Homework Starts with Home
Request for Proposals Frequently Asked Questions

2-Year Grant Period: October 1, 2027 – September 30, 2029
4-Year Grant Period: October 1, 2027 – September 30, 2031

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The information in this Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document addresses questions regarding the Homework Starts with Home (HSWH) Program Request for Proposals (RFP) that were received through November 13, 2026.

Program Planning

Q1. Can we provide ongoing rental assistance with FHPAP funds only, or do we need to utilize HTF?

A. Yes, you can request only FHPAP funds for rental assistance. Applicants can request FHPAP funds only, HTF funds only, or both.

In addition, Minn. Statute § 462A.204, subd. 8(4)(i), allows for the provision of FHPAP rental assistance beyond 24 months for school stability projects.

Q2. Are we immediately ineligible if we are not a current FHPAP Administrator or HTF Administrator?

A. Not necessarily. Applicants do not need to be a current FHPAP administrator to be eligible to apply for FHPAP. However, applicants must be one of the following to apply for FHPAP funds:

- Tribal Nations
- Twin Cities metropolitan counties, which include Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties
- Non-metropolitan areas, which include a county, a group of contiguous counties jointly acting together, or a community-based nonprofit organization.

If you are not a current HTF administrator, you are **not** eligible to apply for HTF funds.

Q3. If we are a current FHPAP subgrantee and non-profit agency, are we eligible to apply for HSWH?

A. It depends on your service area. Except for the Twin Cities metropolitan area, non-profits are eligible FHPAP applicants. In the 7-county metropolitan area, only counties are eligible to apply. Refer to the response in Q.2 regarding eligible FHPAP applicants. To be eligible to apply for HTF, you **must** be a current HTF administrator.

Q4. Our agency is in the metro area and currently receives FHPAP funds as a subgrantee of a participating county. To receive FHPAP funds through this HSWH grant, do we need to be a subgrantee of the county, who is an eligible applicant?

A. Yes.

Q5. Are staff hiring/retention bonuses eligible?

A. Section 6.02 (Eligible Expenses: Administration) and 6.03 (Eligible Expenses: Supportive Services) of the FHPAP Program Guide notes that staff hiring/retention bonuses are an eligible FHPAP expense as long as this is requested in the initial HSWH application.

Q6. Can an eligible Administrator be included in more than one application?

A. Yes.

Q7. Where can I find more information about HTF and FHPAP?

A. To learn more about HTF and FHPAP, visit the following links:

Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Program Rental Assistance

Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP)