**Office of Housing Policy and Community Development**

**2024 Super Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)**

**Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)**

**Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)**

**Affordable Housing Gap Funding (AHG)**

The *City of New Orleans*, through the Office of Housing Policy and Community Development (OCD), announces the availability of funds for community based, not-for-profit, profit, and faith-based organizations that implement programs addressing housing and supportive needs for Orleans Parish residents. All organizations applying for 2024 funding are required to submit a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Application. The Registry must be submitted by organizations that have not previously done business with the city. It is the first step that ensures the applicant meets minimum eligibility requirements to receive federal grant funds. Certification on the Registry does not guarantee funding of the program.

Registry and NOFA applications are available beginning **September 8, 2023,** on the City’s website: <https://www.nola.gov/community-development/> . Packets are available in Microsoft Word and Excel format. All applications must be completed electronically using the forms supplied with this NOFA. When replying to questions on the applications, please use a 12-point font size to facilitate reading by scorers. **The Office of Housing Policy and Community Development will not make copies of any applications.**

The completed Registry (if applicable) and NOFA must be emailed, and hand delivered. The completed Registry application (if applicable) and the NOFA Application must be emailed to NOFA@nola.gov **no later than** **Friday,** **October 13, 2023, 3:00PM Central Standard Time**. The subject line must state **“2024 (Indicate grant applying) NOFA APPLICATION - *Your Agency’s Name.*”** One (1) hardcopy of the Registry (if applicable) and one (1) copy of the NOFA application must be delivered to: The Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras Street, 10th Floor, N.O., LA 70112, **no later than Friday, October 13, 2023, 3:00PM Central Standard Time.** Applications submitted after this date and time will not be considered. **Proposals must be complete at the time of submission.** No addendums will be accepted after the deadline date for submission of proposals. Applicants who physically deliver the proposal must have their proposal and copy logged in and complete a sign-in sheet with OCD staff at time of delivery. Under no circumstance should an applicant leave a proposal at the Office of Community Development without completing the required log-in procedure. Applicants who mail proposals should do so by certified mail, return receipt requested, or through overnight mail services allowing enough time for the proposal to be *received* by the deadline date and time.

**A Virtual Informational Session for the Affordable Housing Gap Funding will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 9:30AM – 10:30AM.**

The maximum award for any project under this NOFA is $150,000 per unit inclusive of any previous awards. Eligible projects may involve the acquisition, rehabilitation and/or new construction of rental housing units to low-income households. Priority will be given to projects that have no additional gap and are ready to proceed once environmental clearance is issued. If a project has not begun construction 6 months after receiving an award letter, funds will be rescinded.

The City will provide financial assistance to eligible projects in the form of a non-interest Cash Flow payment loan. Up to 50% of the projects surplus cash will be paid annually for the lesser of 15 years or until the loan has been repaid. The amount of surplus cash available for repayment will be based on OCD’s underwriting, the project’s annual audit and other cash flow loans. OCD will consider a subordinate position to other surplus cash loans and modified loan repayment terms.

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**A Virtual Informational Session for the ESG Grant will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, 9:30AM – 10:30AM.**

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**A Virtual Informational Session for the HOPWA Grant will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, 1:00PM – 2:00PM.**

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Should you have any questions or need assistance regarding the NOFA application for the HOPWA and ESG Grants, please contact Madelyn Cosey Sanchez, Deputy Director at (504) 658-4214 or mcsanchez@nola.gov.

Should you have any questions or need assistance regarding the NOFA application for the Affordable Housing Gap Funding, please contact David Meunier, Affordable Housing Project Manager at demeunier@nola.gov.