

**Q&A Regarding Hennepin County's RFP: Continuum of Care for the Homeless RFP**

	Question	Answer
	<p>I just wanted to confirm one of the general requirements. In the RFP it states "With the exception of renewal grants, HUD will only fund new projects or an increase in the number of units/beds if the program currently provides housing for the homeless."</p> <p>We do not, however, currently operate housing units for homeless individuals.</p> <p>Do we understand this general requirement correctly in that HAP would NOT be eligible to apply for funding at this time, since we do not currently operate housing units/beds for homeless individuals?</p>	<p>You can certainly apply for <u>new</u> projects, even if you don't already provide housing units/beds for homeless individuals in Hennepin County. This general requirement is stated in this way so that providers already providing such housing do not apply for this funding to support their existing housing opportunities but that they will create additional opportunities with this funding.</p>
	<p>We are at Fort Snelling, we are not in a city. How does that affect us? There would be a long term lease.</p>	<p>Historically, HUD has accepted long term leases for capital projects provided the lease runs longer than the construction period and obligation imposed by HUD on the grant funded recipient developing a building on the leased property. Another issue that may arise is the imposition of a deed restriction, covenant, or lien on the property to assure compliance with HUD requirements for capital funded projects and repayment of grant funds in the case of a default. The property owner would have to agree to this restriction along with the grant recipient in the case of leased property.</p>
	<p>What are other possible sources for Operating Funds?</p>	<p>There may be funding available from the Minnesota Dept of Human Services through the annual Minnesota Housing Multi-Family RFP (Note: the slide on this at the 1/12/12 CRFP Information Meeting was <u>incorrect</u> when identifying the</p>

		"Minnesota Housing Long-term Homeless program" for these funds.)