

## **2022 Low-barrier Shelter Facilities Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Questions & Responses**

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- 1. Is it the intent of City through this RFP process to create homeless housing capacity that is accompanied by future housing management, or is the intent solely to create physical housing infrastructure alone?**

The goal of the City is to rapidly increase local shelter bed capacity and to improve access to the types of services that will work with clients to address barriers to obtaining and maintaining permanent housing. This NoFA will be used to identify one or more projects that may be suitable for a planned City-led application for San Joaquin County grant funds to acquire and/or develop a homeless shelter facility. In order to qualify for the San Joaquin County grant funds, the City of Stockton will commit to providing operating funds for the first 2-3 years (depending on timing and expiration of the state and federal funds slated for operations.)

Though not required, applicants may include information about anticipated operating costs in Section B of the Narrative Response while describing proposed staffing, services, and implementation plan. The inclusion or exclusion of such information will not be considered in scoring.

- 2. Is there a maximum and/or minimum desired scale of project proposals, i.e., project physical size either congregate or non-congregate, or project housing capacity in terms of individuals housed as a result of proposed projects?**

The City of Stockton has recently invested in the development of over 200 new shelter beds and is seeking through this NoFA to additionally develop over 100 new shelter beds. Applicants are not required to meet this threshold. Well-conceived projects, regardless of the number of shelter beds proposed, will be considered.

Projects must meet applicable local, state, and federal regulations and guidelines. They should be “feasible,” which includes adherence to local zoning, environmental regulations, and building codes. Project concepts should also be “sustainable” under state and federal funding guidelines for interim housing programs. Projects concepts that do not meet state and federal guidelines cannot be sustained.

See Section 3.1 of the NoFA for Eligible Shelter Types.

Applicants may propose a shelter program that combines two or more eligible project types. A summary of how the space design meets the needs of the target population(s) should be included in Section C of the Narrative Response while describing how the project meets low-barrier / target population design considerations.