



Health Homes NOFA
Questions & Answers

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Topic	Question	Answer
Pierce County	Looking at the Health Homes funding round document, Pierce County did not pass the 1/10 of 1% sales tax and yet it looks like dollars will be awarded for this project to our county.	The funds would be awarded to a project in Pierce County ONLY if the tax authorized under RCW 82.14.460 was passed. If the tax is not passed by the end of the biennium (June 30, 2017), the \$1.5 million allocated to Pierce County may need to be returned to the Legislature.
Pierce County	<p>Pierce County has not passed a tax, under RCW 82.14.460, for chemical dependency or mental health treatment services. My expectation is that it is very doubtful a tax will be passed prior to the September 15, 2016, deadline under the NOFA.</p> <p>It appears by your NOFA that Pierce County is ineligible for these funds because of it has not passed a tax in accordance with RCW 82.14.460. Can you please confirm this?</p>	<p>See above. The timing for this funding is based on the biennium, not this particular NOFA’s deadline. The 2016 Health Homes NOFA is aimed at implementing the funding, in those areas that can utilize them, as quickly as possible. If we are unable to find a qualified applicant in a particular area, as would be the case in Pierce County due to the tax adoption issue, the funds will remain available through the end of the biennium. If Pierce County should pass the tax prior to the end of the biennium, Commerce will release a second NOFA specifically for Pierce County. At the end of the biennium, to keep any unspent funds available, the Legislature will need to decide whether to re-appropriate the funds into the 2017-2019 biennium.</p>

Chemical dependency sales and use tax	We are trying to learn more about which counties in Eastern Washington have passed a chemical dependency sales and use tax. Can you point us to where we might find this list?	Unfortunately, to our knowledge there is no list of counties readily available. Applicants are encouraged to reach out directly to the county(ies) where they are considering locating their Health Home project. Please note the NOFA Addendum (published on August 9, 2016, on our website) states that all applications must include a verification from the county that they have passed the tax authorized under RCW 82.14.460.
Health Care Act's Health Home program	Is this funding at all connected to the Health Home program funded by HCA or do you understand 'health homes' in the context of the application to be something completely different?	Health Home was not defined in the 2016 Supplemental Capital Budget section appropriating funds to these projects. Commerce encourages applicants to consider the Health Care Act's Health Home model, but adopting this model is not a requirement for funding under this NOFA. See also the NOFA Addendum (published on August 9, 2016, on our website).
Capital funding	Is there funding for capital investment in property?	This is a capital funding application round. Although the individuals being served will need a service model, these funds are not intended to fund the service component. Also, see NOFA Addendum (published on August 9, 2016, on our website).
Services	Does the provider have to be both housing and service provider in one?	The Housing Trust Fund program acts as a model for funding the Health Homes projects. There is a long history of the Housing Trust Fund providing capital funds to organizations that provide services to their residents through a third party service provider (via a service agreement). Applicants are encouraged to provide a detailed description of their service model and service provider, as applicable, and we will review and evaluate applications based on the information we receive and the entire application pool.
Housing type	Is the Health Homes program for single family residences or is it for group home type housing?	There are no requirements around the specific housing type.

Construction of a clinic	Could this funding support construction of a clinic that would provide a health home for people (targeting those living in affordable housing and who fit the conditions in the criteria)?	This funding is not intended for clinic construction. The intent for these provisos is to produce homes (housing units) for people with severe health and housing challenges, such as in a permanent supportive housing model. This is evidenced by the requirement that “the <u>homes</u> must be located in counties...” (emphasis added). It is further evidenced by the fact that these projects/funds have been included in the Housing Trust Fund Appropriation section in the Capital Budget.
Expending funds	What are the dates between which the funds can be expended, prior to reimbursement?	In evaluating applications, readiness to proceed will play a role in our decision making process (see Health Homes NOFA). Once funds are awarded to a project, we will work with each successful applicant to accommodate their project schedule. However, funds appropriated in a biennial budget that are not expended by the end of that biennium will need to be re-appropriated into the following biennium by the Legislature. If projects are under contract (“committed funds”), Commerce will submit re-appropriation requests to the Legislature. While it is highly likely for committed funds to be re-appropriated, Commerce cannot guarantee them.

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King County	I wanted to know if the 2016 Health Homes Funding Round was open to applicants in King County.	The Health Homes NOFA is not open to projects located in King County. However, applicants located in King County may apply for Health Homes funds for projects they are developing in any of the counties identified in Section I of the NOFA.
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