

BHAP & Next Generation Stabilization Program Pre-Application Q&A

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Q&A Results

1. Q: Does a notice to quit count as proof of a client facing eviction, or is a court filing required?

A: Yes.

2. Q: Would being in a transitional housing unit qualify?

A: Yes, if the individual meets the state definition of homelessness as referenced in section 17 of the NOFA, and if the activities are allowable as defined in section 13 of the NOFA.

3. Q: The BHAP Application asks what percentage of individuals served by the proposed project will be beneficiaries of the Alaska Mental Health Trust. Some BHAP documents include similar, but not identical, definitions of Trust beneficiaries. The definition in one document includes Alaskans experiencing “chronic alcoholism or drug addiction,” and in another document, it states Alaskans experiencing “chronic alcoholism suffering from psychosis.” Could you please clarify which definition we should use when completing the application? May we choose one?

A: The description of Mental Health Trust Beneficiaries in the Application cites to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority website and statute. The statutory definition is the comprehensive list.

4. Q: What are the dates for the one-year program?

A: AHFC anticipates that the awards will run through, at minimum, September 30 of 2026. Subject to funding availability, renewals in year 2 and beyond would take place in late summer. Since calendar year 2026 will be the first year of funding under this



program, applicants awarded funding may request up to 12 full months to utilize these funds if they cannot be drawn down by September 30, 2026.

5. Q: What is the period of performance?

A: The period of performance will be set in the Grant Agreement once applicants have been selected. Subject to the answer to question #4 (above), it will be no more than twelve consecutive months from the start of the grant as stated in the agreement.

6. Q: If an applicant is an existing BHAP grantee and not in a rural area, do they qualify?

A: Yes. Existing BHAP grantees may apply for funding for new activities. Applicants in any community may apply for up to \$100,000 in BHAP funding for new activities (either traditional BHAP or Next Generation Stabilization).

The qualifying language for submitting an application for up to \$300,000 in Next Generation Stabilization funds applies to communities with populations less than 10,000 that are not connected via road to Anchorage. The term “rural” is not defined in the application.

7. Q: Are existing BHAP grantees considered “new”?

A: Yes. Existing BHAP grantees may submit proposals for new activities. However, activities that are already funded through existing BHAP awards are not eligible for additional funds through this application.

8. Q: Will our budget for the Next Generation Stabilization program include rent?

A: Yes. Next Generation Stabilization program budgets include all eligible activities, which does include rent payments.

9. Q: When will funds become available for the awardees?

A: After the notice of intent to award is issued and the protest period has closed, award recipients will be issued grant agreements and can begin drawing down funds after the agreements have been fully executed.

10. Q: Is there an allowable admin cost for accounting staff or only direct service staff?

A: Yes. Staff hours spent directly on accounting for these programs are eligible administrative costs.

11. Q: Would construction and maintenance costs qualify as a cost for keeping families housed? For example, boiler repairs or plumbing upgrades to keep their housing livable.

A: Yes, minor repairs are allowable under BHAP funding. Minor home repair assistance through prevention is allowable and not to exceed \$3,000 per household without prior approval from AHFC.

12. Q: Are indirect costs eligible as an administrative cost?

A: Yes, pending AHFC approval of agency's Cost Allocation Plan. Total Administrative costs are not to exceed 10% of total award.

13. Q: Will AHFC be using Enki for Next Generation Stabilization?

A: No.

14. Q: Will AHFC be using Unity or a similar portal for client tracking and program reporting?

A: Yes.

15. Q: Will BHAP funding be considered for programs and projects that do not provide housing, but do provide supportive services to help individuals exit homelessness?

A: Yes, as long as the service falls under a BHAP eligible activity defined in the application materials.

16. Q: Who can applicants get letters of support from?

A: Local government or homeless coalition of the community to be served.

17. Q: Is it necessary to provide more than one letter of support? How many are required?

A: No, only one letter is required.

18. Q: Will an applicant score higher if they provide multiple letters of support?

A: No. Letters of support are a requirement for funding consideration, they are not an item that is evaluated by a review committee for scoring.

19. Q: Is Next Generation Stabilization only available for small communities?

A: Next Generation Stabilization proposals can be submitted from any community in Alaska, but the steps to apply for the funds and the amount of funding that can be requested is impacted by the community the funds will serve.

Communities that are not connected by road to Anchorage that also have a population less than 10,000 are eligible to request up to \$300,000 in Next Generation Stabilization program funds. Additionally, proposals from these communities will be scored according to the rating criteria noted in Section 15(B) of the application.

Communities that are connected by road to Anchorage or have a population in excess of 10,000 are eligible to apply for up to \$100,000 in Next Generation Stabilization program funding in the Traditional BHAP pool. Communities in these areas that propose Next Generation Stabilization program activities will be scored according to the rating criteria noted in Section 15(A) of the application.

NOTE on Community Population. The population of the underlying community, not the larger borough and / or census area, is used to evaluate whether or not the community is above or below the 10,000 population figure.

20. Q: If an applicant is based in Anchorage and applies for Anchorage, can they still use BHAP funding to serve clients statewide?

A: No. Unless otherwise approved by AHFC, in advance, the Service area cannot be changed. Requests will not be considered that would impact scoring or funding eligibility.

21. Q: Can applicants continue to ask questions after this Q&A?

A: Yes. Please send questions to BHAP@ahfc.us.

22. Q: What if an applicant is applying for a community that is slightly over 10,000? Can an applicant reduce certain populations (i.e., a military base) that would not qualify for homeless services to meet the population threshold?

A: No. Official populations must be used. AHFC will use the Department of Labor “Cities and Designated Places (CDPs) 2020-2024” found online at

<https://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/data-pages/alaska-population-estimates>

23. Q: If there is leftover funding, can AHFC provide additional awards?

A: AHFC reserves the right to award additional grants depending upon funding availability.