



Letter of Interest (LOI) Acknowledgement and Application Technical Assistance Questions & Answers

Question	Answer
1. After the environmental review process is completed, at any point after that the land could be transferred?	Yes. Land could be transferred after the Authority to Use Grant Funds is received as far as NCORR is concerned.
2. We are working with a community partner. Can they submit the application?	The UGLG is the eligible applicant and should be the agency submitting.
3. Our board of commissioners have agreed to donate a parcel of land to develop this project. If the County is the applicant for these funds would the land need to stay in the county's name until after construction or forever or what guidance can you give on that?	a. Recommend not transferring the land until after the environmental review process is complete (if awarded) to avoid any potential choice limiting actions under Part 58 environmental reviews. b. It is allowable and at the county's discretion for private entities to own the land over the course of these projects.
4. How many LOIs were from priority counties?	We are not sharing that information at this time because it's not necessarily representative of the number of applications we will be receiving.
5. What should procurement look like for the developer and the management company? Can the Town simply select a developer to partner with or does there need to be some sort of procurement procedure?"	The unit of general local government (UGLG) can either have a developer identified or go through a Request for Proposal process. They should comply with their own procurement policies.
6. With the size of a county audit, will this be a problem with the data limit for uploads? Or do you just want the final report presented to the County Commissioners from the auditor?	We can provide SharePoint access to upload any attachments that exceed the 35 MB limit. The final audit report is generally used. SharePoint access must be requested by Aug. 21, 2023, to ensure appropriate time for our IT team to assist.
7. Can you clarify whether any of the proposed project can be in the floodplain?	If you are doing development activity in the floodplain, that is not allowable. Parking lots are also considered a development activity.
8. Can repairs or replacement be done in the floodplain?	No. The program policy indicates that no development of any kind can occur with our dollars in the floodplain due to the nature of our funding. But if a portion of the project site is within the floodplain but is not intended to be developed (in other words, it would remain stormwater runoff or other natural land with no development), then it is possible.

<p>9. Are there any other LOIs with Habitat for Humanity Partnerships?</p>	<p>In an effort to keep the field as competitive as possible, we are trying not to overly share about LOIs received. We can say that we have had significant discussions with other Habitat for Humanity partners throughout the LOI process.</p>
<p>10. Does the applicant have to own the property throughout the entire process?</p>	<p>There is no requirement that the UGLG applicant own the property to be eligible for this program. Land ownership may contribute towards the readiness to proceed criteria.</p>
<p>11. Is there a sample support resolution for our Board of Commissioners?</p>	<p>We do not provide a sample for this.</p>
<p>12. Can System Vision be used in place of Energy Star for The Green Building Standards?</p>	<p>The applicant must use the approved list of Green Building Standard programs or receive written approval from HUD that System Vision is appropriate for this program.</p>
<p>13. Do the Green Building Standards apply to infrastructure work?</p>	<p>No, they only apply to home construction.</p>
<p>14. Do we need to apply The Green Building Standards to the entire neighborhood or only individual homes.</p>	<p>Only the homes funded in full or in part with NCORR dollars would need to meet those standards for our purposes.</p>
<p>15. Do we need to show all homes in this neighborhood as meeting the Green Building Standard or only the ones that are funded by this grant.</p>	<p>Only the homes funded by this grant need to follow the Green Building Standard.</p>
<p>16. What happens if we have trouble finding a contractor who is certified to install to these standards?</p>	<p>NCORR recommends that you diligently strive to locate certified contractors/subcontractors that comply with this requirement and if challenges remain, NCORR recommends that you refer to the North Carolina Department of Administration’s Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) website: www.ncadmin.nc.gov/divisions/historically-underutilized-businesses-hub to see if there may be any resources available there.</p> <p>In addition, please consider visiting the U.S. Green Building Council North Carolina: www.usgbc.org/community/usgbc-north-carolina.</p>

	NCORR supports the use of M/WBE and Section 3 Business Concerns and Individuals.
17. Can you provide a list of the agencies that submitted a timely Letter of Interest (LOI) for this funding opportunity?	Generally, our policy is to refrain from sharing this information publicly due to the adopted procedures regarding the upcoming evaluation of applications actually submitted. However, you are welcome to submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.