

BIL Temporary Subgrantee NOFA FAQ

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- **What is the deadline to submit the temporary subgrantee NOFA to HTFC?**
 - HTFC must receive applications by 3:00 p.m. EST on March 7th, 2024. Electronic submissions should be addressed to Weatherization@hcr.ny.gov and the announcement of successful applications will be on March 29th, 2024.
- **What is the maximum contract amount for a temporary weatherization subgrantee?**
 - The maximum HTFC contract amount will be \$5 million per application.
- **Can an entity submit more than one application?**
 - Yes, an entity can submit as a partner on more than one application, however no entity will be awarded on more than one application.
- **When are BIL temporary subgrantee contracts expected to be awarded?**
 - BIL temporary subgrantee contracts are expected to be awarded in April 2024 and the contract will be for 12-months.
- **How much of the BIL funding will be made available for temporary subgrantees?**
 - A maximum of \$40 million will be made available to eligible applicants over the length of the BIL program to serve as temporary subgrantees for the purpose of exclusively targeting multi-family portfolios that have significant need for energy assistance (for example: government assisted housing, public housing, housing for persons with special needs).
- **Is the Build America, Buy America (BABA) required for public buildings only under the temporary subgrantee NOFA?**
 - As per [DOE WAP Memorandum 104](#), only weatherization on public housing, or on privately owned buildings that serve a public function are required to comply with the BABA requirements.
- **Which types of applicants are eligible to apply to be temporary subgrantees under BIL?**
 - be a not-for-profit and legally incorporated organization, community action agency, or a unit of local government, or the designated representative of an Indian tribal organization.
- **Are BIL temporary subgrantees eligible to subcontract work out?**
 - Yes, BIL temporary subgrantees can subcontract work out. Subcontractors can be private or for-profit companies and are required to adhere to all program rules and regulations. The management structure and organizational relationship in this team approach must be clearly defined in the Statement of Approach narrative.
- **Are existing WAP subgrantees eligible to apply as temporary subgrantees?**
 - Yes, existing WAP subgrantees are also encouraged to apply.
 - Any existing subgrantee must have a strong track record of completed projected units and not have been subject to a corrective action plan within the last 5 years or under special conditions.
 - The WAP subgrantees units can't be counted twice for BIL and they can only be attached to their Temporary Subgrantee BIL or their WAP Subgrantee BIL contract, and count against those production totals.
- **Are single family and multifamily projects both eligible project types for BIL temporary subgrantee funding?**
 - Yes, both single and multifamily are eligible, however HTFC is targeting multifamily portfolios to achieve the maximum number of units.
- **What is the timeline for temporary subgrantees to submit deliverables?**
 - Applicants responding to this NOFA agree to complete proposed work in accordance with applicable program rules and regulations. Expenditures and unit production that are proposed in the Production Schedule must be met within 12 months of the contract start date. The [Policy and Procedures Manual](#) outlines the administrative and field

deliverables.

- **Who will be scoring the temporary subgrantee NOFA applications?**
 - HCR WAP staff from the three regions (BUF, NYR and CDR) will be evaluating applications. But for the purposes of scoring existing subgrantees submissions for temporary subgrantee contracts, they won't be scored by staff assigned to them under their existing WAP contract. Applications will be scored on a 100-point system and ranked accordingly.
- **How many temporary subgrantees can be selected from each county?**
 - A maximum of 2 temporary subgrantees will be awarded per eligible county and 3 per region. The maximum number of temporary subgrantees from this NOFA will be 9 subgrantees.
- **Is there priority given to any specific areas of NYS?**
 - Disadvantaged communities and areas with a lower concentration of weatherized homes will be prioritized for this funding. Please view the [Attachment D, the map](#) to see weatherization production across NYS since 2007 by unit.
- **Is the BIL temporary subgrantee production also subject to Davis Bacon wage rates?**
 - Yes, Davis Bacon will be required for laborers and mechanics operating on job sites that are 5 units and above. Davis Bacon is only required while they are on site.
- **Can BIL Temporary subgrantee funding be paired with other funding sources?**
 - BIL dollars can be paired with SERC, WRF, HEAP, HOME, CFHF or other NYS HCR funded programs to maximize affordable housing investment. Leveraging with other federal sustainability and resiliency programs through HUD and FEMA is also an opportunity.
- **Will Davis Bacon Act wage rates apply to the savings investment ratio (SIR) for a BIL temporary subgrantees project?**
 - No, for the purpose of calculating the SIR on Davis Bacon applicable projects temporary subgrantees can use regular weatherization WAP wage rates.
- **Where can targeted BIL portfolios be identified across NY State?**
 - Targeted portfolio regions can be identified on [Attachment D, the map](#) and includes 4% LHTC and Bond Financed Assets, 9% LIHTC and HTFA, Section 8 Performance Based Contracts, State Aided Municipal Housing Authority Assets, Mitchell Lama Assets/Companies.
- **Are temporary subgrantees allowed to do fuel switching projects?**
 - All Fuel switching projects must be modeled with an appropriate Audit tool and submitted to DOE for approval. Note: The TIPS Audit tool cannot be used to model a fuel Switching projects.
- **How long will temporary subgrantees be under contract?**
 - Temporary subgrantees will receive performance based renewable contracts with an initial 1-year term and a subsequent 2-year term.
- **Is there a pathway for temporary subgrantees to become permanent subgrantees?**
 - Yes, the NYS Weatherization Assistance Program has the capability to review and adjust subgrantee participation. For interested temporary subgrantees with a strong production performance record a permanent pathway can be explored.
- **Will self-auditing be permitted for temporary subgrantees?**
 - No, self auditing will not be permitted. Priority lists are currently being explored as an item to expedite audit procedures.

