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Transitional Housing NOFO Q & A NOFO #1745-1001

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT QUESTIONS

The last day for question submission is Thursday, October 23rd, 2025, by 5:00 pm

NOFO Applications Due By 5:00 pm, Friday, October 31st, 2025

Questions

1. Your website for this NOFO states that the Technical Assistance Recording would be posted 10/8 but I have not seen it on your YouTube page yet. Any projections as to when it will be posted?

Technical Assistance Recording will be posted by October 17th, 2025. (apologies for the delay)

2. Based on the language on the site and in the instructions, I'm not sure if submitting a notice of intent to apply is required or optional.

The Notice of Intent is optional; however, we encourage you to please submit the Notice of Intent.

3. Is a police department qualified to apply for the NOFO; and if so, does the police department need the a GATA and EIN number?

The goal of the Transitional Housing Program is to provide a safe place (up to 36 months) for victims of domestic violence and their children. If the police department is partnered with an agency that can provide those services, then this would be ok.

All agencies must have a GATA and EIN number to receive grant funds within the State of Illinois.

4. Regarding eligibility, is there a specific definition of violence or any documentation requirements like police reports, or time requirements (ex: experiencing violence within the last year)?

The Transitional Housing program is designated for victims fleeing a domestic violence situation.

5. The grant appears to cover rental expenses – are there any specific limitations and could funding be used for relocation (hotel/transportation/plane tickets) including for undocumented clients?

Please refer to the NOFO for a complete list of allowable expenses. Rental expenses (up to 24 months) are to help victims of domestic violence and their children to have a safe place to live and start anew with their lives. The grant does not cover hotel costs nor plane tickets. Transportation is only to/from services and court.

- 6. If we have an existing transitional housing program that has multiple homes in different areas of the State of Illinois, do we need to apply for funding for each area?
 No, you only need to apply once, including all the locations where you have homes.
- 7. In what cases would non-VOCA funding source conflicts allow for housing units and services to be offered for less than stated minimum of 24 months?

 The requirement of this NOFO is that clients would receive a minimum of 24 months of rental expenses. ICJIA cannot provide any direction on individual agency conflicts.
- 8. Is there a word or character count?
 Yes, there are varying limits depending on the question but most have a generous allowance although we do not currently have the totals available
- 9. Can an applicant be the lead on its own application and an MOU/Collaborative partner (not a subrecipient) on another application?
 As long as the percentage of time per staff does not go over the 100%?
- 10. If an organization has a subsidiary of its parent company that has its own UEI and EIN can the subsidiary submit an application also? Yes, a subsidiary organization that has its own Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and Employer Identification Number (EIN) may submit an application, provided it operates as a distinct legal entity and meets all the eligibility requirements outlined in the NOFO.

Please note that if the parent organization is also applying, both entities must ensure there is no duplication of services or funding and must clearly demonstrate organizational independence, including separate governing structures and financial systems.

We encourage applicants in this situation to clearly explain the relationship between the entities within the application and to avoid any potential conflicts of interest or perceived overlap in proposed activities. 11. Can an organization submit more than one application if it covers more than one geographic area?

Yes, an organization may submit more than one application if each application proposes to serve a different geographic area. Each application must be programmatically and financially distinct, with no overlap in requested funding, personnel, or activities.

Organizations submitting multiple applications should ensure that each proposal clearly identifies the targeted service area and demonstrates the organization's capacity to effectively manage multiple awards, if selected for funding.

12. When is the application submission deadline?

The deadline to submit applications via Amplifund is Friday, October 31, 2026, by 5:00 PM.