

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

for the

**Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency (ROSS)**

**Rapid Response Program (RRP)**

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### **Program Overview**

#### **1. What is the Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program?**

ROSS is a place-based grant program that targets the entire resident community within the development(s) and aims to address economic and housing self-sufficiency needs at both the community and individual levels by removing educational, professional, and health barriers of the residents of Public and Indian Housing. ROSS is authorized under Section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437z(6)) (the “1937 Act”).

#### **2. What is the ROSS Rapid Response Program (RRP)?**

The ROSS Rapid Response Program (RRP) is an expedited funding component of the ROSS Program . RRP provides **one-time assistance** to eligible applicants to address urgent social service needs for residents of HUD-assisted housing. This program uses a simplified application process and is meant to respond to emergencies or other unanticipated crises.

#### **3. What are the goals of the RRP?**

The RRP is designed to provide communities with the resources they need to create local solutions to emergencies or unanticipated crises. The RRP ensures that service coordination awards can be made on an as-needed and rolling basis.

#### **4. How do you determine an ‘emergency’ or ‘unanticipated crisis’?**

To be eligible for the ROSS RRP, your community must be experiencing an emergency or unanticipated crisis- one that causes disruption to the stability, safety, or health and well-being of individuals, families, or communities. Some examples of emergencies can include (but are not limited to):

- Natural disasters: hurricanes, floods, wildfires, or tornadoes causing physical damage to properties.
- Economic crises: sudden mass layoffs or local economic downturns

- Health emergencies: pandemics, widespread infestations, or other threats to health
- Violence or crime-related crises: incidents of gun or community violence
- Pest infestations: widespread infestations that make homes unsafe or uninhabitable.

**5. What kind of funding does the ROSS RRP provide?**

The RRP offers a one-time, cost-reimbursable grant that is intended to support service coordination, and direct service provision on a very limited basis.

## Applications

### 6. Am I eligible to apply for the ROSS RRP?

You are an eligible applicant if you meet the following criteria:

- You are a current or previous ROSS grantee who received funding at any time since 2017;
- You remain eligible under the current NOFO;

And your organization belongs to one of the following categories:

- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and Indian Housing Authorities
- Nonprofit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) status (excluding higher education institutions)
- Resident Associations (RAs) with nonprofit status
- Multifamily property owners (specifically for RAD PBRA residents)
- Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs)
- Faith-based organizations (under certain conditions)

You are **not eligible** to apply if you are a:

- For-profit entity (except Multifamily Owners for RAD PBRA residents)
- Individual
- Applicants not meeting the eligibility requirements outlined in the ROSS NOFO

### 7. What can RRP funds be used for?

RRP Funds can be used for:

- Salary and fringe benefits for service coordinators.
- Training and travel for professional development related to service coordination.
- Administrative costs and direct service coordination related to the RRP.
- Other costs that are eligible in the annual ROSS NOFO.

### 8. How much funding can I apply for?

Funding is based on the number of people you plan to serve. Please refer to the chart below to review maximum grant amounts. Please note that if you plan to serve less than 50 people, you are not eligible for an award.

Anticipated Number of People Served	Maximum Grant Awarded
50-249	\$150,000
250-499	\$200,000
500 or more	\$250,000

## 9. How can I apply for RRP?

To apply, you must complete the steps in [Section IV of the Notice](#). If you are an eligible applicant, a directed announcement will be sent to you via GrantSolutions. You must submit your application via the GrantSolutions listing. *Do not apply through Grants.gov as these applications will not be reviewed.*

- To ensure you can apply, you must have an active Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) in GrantSolutions. If you do not already have an AOR, submit a [Grant Recipient User Account Request Form](#) to GrantSolutions, copying [ROSS-PIH@hud.gov](mailto:ROSS-PIH@hud.gov), so that we can assign your organization an AOR.
- If you are an eligible applicant and *did not* receive the directed announcement through GrantSolutions, email us at [ROSS-PIH@hud.gov](mailto:ROSS-PIH@hud.gov).
- Please email [ROSS-PIH@HUD.GOV](mailto:ROSS-PIH@HUD.GOV) with any questions.

## 10. If I apply for RRP this year, can I apply again next year?

This is a one-time funding award. If your organization receives RRP funds this year, you will not be eligible to apply for two more years.

## **Match Requirements**

### **11. Are there match requirements for the grant?**

Yes, pursuant to section 34(d) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, you must have at least a 25 percent match of your grant amount.

### **12. Am I required to track match contributions used or show HUD my match letters?**

At any time during the grant term, HUD may ask to review match letters. During the grant term, HUD may also request a log of actual match contributions used. Failure to produce match letters or proof of actual match contributions provided may result in termination of your award.