

FY21 NOFO Project Application FAQs

1) The application is asking for “verification of 25% cash or in-kind match or verification of submitted application for AHFC CoC Match”. The application for the AHFC grant match is not due until 10/22 and this application is due by 10/8.

(A) An AHFC Intent to Apply form will also fulfill this requirement.

2) How do we score Part V of the application?

(A) Scoring for this section can be found on page 16 of the application packet.

3) The application asks for information from FY21, but we are currently in HUD grant FY20. How can we this data when we are not even through a complete quarter yet?

(A) This is request is referencing your organization’s fiscal year, not the NOFA grant fiscal year.

4) Will ACEH use AKHMIS data to complete Part VII question C or does the applicant complete this section?

(A) ACEH will complete this section using AKHMIS reports.

5) Will ACEH use AKHMIS data to complete Part VII, question F? Also, this question doesn’t seem complete.

(A) To maintain consistency, we’ve renamed question F to question D. We’ve also removed the beginning clause for clarity. ACEH will complete this section using AKHMIS reports.

6) Part XI is asking for information for FY21. FY21 is the funding we are applying for currently. Should this be FY19 as that is the last completed fiscal year?

(A) This section is referring to the organization’s fiscal year, not the NOFA grant year. Please enter information for your organization’s most recently completed fiscal year, whichever that might be.

5) Can the AKHMIS reports that will be used to complete sections of the application be provided to the grantee first?

(A) We can send out the report that ICA will pull from HMIS to review for accuracy, and you can let us know if you have questions about it.



6) How can an applicant expand their project?

(A) The applicant will submit a renewal application for the project which previously received funding and submit a new project application for the expansion component of the project. Both of these applications will go through the rank and review process. This protects the funding for the existing project, while also evaluating the expansion for potential funding.

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7) There are confusing references to Fiscal Years. Can you clarify?

(A) FY21 is the currently open NOFO. When the application asks for a report it is for your organization's fiscal year.

8) Is there a budget template that should be used?

(A) There is no specific budget template required.

9) The application is asking for "verification of 25% cash or in-kind match or verification of submitted application for AHFC CoC Match". We are getting our match funds from a source other than AHFC. How do we document this?

(A) An AHFC Intent to Apply form or verification of application to a different source will meet the required documentation.

10) What counts as an "empty bed"?

(A) This answer will be based on the bed utilization rate in AKMIS.

11) On page 12, the application asks for any challenges to implementation. Can you give an example?

(A) For this last year, challenges could be related to the Covid-19 pandemic, such as: We had trouble reaching clients because of Covid-19.

12) What email address do you have? How do we make sure you have the right email address for our organization's contact?

(A) Please send the email address of the person you want in the email group to grants@aceh.org.

13) The application asks for the number of beds utilized. Does this mean the number of beds in our last application, or will this information be pulled from AHMIS?



(A) This information will come from AKHMIS and will be compared to the original application number.

14) What does “soft score” mean?

(A) In addition to the score from the scoring tool, the Rank & Review committee will score projects based on what they know about the effectiveness of and the community need for the services provided by the project.

15) Should we fill out the scoring tool at the end of the application?

(A) You can fill it out if you’d like to, but you don’t have to. If you choose to not fill it out, ACEH will complete it before passing your application to the Rank & Review committee. The goal of providing you with the scoring tool is the streamline this process and also put forward the best information to the Rank & Review committee. We will follow up with your organization’s contact if there are any questions.

16) Where can we find a New Project application?

(A) The new project application is now available on the website.

FAQs added 10/7/2021

17) Required documents include a PDF export of *e-snaps* Applicant and verification of submitted application for AHFC CoC Match (if using AHFC for Match). These applications are not submitted until after the project application due date. How can we meet these requirements?

(A) You may submit a screen shot of your esnaps login – to verify that you have access to esnaps and will be able to input your information if your project moves through to HUD as part of the collaborative application. You may submit an electronic copy of the Intent to Apply you submitted to AHFC.

18) How much should we request for the project applications?

(A) On <https://aceh.org/nof/> navigate to the Grant Inventory Worksheet and download it. Here you will find the baseline for your project’s annual renewal demand. If you wish to apply for more than what is listed, follow the steps to apply for an expansion that could be funded with reallocated and/or bonus funds. (YHDP projects may not file for expansions).



19) How can our CoC get the additional 10 healthcare points on the collaborative application?

(A) We would need to include a project application for a new or expansion project that includes a connection to the medical community through funding or services at a minimum of 25% of the total project budget. The 25% could be cash support or inkind/services.

20) Our administrative line item was underfunded on our last grant. Can we move money within the project or increase the budget to account for the higher admin expenses?

(A) Yes, you could move money within the same budget amount listed on the Grant Inventory Worksheet. You could also apply for an expansion to the original project to cover that additional expense.

21) The application asks for the number of beds used pulled from the second Wednesday. Our system can pull from the Wednesday prior to the date the report is run, and this number will be different from what is in SAGE. Is that okay?

(A) Yes. We recommend listing the actual number of beds used.