



Round 5 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Q & A

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General

1. Will there be more capital funding opportunities in the future?
Answer: Yes, there will be at least one more Capital funding opportunity, expected to open in Q3 of 2026, with the possibility of another earlier in the year.
2. Will future funding opportunities potentially increase the maximum available award for current/existing projects?
Answer: CalOptima Health is expected to maintain the \$500,000 maximum.
3. Do you anticipate future grants for direct services, i.e., housing navigation/case management?
Answer: CalOptima Health plans to administer future NOFOs that will include Equity and Systems Change grants.

Application/portal Questions

4. Does the 50% secured project funding requirement include tax credits?
Answer: Yes, if those tax credits have been awarded.
5. Can the 50% secured project funding requirement also include pending commitments from the County due to federal processes like NEPA delays?
Answer: Funding must be secured and not in pending status.
6. Can we apply for funding if our current projects already have grants, and apply for a new project?
Answer: Applicants can submit only one application.
7. What percentage of clients in a particular site must be CalOptima Health enrollees?
Answer: There is no set percentage, given the nature of the type of housing being funded through this opportunity. We anticipate that CalOptima Health members will be eligible to access.
8. What kind of verification do we need to provide in terms of funds secured?
Answer: An award letter or a bank statement confirming receipt of assets. If you have a question about a specific type of document, please send an example before the deadline so that we can confirm it is an appropriate document.
9. What kind of proof needs to be provided to confirm site control?
Answer: The applicant only needs to attest to site control, but this must also be accompanied by a letter of support from the City Manager of the city in which the property is located. That letter must specifically list the site address.
10. If we have an overall budget and have been progressing with some of the renovations, can those funds be counted toward the program budget?
Answer: Yes, if you can clearly show how those funds were used/invested in the proposed project.

Proposal Review Process and Grant Award

11. What is the timeline to complete property investments?

Answer: There is no established timeline for completing a capital project; if awarded, it is based on the project timeline. Projects that will be completed sooner may receive more points during evaluation.

12. Can you elaborate on what 'non-residency restricted' means under the 5 Point Criterion, and if it is related to any City requirements for preferences?

Answer: CalOptima Health promotes projects that enable community members to have equitable access to housing resources. The proposed housing units may not be restricted to people who only live in a certain area/region. Individuals living in or receiving services in a specific area may have priority access to those housing units, but they cannot be restricted to individuals residing in or receiving services in that area.

13. What kind of reporting is required?

Answer: Grantees are required to submit reports every six months and participate in regular check-ins and site visits. This is subject to change and is detailed in the final grant agreement.

Applicant Eligibility

14. Will existing projects that are currently funded by CalOptima Health be eligible to apply for additional gap funding through future NOFOs if they receive an award in this funding round?

Answer: Projects that receive an award in Round 5 are not eligible for a future award of the same type.

15. If applicants can only submit one application, does that mean if our organization has two different projects we would like to request funding for, we can only apply for one of the projects, not both?
Answer: Yes.

16. What attestation can be provided if the applicant is functioning as both the housing owner and support services provider?

Answer: An organization providing supportive services should submit a confirmation letter.

Acceptable Uses of Funding

17. What are CalOptima Health's specific prevailing wage requirements?

Answer: Here is the language currently included in all capital grant agreements (subject to change):

Prevailing Wage Requirements. Grantee acknowledges that receipt of the Grant Award triggers the prevailing wage requirements set forth in California Labor Code sections 1720 *et seq.* Grantee understands and agrees that Grantee is solely responsible for complying with the prevailing wage requirements, including but not limited to determining and paying the applicable prevailing wage rates, ensuring that its subcontractors pay the applicable prevailing wages, posting prevailing wage rates and rate changes at the job site, employing registered apprentices, and maintaining and submitting certified payroll records. Grantee also acknowledges that penalties, including forfeitures and debarment, may be imposed for Grantee's failure to comply with the prevailing wage laws. If Grantee contends that its project meets one of the stated exemptions to the prevailing wage laws, Grantee understands that it is Grantee's obligation to provide an attestation confirming Grantee's exempt status, along with an explanation of the basis for the claimed exemption."

18. Does an applicant need to call out their exempt status from prevailing wage requirements?
Answer: No.
19. Can this grant be used to pay for the entire project?
Answer: Applicants must ensure they have at least 50% of total project funding secured.
20. Our grant from the initial funding round is in good standing. Both projects need more construction funding. Is the maximum limit per project or per grant split between the projects?
Answer: Applicants can submit one application. If a previous grant has funded two projects, the applicant may choose to receive funding for either project or both. Funding does not need to be split.
21. Can this be used for transitional housing, or is this for permanent housing only?
Answer: Proposals for all housing types may be considered.
22. Can these funds be used to support the rehabilitation of existing supportive housing units to ensure their long-term sustainability, habitability, and affordability for low-income and formerly homeless Medi-Cal members?
Answer: This could be an eligible expense. Please refer back to the Final NOFO Announcement for more clarity on the description of this funding opportunity.
23. Capital funding must only be used for the construction/renovation of housing units, correct?
Answer: Other types of capital purchases can be made, such as assets like equipment and technology that will be used for more than one fiscal year.
24. If funding was used towards building a community center that would house housing navigators, would this be eligible?
Answer: No.