

FY24 ESG Competition

RFP Questions and Answers #1 – March 1, 2024

Questions from February 26, 2024 Bidder's Conference

1. Q. Can an agency apply for a needed salaried position that was requested and funded during the current grant year but not filled due to lack of qualified applicants?

A. Yes. An agency can apply for any eligible activity. It will be in the discretion of the review committee to determine whether to recommend funding for a particular grant or requested line item.

2. Q. When using ESG RRH funds does the agency need to follow FMR guidelines?

A. Rent must meet rent reasonableness standards and cannot exceed HUD's published FMRs for the area.

In some communities, the reasonable rent for a specific unit may be lower than the FMR that has been established for the community. The rent for the unit assisted with ESG funds must not exceed the lesser of the FMR or the rent reasonableness standard.

3. Q. Does ESG RRH cover the purchase of furniture?

A. No. Furniture is not an eligible expense in the ESG program.

4. Q. The ESG RRH grant can cover up to 24 months of rent for a participant. If the agency is awarded RRH for year 1, does that guarantee another year of rental assistance to cover year 2?

A. No. This RFP is for one-year grants. There will be a separate RFP for the following fiscal year. To provide two years' of rental assistance to a program participant, a provider would need to budget that into the initial grant and request a two-year term for the initial grant.