



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
COMMISSIONER NICOLE "NIKKI" FRIED

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ADDENDUM 1

TO: Interested Applicants
FROM: Carmelita Graham, Purchasing Specialist
**RE: GRANT OPPORTUNITIES- DE FOA 000052
FLORIDA COUNTIES LOW-INCOME RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENT GRANT PROGRAM**

This addendum is to provide all potential bidders with answers to questions received in reference to the above notice of funding opportunity.

Question / Answer

- 1. On this grant program, who would be the person that applies on behalf on a particular county? Would it be the county mayor, county commissioners, or can anyone apply on behalf of a county?**

The application must be signed by the Chair of the County Commission or their authorized representative. If it is the authorized rep, then they must submit a written authorization with the application. It can be submitted by any county representative, but it has to be signed by the CEO of the government which is normally the Chair in a County.

- 2. I am trying to find the department or person in Pasco County that knows if this County is participating in the Low-Income Residential Energy Efficient Grant program.**

I have an old HVAC system that costs over 300 a month to run. I have a small house and I just spent 600 dollars to repair again using half of my stimulus check that I desperately needed! please say you can help and if you can please direct me to whom in Pasco County can help me to apply.

Pasco County Community Development Office is in charge of Homeowner Rehabilitation in your area.

- 3. We are looking at this opportunity to help enhance and strengthen our existing Climate Seniors Program where we replace old air conditioning units with new high-efficient units for low income homeowners. We believe we have a very strong project to fund in order to further assist our low-income homeowners. We hope to utilize the funding to expand to younger families particularly those with children or vulnerable occupants that are at home suffering from indoor air quality impacts in light of COVID-19. We intend to provide insulation, duct repair, coil cleaning, LED lighting, IAQ monitors and educational material. We intend to utilize existing contractors that are performing the work of our current program that has limited funding per home and a cap of \$6,000. As you can imagine, we fund the bare minimum once permits, electrical, misc. supplies etc. is accounted for new HVAC.**

There was a note regarding that all work must be done in accordance with Davis Bacon. If we were assisting individual homeowners through our existing contractors for projects costs less than \$2,000 per home, does this rule apply?

All construction contracts awarded by the recipients and subrecipients of more than \$2,000 shall include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. Contracts for construction subject to the Davis-Bacon and related Acts (DBRA) must contain a prevailing wage determination (WD). Residential construction consists of those projects involving the construction, alteration, or repair of single-family houses or apartment buildings of no more than four floors in height. Examples of residential construction include town homes or row houses, single family homes, mobile homes, multi-family houses, apartment buildings of four floors or less, and student housing of four floors or less.

- 4. Please clarify the project completion date. There are two dates listed- October 20, 2021 and November 30, 2021.**

The correct project completion date is November 30, 2021.

- 5. Are investments in rooftop solar (renewable energy) allowed?**

Rooftop solar is not eligible under this funding opportunity.

- 6. Would using the funds to provide a homeowner with zero interest, forgivable loans for HVAC systems (similar to housing rehabilitation programs funded through CDBG) be allowable?**

No, loans are not an eligible use under this funding opportunity.

- 7. Would creating a revolving loan fund be authorized under grant?**

No, the development of a revolving loan fund is not eligible under this funding opportunity.

- 8. We want to confirm the eligibility of one of our candidate projects. Miami- Dade County serves as a Public Housing Authority and owns/manages numerous public housing buildings that house/serve low-income families and senior citizens. We believe that we are eligible to apply for a grant, as the excerpts from the Guidance do not indicate that funding of County-owned buildings that are used to provide housing is prohibited or ineligible. Please advise.**

Funding may be used to provide energy efficiency measures to county owned single or multi-family housing that serve low-income families.

This Addendum is hereby incorporated into, and made a part thereof, the above noted Notice of Funding Opportunity. All other terms, conditions and specifications of this Opportunity will remain unchanged. For questions regarding this Addendum, please contact this Purchasing Office at (850) 617-7181 or email at Bids@FDACS.gov.