



## Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI)

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

July 2017

#### Questions Related to 2016 ESSHI Awards

1. If we have a current ESSHI award, but know we will not have capital funding in place at time of current conditional awards expires and would like to reapply for funds, do we need a letter saying the preliminary award was rescinded?

**ANSWER: No, a letter is not needed. All first round conditional awards expire September 6, 2017. All 2016 conditional awardees are encouraged to reapply if capital will not be secured prior to September 6, 2017.**

#### Questions Related to Date and/or Time clarifications

2. The OMH website says the proposal is due on July 20<sup>th</sup> and the RFP says July 24<sup>th</sup>, which is correct?

**ANSWER: Proposals are due July 24, 2017 by 2:00pm. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications prior to the 2:00 pm due time to ensure successful upload.**

3. The RFP for ESSHI states the webinar is Wednesday June 19. The 19<sup>th</sup> of June is a Monday. It also states to test the webinar two days prior, which would be Saturday if the date is the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please clarify.

**ANSWER: The webinar was held 6/19/2017.**

4. The information on the grant's gateway RFP says the webinar will be held on Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Should that be Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>?

**ANSWER: The webinar was held 6/19/2017.**

5. I have a question regarding the deadline for submitting questions regarding the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative program. I see on page 19 of the attached RFP questions must be submitted by 6/26/17, and answers will be posted on 7/5/17. However, according to page 21 of the attached RFP, questions must be submitted by 6/21/17, and answers will be posted by 6/30/17. Can you please clarify which set of dates is correct for the submission of questions and posting of answers?

**ANSWER: Questions were due June 26, 2017 and will be posted on or about July 5, 2017.**

6. In going through the ESSHI 2017 RFP, the submission date listed is 2 pm on 7/24/17. However, the State website shows 7/20/17 (see below). I'm assuming the RFP date of 7/24/17 is accurate, but would you please confirm that is the case when you get a moment?

**ANSWER: Proposals are due by 7/24/17 at 2:00 p.m. The OMH website has been corrected.**

7. Please clarify which date (6/21 or 6/27) is final date for questions.

**ANSWER: 6/27/17**

#### Questions Related to Formatting and Application Submissions

8. At the top of page 24 of the ESSHI RFP it states the following: For further information on selection criteria See Section 7: Application Instruction Requirements. However, there is no Section 7 in the RFP. Is it missing? Is it located in another, secret place?

**ANSWER:** The “Application Instruction Requirements” section was renumbered to Section 6, beginning on page 30 of the RFP.

9. The ESSHI website has the RFP, Attachment B, and Attachment B-1. Will the Appendix MRT Project Questionnaire also be available on the website?

**ANSWER:** The MRT Project Questionnaire is available under the Upload Properties menu in Grants Gateway.

10. Is the 4,000 character limit including spaces?

**ANSWER:** Yes, for program questions.

11. Is it a 4,000 character limit per question?

**ANSWER:** Yes, for program questions.

12. Is there word/character limitations that need to be considered when entering the proposal narrative into the Grants Gateway?

**ANSWER:** Yes, 4,000 characters for responding to program questions, 50,000 for the workplan overview summary and 1,000 for performance measures.

### **Questions Regarding Integrated Housing**

13. It is understood you want integrated housing. Is there a percentage or percentage range of the target ESSHI units in a project recommended?

**ANSWER:** No, the percentage of ESSHI units is driven by the target population and any requirements set forth by the oversight State Agency. Applicants should ensure the proposed ESSHI project complies with the Olmstead ruling.

14. With a scattered site project, is it possible to identify a percentage of units for ESSHI and then hone in on the specific location later?

**ANSWER:** If “scattered site” refers to multiple dwelling projects, the answer is yes. Specific addresses may be provided later upon securing capital. Dwellings should fall within the same CoC or other data sources covered. However, if “scattered site” refers to multiple apartments throughout the community, then no. See response to question 13, above regarding the percentage of ESSHI units.

15. Is there a maximum percentage of units in the new development that can be used for supportive housing?

**ANSWER:** No, see response to question 13, above.

16. Under section 1.4 Eligible Target Population- Is there a specific percentage on how many beds can be assigned to people with disabilities?

**ANSWER:** See response to question 13, above.

17. Is there a defined ratio of supportive to regular housing in an integrated setting? For instance, should only 50% of the units be supportive units?

**ANSWER:** See response to question 13, above.

18. Is it possible for us to rent several apartments in one building or build multiple units?

**ANSWER:** Refer to Question 14, above.

### **Question Regarding Eligibility**

19. 1.3 Eligible Applicants - Housing for individuals, and/or young adults that have health, mental health, intellectual or developmental disability, and / or substance use disorder. Will a NYS OASAS Part 820 program providing “Residential Rehabilitation and Residential Re-integration” treatment

services qualify to receive this grant? The target population qualifies which will be individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD) diagnosis. There is no predetermined length of stay however individuals will be mainstreamed back into society and independent living.

**ANSWER: No, ESSHI funds are for permanent supportive housing. Transitional housing projects such as NYS 820 programs are not eligible under this ESSHI initiative.**

20. I had a specific question regarding the eligibility of a project to apply for ESSHI funds. We have two existing projects that currently have no operating or supportive services funds. Paragraph three of Section 1.1 that reads: "Funding through this RFP is available to support the services and operating needs of projects which may be in various stages of capital development. However, funding will not be made available to existing projects, which have already secured service and operating funds through other sources, as a means to enhance their existing subsidies." It is my interpretation of this statement, that our projects would be eligible. Can you please clarify? Thank you for your time.

**ANSWER: ESSHI funding must be linked to a supportive housing development project that will create new supportive housing units through new construction, the adaptive reuse of non-residential space, or the repurposing of vacant residential units. Existing projects that are under contract to provide supportive housing are not be eligible.**

21. We currently provide 291 units of affordable, permanent housing for low-income, formerly homeless women most of whom are domestic violence survivors. Of the 291 units, 8 units are offline due to severe water damage. The cause of the leakage was the parapet wall which was in disrepair. We have already raised all of the capital monies needed to repair the wall and façade and this project is currently underway. We expect it to be complete in early fall and would be put back online. Could we apply for ESSHI funds for these units? None of the units in our building are supportive housing (though there is a great need given the population we serve).

**ANSWER: Refer to Question 20, above.**

22. We have non-profit entities that may or may not be providing the ESSHI service. Their affiliate or another agency may be providing. Is the property/building owner the applicants and identifying the service provider?

**ANSWER: Eligible applicants are not-for-profits that demonstrate appropriate experience pursuant to section 1.3 of the RFP. As such a not-for-profit building owner that meets this requirement is eligible also assuming that prequalification in Grants Gateway is satisfied.**

23. For ESSHI, does the resident have to be both homeless and developmentally disabled (or one of the other special needs) or can they only have a developmental disability?

**ANSWER: For this RFP, the eligible target population must meet the homeless definition. Refer to section 1.4 Eligible Target Population.**

24. The RFP states that the funding opportunity opened only to NFP organization would this exclude local government?

**A. Yes, local units of government are not eligible for ESSHI.**

### **Questions Related to Property**

25. Can we submit a proposal without property identified?

**ANSWER: Yes.**

26. Could a facility that is currently transitional housing convert its units to permanent supported housing under this grant opportunity?

**ANSWER: No.**

27. Is site control required for ESSHI submission? It is understood that you want projects that will be funded and ready to close quickly. If a site changes, but the project basically remains the same – income and units and target, is that okay?

**ANSWER: Site control is not a requirement. Site changes may be permissible as long as the alternative location is supported within the same CoC data or other supporting documentation**

**and all other aspect of the project are similar to the original application. Site changes are allowed as long as they remain supported by the data provided.**

28. During the webinar, it was mentioned that the site can be TBD. Please confirm that we don't need to have a site identified to apply.

**ANSWER: You do not need a site to apply.**

29. Does the proposal have to be county specific?

**ANSWER: The proposal has to be supported by local need data; a specific site does is not required to be identified.**

30. Is there a minimum unit requirement for a building site?

**ANSWER: No.**

### **Questions Related to Contract Requirements**

31. In Section 1.11, Minority and Women Owned Businesses, the RFP makes reference to "MWBE & EEO Policy Form (Form #4), EEO Staffing Plan and SDVOB Utilization Plan – saying these should be submitted with our bid. The RFP also states that an ESSHI Tenant Profile form (is required). Can you advise where the templates for these forms can be found?

**ANSWER: The ESSHI Tenant Profile is located under the Upload Properties menu. There is also space provided to upload additional documents if the applicant so chooses. MWBE, EEO Policy forms, EEO Staffing Plans, and SDVOB Utilization Plans may be required at time of contracting based on the State Agency administering the ESSHI final agreement.**

32. Are we to include MWBE Utilization, EEO, SDVOB Utilization and Vendor Responsibility forms with the application? If so, will the state supply these forms in an addendum? If so, where should we upload the forms in the Grants Gateway?

**ANSWER: See the response to question 31, above.**

33. If we are proposing to develop housing for individuals with HIV and are located in New York City are we required to utilize a HASA rental subsidy rather than a rental subsidy through ESSHI?

**ANSWER: Yes, if an individual has medical documentation indicating HIV and the individual is HASA eligible, a rental subsidy through HASA must be utilized.**

34. We would most likely fall under the OTDA Division of Housing and Support Services, but the only guidelines the site under that division is their Homeless Housing and Assistance Program Part-800 which is funding for construction of housing for homeless families/individuals. What guidelines would apply to us if OTDA were our contracting state agency?

**ANSWER: All contracts will utilize the master contract and Appendix A-1 as displayed in Grants Gateway. OTDA also provides quarterly reimbursement and requires quarterly reports; MWBE and SDVOB will be negotiated at time of contract.**

35. Are you allowed to subcontract under the ESSHI program? If so, are there any restrictions on subcontracting?

**ANSWER: Yes, subcontracting may be subject to MWBE/SDVOB/OSC and other state agency contracting requirements.**

### **Questions Related to Definitions**

36. Are individuals coming from transitional housing (i.e. CR-SRO) considered homeless?

**ANSWER: Refer to the homeless definition on page 28 of Section 5 in the RFP.**

37. Section 1.4 Eligible Target Population – If awarded an ESSHI grant, will we be permitted to transfer clients from HUD-funded supportive housing units to ESSHI units if they met ESSHI criteria before becoming housed in the HUD-funded program?

**A. Refer to the homeless definition on page 28 of Section 5 in the RFP.**

38. Can you provide a definition of “at risk of homelessness”?

**ANSWER: “At-risk of homelessness” includes individuals or families living in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and have an increased risk of homelessness.**

39. What is the definition of Frail Elderly?

**ANSWER: The definition on Page 28 of the glossary in the ESSHI RFP has been modified by the answer to the question below.**

40. “Home Management Activities” is listed as an activity under the definition of “frail or disabled senior”. Is there a listing of what would be included within home management activities? If a resident were to need services for more than one “home management activity”, would that count towards the “unable to perform at least two activities of daily living”?

**ANSWER: The definition for frail or disabled senior is modified as follows: “Any person who is 55+, unable to perform at least two “activities of daily living” comprising of eating, bathing, grooming, dressing, toileting, transferring (walking) and/or continence.” “Home management activities” are not considered activities of daily living.**

41. It appears that from Section 1.4.1, individuals who are MRT do not also have to be homeless to be considered an eligible population that can be serviced with this funding.

**ANSWER: That is not correct. All eligible populations must meet the homeless definition as defined in Section 1.4.**

42. Section 1.1 of the RFP states “... funding will not be made available to existing projects, which have already secured service and operating funds through other sources, as a means to enhance their existing subsidies.” When you say projects do you mean the entire building?

**A. See response to Question 20, above.**

### **Questions Related to Multiple Projects and Populations**

43. May our organization submit more than one RFP application/proposal for different projects and sites for which we have site control? If yes, how do we submit more than one application/proposal in the Grant Gateway system in response to this RFP?

**ANSWER: Yes, organizations may submit more than one application for different projects and sites. Applicants must submit a different application for each project in Grants Gateway by clicking Apply for Opportunity and separately hitting the Submit button for each application.**

44. We are applying for units to be located in multiple buildings. However, the NYS Grants Gateway system allows for only one address to be entered. How should we proceed to submit for the multiple locations?

**ANSWER: Page 31 of the RFP provides instruction to enter your administrative office address for the Project Site Address screen. Question 1 of the Program Specific Questions requires an executive summary of the project, including location, if known. The executive summary should indicate that the project involves multiple buildings. Additionally, in the responses to Questions 30 - 32 in the Readiness section, you may identify the multiple sites in the narrative, as they relate to site control, securing capital funding, and the time frame for project completion.**

45. Can a provider submit multiple applications?

**ANSWER: Yes, see question 43, above.**

46. Can we restrict the population based on specific demographics such as veterans over 62 or other age restrictions?

**ANSWER: Yes, as long as they meet the target population requirements.**

47. Can an organization that receives an ESSHI award take referrals exclusively from their local Department of Homeless Services?

**ANSWER: There are no exclusionary criteria; if your main referral source is the local Department Homeless Services, that is acceptable.**

48. Are we allowed to submit multiple applications via Grants Gateway? If so, how do you recommend we title them?

**ANSWER: See response to question 43, above. Titling each of the ESSHI projects based on proposed site location or project name is acceptable.**

49. Can we request multiple populations in one proposal for one site?

**ANSWER: Yes; however, applicants should be mindful of their experience and their success serving multiple populations, as well as, which populations might be more successfully served in one site.**

50. If we are proposing two separate projects, should we submit two separate applications through Grants Gateway?

**ANSWER: Yes.**

51. Can a funded project be spread over multiple sites, or is the project required to be contained to one site?

**ANSWER: Multiple sites are permissible.**

52. If we provide housing and receive support dollars for the “frail or disabled senior” population, do we need to provide services for the activities listed (eating, bathing, grooming, etc.) or do linkages to obtain such services fulfill the requirement?

**ANSWER: Linkages to obtain such services fulfill the requirement.**

53. What is the advantage of specifically identifying MRT as a population to be served?

**ANSWER: One advantage is that applicants have the opportunity to pair ESSHI funds to support a SHOP award for a MRT eligible population. Applicants who identify MRT as a population to be served will have the opportunity to apply for a capital award from HCR targeted specifically for the MRT eligible population.**

54. If our proposal is identifying SMI with a subset of Substance Use Disorder, Military, Young Adults, Frail or disabled seniors and families, what is the advantage of specifically identifying MRT? (Many if not most of the individuals will likely fall into the MRT category anyway)?

**ANSWER: See response to question 53, above.**

55. How do we specify a primary population such as (SMI Adults being everyone served in “28 units”) with subsets of SMI given priorities (i.e. SUD, Military, 4-families, Young adult, 6 Frail or disabled seniors, etc.) when filling in the population to be served within the ESSHI grant in the Grants Gateway?

**ANSWER: It is permissible to serve multiple populations in one site; applicants need only to describe the primary disabling or life challenging conditional to satisfy the eligibility requirement.**

### **Questions Related to Predevelopment, Operating and/or Capital Funding**

56. My question is whether we can work with HPD in this initiative for funding?

**ANSWER: Yes.**

57. It is understood that ESSHI beds cannot be combined with Project-Based Vouchers. Can the Workgroup please also address how portable Vouchers would be handled? If the project proposes to serve Veterans, and a Veteran with a portable HUD-VASH Voucher applies, would s/he then have to give up their Voucher to be eligible?

**ANSWER: An otherwise eligible homeless individual or family would not be precluded from occupying an ESSHI-supported unit on the basis of holding a tenant-based rental subsidy. Applicant would not be able to request ESSHI rental reimbursement for that unit while occupied by a tenant with a portable voucher.**

58. The RFP states that this opportunity is for “permanent supportive housing” that is “non time limited,” and includes the target population “youth/young adults who left foster care within the prior 5 years...” and “homeless young adults between 18 and 25 years old.” What will happen to youth and young adults residing in supportive housing when they reach an age where they no longer fall within this target population? Can this funding be used to supplement and enhance existing supportive housing programs that are currently underfunded?

**ANSWER: As stated in the RFP, the ESSHI supportive housing initiative is not time limited. Homeless young adults who exceed the age of 25 while residing in permanent supportive housing would not be required to leave, although such individuals may choose to move to other housing. ESSHI may not be used to supplement and/or enhance existing supportive housing programs.**

59. We have a new project that is looking to start construction this year that was awarded project-based Section 8 from NYCHA. We'd like to apply for ESSHI funds to provide support services to 26 of our prospective residents who are high cost Medicaid users. Can we still use the project based section 8 vouchers for these 26 and just apply to ESSHI for services?

**ANSWER: No, per section 1.5 Eligible costs, housing developers cannot use Project Based Section 8 with ESSHI units.**

60. Can a project with ESSHI units receive Project Based Section 8 on non-ESSHI units within the same project?

**ANSWER: Yes.**

61. Re: Timeline – When will ESSHI conditional awardees be able to apply for these OMH predevelopment funds and what is the turnaround for the award to be available for use for predevelopment expenses?

**ANSWER: Additional details regarding predevelopment funds and the process will be made available to ESSHI awardees as soon as possible following or in conjunction with the issuance of ESSHI award letters.**

62. During the webinar, I believe that I heard Moira Tashjian mention that project based section 8 rents cannot be used to support rents, can you please provide further clarification on this statement? Does that mean that if a person winds up getting a voucher that we could no longer provide any type of rent support?

**ANSWER: Project based vouchers are not permitted to be paired with ESSHI units. If an individual receives a tenant based voucher (housing choice / VASH) and are otherwise an eligible homeless individual or family they would not be precluded from occupying an ESSHI-supported unit. Applicant would not be able to request ESSHI rental reimbursement for that unit while occupied by a tenant w/ a tenant based voucher. The requirement would be that if the tenant based voucher is obtained while they reside in this ESSHI supported unit budget adjustments would be made to rental portion of subsidy.**

63. How much money will be available per annum total in predevelopment funding from OMH?

**ANSWER: See response to Question 61, above.**

64. Is there a per project funding cap available for these OMH predevelopment funds and, if so, what is it?

**ANSWER: Predevelopment requests will be considered on a project-by-project basis. Predevelopment funds are limited to predevelopment activities (generally those necessary to induce capital funding commitments) and are subject to the availability of funds.**

65. Can these OMH predevelopment funds be used for acquisition costs?

**ANSWER: Yes.**

66. Will there be a separate application required in order to access these OMH predevelopment funds?

**ANSWER: A brief funding request form summarizing the project and a budget will be required.**

67. Will the due diligence process for these OMH predevelopment funds be similar to OMH's previous capital award/issuance process prior to funds being able to be released?

**ANSWER: See response to Question 61, above.**

68. Will the project be required to secure other sources of capital funding in order to receive an award of OMH predevelopment funds?

**ANSWER: OMH will evaluate requests for predevelopment funds in part on the feasibility of the project and its likelihood of receiving capital funding commitments. OMH will confer with HCR, OTDA and/or other capital funding agencies in considering requests for predevelopment funds.**

69. We are currently rehabilitating 174 existing senior rental units. They are being rehabilitated using NYS HFA Bond financing, MPP funds and federal & state tax credits to improve their habitability and ensure their availability to elderly for years to come. Rehabilitation work is anticipated to be complete by December 2017. These units also have HUD Section 8 so we can assure affordability. None of the units were supportive housing units in the past. The ESSHI funds would enable us to repurpose units for frail elderly and provide supportive services. Would these units qualify under this ESSHI RFP?

**ANSWER: Per section 1.5 Eligible costs, housing developers cannot use Project Based Section 8 with ESSHI units.**

70. ESSHI funding contracts are awarded for five-year terms. Does the rental subsidy portion of the award increase 2% for cost of living adjustments or does it remain flat for the contract term?

**ANSWER: The state anticipates providing an inflationary adjustment in subsequent years, subject to available appropriations.**

71. Can the ESSHI funds be paired with a SHOP award for an MRT population?

**ANSWER: Yes, applicants have the opportunity to pair ESSHI funds to support a SHOP award for a MRT eligible population. Also refer to questions 53 and 54.**

72. Will the rental subsidies included in this award be set at 50% AMI or at market rent levels?

**ANSWER: Applicants seeking capital funding from HCR should request ESSHI rental subsidies which, at a minimum, support underwritten rents affordable to households at 50% AMI.**

73. Can you use the ESSHI funds specifically for operating funds if you already have a section 8 PBV allocation?

**ANSWER: No.**

74. Does the ESSHI rental subsidy or operating funds award trigger Davis Bacon/prevaling wages?

**ANSWER: No.**

75. We anticipate targeting homeless seniors suffering from "Serious mental illness (SMI)"

and/or “Substance Use Disorder (SUD)” for services. It is likely, however, that many of these residents – by virtue of their combined homeless status, age, and substance use and/or serious mental illness – would also be “MRT Eligible”. We are not, however, targeting them or recruiting them as such. In this case, are we required to submit Appendix A (MRT Project Questionnaire)?

**ANSWER: If you anticipate targeting an MRT-eligible population you should submit Appendix A. Also, refer to questions 53, 54, and 71, above.**

76. Can legal services be included as eligible program expenses?

**ANSWER: Yes, so long as the legal services are for the advocacy with the tenant as a service option within their support plan.**

77. We are aware that Project based Section 8 cannot be used to assist operations of ESSHI units; however, can we apply for service dollars only for Project based Section 8 units?

**ANSWER: No.**

### **Questions Related to Budgets**

78. Can we allocate rent in the budget for the office space used by staff to provide services?

**ANSWER: Yes, cost for service space is an eligible program expense that can be included in the Space/Property/Utility line of the proposed budget.**

79. Does the procurement/bidding rule around “substantial equipment” apply to items such as client furniture bought in the start-up phase? Or solely to annual spending?

**ANSWER: Yes, procurement/bidding rules around “substantial equipment” pertain in the startup phase as well as annual spending.**

80. Are furnishings and equipment for tenant apartments and staff offices permitted under this RFP?

**ANSWER: Yes.**

81. Does the \$25,000 maximum per unit include rent?

**ANSWER: Yes.**

### **Questions Related to the Continuum of Care**

82. Do you know who the Committee chairs for the CoC are?

**ANSWER: See attached at the end of the Questions and Answers.**

83. It is unusual for COC to identify a housing need for individuals with developmental disabilities. I read we can use other sources, but is there something specific you will want from the local COC in these cases where they don't document the need?

**ANSWER: Other data is available and will satisfy the requirements of this RFP.**

84. For COC data, PIT count for the COC website, 1/27/2016 was obtained. Is this the correct information being required?

**ANSWER: Supporting data should be within the last three years.**

85. We understand that the CoC letter of support is mandatory. Are letters of support from other organizations with which we intend to collaborate recommended?

**ANSWER: Yes, other letters from collaborative organizations are recommended.**

### **Questions Related to Appropriate Types of Housing Development**

86. I am applying for a senior project. How do I know if the services that I am providing require licensing from the Department of Health?

**ANSWER:** If you have specific questions regarding the services and the need for licensing please email [acinfo@health.ny.gov](mailto:acinfo@health.ny.gov) or call 518-408-1133.

### **Questions Related to Partners and Master Leases**

87. When you have a non-profit developer and their affiliate that provides the services for individuals with developmental disabilities, who is the applicant? The housing provider, the service provider or both?

**ANSWER:** Assuming both not-for-profits meet the eligibility requirements described in the RFP, either may apply. Applicants are encouraged to identify the other not-for-profit and the relationship in the application.

88. We are a newly formed organization, in existence for two years. We have all the credential required to apply for this fund, but one, although all individuals involved, collectively, have more than 20 years providing social services, the organization has not. We know that to apply, the organization needs the experience as a whole. The question is as an organization, we may not be able to apply due to lack of organizational experience, is there an organization that can be shared with us to partner with as a subcontractor to apply for this grant?

**ANSWER:** Applicants must identify their own partnering entities.

89. Can the not-for-profit developer be the applicant for funds if they will coordinate services, provide some of the services and subcontract with another agency that specializes in services to the targeted population to provide the remainder of the services?

**ANSWER:** Yes, however applicants must be familiar with the population served and the contracting state agency requirements.

90. Can an organization apply for funding for a project where the partner is a landlord/developer with the necessary capital and the agreement is outlined in the form of a master lease?

**ANSWER:** Yes, subject to its capital funding regulations. See the response to the previous question.

### **Miscellaneous Questions**

91. Do you expect another round of ESSHI and how much funding was allocated in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, how much allocated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round?

**ANSWER:** We anticipate to continue to support the Governor's Housing Plan with future ESSHI procurements. In the first round up to 1,200 units were made available. This RFP makes a commitment for at least 1,200 units of supportive housing.

92. Is it possible to get an electronic copy of the slides covered in the webinar? If possible, can you email it to me?

**ANSWER:** ESSHI slides are available on OMH's website at <https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2017/esshi/rfp.pdf>

93. Will the webinar slides be made available or posted online?

**ANSWER:** See above

94. As explained in the webinar and in the RFP, there are point values allocated per narrative section. Is it possible to indicate the point value per question in each narrative section? (There was no clarification in the RFP, section 2.6-Selection Criteria, p. 22, or under the program-specific questions on p. 33-37).

**ANSWER: Section 2.6 provides the scoring methodology for applications. All components of the application are considered when evaluating proposals.**

95. In the Grants Gateway system, applicants are required to complete the Project Summary and Objectives/Tasks sections. Are these sections scored? It appears that only the narrative questions outlined in the RFP on pp. 33-37 are scored. Please clarify.

**ANSWER: The application as a whole is considered when evaluating proposals. Outcomes and performance measures are contemplated.**

**No further entries**

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