, and a third and fourth proposal to address two different research questions under the Housing and Health topic area. In this circumstance, Institution X will submit a single application in response to this NOFO—which will contain four separate research project proposals. Each research project proposal will be scored independently against the evaluation criteria found in Section V of this NOFO. In this scenario, Institution X may be awarded funding for any number of the four research project proposals submitted for consideration.

There is no prohibition against a single institution submitting more than one unique research project proposal responsive to the *same* research question. For example, Institution Y may have two teams of researchers that wish to address question 6c under the Health and Housing topic area using different methods. Institution Y would submit a single application with both research project proposals. Each research project proposal will be scored independently against the evaluation criteria found in Section V. of this NOFO.

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.

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.

Double spaced 12-point Times New Roman font on letter sized paper (8 1/2 x 11 inches) with at least 1-inch margins on all sides.

Each institution may submit a single application that includes up to four distinct research project proposals. Each research project proposal must include a narrative that may not exceed 15 pages. This page limit does not include the required appendices or the budget narrative described under Section IV.C.

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](https://www.grants.gov/forms). You can also [read more about standard forms](#) on HUD's Funding Opportunities page.

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 and after award	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 Activities (SF-LLL)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable. File name: SF-LLL

Certification of a Drug-Free Workplace (HUD-50070)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-50070
Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-424B
Indirect Cost Rate Certification (HUD-426)	If applicable, required with the application and after award	Page limit: Not applicable File name: ICR Doc. Form location: download instructions

The Eligible Institution should submit a single SF-424. Item 18, Estimated Funding, should reflect the total budget of all the research project proposals submitted. This amount may not exceed \$2.5 million.

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

Applicants must submit a Grant Application Detailed Budget Worksheet (HUD Form 424-CBW) for *each research project proposal submitted*. The Grant Application Detailed Budget Worksheet must display all costs anticipated during the performance period of each individual research project, including the indirect cost rate to be applied.

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.

Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Narrative Response to Rating Factors	Required for each research project proposal	See Section V.B. Page limit: 15 File name: Narrative For each additional research project proposal, name Narrative 2,

		Narrative 3, Narrative 4, as applicable.
Budget Narrative	Required for each research project proposal	Page limit: 2 pages File name: Budget Narrative For each additional research project proposal, name Budget Narrative 2, Budget Narrative 3, Budget Narrative 4, as applicable.
Resume/Biosketch Appendix	Required for each research project proposal	Page limit: 6 pages File name: Resumes For each additional research project proposal, name Resumes 2, Resumes 3, Resumes 4, as applicable.
References Appendix	Required for each research project proposal	No page limit File name: References For each additional research project proposal, name References 2, References 3, References 4, as applicable.
Advancing Racial Equity (ARE) Narrative	Required with the application, not required for each project proposal	Page limit: 2 pages File name: ARE Narrative
Experience Promoting Racial Equity (EPRE) Narrative	Required with the application, not required for each project proposal	Page limit: 2 pages File name: EPRE Narrative
Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Narrative	Required with the application, not required for each project proposal	Page limit: 2 pages File name: AFFH Narrative

The **Institution's application** must contain, in addition to the forms listed in Section IV.A, the three equity narratives indicated in the above table. A single set of equity narratives should be submitted by the institution, regardless of the number of research project proposals submitted. **Each research project proposal** must contain, in addition to the budget listed in Section IV.B, the following:

- Rating Factors Narrative
 - A statement, not to exceed 15 pages, addressing the rating factors described in Section V of this NOFO.
- Resume/Biosketch Appendix
 - Resumes or biosketches for up to 3 key personnel identified in Rating Factor 3, each not exceeding two pages
 - At a minimum, the appendix must include a resume or biosketch for the proposed Principal Investigator (PI) and Project Director of the proposed project.
- References Appendix
 - At least two references from individuals/entities that could attest to the applicant's performance on any relevant and recent (within five years) research projects.
 - The references should include name and contact information and a brief summary of the project.
- Budget Narrative
 - Explanation of how the requested budget will support the completion of the proposed research project.

<u>Required Application Content: Summary Table</u>
The overall institutional application must include:
* Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) reflecting the total budget for all included research project proposals
* Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD 424-B)
* Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD 2880)
* Certification Regarding Lobbying Activities
* Certification of a Drug-Free Workplace (HUD-50070)
* If applicable: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL); Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B); Indirect Cost Rate Certification (HUD-426)
* Advancing Racial Equity (ARE) Narrative
* Experience Promoting Racial Equity (EPRE) Narrative
* Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Narrative
Each individual research project proposal must include:
* Narrative response to evaluation factors
* Grant Application Detailed Budget Worksheet (HUD-424-CBW)
* Budget Narrative
* Appendix containing resumes/biosketches for up to three key personnel

* Appendix containing at least two references

D. Other Application Content

Following selection of awardees, if the amount of the award being offered by HUD is lower than the amount requested and the applicant accepts this award, the applicant will need to provide a revision of the initial proposal, budget, budget narrative, and a brief description of what was changed within a specified period. HUD will complete its review of the proposed revisions and determine whether further information or conditions to the grant are necessary. If the requested information is not provided, HUD will not make the award and may select another eligible applicant.

V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

A. Threshold Review

HUD reviews each application to make sure it meets the following threshold requirements. If you meet all threshold requirements, your application will advance to a merit review. If you fail to meet one or more threshold requirements, your application is not eligible for HUD funding.

1. Eligible Applicant

You must meet the applicant eligibility criteria in this NOFO. HUD will not fund applications from ineligible applicants.

2. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

An application will not advance for merit review unless the application(s) resolves all outstanding civil rights matters before the application deadline.

a. An applicant is not eligible for funding if that applicant has any of the charges, cause determinations, lawsuits, or letters of findings referenced in subparagraphs (1) – (5) that are not resolved to HUD’s satisfaction before or on the application deadline date for this NOFO

(1) Charges from HUD concerning a systemic violation of the Fair Housing Act or receipt of a cause determination from a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing agency concerning a systemic violation of a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing law proscribing discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), national origin, disability, or familial status;

(2) Status as a defendant in a Fair Housing Act lawsuit filed by the United States alleging a pattern or practice of discrimination or denial of rights to a group of persons raising an issue of general public importance under 42 U.S.C. § 3614(a);

(3) Status as a defendant in any other lawsuit filed or joined by the Department of Justice, or in which the Department of Justice has intervened, or filed an amicus brief or statement of interest, alleging a pattern or practice or systemic violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Violence Against Women Act, or a claim under the False Claims Act related to fair housing, non-discrimination, or civil rights generally including an alleged failure to [affirmatively further fair housing](#);

(4) Receipt of a letter of findings identifying systemic non-compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Violence Against Women Act; or the Americans with Disabilities Act; or

(5) Receipt of a cause determination from a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing agency concerning a systemic violation of provisions of a state or local law prohibiting discrimination in housing based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or lawful source of income.

b. HUD will determine if actions to resolve the charge, cause determination, lawsuit, or letter of findings taken before the application deadline date will resolve the matter.

Examples of actions that may be sufficient to resolve the matter include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Current compliance with a voluntary compliance agreement signed by all the parties;
- (2) Current compliance with a HUD-approved conciliation agreement signed by all the parties;
- (3) Current compliance with a conciliation agreement signed by all the parties and approved by the state governmental or local administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter;
- (4) Current compliance with a consent order or consent decree;
- (5) Current compliance with a final judicial ruling or administrative ruling or decision; or
- (6) Dismissal of charges.

3. Timely Submission of Applications

Late applications are not eligible for funding. See deadlines in [Section VI of this NOFO](#).

4. Correct Funding Opportunity Number

You must ensure that the Funding Opportunity Number in box 12 on your SF-424 matches the number associated with this NOFO. If the numbers do not match, your application is not eligible for HUD funding.

B. Merit Review

HUD expects to evaluate and score your application using the following merit criteria and process. Merit reviewers evaluate and score all applications that pass the threshold review. Merit reviewers may include Federal and non-Federal persons. Reviewers receive a copy of your application to evaluate and score each application separately.

Merit Review Summary

Criterion	Total number of points 100
Rating Factor 1: Contribution of the Proposed Research	20 points
Rating Factor 2: Soundness of Approach	30 points
Rating Factor 3: Capacity of the Team	20 points
Rating Factor 4: Project Management	20 points
Rating Factor 5: Budget Reasonableness	10 points

1. Rating Factors

Your application must include a response to the following criteria.

The maximum number of points that can be awarded to any research project proposal is 100. No preference points are available under this NOFO. Your research project proposal must include a response to each of the following five rating factors.

Rating Factors Details

Criterion	Maximum points
Rating Factor 1: Contribution of the Proposed Research	20
<p>The proposed research must address one of the questions specified under the section titled <u>Eligible Research Questions</u> in Section III.G of this NOFO. The narrative must describe the importance of the proposed research and its potential to address an identified issue, challenge, or gap in the existing body of knowledge in the relevant topic area. The narrative should describe the potential for the research to generate benefits beyond the immediate scope of the project and should explain how the findings could support broader applications, contribute to policy or program design, or enhance implementation strategies. The applicant should describe how the research will advance understanding of, or the effectiveness of, Federal, state, and/or local policies and programs, particularly related to the communities and students the applicant serves.</p>	
Rating Factor 2: Soundness of Approach	30
<p>The narrative must describe the methodology the research team proposes to use to answer the selected research question. The narrative should provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clear connection between the research question and the data proposed to be collected or analyzed to address the research question. • A description of the proposed research methods. For qualitative methods, the proposed approach must demonstrate high standards for rigor in the design, collection and analysis of qualitative data, including methods for identifying and recruiting participants by taking steps to solicit participation from demographic groups who are least likely to participate absent such efforts; collecting rich and credible qualitative information from participants; and analyzing the data systematically. The applicant should clearly explain and justify the specific methods proposed (e.g., individual interviews, group interviews, focus groups, direct observation). For quantitative methods, the proposed approach must include a description of the data sources to be accessed or collected, an assessment of the limitations of any secondary data sources to be accessed, a strategy for ensuring participation from demographic groups who are least likely to participate absent such efforts for any proposed primary data collection, and a description of how the proposed data source is appropriate for answering the research questions. • An analysis plan that is reasonable and appropriate for the data being collected and the research question being addressed. • If applicable to the proposed methodology, a description of how the research team intends to collect and manage sensitive data from individuals while protecting privacy and complying with all relevant rules and regulations related to the protection of the rights and welfare of human research subjects. • An approach for presenting the results of the study in a comprehensive and impactful way. 	
Rating Factor 3: Capacity of the Team	20
<p>The narrative should describe the project staffing anticipated for the proposed project. Applicants will be evaluated based on the extent to which the project staffing demonstrates relevant experience for the proposed project and the ability to carry out the required tasks. Staff assigned to different tasks should have the relevant skills and abilities to fulfill the tasks they will perform. Key personnel are defined as up to three individuals who will have primary</p>	

responsibility related to managing or carrying out the proposed work. The key personnel must be identified in the proposal and must include, at a minimum, the Principal Investigator and Project Director. Key personnel may be in-house staff, sub-recipients, and/or consultants for whom a contract or agreement already exists.

To demonstrate the capacity of the research team, each research project proposal must include an appendix with resumes or biosketches (each with a 2-page maximum) for up to three key personnel identified in the proposal. Additionally, the applicant must submit a separate appendix containing at least two references from individuals/entities that could attest to the applicant's performance on any relevant and recent (within five years) research projects. The references should include name and contact information and a brief summary of the project. These attachments do not count towards the narrative page limit.

Rating Factor 4: Project Management	20
<p>The narrative should describe the overarching plan for managing the work necessary to carry out the proposed project within the allotted resources and within the proposed timeframe. The narrative should present a clear, practical, and forward-looking plan to accomplish the proposed project. As such, the narrative should include a staffing chart showing the allocation of resources for this project by presenting total person hours for each of the key personnel by year by project task. The proposed work plan must clearly explain how the applicant will manage these activities, including the anticipated approach to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing communication with HUD staff, including providing quarterly progress reports; • Establishing a timeline for the completion of the research effort, including start dates, completion dates, and other major milestones for each task and subtask; • Ensuring overall project quality control and identifying points in the schedule where a quality control lapse is most likely to occur, and the impact on deliverables to HUD; and • Resolving issues or overcoming obstacles that may affect progress. 	
Rating Factor 5: Budget Reasonableness	10
<p>This factor will be assessed based on three items: a review of proposed project scope and timeline, the Grant Application Detailed Budget Worksheet (HUD Form 424-CBW), and the Budget Narrative. The Budget Narrative should explain how the requested budget will support the completion of the proposed research project. These three items must be aligned and reasonably support the completion of the proposed project within the proposed timeline.</p>	

2. Civil Rights and Equity Review

a. Advancing Racial Equity

Your application must describe your plans to advance racial equity, as required in Executive Orders [13985](#) and [14091](#), and Federal fair housing and civil rights laws. Specifically, your plan must describe how you:

- Analyze the racial composition of the persons or households who are expected to benefit, directly or indirectly, from your proposed award activities;
- Identify any potential barriers to persons or communities of color equitably benefiting from your proposed award activities;
- Detail the steps you will take to prevent, reduce, or eliminate these barriers; and

- Describe new or existing measures to track your progress and evaluate the effectiveness of your efforts to advance racial equity in your proposed award activities.

Any action must be consistent with Federal nondiscrimination requirements.

Institutions must include a narrative describing the institution’s plan to advance racial equity. The narrative should be included in the application as the ARE Narrative attachment and be a maximum of two pages.

Note for Tribal Colleges and University (TCU) applicants only:

Due to TCU’s specific focus on serving tribal communities, this narrative is not required for TCU applicants. If you believe there are potential barriers to historically underserved communities equitably benefiting from proposed grant activities, you may choose to submit a narrative identifying those barriers, detailing steps to prevent, reduce, or eliminate those barriers, and explaining how you will measure, track progress, and evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to overcome those barriers, however this narrative is not required for TCU applicants.

b. Experience Promoting Racial Equity

In keeping with Executive Orders [13985](#) and [14091](#), as well as Federal fair housing and civil rights laws, your application must show that you have the experience and/or resources to meet the needs of underserved communities, specifically Black and Brown communities. This may include:

- Experience successfully working directly with these communities;
- Experience designing or operating programs that equitably benefit these communities;
- Experience soliciting, obtaining, and applying input from such groups when designing, planning, or implementing programs and activities;
- Experience encouraging specific and authentic engagement with historically underserved neighborhoods and communities of color to guide policy outcomes; and/or
- Staff and volunteers who have lived experience and/or expertise to provide services in a culturally competent way or resources to hire such staff for your proposed award activities.

Institutions must include a narrative describing the institution’s experience promoting racial equity. The narrative should be included in the application as the EPRE Narrative attachment and should be a maximum of two pages.

Note for Tribal Colleges and University (TCU) applicants only:

HUD’s equity provisions enable Tribal Applicants to demonstrate Experience Promoting Racial Equity (EPRE) through their Tribe’s Indian Housing Plans (IHP), or through a separate narrative as described above. If you decide to use your IHP to satisfy this requirement, HUD will consider the IHP’s description of experience effectively serving tribal communities to meet the Experience Promoting Racial Equity requirements. Alternatively, you can elect to submit a separate 1–2-page narrative which describes your experience serving and/or resources to effectively address the needs of underserved communities. You must include a statement with your application stating which option you have selected. Your IHP description or narrative description of experience will be evaluated for sufficiency and will be a curable deficiency if it is deemed insufficient.

c. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

With some exceptions for Federally recognized Indian tribes and their instrumentalities, you must describe how you will carry out your proposed award activities in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and its implementing regulations. You should describe how your proposed award activities will meaningfully:

- Address significant disparities based on protected class in unmet housing needs;
- Address disparities based on protected class in access to opportunity;
- Address segregation and promote integration;
- Transform racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into well-resourced areas of opportunity without displacing existing residents; and/or
- Foster and maintain compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws.

Institutions must include a narrative describing the institution's plans to affirmatively further fair housing. The narrative should be included in the application as the AFFH Narrative attachment and be a maximum of two pages.

Note for Tribal Colleges and University (TCU) applicants only:

TCUs are not required to submit a written narrative related to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

3. Other Factors

Your application must respond to the following other additional criteria.

a. Budget

The panel will review but not score the budget. The panel will assess whether the budget aligns with planned program activities and objectives. Panel members will consider whether the budget and the requested performance period are fully justified and reasonable in relation to the proposed project.

C. Risk Review

Before making an award, HUD will use the following criteria to determine each applicant's risk of not implementing an award.

OMB-designated repositories of governmentwide data, as noted in [2 CFR 200.206\(a\)](#)

Other public sources such as newspapers, Inspector General or Government Accountability Office reports or findings, or other complaints that have been proven to have merit

Financial stability

Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards prescribed in 2 CFR part 200

History of performance. The applicant's record in managing Federal awards, if it is a prior recipient of Federal awards, including timeliness of compliance with applicable reporting requirements, failing to make significant progress in a timely manner, failing to meet planned activities in a timely manner, conformance to the terms and conditions of previous Federal awards, and, if applicable, the extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards

Reports and findings from audits performed under Subpart F—Audit Requirements of 2 CFR part 200 or the reports and findings of any other available audits

The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on non-Federal entities

Capacity of the applicant, including staffing structures and capabilities

History of timely completion of activities and receipt and expenditure of promised matching or leveraged funds

Ability to promote self-sufficiency and economic independence

Ability to produce positive outcomes and results

HUD may use the results of the risk review to make funding decisions and to apply award conditions.

D. Selection Process

When making funding decisions, HUD will consider:

- Eligibility requirements, including threshold review results.
- Merit review results.
- Risk review results.

HUD may:

- Fund applications in whole or in part.
- Fund applications at a lower amount than requested.
- Choose to fund no applications under this NOFO.
- Adjust funding for an application, to ensure funding diversity, geographic diversity, and alignment with program or administrative priorities.
- Withdraw an award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application, if terms and conditions are not finalized or met.
- Use additional funds made available after NOFO 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 NOFO, if funding is available and if HUD does not receive applications of merit.

HUD is committed to trying to make at least one award to applicants from **each** of the four eligible institution types: (1) Historically Black Colleges and Universities, (2) Hispanic Serving Institutions, (3) Tribal Colleges and Universities, and (4) Alaska Native/ Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions, but may not necessarily fund projects in all seven topic areas.

All research project proposals will be scored against the rating criteria described in Section V. Once all research project proposals have been scored, they will be sorted into four groups based on eligible institution type. HUD will select the research project proposals to fund from this final

list, taking into account the merit score, eligible institution type, and the funding amount sought. HUD has the discretion in selecting applicants to ensure a distribution of funding across eligible institution types, research topics, and geography.

E. Award Notices

If you are 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. HUD may impose specific conditions on an award 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.

VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

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

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

A. Deadlines

1. Application submission deadline:

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

04/09/2025

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. Improper or expired registration and password issues are not causes to allow HUD to accept applications after the deadline date.

2. Grace Period for Grants.gov Submissions

If [Grants.gov](#) rejects your application before the deadline, you have up to 24 hours after the application deadline to correct and resubmit your application. Any application submitted during the grace period but not received and validated by Grants.gov will not be considered for funding. There is no grace period for paper applications.

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.

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

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 validate power or internet service disruption in the area of your business office. Lack of [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 Submissions

1. Intergovernmental Review

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

2. Technical Application Errors

HUD may contact you to fix a technical error with your timely application after the due date. Technical errors that you may fix are not submitted to satisfy merit review criteria. And you may not fix technical errors related to threshold review except eligibility entity documentation. Examples of technical errors include: inconsistencies in funding requests; improper signature on a form; a missing or incomplete form; and nonprofit status documentation.

HUD will send notice to the authorized organization representative from the SF-424 to fix a technical error.

Your application is not eligible for funding, if you fail to fix the error to HUD's satisfaction and by the due date in HUD's notice. HUD will not review information submitted after the application due date in HUD's notice.

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](#) 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.

HUD allows no less than 48 hours and no more than 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 office in Washington, DC is closed, then the due date is the next business day.

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 during any part of the application, award, or performance phase of an award may result in criminal, civil or administrative sanctions, including but not limited to: fines, restitution, and/or imprisonment under 18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1012, 18 USC 1010, 18 USC 1014, or 18 USC 287; treble damages and civil penalties under the False Claims Act, 31 USC 3729 et seq.; double damages and civil penalties under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act, 31 USC 3801 et seq.; civil recovery of award funds; suspension and/or debarment from all federal procurement and non-procurement transactions, FAR Part 9.4 or 2 CFR Part 180; and other remedies including termination of active HUD award.

VII. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

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 – 2025](#). You must comply with these applicable provisions:

1. The Fair Housing Act ([42 USC 3601-3619](#)) and implementing regulations at [24 CFR part 100 et seq.](#)
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, [42 USC 2000d-2000d-4](#), Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs, and implementing regulations at [24 CFR part 1](#)
3. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 ([42 USC 6101-6107](#)) and implementing regulations at [24 CFR part 146](#)
4. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ([29 USC 794](#)) and implementing regulations at [24 CFR part 8](#)
5. Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, [42 USC 12101 et seq.](#) and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 and 28 CFR part 36
6. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements, ([42 USC § 3608\(e\)\(5\)](#)) and implementing regulations at [24 CFR 5.150 et seq.](#)
7. Economic Opportunities for Low-and Very Low-income Persons ([12 USC 1701u](#)) requirements, including those listed at [24 CFR part 75](#)
8. Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requirements, including those listed within [72 Fed. Reg. 2732 \(Jan. 22, 2007\)](#) (also see [HUD's webpage](#))
9. Accessible Technology requirements, ([29 USC § 794d](#), 29 USC 794, 42 USC 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) (see also [HUD's Policy on Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and Accessible Technology](#))
10. HUD's rule to provide Equal Access to housing regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status requirements, [24 CFR 5.105\(a\)\(2\)](#) and [5.106](#)
11. Ensuring the Participation of Small Disadvantaged Business, and Women-Owned Business requirements at [2 CFR 200.321](#)
12. Energy Efficient and Sustainable by Design
13. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act ([42 USC § 4601 et seq.](#)) (URA) requirements, [49 CFR part 24](#), and applicable program regulations
14. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation

15. OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ([2 CFR part 200](#))
16. Drug-Free Workplace requirements ([2 CFR part 2429](#))
17. HUD requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files (e.g., [2 CFR 200.303\(e\)](#))
18. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 ([2 CFR part 170](#)) (FFATA), as amended
19. Eminent Domain
20. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements ([29 USC § 794](#)) and implementing regulations at [24 CFR parts 8](#) and [100](#); [28 CFR part 35](#)
21. Applicable Violence Against Women Act requirements in the Housing Chapter of VAWA ([34 USC § 12491-12496](#)) [24 CFR part 5, subpart L](#), and program-specific regulations.
22. 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
23. [Build America, Buy America \(BABA\) Act](#) procurement requirements
24. System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements at [2 CFR part 25](#)
25. [Section 106\(g\) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 \(TVPA\), as amended \(22 USC § 7104\(g\)\)](#) and implementing regulations at [2 CFR part 175](#)
26. Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters (see [Appendix XII to 2 CFR part 200](#))
27. Suspension and Debarment regulations ([2 CFR part 2424](#) and [2 CFR part 180](#))
28. Environmental justice requirements that apply in accordance with [24 CFR part 50](#) or [part 58](#), Executive Orders [12898](#) and [14008](#), and OMB Memorandum [M-21-28](#), which implements the *Justice40 Initiative*, section 223 of Executive Order [14008](#).
29. [HUD Secretary Fudge’s April 12, 2022 memorandum](#) “Eliminating Barriers That May Unnecessarily Prevent Individuals with Criminal Histories from Participation in HUD Programs”
30. Equity requirements, including racial equity and underserved communities and LGBTQ+ requirements that apply in accordance with Executive Orders [13985](#), [13988](#), and [14091](#).
31. [41 USC § 4712](#), which includes informing your employees in writing of their rights and remedies, in the predominant native language of the workforce. Under [41 U.S.C. § 4712](#), employees of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, and personal services contractor may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant. (See [Federal Contractor or Grantee Protections | Office of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development \(hudoig.gov\)](#))

32. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (41 USC § 3901 note prec., 2 CFR 200.216) and Executive Orders [14091](#) and [14110](#), which includes the prohibition on the use of HUD funds to purchase or fund any form of facial or biometric recognition technology for the purpose of surveillance or any other use that may adversely impact equitable access to housing.

33. Unless prohibited by law and to the extent permitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), your application content may be released to the public in response to FOIA requests, except to the extent that certain information contained in the application may be withheld under a FOIA exemption ([5 USC § 552\(b\)](#); [24 CFR 15.107\(b\)](#)). HUD may also share your application information within HUD or with other Federal agencies if HUD determines that sharing is relevant to the respective program’s objectives.

B. Environmental Requirements

1. Environmental Review

Activities funded under this NOFO 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. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

This NOFO 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

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

HUD may terminate all or a part of your award as described under 2 CFR 200.340-200.343.

D. Reporting

HUD requires recipients to submit the following performance and financial reports.

Report	Description	When
Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awards equal to or greater than \$30,000 See details at 2 CFR part 170 Submit via FSRS.gov; data will be made available on USASpending.gov 	See 2 CFR Appendix A to Part 170(a)(2)(ii)
Reporting on Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 details at Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200 Submit via SAM.gov 	See 2 CFR Appendix-XII to Part 200 I.(d)

Progress Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of progress status • Work to be performed during the next reporting period • Any anticipated risks and plans to mitigate those risks 	Quarterly
Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial reporting is conducted through the quarterly progress report 	Quarterly
Final Narrative Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final breakdown of overall award spending over the period of performance 	Upon completion of period of performance

VIII. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

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: Randall Sisco

Phone: 202-402-7223

Email: MSIResearchFY24@hud.gov

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

2. Paper Application Waiver Request

Name: Leatha Blanks

Email: Leatha.M.Blanks@hud.gov

Phone: 202-402-5821

HUD Organization: PD&R

Street: 451 7th St SW

City: Washington

State:

DC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Zip:

20410

HUD Reform Act. HUD is prohibited from disclosing [covered selection information](#) during the selection process. The selection process includes NOFO 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 NOFO. HUD may limit the information provided to protect the integrity of the competition.

For a period of at least 120 calendar days, beginning 30 calendar days after the public announcement of awards under this NOFO, if requested, HUD will provide a debriefing related to an applicant's submission. The AOR or the AOR's successor must submit a written request for debriefing via mail or email to the Agency Contact listed in Section VIII.A of this NOFO.

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 NOFOs. Your feedback has no impact on funding decisions.

F. Other Online Resources

You are encouraged to review the [online resources](#) for context on some of the NOFO requirements.

APPENDIX

Appendix I. HUD Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Support Underserved Communities. Fortify support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for all people.

Objective Title	Objective Description	Success Measure(s)
1A. Advance Housing Justice	Fortify support for vulnerable populations, underserved communities, and Fair Housing enforcement.	Identify community strategies to support vulnerable populations, including in different geographic areas and types of communities.
1B: Reduce Homelessness	Strengthen Federal, State, Tribal, and community implementation of the Housing First approach to reducing the prevalence of homelessness, with the ultimate goal of ending homelessness.	Community engaged research investments identify successful mechanisms at the local level to reduce the prevalence of homelessness.
1C: Invest in the Success of Communities	Promote equitable community development that generates wealth-building for underserved communities, particularly for communities of color.	Fund 25 research projects that engage over 100 students.

Appendix II. Definitions

1. Standard Definitions

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

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) has the same meaning as [24 CFR 5.151](#) - means taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, to overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Taken together, these meaningful actions should address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunities, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws. The duty to affirmatively further fair housing extends to all program participant's activities and programs relating to housing and urban development.

Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) is the official within your organization with the legal authority to: give assurances, make commitments, submit your application to HUD,

enter into agreements, and execute such documents on behalf of your organization. The AOR is not necessarily the Project Director. The AOR has [defined privileges](#) within Grants.gov.

Consolidated Plan has the same meaning as defined at [24 CFR part 91](#).

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

Equity has the meaning given to that term in Section 2(a) of Executive Order [13985](#) and means the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

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 that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of Black Americans, and that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary of Education to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation. [A list of accredited HBCUs can be found at the U.S. Department of Education's website.](#)

Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) are

- (1) an HBCU as defined in [20 U.S.C. § 1061](#)(2);
- (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)).

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.

Racial Equity is the elimination of racial disparities and is achieved when race can no longer predict opportunities, distribution of resources, or outcomes – particularly for Black and Brown persons.

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

Threshold Requirements are eligibility requirements you must meet before HUD advances to a merit review of your application.

Underserved Communities has the meaning given to that term in Section 2(b) of Executive Order [13985](#) and refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life, as exemplified by the list in the definition of “equity” above.

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

2. Program Definitions.

None.