

2027 CDBG, HOME, HOME-ARP Application Information Session

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Alger, Ian 0:05

OK.

Slater, Tasha 0:08

OK. Thanks.

Hi everyone.

This is the information session for the 2027 CDBG and home applications.

You just saw Ian and I'm Tasha Slater.

And then we also have Kimberly and then also Samantha, that is kind of going to take a couple slides today.

Just welcome.

Feel free to put your name pronouns in agency and e-mail in the chat.

Alright, if you have any questions, feel free to unmute.

We'll also have time at the end for questions if you have any or you can type them in the chat and I and someone will be monitoring that as well.

After if you watch this again because it will be posted on our website or you're kind of thinking about it, you can feel free to send questions to the e-mail on the slide and all the materials from today will be on our website.

OK, the agenda funding sources is kind of what we'll be talking about first and breaking that down the application process in general.

How the applications will be reviewed and then again at the end we'll have questions.

So in 2024, we submitted our five year plan to HUD, our consolidated plan and we came up with four main goals that all applications have to fit in.

So affordable housing, economic opportunity, stability and poverty reduction, and neighborhood livability.

We have already met our goals for neighborhood livability.

So this year, which is the 4th year of the five year plan, we will be focusing on those top three.

And that will be a question in the pre application.

But pretty easy to determine which one you're in based on what funding source you are.

And.

The main reason why kind of highlighting these goals is because we are in the fourth year between 2024 and 2028.

There's a couple goals that we submitted to HUD that said we were going to meet these within five years and we're still at 0 outcomes for those. So we'll talk about it in Slide 28 and 29.

But.

We will be giving an extra 10 points to people who are able to help us meet those goals, so that's kind of where this is coming from, is that consolidated?

Rosemary 2:44

Unmute.

Slater, Tasha 2:44

OK.

Rosemary 2:46

No, they've gotta find me.

Slater, Tasha 2:48

So there's three main funding sources, CDBG, which is community development, block grant home home Investment Partnership program and Home ARP, which is American rescue plan dollars.

This year, we're going to award approximately 2.1 million in funds.

Those amounts may change.

Those are just estimates.

We haven't actually gotten.

Our amounts from HUD.

Yeah, and. And we kind of had some funding based on program income and unallocated funds.

So so the amounts may increase or decrease depending on all those variables.

Just a reminder, when you're filling out your application, we do want you to round to the nearest thousand.

And.

If you are going to submit an application in multiple funding sources, you'll have to. You'll have to do multiple applications, so one for each funding source.

The only exception is CDBG housing services and home tenant based rental assistance, which I'll be talking about a little bit later. But those two are a combined application because they go together.

And then just to requirement for applications, if you are an agency that has two previously funded applications.

And one of them is incomplete and hasn't been started yet. You may be eligible. Ineligible. So if you think that might be you, feel free to reach out to that housing e-mail and we can discuss it, let you know.

Also, all households must be served within the City of Vancouver. If you are serving households within the entire Clark County, you'll need to attend or watch the Clark County information session.

They also receive CDBG and home funds and so.

You'll potentially be applying for.

Both or or just the county. And again, if you have questions about which application you should be doing, feel free to send an e-mail to that housing e-mail.

And if a program serves both the city and the county, your award may be adjusted based on how your outcomes are proportionately. So if 60% of your outcomes will be within the county and 40% will be in the city, then your application will need to be 60%.

Funded with the county and 40% county funded with the city and the city and the county.

Work really closely together.

So we'll be happy to have a joint meeting with you or conversation e-mail thread and just kind of determine.

What that looks like, if if you think that's for you.

OK, our first funding source is CDBG. Again, community Development block Grant. Usually each year we get about 1.2 million and that doesn't really increase or decrease. It usually stays about that amount across the whole country. There's about 3.3 billion available and those funds have been discussed to either decrease or be eliminated and and so far.

Each year we continue to get the amount that we need, which is great for our Community.

The goal is of CDBG is to develop viable urban communities to provide decent housing, suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities for low to moderate income people.

And just some examples of CDBG programs. In the past, we've had eviction prevention, mediation, diversion programs, youth mentorship, case management. And.

Just a little on that first bullet point. We do use CDBG funds to increase affordable housing, but we mostly.

We year to year don't typically have CDBG funds to put towards that. So that will be mostly.

Home funds and and that no new construction, just wanted to highlight if any of you know there is a new.

Allowable cost for using.

CDBG funds for new construction with the road to Housing Act, but.

So if you knew that.

We yes, we are able to do new construction with CDBG.

We just don't allocate funds to it.

So I know that was a little bit confusing.

Feel free to unmute if you have any questions about that.

But I wanted to just highlight that in case any of you new kind of see that no new construction but also know about Rd. housing.

OK. And then just a quick overview of micro enterprise business assistance, if you are interested in applying for this or if you're here today for that this is not that session and you'll need to attend tomorrow's session at 10:00 AM on October 7th.

And Victor will be going kind of over that application process and what that looks like we do split our business assistance, economic development and our housing. And so that information.

Session will be tomorrow.

OK, public service, this is probably our.

Most our funding that gets the most applications, we have about 190,000 as our guest HUD does give us a cap on how much we're allowed to spend and so it's 15% of our total entitlement.

Our maximum requests for an application is 100,000 and then our minimum request is 75,000.

Eligible applicants are either nonprofit agencies or public organizations.

These are not for individual use.

And then eligible pro project costs a lot of agencies will use it for personnel to support a program that they already have.

And then anything that kind of goes with personnel, so operating cost travel and training admin, but you can also use it for reducing poverty, increasing stability and preventing and addressing homelessness.

And we typically want to see services focused on poverty reduction and housing system coordination with these funds.

And because we have that public service cap, we do need to have a hard end date.

The June 30th, 2028, we always hope to have a July 1, 2027 start date. But just based on when we get our grant agreements from HUD and what.

Funding we have that date might be further out in the year and we would still need to have an end date of June 30th.

And that scoring priority that I had mentioned.

And for those 10 extra points will impact public service and again we'll talk about that a little bit later.

OK.

I'm just gonna quickly talk about housing services because it is in partnership with

our rental assistance program, but it uses CDBG funds. And so this funding source is specifically just anything in partnership with our rental assistance program.

Eligible costs.

Are housing, case management, management and operations of the TIBORA program.

Housing services related to tres like application fees, background checks, admin fees.

So as you can see, it really is tied to that tibra rental assistance program.

And so I'll talk about that in just a second.

OK.

That was the end of CWG actually, before I start home. Ian was, are there any questions in the chat?

Alger, Ian 10:48

No questions so far.

Slater, Tasha 10:50

OK, perfect.

Does anyone have any questions so far?

Alger, Ian 10:53

Yep, one just popped up.

Will we be sending out the slides?

Yes, we'll be putting those up on the website after the call.

Kerlee, Kimberly 11:02

Emma has her hand up.

Emma Frieberg 11:07

Hi all my question is for public service.

Would public service projects have to be new projects or initiatives?

Or could it be for like a continuing service that we're already providing?

Slater, Tasha 11:24

Yeah, the language I should have this pulled up the language for public service is that it has to be.

There has to be a quantifiable increase or it has to be a new program.

If you haven't received the funds, public service funds within the last 12 months, then that would be considered a new program for CDBG.

So I think that your program would qualify under that quantifiable increase or new program.

Emma Frieberg 11:52

Got it.

Thank you.

Slater, Tasha 12:02

Yeah, Charles.

Kerlee, Kimberly 12:03

Sure.

Charles Hanset 12:04

Oh, quick question. If we were to do the T bra, the rental assistance and then the public service for part of the position for the individual to run that we also still be able to do another application under public service for a another project.

Slater, Tasha 12:20

Yeah. So public service is separate from the housing services.

So those housing services would be using CDBG to run the tenant based rental assistance program.

So you use home funds for rental assistance, housing services to fund that program, and then public service is a separate program that you could also apply for.

Charles Hanset 12:38

Housing services. Gotcha.

Thank you.

Slater, Tasha 12:51

OK.

Let's move on to home.

So for home across the country, there's about \$1.25 billion. This funding source does is looking like it might decrease each year. We do get about 700,000 allocated to us though. And so we're hoping to get that same amount.

This funding is dedicated to affordable housing and supports a wide range of activities that build, buy or rehab affordable housing for renters and homeowners. Also provides direct rental assistance and some examples of past contracts are RT bread, tenant based rental assistance program, home buyer down payment assistance, and affordable rental construction.

OK.

So I talked a lot about our tenant base rental assistance or Tiber program in

partnership with that housing services.

So again, they go together.

One application, the available amount.

Is 200,000 for rental assistance and 70,000 for housing services.

You can apply for whatever your Tiber amount or your home amount is. 35% of that can be your housing services to run the program.

So there's a total of 135,000 available with that combined home and CDBG funds. The rental assistance is up to 24 months for households that are 60% area median income.

Or less, and the home rental assistance program is only eligible to pay for security deposit, rent, utilities, utility inspection and housing qualification.

OK, I will pass it on to Ian for Housing acquisition, construction and rehab.

Alger, Ian 14:48

Great. Thanks Sasha. OK.

So this is our funding that is available for housing projects, which could be acquisition of an existing building, rehabilitation of units that are in need of renovation or construction of new apartments or home ownership units.

It is also the category that can be used for providing.

Assistance to first time home buyers in purchasing an affordable home.

The amount available \$715,000, but that is made-up of \$400,000 that are available to anybody and then 315,000 that are available to only a restricted group of applicants called chotos. Chotto is a Community Housing development organization that needs. To meet specific criteria.

Including low income board representation.

And a demonstrated history of engaging and benefiting the community.

Is established as part of the home program with the intent of trying to ensure that funds get to organizations who are rooted in their community and understand the needs of their community and are developing alongside them. So again, 315,000 of that is only available to.

People who to organizations that can qualify as a choto and you would need to work with me.

On the the list of those requirements and getting qualified.

The maximum request is gonna be \$400,000 and the minimum 150,000 eligible applicants include.

Any developers or nonprofit organizations?

The costs that this can be applied to would be anything from, you know, acquisition of of land to pre construction costs to construction costs.

On a project.

The these homes will have to be affordable for up to 20 years.

And there will be a, you know, legal documents recorded against the property to ensure that that affordability stays in place.

And then there's just some important federal requirements that we're going to get into. Some of the ones that apply to all the projects later on, but specifically to housing projects, you need to know about.

Baba, which is build America by America act. There's been numerous acts passed over the years.

Different programs related to making sure things get manufactured in the US.

This is one of them, but it has its own unique set of requirements.

Basically, any construction project that you do would need to source all of its construction materials from domestic sources.

Which typically means.

It's an increase in cost and a lot of documentation required. Additionally, if you were to invest home funds in 12 or more units on a project that could trigger Davis bacon prevailing wages, which are federal prevailing wages which carry with them again slightly higher cost to your.

Project and also.

Tracking certified payrolls.

Yes. So that's a little bit about the home funds and like I said, there are some more things like environmental review that we'll get into a little bit later.

Feel free if you have any questions. Put them in the chat.

And follow up with me later and I'll pass it over to Kimberly next to talk about home ARP.

Kerlee, Kimberly 18:36

Thanks, Ian.

So hallmark or the Home American Rescue Act is a one time funding source that was created during the pandemic to boost the home program. So the city received its two \$2,496,000 roughly home Rep award in September 2021 and we.

Received an additional allocation.

Of just over \$3000 in May of 2025.

So brings us to a total about 2.5 million.

Dollars in funding.

So the city of Vancouver's plan for the homework funds is to provide comprehensive and trauma informed supportive services to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

And it's mainly to assist with them becoming stately housed with a particular focus on those resources.

In the safe stay and safe park sites.

So I just want to highlight the safe stay prioritization we put in our plan to HUD that

the primary use of the Hallmark Funds would be to support the safe stay shelters and the safe park sites that are run by heart so.

And it.

And then in addition to that, if the people living in these in the city supported shelters are assisted, then other people outside or in other emergency shelters can be served also.

So eligible participants for homearp are identified as qualifying population. One or QP, one for short, and our individuals or families living in a place not meant for human habitation. So that would be living on the street in their car or in abandoned buildings. Individuals or families living in.

Emergency shelters, or transitional housing and people exiting.

Institutions where they stayed for 90 days or less and were homeless.

Before entering so QP one makes the household eligible.

And there's no income requirement with homework. If they qualify as Aqp 1.

Eligible costs can be found on the state's Federal Housing programs page under the Home Art plan, but some examples of past contracts include coordinated outreach, rental assistance paired with like case management and other supportive services and legal assistance.

And that would include like license attorney fees for representations that might interfere with a qualifying individual or household ability to obtain and retain housing.

And I just want to highlight that our home art funds must be spent out by 2030.

So we have a few years, but that's that.

We have to have that fully spend down by 2030.

And I'll pass it back to. Oh. Oh, and then, OK. And then here is just a quick overview of the funds available.

So we have \$650,000 available for this funding cycle with a maximum request for the full amount or a minimum request of \$100,000. And then just the bullet points below are just highlighting again that.

The city's priority is our safe save community.

And eligible populations include the QP one and must meet that eligibility requirement.

And funds must be spent on by 20-30.

And I could pass it back.

Slater, Tasha 22:13

Thank you.

Kerlee, Kimberly 22:13

Maybe pass it back, Tasha.

Slater, Tasha 22:15

Yep. Yeah. Thank you so much.

So this next slide is all of that information.

Into one kind of nice slide.

As a reminder, maximum request is based on.

The is based on last year's application and so we will consider any viable applications that might need support beyond the suggested amount. But we also know that funds are limited.

And so we may not be able to fulfill that request, but is something that you could do in your application. Also these amounts are estimates based on previous years.

So again, we won't know for sure until we get our HUD grant agreement in the summer of 2027. What our exact numbers are.

But these are estimates just based on the previous years.

OK.

Now we'll move to the application process.

1st is the pre application.

This is kind of like the pre application. The information session just to kind of get to know what the funding is. If there's anyone from your team that wants to watch this or have the slides again, it'll be available on our website or if you know someone that.

Maybe missed today.

You can watch it.

They can watch it on on our website as well.

But it is highly recommended and mandatory to watch this before pre application. Is submitted.

The applications are going to be due October 25th.

And we will have a technical assistance session. I want to say it's from 11:50 on October 19th. And so if you have any questions, when you're reviewing the pre application, feel free to attend that and and it'll be an opportunity for you to ask us any.

Questions that you have about the pre application.

The pre application is mostly used for city staff.

Have to determine preliminary eligibility.

Make sure the project and the agency qualify responses to the pre application may prompt some additional information and so if we have some questions for you, follow up questions before we're able to move you to the full application that may happen. Also, passing and moving on to the application does not mean that you're guaranteed a project and it does not mean.

That your project ends up being eligible. Sometimes when we get more information

about your project, we realize that it doesn't meet HUD guidance.

And so we can't guarantee that since you've passed the pre application. But we do try to screen out as much as we can.

Also, the advisory committee that I'll talk about in a couple more slides will not score this portion of the application.

So this really is just.

A four city staff.

To make sure everything looks good before you move to the application.

We don't want to waste anyone's time filling out the entire application if they don't qualify.

All pre applications must include an uploaded risk assessment, which is LinkedIn, their timeline.

You can have a draft budget.

We just kind of want to see what your program looks like in terms of funds.

So this pre application can be a draft but the application does need to be.

Well thought out, kind of more finalized version of what your budget will be.

We also request audited financials as part of it and just kind of a little.

Asterisk if you're unsure, you want to apply in that October 19th deadline, is starting to creep up. What we recommend is that you just fill out the pre application and then during the application process. If you decide not to move forward, we can remove your application.

Withdraw your application from the process, but if you aren't sure and then after the 19th you decide you do want to apply, it'll be too late.

We can't accept any pre applications after October 19th, so you're kind of wavering and still unsure.

We recommend just fill it out.

We can always withdraw at any point.

And some important notes about these funds. Only nonprofit agencies and public organizations are able to apply, so no individuals.

I have LinkedIn the slides the income and rent limits that can be found on our website and the application guidelines, which has all of the information we're talking about today kind of laid out in more detail for you.

The.

Outcomes have to represent.

City of Vancouver residents and be within the City of Vancouver and everyone must have a Sam Gov Uei number and I'm forgetting what uei stands for. But it is a number that you get from zan.gov and if your number, if you're applying, let's say today you. Didn't have one.

You go on there, you apply for one.

You will be pending for a little while.

And that's OK, we just need to make sure that you have an actual UEI that's not pending.

By the time our contract agreement is signed.

OK, accessing the application, I think we have time to kind of show you this is what the screenshot of the participant portal looks like.

You let me.

Can see right here. There's a little question mark.

This is an old screenshot, so it might have moved right here, but you'll see if you have any issues logging in creating.

A.

Creating a login, anything that has to do with the neighborly system, that is what you're going to want to click on. City staff are unable to provide assistance when it comes to just using the neighborly system, but are the neighborly staff are quick and usually can respond to.

Your question fairly fast and so they will be the the ones you direct your questions to. Anything about the content of the applications then can be directed towards the housing team.

Let.

Me.

Show you. So you're gonna log into that portal?

That I just showed you and then there will be 3 funding sources you will want to click on the CDBG and home and start an application.

Once you start an application, you will want to put your organization's name. So for me that would be city of Vancouver and that project names.

This is really important if you are applying for more than one application to make sure that we can distinguish between which one and so.

I'll just put application so you have your agency name and the project that you're applying for.

Even though more bonus points if you put what program you are applying for so that we know and then that should get you to the pre application.

Which will then.

Ask agency questions.

Organization and agency.

Address will be where your office is located.

Project location will be where the project is located. So for some of you that will be the same location. For some of you like developers, that project location will be where the actual funds will be being used.

Also, some agencies have a main office in one city and then do some work out of another.

In Vancouver, you could do that.

So let's say you have a Portland or Seattle office.

That's your main office.

That could be your agency address and then your project location would be your Vancouver office.

And then after you fill all this out, you have your program eligibility, which is then going to go into the actual program questions and then these will all stay locked until city staff approve your pre application and then you can move forward to the application process.

OK.

So you finished the application. The pre application we've moved you on.

We said check your eligible.

Next are those locked boxes. They'll open up and you'll have your full application while you're waiting for your pre applications to be submitted, you can look in the application guidelines.

They have all of the questions that will be on the application so you can get kind of started on what your application answers will be.

And kind of start to think about that.

What a good application has is a well defined scope, location, budget and objectives. It aligns with those city goals that we had talked about in one of those first few slides in our five year consolidated plan.

Again, I'll talk about it in just a SEC, but we will give a scoring priority. Ten points to any application that meets one of those consolidated plan goals. That is at 0 completion.

If you can start your program as soon as funds become available and you can finish within the contract timeline.

That makes your contract look for your application look better.

You can demonstrate that you have the capacity to carry out the project successfully. You can follow and comply with all of the complex federal funding requirements you establish means for program evaluation.

And you're able.

You have an ability to track accomplishment successfully.

Also, having community partnership support.

And identifying a community need that you're able to address within this program.

We do like applications that address equity regarding race, ethnicity and other protected classes.

You're able to impact a significant number of people with low to moderate incomes.

And finally, maximizing another use of funding.

And coordinating with other public and private efforts. So the more kind of funds you have to back up what our funds also will help with.

Make sure application a little bit stronger and again you can find this in our

application guidelines.

OK. And so you finish your application?

We the Part 2 of the written application is presentations and so those will be on February 12th. Once you get to the application portion and your pre application has been approved, I would just maybe block off that February 12th date so that you know that's when our present.

Will be the location and your time slot will be shared in January and you'll have 10 minutes.

Per application to present to the Housing Committee and to city staff, 5 minutes of those will be actually presenting on the program and then the other 5 minutes will be AQ and a session question and answer session from the committee and city staff about your about your applic.

And so at this time, the Housing Committee has read through your applications and and has heard your presentation and then kind of the opportunity to make sure that everything is still eligible.

Cost makes sense. Your application makes sense and just gives you an opportunity to kind of speak more about your program.

Pink. So that's a whole application process before I move to review process, is there Ian?

Are there any chat questions or anyone with a hand up?

Alger, Ian 34:56

Sure. We answered a few questions in the chat, so I'll just quickly cover what those were.

Slater, Tasha 34:59

OK.

Alger, Ian 35:02

There were a few questions about the Baba build America by America.

Applicability to products that are hard to source or find domestically, and we responded that there are some waivers available and there's some information in the chat about how to access those waivers, although they are.

Very difficult and laborious to use.

Beth asked about the about home ARP and whether it could be.

Used for category 4, population swing or attempt to flee.

Which Sam responded that QP one is the priority and if you can document that there are no people in QP one that need your services, then you can serve other offline populations.

There's a question about a couple of dates, and so we just wanted to highlight that

October 19th is the Q&A.

In October 25th is the pre application deadline.

And then there was another clarifying question about.

For housing projects, what constitutes a choice limiting action which I shared? We'll get into environmental reviews a little bit later, but basically.

Once you apply for home funds, you're not supposed to buy land signed construction contracts.

Pay for any entitlement.

Do any work basically on site until you've cleared an environmental review.

And yeah, like I said, we'll get into that a little bit more.

That's that's from the chat and it looks like we've got a hand up from Rebecca.

Rebecca Miller 36:46

Hi. Thanks so much.

I am sorry if I missed this, but can you speak to the different projects or programs that currently don't have outcomes that have the like additional 10 points that could potentially be awarded and what those focus areas are?

Slater, Tasha 37:06

Yeah, we'll be talking about that in 20. I want to say Slide 27 and 28.

Rebecca Miller 37:11

OK, perfect.

Thank you.

Slater, Tasha 37:19

Move. Move on.

OK. We'll move to the review process. And once your applications have been submitted, what comes next?

So as I kind of said throughout this presentation, we have a housing advisory committee.

It's comprised of about 14 community members that kind of have all various background.

Developers lived experience tenants.

We really do try to.

Get a diverse group of people that have maybe different lenses when reading your applications.

One important piece that we want to make sure is that your application is clear and concise and make sense to the committee. And so in between the time you submit your application and the time, the committee reads.

City staff will read through all of the applications and come up with technical corrections.

And will provide you as an applicant those technical corrections that you will then have to fix your application so that by the time the committee sees your application, it's kind of been reviewed and tailored to be more digestible to the committee.

So that's usually in December.

Kind of.

And then the committee will get all of the applications.

In January.

They will review and score each application and all I'm about to talk about scoring in just a second and then they kind of based on their scores, we create recommendations and we provide it to our city leadership.

Our city leadership will see the recommendations at the Housing Committee has provided and we come up with funding amounts for each application in which applications will be funded and then once we kind of have presented that to city leadership and the Housing Committee, we've got the OK from.

Both, then we finally will present to City Council.

City Council will then chat with us and we'll do a presentation.

And they will ask us any questions that they have about the applications in the process and we will answer them in a public hearing. And then once they approve, then we will submit to HUD.

So what?

The committee is scoring on are these 75 points.

They get the kind of the bulk of the scoring.

Our application guidelines have a lot more detail about what.

A like zero point question would have and what?

Maybe a 15 point question in that scope and capacity would have any kind of details what a low, medium and high score would look like.

And this is exactly what the committee has when they're scoring to go off of.

And so it is really written out on what your application should have.

But they will get give 15 up to 15 points based on scope and capacity up to 20 points based on need and plan alignment up to 15 points on impact and your outcomes 10 points on financial feasibility, 10 points on readiness and five points on collaboration.

So this.

Slide kind of ties back to that.

What is a good application?

This also will kind of lay out to you what what a good application looks like and what the scoring community.

And then city staff will do the objective scoring.

That's 25 points based on the risk assessment that you turn in and your application.

And so this year the objective scoring has changed from last year and previous years. We decreased the match funds to only five points instead of 10 and so just how many?

What other funds are you bringing in?

Can be is used in a calculation.

And depending on what percentage of funds you're using with the funds that you're requesting, we'll give you up to five points.

Your risk assessment score will either be a low, medium or high. If you're high risk, you'll get zero points. If you're low risk, you'll get 10 and it'll be based on the answers that are provided. And then this is the big piece that has changed the consolidated plan.

Goals. So if you remember all the way back to the beginning of the presentation, I talked about our five year plan.

And we submitted to HUD back in 2023-2024.

These are all of our goals for the next five years.

There are a couple of those categories that have 0 objectives in them and we really want to get that up since we're in year four of Year 5. And so we are going to just give an automatic 10 points to any application that will help us meet that.

Consolidated planning goal that has a 0.

So what?

I think Rebecca had asked what does that mean?

What are the goals?

1st in affordable housing.

So that slide that Ian had presented on for home.

We have rental units, constructed rental units rehabilitated and homeowner housing added.

So if you fit into one of those 3 categories and I in our application guidelines have a lot more details and kind of a couple paragraphs, I think on the details.

But again, you can attend our our Technical Assistance office hours if you're unsure or you can send us an e-mail at that housing e-mail if you're unsure, we can.

Kind of make sure that the program you're thinking of does fit in one of these.

Or in the public service category.

We have.

Three different options that have 0% so homeless person overnight shelter.

Would be how many people are assisted in an overnight shelter.

This would be operating costs of homelessness. If you look, we can help you with this, but if you look at matrix code 03 T that kind of gives more.

More information and I'm pretty sure there's more information in our guidelines about that too.

Overnight, emergency or transitional housing that adds beds again. So pretty similar

to that first one.

The first one is people assisted, second one is beds added and then homelessness prevention, which can be legal services.

Substance payment and security deposit.

So and then again, this is public service. So you would be requesting about 75 to 100,000 for this.

OK.

So just a quick recap on the timeline.

I think I might have got some date switched, but our office hours are will be held from 11:50 on October 19th for pre applications and then our pre applications will be due right before midnight on October 25th.

We will then approve all pre applications that are able to move forward and you'll have a chance to work on your application. We'll provide another technical.

Assistance office hours from 11:50 on November 20th.

And then any deadline to ask technical questions will be on November 25th.

And so the reason why we have a deadline is because anytime we receive a technical question, we do have make it public to everyone and we update our website periodically with those questions. And so that is also provided on our website.

As another resource.

And and are most frequently asked questions from the past are at the very end of our application guidelines as well.

And then your final application will be due on December 6.

Staff will review like I had mentioned earlier and request for technical corrections by the 27th, and then you as an applicant will have until January 10th to respond to those technical corrections.

The presentation.

Will be held on February 12th and then the advisory committee will have their final scores turned in by February 17th.

I will make funding recommendations to City Council on March 26th, and then we I'll send them all the staff report and and they'll have them up to review.

And then on April 26 is when we'll do our public hearing.

Which is available to everyone.

As well as presenting to City Council.

And then on May 14th, I'll submit our final action plan to HUD. And then depending on our HUD grant agreements, our program year will start July 1, 2027.

So just want to make it clear you are filling out a pre application now at the beginning of October for funds that potentially will be released anytime after July 1st, 2027.

So there is a bit of a delay.

Because.

It is a process.

Yes.

OK.

So that was the whole kind of review process of applications.

This is something that Ian had mentioned.

Also, environmental reviews. Every single project that we do, including staff admin. Public services.

Tbra housing anything needs an environmental review.

It is a requirement from HUD.

And so we have to do an environmental review before.

Before we can move forward with any contracts and there's something called choice limiting action and this can get agencies.

And a little bit of trouble if they do something that's called a choice limiting action.

Before we've contracted and it can make your funds that were awarded to you ineligible. So you cannot do things like acquisition rehab.

Demolition. Construction.

You.

Yeah, I think I named him.

You can't do anything until we have finished that environmental review.

So it's so, so important.

And again, if you have any questions, if you're thinking about maybe purchasing some some land or or starting to like dig, break ground, don't do it until you've had a conversation with us because.

You could be making the funds that you receive from us ineligible.

So that's so, so important and we wanted to make sure that we highlighted it before at the beginning of this process.

So you know, and if you have any.

Kind of things in the works and it's going to happen before that July 1.

Let us know we can have a conversation about it on whether that choice limiting action will be triggered and maybe these funds wouldn't be eligible for you if you already kind of have something that's in the works.

OK.

That's kind of a big one.

Are there any questions about environmental reviews or choice limiting action?

OK, then I will.

Alger, Ian 49:29

Oh, just real quick.

I saw it.

Brendan put it in the chat.

What about entering an option to purchase prior to submitting the home application?

Some other funding sources may want to see site control, so there's like a spectrum of site control and what can be OK and what cannot be OK, we would kind of need to understand the individual case a little bit better, but on like one end of the SPE.

Let's say you already own some land outright before you have even.

As they say, contemplated using.

Federal funds, which typically means submitting an application for federal funds.

That's fine.

You already own the land.

You're not making that decision.

After.

Applying for the funds.

If you have entered into a like purchase, you know agreement and then you apply for the funds and then you close on that agreement before the HUD environmental Review is completed.

Pretty sure that would be a choice.

Limiting action.

The basic idea is, once you say I'm submitting for home funds.

Stop. Not not everything you can still do design work like you can.

You need to kind of get the the project far enough along that you can actually do the environmental review like we need to know what's the stormwater design, where are the building footprints going to go? What are the underground utilities going to be?

So we know.

What the impact would be of the project?

But you can't do anything that commits.

Like commits the project to a piece of land or commits it to a design in the form of like apply, paying for permits or paying for a land use review.

Those would be violations that.

Would mean you'd have to give up the funds.

All right.

Next question there is from Lisa.

Environmental reviews.

Is this tied to the same project and we move forward? If it is not related?

For example, we have a capital campaign for a playground which is not related to rental assistance.

Yes, so the project.

Is clearly defined and the environmental review would only apply to the project that you are applying for federal funds for. So as long as you keep these projects separate. You should be fine.

And then the next question, somebody else will have to help with this one from Rebecca.

Is there a link or resource available that describes the person's assisted language slash criteria of goal?

I think it's a goal 05 CQT homeless prevention.

Slater, Tasha 52:30

Yeah, I can find the link to matrix codes.

OK. Then I will pass the next slide to Sam who will talk about HUD requirements.

Whitley, Samantha 52:53

Hello I think this is our last slide.

So we in 2025 with the new administration, we got a bunch of new grant agreements when we signed to receive our HUD funds and our attorneys did a lot of work on that and there was a lot of work nationwide in conversation about how to comp.

With the 2025 requirements, so we managed that and we helped our sub recipients.

Comply. And then we just recently received.

Our 2026 grant certification from HUD and again they added a few new things, so.

We've already covered the environmental review.

That's never changed.

These funds have always been required to follow federal financial and procurement rules.

That hasn't changed. The Open records access for monitoring for both HUD and for the city to come in and look at your files.

That's never changed for monitoring and then the HUD terms. They want us to specifically.

Put all of the terms that they give to us into your agreement, so we will do that and we haven't really done that before. Some of the terms only apply to the city, but we will just take that whole document and attach it as an addendum to your.

Contract and we'll be happy to talk through what those look like and.

We don't know what HUD will change or require next summer when we get to our 2027 funds, which you are applying for right now.

So I understand there's a little bit of unknown in that.

One of the things that HUD originally required in 2025 was this immigration verification, and they also include that in our 2026 grant certifications.

However, they've also rescinded their guidance. The system that they asked us to use their online system didn't work for us to even log into, and so there was a lot of.

Questions and concern about that.

And they said, OK, you don't have to do it right now, but you might have to do it at any minute.

So we want to make sure that if it's applicable, which is our understanding from our attorneys, is that this immigration verification does not apply to like emergency services such as homelessness, outreach, food programs, emergency shelter.

Where it might apply is for helping individual home buyers.

Or we run the rehabilitation program. And So what the best advice is right now is to collect that information.

We're not entering any government systems.

We're not sharing that at all.

We don't want you.

We don't want you to share it with us.

We don't want to share it with the feds, but we'll have it on file in case anything changes.

I've had issues.

New guidance that we have to comply with.

We'll have that information available.

And that goes the same for the gender ideology, HUD said.

They don't want their funds to go towards anything about diversity.

And inclusion, they don't want their funds to go to abortion, which a lot of those things we don't usually fund with CDBG anyway.

Or home funds.

So we ask that you still consider these things and we support.

Gender ideology and dei. We just can't have that in your federal policies or anything that HUD would review, because that would be a flag for them to dig deeper.

And we don't want to do that.

The city doesn't necessarily agree with all of these HUD requirements, but when we looked at all the requirements and we looked at the amount of funding, we decided that the trade off to use these funds in the way that HUD prescribes.

Is what we'd want to do, rather than rejecting Hud's policy conditions and their funds.

So we're in a little bit of a tricky space and we just want to be really transparent with everybody. We want to help you.

We want to be a buffer for you between.

Your beautiful little mission driven nonprofit and the federal bureaucracy.

So we will carefully put everything that we think is needed.

In your contract agreements, if you receive funding, we'll walk through that with a pre contract meeting to answer any questions and point out anything that we think is really important. And we also invite you to share it with your own legal team or seek outside counsel if you.

Have questions or concerns? And so we are doing our best with.

The requirements from HUD and I just wanted to share that with you. I don't I hope that.

Creates as maybe a little more comfort than concern, but it's a little bit of both right now.

Slater, Tasha 58:08

OK.

Thank you, Sam.

I know we answered questions throughout, but this is an opportunity for any final questions that you might have.

Again, you can e-mail housing at cityofvancouver dot US if you have any specific questions about your program.

And Rebecca, if you stay on really quick, I will stop sharing and look for those matrix codes.

Feel free to unmute if you have any other questions.

Charles Hanset 58:51

I got one more question.

Slater, Tasha 58:52

Yeah.

Charles Hanset 58:53

You said that the city staff does the final review and scoring.

Is that just your department or is that any city staff?

Slater, Tasha 59:00

It depends on the funding source. So like home, art is in partnership with safe stays which is ran by our homelessness department under the city manager's office.

Charles Hanset 59:13

OK.

Slater, Tasha 59:14

And so typically they have a say in who gets funded.

That's just one example.

Charles Hanset 59:25

On that.

Slater, Tasha 59:32

And I put that matrix code in the chat. OK, if there's no question, no more questions.
Thank you all for being here and I look forward to seeing your application submittals.