



**ADDENDUM NO.4
Notice of Funding Availability**

Social Interest Housing Program

**Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery
Puerto Rico Department of Housing**

CDBG-DR-NOFA-2020-03

This addendum consists of three (3) digital size pages (8.5"x11").

This Addendum is hereby included in, and made part of, the Notice of Funding Availability CDBG-DR-NOFA-2020-03 for the Social Interest Housing Program (SIH Program) dated April 30, 2020 (NOFA). All requirements and provisions of the amended NOFA for the Social Interest Housing Program under CDBG-DR shall remain in full force and effect except as amended by this Addendum. This Addendum only provides answers to questions related to the SIH Program. If there are questions related to other programs and NOFAs, please refer directly to those programs and NOFAs.

In accordance with the NOFA, the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) is issuing this Addendum to address questions posed by prospective Applicants regarding the NOFA and provide responses related thereto.

Questions and Answers

NOFA Section 3.4

Question #1: As per my reading, the proposal will be through reimbursement, how will non-profit institutions be able to access the program if we do not have the necessary funding to invest and later request reimbursement, even less in the country's situation?

Answer: The SIH Program reimbursement-based. Awardees will be able to submit invoices for reimbursement for the eligible expenses of grant funds, as supported by substantial supporting documentation. Applicants do not need to have funds available in the total amount of the proposed project. Further information on this topic will be provided to the awarded entities.

NOFA Section 3.5

Question # 1: Can we apply to CDBG for funds to offer independent living skills workshop services to youth with special needs?

Answer: No, support service only activities are not eligible activities under this program. The SIH Program will provide funding for the construction or rehabilitation of housing solutions with the expectation that eligible NGO Applicants will provide the majority of support services as part of their separately funded service delivery.

NOFA Section 5.1

Question # 1: I would like to communicate with you so that you can guide me more about multi-family projects such as the governor in Caguas that enabled more than 400 families. I am interested in knowing how I can get those funds since I have the land to build and make social interest housing for town people with low income resources.

Answer: To ensure a fair application process, the Program cannot work directly with applicants. Applications must be completed and submitted via the CDBG-DR Website (<https://cdbg-dr.pr.gov/en/social-interest-housing-program/>) following specific requirements contained therein. Applicants will receive their final submitted application in .pdf format via email following a successful submission. Applicants must review the full NOFA and Program Guidelines to understand the process and requirements for applicants.

NOFA Section 6.3

Question #1: Our organization plans a project for which we want to construct a Dorm type of housing building. In the building we want a second story where our school students who live far can stay during the week and can return home during the weekends or whenever possible.

These would be low income students who can benefit from a top tier private education together with athletic or arts programs given they have shown talent and interest in such programs. We understand the project includes essential criteria for the development of at risk teens, their families and the rural/mountain communities of PR.

The first floor of the building is composed of social areas such as an eating area and kitchen, support offices, recreation and exercise areas, garages, storage and a receiving space.

Is the project described above eligible under this social interest program? We understand that yes, but we wanted to be sure.

Answer: To ensure a fair application process, the Program cannot work directly with applicants. Review the Program Guidelines Section 5.2 Eligible Projects. The SIH Program encourages all eligible applicants to complete a full application to officially determine proposed project eligibility.

Question #2: I have a large plot of land and I want to present a proposal for social interest housing. There is not much time left until the closing date. Could you refer me to someone who develops proposals in Puerto Rico?

Answer: No, PRDOH does not provide recommendations of organizations to assist in the development of proposals.

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