



Questions and Responses

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED DURING THE APPLICATION PERIOD. RESPONSES ARE LISTED WITH EACH QUESTION. THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE UPDATED AS ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ARE RECEIVED.

Questions	Responses
APPLICATION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA	
1. Can individuals apply for this program?	No. No individual person is eligible for this program. If you would like to apply for the individual-based Homeowner Recovery Program, you can find that application here: https://rebuildnc.tfaforms.net/4815461 . If you have already applied for the Homeowner Recovery Program and need assistance with that application or have other questions, please call 833-ASK-RBNC (833-275-7262) or send an email to ASK-RBNC@Rebuild.NC.gov for additional assistance.
2. How are points related to financial and grant management experience scored?	The online application allows applicants to upload supporting documentation. NCORR recommends submission of resumes for key staff and any supporting materials regarding grant or financial management capacity (i.e. prior audits, PHAS scores, partnership agreements, etc.). Points allocated to financial management are listed in the evaluation criteria.
DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS	
3. The City and/or County is considering committing funding, in the form of a loan, to assist the Public Housing Authority with filling the gap for total project funds. Would these funds be considered a Duplication of Benefits?	Yes, if the funding committed to the project by the City and/or County totally filled the gap of funding needed to fully fund the project, this would be considered a Duplication of Benefits. Whether a loan that requires repayment or a grant, these committed funds are considered a Duplication of Benefits. However, if funding committed by the City and/or County does not fill the <i>entire</i> gap in the project budget, the amount that remains uncommitted by ANY other source of funding can be requested from NCORR's Public Housing Restoration Fund assuming the project is otherwise eligible.
4. What are the potential sources of Duplication of Benefits?	Within the PHRF online application we request that the applicant disclose all funding that they have applied for; have been committed; have been received. All responses indicated in this section of the PHRF application will be reviewed for the potential of being determined a Duplication of Benefits. Insurance proceeds and FEMA funding are often Duplication of Benefit sources.
5. If a commitment of funding includes an additional amount that is defined as contingency funding that may be awarded in addition to the firmly committed funds, would this be considered a Duplication of Benefits?	Yes, all applied for, committed, and received funding reported in the PHRF application should also be supported by documentation of status of funding (application, commitment, or receipt of funds). This documentation will be reviewed during NCORR's Duplication of Benefits analysis. If the supporting documentation indicates that additional contingency funding may be awarded, the committed amount of funding plus the additional amount of contingency funding will be used to calculate any potential Duplication of Benefits.

GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS

6. Are Green and Resilient Building Standards required for all CDBG-DR construction activities?

Please refer to the following Federal Register Notice: 87 FR 31636, II.B.2.a. Green and resilient building standard for new construction and reconstruction of housing, for instruction and reference to required CDBG-DR green and resilient building standards which apply to these activities; and II.B.2.b. Standards for rehabilitation of non-substantially damaged residential buildings, which references the HUD CPD Green Building Retrofit Checklist which applies to rehabilitation of non-substantially damaged residential buildings.

SITE SELECTION/LOCATION

7. What happens if the proposed site that we identified in our submitted application becomes unviable and we would like to amend our proposal with a new proposed site?

NCORR will request that your agency submit the rationale for the change in the proposed site location and will make case-by-case determinations.

8. We are considering submission of an application for funding of new construction of replacement housing units within an existing site where a portion of the site is within the flood zone, but the proposed project/construction of replacement new housing units would not be built in the portion of the site designated in the flood zone. Would this be permitted?

Possibly. Please refer to 24 CFR Part 55 for more information regarding non-critical actions (such as new construction of housing) and what procedures are permitted concerning compliance with HUD regulation and completion of the Environmental Review Record pertaining to Floodplain Management (which may include the 5-step or 8-step process outlined in the regulation).

9. We would like to submit an application for funding of new construction of units where the FEMA map is indicating that the proposed site is “protected by levee”. Will this site be determined eligible for funds?

Additional site-specific research would need to be completed regarding this designation and whether the levee is accredited and/or is in good standing. Any such identification and levee information should be included with the application.