

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the 2010 Rental Production NOFA

This FAQ provides answers to common questions regarding MHDC's 2010 NOFA application process. The FAQ will be updated weekly as needed until the application deadline. If you have a question that is not answered by this FAQ, the Developer's Guide, or the QAP, please contact Janell Thome at 816.759.6862--jthome@mhdc.com, or William Ulm at 816.759.6882--wulm@mhdc.com.

Revisions added 10/21/2009 are shown in red font.

Application Exhibits

FIN-100

Q: Why do we need to provide a street address for an unimproved property?

A: We need to pinpoint the location so that MHDC can notify the proper state and local officials and to assist MHDC staff in locating the property for the site review. Please provide your best estimate of the street number and street name.

Q: Tab II – Developer Information. When I enter the name of the first key principal under General Partner(s)/Member(s) (cell F53), the text does not display. How do I get the print to show up?

A: You have two choices. Either (a) email the FIN-100 to Gus Metz at gmetz@mhdc.com to correct and return to you or (b) submit it as is and we will correct it upon receipt of the application. Our preference is to go ahead and email it for correction now.

Q: I need GAP funds for my development. How do I request this on the FIN 100?

A: Enter the amount you are requesting on the Sources tab as "MHDC GAP." Your request will be considered if TCR funds are available.

Q: Tab VII-Development Plan. "Total Square Footage of Floor Area" is requested in cell AI35. Is it supposed to be the sum of the other square footages reported above it?

A: For this field we are requesting the gross square footage of the development including all residential living space, commercial space, community space, hallways, garages, etc. that are being constructed/rehabilitated as a part of the development budget. It is not meant to be a sum of the fields above it.

FIN-100-Addendum

Q: On the questionnaire, how far back do we need to go to disclose our employment of former MHDC employees?

A: In completing the questionnaire, please list any former MHDC employees or MHDC commissioners whom you *currently* employ or with whom you have a contractual relationship. This also applies to a consultant who may be a former employee or commissioner.

Q. Please confirm the development team members who must disclose contributions in Section V of the FIN-100-Addendum.

- A. Applicant team members who must make full disclosure of campaign contributions are:
- Developer entity, its related entities, and its principals.
 - General partners or members, its related entities, and its principals.
 - Consultants (entities acting at the direction of or on behalf of a developer or general partner/member to submit an application), its related entities, and its principals.

Please note that non-profit corporations are not considered to have principals in the same respect as for-profit entities. No disclosure is required for board members or staff of non-profit entities acting as developer, general partner/member, or consultant.

Q. Must we report all campaign contributions made to all statewide and local officials and candidates, or do you mean only those officials local to the proposed development?

- A. Full disclosure of campaign contributions given over the period of 24 months prior to the application due date is required only for the following officials and candidates:
- Statewide officials who represent the district in which the proposed development is located or candidates for statewide office who seek to represent the district in which the proposed development is located;
 - Statewide officials or candidates for statewide office who provide letters or other documents of support regarding the submitted application;
 - Statewide officials or candidates for statewide office who are MHDC commission members;
 - Local officials (city or county) or candidates for local office who provide letters or other documents of support regarding the submitted application.

Please note that the instructions to Section V of the FIN-100-Addendum have been revised to reflect this clarification.

Applicant Site Control

Q: If an option or contract is provided, how long does it need to be?

A: The option or contract term should be for at least 30 days past the projected commission meeting date, which is currently scheduled for February 19, 2010.

Public Official Contact Verification

Q: If I have a letter of support from the mayor, do I need to provide proof I contacted the mayor? Similarly, if I have a resolution of support signed by the mayor and the city council, must I provide proof I contacted the mayor and the city councilpersons?

A: Letters of support and council resolutions of support signed by the persons the applicant would be contacting are sufficient proof that the applicant has notified the officials and informed them of the developer's intentions for the proposed development. Please provide the letter(s) in the appropriate location in exhibit 9 of the application as proof of contact.

Q: Am I to contact all councilpersons or just the council representatives for the district in which the property is located?

A: MHDC requires proof of contact only for the councilpersons representing the district in which the property is located.

Statutorily Required Documentation

Q: IRS and MO Forms 8821 are required for the principals of the developer and general partner. If either of those are a non-profit entity, must it provide 8821 information for its board members?

A: No

Q: If the developer has not done business in the State of Missouri, what do they need to provide for Statutorily Required Documentation?

A: Include a statement that neither the entity nor its principals have done business in the State of Missouri in order to satisfy the requirement for **Missouri Form** 8821. The FIN 109 is required for every developer regardless of their location.

Q: Does MHDC require the tax return to be submitted with Form 8821?

A: MHDC does not require the submission of the entity's tax return, nor do we order it from the taxing entity. MHDC is required by statute to perform a check of the applicant's outstanding tax liability. Form 8821 signed by the applicant and its principals allows MHDC the authority to request this information. We do not request any other taxpayer information.

Q: Is Form 8821 considered public record and therefore able to be requested by an outside party?

A: Because Form 8821 contains social security numbers, federal employer identification numbers or other tax identification numbers, it is closed to requests for public information pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

PHA Approved Utility Allowance

Q: If the development location is in an area that does not have a PHA, what do we do?

A: If the area does not have a PHA or a Community Action Agency acting as a PHA, MHDC will accept estimated utility costs from the local utility providers.

Homeownership Plan

Q: Do townhouses qualify for the homeownership opportunity?

A: Townhouses do not qualify for special consideration at application as potential homeownership opportunities for residents. However, if the developer intends to sell the townhomes at the end of the compliance period, they are required to notify MHDC in Year 10 of the compliance period of their intent.

Difficult Development Areas

Sustainable Housing

Q: Is the 30% boost on green buildings based on the cost of the green building components or is it on the entire renovation/construction budget?

A: The boost is to cover the cost, if necessary, of certification required by the chosen green building program.

Q: What happens if a green building is “de certified”?

A: Decertification after the building has been certified does not affect MHDC compliance review; however, MHDC hopes the developer continues to operate the property as a certified green building.

Q: What happens at issuance of 8609 if the building is not yet certified as a green building due to the timing issues with LEED certification requirements?

A: The developer should provide a copy of the LEED checklist and self evaluation at the time of cost certification, certified by the owner and the architect and should explain the timeline for full certification for review by MHDC.

Mixed Use-Economic Development Area

Q: Does “mixed use” require a city revitalization plan or can it be a developer PUD?

A: A developer PUD approved by the city is acceptable, and MHDC reserves the right to review and determine that the size is significant enough to meet our definition of a mixed-use economic development.

Priorities

Service-Enriched Housing Priority

Q: Where does the developer explain the tenant services, etc.?

A: The explanation of proposed tenant services should be included both the Exhibit 4a (Narrative Description) and in Exhibit 11b(i) (Detailed Supportive Service Plan).

General

Q: How does MHDC look at costs and what is considered excessive?

A: MHDC reviews costs associated with amenities and materials beyond what is necessary as excessive to provide clean, safe, sustainable housing as excessive.