**Supplemental NOFO Frequently Asked Questions/Updates for projects submitting RFPs**

1. Unsheltered vs Rural Funding Opportunities
   1. The Unsheltered funding opportunity can support projects that are serving any county in the CoC.
   2. The Rural funding opportunity can only support projects that are serving Cayuga County.
2. Clarification about Unsheltered Housing Projects
   1. Permanent housing projects funded through the Unsheltered **will not** have to exclusively serve people currently experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Through the Coordinated Entry System, people who are currently experiencing unsheltered homelessness and people with histories of unsheltered homelessness will be prioritized. Projects will need to adhere to all Coordinated Entry policies and procedures.
3. Healthcare Commitment
   1. Agencies **do not** need to secure direct funding from a healthcare entity to meet the 50% threshold. Agencies should be entering into MOUs with a healthcare provider willing to provide services to project participants that can be valued at 50% of the project ask. In the instance of Substance Use treatment, the healthcare entity must be willing to serve 100% of project participants who wish to engage in services.
   2. **Healthcare commitment is being removed as a threshold requirement for proposals.** Agencies who have submitted or will be submitting applications with a healthcare partner will receive 20 bonus points on their applications.
4. Affordable Housing Partnership
   1. The HHC is currently pursuing leveraging affordable housing slots to be paired with Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects. If your agency is willing is interested in partnering on this project type, please indicate that when submitting your application.
5. Cost Effectiveness/Supportive Services
   1. The HHC recognizes that the cost of operating CoC projects has increased as related to staff costs/salaries. If a project is over the community averages for cost effectiveness due to staffing costs, please still submit the application. The HHC strongly encourages agencies to submit applications paying staff a living wage.