



Arizona
Department
of Housing

**State Housing Trust Funds
FY2024 Notice of Funding Availability
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Tiebreakers & Clarifications

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I. Introduction

The Department reserves the right to make changes and clarifications to the FY2024 Extreme Weather Notice of Funding Availability for State Housing Trust Funds released December 22, 2023 under Section III of the NOFA.

The following changes and clarifications will be incorporated herein.

II. Clarifications

Questions received from Potential Applicants as of January 2, 2024

****Please note some questions have been partially redacted to pull out the specific ask of the ADOH related to a clarification with respect to this NOFA.**

The NOFA says that you will select 4 organizations and the max award for any organization will be \$500K. Will the funding be available only for a year or will it be available over a multi-year period. If we estimated an annual expenditure rate of say \$125K would we be able to count on the \$500K award being available to fund our program for 4 years? **An Applicant may apply for up to \$500,000 in funds under this NOFA, but is not required to do so, and must justify the activities that support the total funding request. In addition, ADOH will review the Applicant's annual operating proforma to support the funding request. The Applicant should show in this proforma how the funds will be utilized in Year 1 after the receipt thereof, and if the funds are not fully expended in Year 1, how they will be distributed over future years. ADOH intends that the proposed activity be sustainable for years to come, but Applicant should note, that we are looking for an immediate response to support potentials beneficiaries and so those Applications that push out a robust and quick call to action response will be prioritized under the parameters and scoring criteria of this NOFA.**

The NOFA states that the emergency shelter needs to be available for a 24 hour period. Would we be required to keep the shelter open the following day for an entire 24 hour period? Would we be obligated to provide meals to the people taking refuge in the shelter during that entire 24 hour period. **This funding opportunity is a chance for the Potential Applicant to elevate efforts that may already be in place and or make slight modifications or improvements to be able to better service potential beneficiaries. ADOH requests that the Potential Applicant demonstrate in their application materials which services and programmatic response are most complimentary to best serve potential beneficiaries, and therefore, there are no specific requirements as to what is being asked of the Potential Applicant but rather provides an opportunity to explain the work being currently done and how improvements with additional resources may catapult the Potential Applicant's efforts.**

NOFA states that the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) is issuing this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for entities statewide who meet the eligibility requirements outlined in this NOFA below to fund up to four (4) proposals interested in expanding existing emergency shelter response to severe weather conditions^[1] for individuals and/or families experiencing unsheltered homelessness. This includes activation for: excessive heat, extreme cold weather, and poor air quality due to smoke from regional fires. **Weather events as reported through the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs' Arizona Emergency Information Network (AzEIN) <https://ein.az.gov/> is the declarative agency for issuing severe weather condition announcements.**

The AzEIN is informed by the following criteria, as defined by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS):

- The [Arizona Emergency Information Network](#) has defined extreme heat as a period of at least 2-3 days of high heat with temperatures above 90 degrees Fahrenheit.
- [CDC Extreme Cold Prevention Guide](#): What constitutes extreme cold and its effects can vary across different areas of the country. In regions relatively unaccustomed to winter weather, near-freezing temperatures are considered "extreme cold." Whenever temperatures drop decidedly below normal, and as wind speed increases, heat can leave your body more rapidly. These weather-related conditions may lead to serious health problems. Extreme cold is a dangerous situation that can bring on health emergencies in susceptible people, such as those without shelter or who are stranded, or who live in a home that is poorly insulated or without heat.
- Poor Air Quality: EPA [Air Quality Index](#) > 100. For each pollutant, an AQI value of 100 generally corresponds to an ambient air concentration that equals the level of the short-term national ambient air quality standard for the protection of public health. AQI values at or below 100 are generally thought of as satisfactory. When AQI values are above 100, air quality is unhealthy: at first, for certain sensitive groups of people, then for everyone, as AQI values get higher.