

## Round 5 Questions and Answers Posted 11/22/19 – Part 2

Q40: How do I comment on a proposed submission?

A40: Submit all comments to the [hidmailbox@michigan.gov](mailto:hidmailbox@michigan.gov)

Q41: We are trying to decide if we should apply for funds to use for enhancements on residential houses the entire amount or include half for a neighborhood park and half to help with residential houses that are in need. Do you have any recommendations on which would score better?

A41: As long as 50% of the activities are tied to housing there is not an issue with scoring as it is based on impact and need within a neighborhood.

Q42:

Under **Activity Eligibility Guidance** page 4 - "Trusts/Land Contracts require that all parties provide written participation approval and that the combined income of all parties must be at or below 120% AMI to qualify."

I would like clarification as to who all parties would be. The Land Contract Holder, or the current residents/owners of the property's combined income?

A42: The occupants of the property must be at or below 120% AMI. In addition, the land contract holder must be at or below 120% AMI. Both parties would need to formally participate.

Q43: What is the deadline for NEP Round 5 submissions?

A43: Round 5 is due on December 5, 2019.

Q44: If a grantee was unable to utilize funding in a previous round due to procurement issues/delays will they be able to participate in Round 5.

A44: There will be no impact on scoring if there was a contractor shortage issue identified in a previous round.

Q45: Does Davis-Bacon apply to NEP funds?

A45: No, the NEP funding source is not federal dollars and therefore Davis-Bacon does not apply.

Q46: Can priority home repair be used as a match for NEP?

A46: No, these funds cannot be used as leverage and/or mixed in a project.

Q47: Is it required to provide photographs of individual homes to be assisted and/or homes adjacent to a public amenity?

A47: No, photographs should identify what type of housing stock is in the neighborhood and the public amenity itself.

Q48: What type of lien is required on a property?

A48: The lien requirement for Round 5 is: If the total NEP funding is not \$7,500 or more then there is not a lien imposed on the property. If the **total** NEP assistance is equal to or greater than \$7,500 then a 5-year non-prorated forgivable lien will be placed on the property. If they sell the property within 5 years, then they will need to reimburse MSHDA the full amount of the assistance.

Q49: Can a neighborhood be located within a township?

A49: Yes, if the neighborhood is located within a non-profits existing service area and is a neighborhood of need and census data is available for that township.

Q50: is this a competitive funding round?

A50: Yes, each submission will be scored and evaluated, and funding determinations will be made on a competitive basis considering geographical distribution.

Q51: Is there a cap on the number of applicants from an area?

A51: No, we will look at each proposal and decide based on the competitive scoring process, geographical distribution of funds, need and overall proposed impact.

Q52: Is community engagement required prior to submission?

A52: The community and neighborhood must be supportive of the proposed activity. However, direct engagement and selection of specific activities to be undertake at specific sites occurs post-award.

Q53: Is it okay to split submissions into multiple e-mails due to their size?

A53: Yes, just label each e-mail as Part 1, Part 2, etc.

Q54: Do we require an income verification process?

A54: Yes, we require a self-certification form to be completed by each participating homeowner. The grantee can elect to be stricter than MSHDA on the eligibility verification process.

Q55: Will additional training be provided?

A55: Yes, once a determination on funding awards is made, we will be holding training.

Tentatively save the date for upcoming training sessions for all selected entities which will be held at the MSHDA Lansing office on **Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** to meet your Champion and receive Matt 2.0 system training. In addition, a separate compliance training is anticipated to be held on **Thursday, April 16, 2020 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Q56: Will we receive notification that our submission was received?

A56: Yes, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to you upon submission.

Q57: How do I apply?

A57: Go to the following link:

[https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,4641,7-141-5564\\_84719-507972--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,4641,7-141-5564_84719-507972--,00.html)

and select Apply Now.

Q58: How do I get the percentage to fill in the blank? **Eligibility Verification:** \_\_\_\_% low/mod area

A58: You can leave this blank or contact Tonya Young at [youngt4@michigan.gov](mailto:youngt4@michigan.gov) or [hidmailbox@michigan.gov](mailto:hidmailbox@michigan.gov) and she will provide you with a number.

You can leave this blank and we will fill it in as It has come to our attention that some of the areas of the state do not currently have access to 2019 census data.