

**RFA 2025-001 Homelessness Prevention  
Official Questions and Answers**

All questions should be directed to the RFA Authorized Contact Person: Poleth Robledo at [HSDCompetitions@austintexas.gov](mailto:HSDCompetitions@austintexas.gov) or in the PartnerGrants database by no later than Wednesday, May 15, 2025 by 3PM CST.

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Question No.	Questions from Agencies	Answers from HSO
1	Intent to apply? What is required to upload?	The intent to apply only requires written responses without a required upload. The agency must fill out the program name, description, and general program type as well as the date the Threshold Review is submitted. Don't leave fields blank – just put NA if not applicable.
2	To confirm both the housing stability case management & financial assistance are required budget activities. Correct?	Yes these are two core activities in a Prevention program.
3	Is it permissible to move clients include a unit with a master lease (under the name of the agency) because the client cannot get a lease on their own?	<p>It is allowable. However, the program must allow participants to choose housing options that the participant is interested in.</p> <p>There are additional Conflict of Interest requirements which must be completed regarding any financial assistance provided on behalf of the participant to the unit the agency owns. Rental Assistance cannot be provided to properties which the applicant owns or financially benefits from unless a third party determines that the rent established in the lease is reasonable, completes the habitability assessment, and approves the amount of rental assistance provided by the project. The third party would need to be an entity which does not have a financial benefit from the rental costs being assessed. For example, the recipient could contract with an other entity to complete the rent responsibility and habitability, but that entity wouldn't benefit from the rental payment made on behalf of those assessments.</p>
4	Can you define 'exit the program'? Does exit mean successfully receiving assistance but remaining within	To "exit a program" means that when the household ceases to receive services from the project, the household will "exit a program", typically include

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	their current supportive housing program?	<p>completing exit paperwork and the HMIS Program Exit Assessment.</p> <p>Yes – For a client in homeless prevention it could mean they continue to live in the unit, but the assistance (financial and supportive services) have ended because they have been exited from the Homeless Prevention program.</p>
5	Kind of a specific case, but I'm curious about the following scenario: could we help eligible households secure vouchers (e.g., FUP vouchers for households with current CPS involvement) and provide case management using these funds, provided households meet this RFA's eligibility criteria around risk of homelessness?	If the household meets both the eligibility criteria (At Risk of Homelessness and/or At Imminent Risk of Homelessness) at eligibility determination and meets your developed criteria for appropriateness, then the household could be enrolled in services. If you were to establish voucher eligibility as an additional eligibility criterion for the project, that would need to be identified within your application.
6	If we have gotten a Threshold Review approved by APH, does that count toward our eligibility to apply for this RFA?	Yes. If an agency has submitted a threshold review in the last 12 months in Partnergrants, HSO is working with APH in review of these applications, and you will not have to resubmit.
7	Does the eligible financial assistance under this RFA include mortgage payments for households at risk of homelessness, or is assistance limited to rental payments only?	The Scope of Work only allows rental assistance and excludes mortgage payment assistance.
8	How do we apply for a collaboration?	The collaboration will need to designate a Lead agency who will submit the application. The collaborative agencies will fill out budget subgrantee forms and their information, program design, etc. will need to be included throughout the application.
9	If we have a subcontractor that is serving youth exiting foster care can we use this funding to prevent homelessness?	<p>Yes. If a youth engaged in the foster care system met the eligibility criteria of this project (At Risk of Homelessness or At Imminent Risk of Homelessness) and was determined appropriate for your project based on your assessment criteria, the client could be served by the project.</p> <p>However, Exhibit G, the Evaluation scoring rubric, states that, "Client prioritization does not include subpopulations or does include them alongside a clear</p>

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		<p>and detailed referral plan to ensure all clients are served.”</p> <p>The intent of this funding is to serve the broader community, so while it is permissible to have a sub-contractor in the collaboration with a specific sub-population they serve (like youth exiting foster care), the collaboration as a whole may be scored higher for the question if the collaboration did not have additional criteria for a sub-population.</p>
10	May an agency submit an application and also be included in a collaborative application as a subgrantee?	Yes
11	Is there info in the RFA Scope of Work that goes over the additional requirements for if we are providing rent assistance to residents of affordable housing properties we own?	<p>Rental Assistance cannot be provided to properties which the applicant owns or financially benefits from unless a third party determines that the rent established in the lease is reasonable, completes the habitability assessment, and approves the amount of rental assistance provided by the project.</p> <p>The third party would need to be an entity which does not have a financial benefit from the rental costs being assessed. For example, the recipient could contract with an other entity to complete the rent responsibility and habitability, but that entity wouldn't benefit from the rental payment made on behalf of those assessments.</p>
12	Are these COA funds or Federal?	These are COA general funds
13	Follow up: confirming that organizations need to be registered on SAM.gov as part of the pre-application requirement?	SAM.gov registration is not required for the application process. However, if awarded it is a part of the contract execution process.
14	Will you be sending an e-mail to the pre-bid webinar attendees who expressed interest in collaborations in the chat? Or, is it up to us to contact interested organizations?	It's up to organizations to reach out and manage their own collaborations. The Pre-Bid Attendance list includes a column for those interested in collaborating and is available on the website and in the PartnerGrants portal under the RFA HSO Homelessness Prevention funding opportunity.