

# MSHDA HOME-ARP Housing Navigation Program (HNP) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) FAQ

#### Can each CoC choose what populations to prioritize, based on local needs?

CoCs can propose prioritization factors for HNP case management services, which must receive prior approval from MSHDA before implementation. CoCs cannot change or add to eligibility criteria for HOME-ARP services, including HNP. The CoC must comply with all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to the requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a) when applying preferences through its referral methods.

## What are the HMIS requirements for this program? Can HMIS costs be billed to the case management line? Or would that be an admin line?

Subgrantee's will be required to enter household data and services into HMIS. This is still in development and more information will be provided at project start. Staff time for completing HMIS data entry can be billed to the case management budget line.

#### **Allocations**

#### Will MSHDA be allocating funds per CoC and then having them submit a proposal?

The HNP does not require CoCs to submit a proposal for funds. However, an <u>application</u> will be required to provide further details on how HNP funds will be utilized and prioritized. The HNP NOFA provides an Addendum, detailing the methodology and allocation for each CoC.

### Will the Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOSCOC) only have one FTE (Full Time Employee) for the BOSCOC?

Yes. The <u>HNP NOFA</u> Addendum provides a table detailing each CoC's program allocation and the potential amount for a part-time or full-time employee, dedicated to housing navigation programming.

## Is there a time limit on how long a household can use HNP funds? Will the type of services change throughout the program?

The grant term (provision of services) for the HNP is two (2) years. Households will receive case management services throughout the grant based on need. To best serve the community, strengths-based case management and progressive engagement will help determine best practices when utilizing funds.

#### Can a participant receive funding/services from the HNP and the HPP?

No. Households receiving financial assistance through HPP will receive case management assistance through Housing Stability Service (HSS) funds (previously known as CERA). The HNP will only be utilized for case management services for any other housing resources.

#### Will there be any part of the HOME-ARP that will cover rental assistance?

Yes, the Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) will provide financial assistance for rental arrears and utilities.