

FUTURE HOUSING INITIATIVE ROUND 2 FAQ

1. Quick question on the FHI Round 2 scope requirements. Did you remove the Electric Induction cooking appliances and Solar and/or Green Roof requirements?
 - I. Yes, induction is recommended but not required. Solar/Green Roofs are recommended and may be necessary to meet performance goals, but are ultimately subject to HPD, DOB and DEP requirements.
2. Is there any flexibility on the induction stove requirement?
 - I. Yes, *they can propose a non-induction stove*
3. What is the expectation for determining the Business as Usual costs? Do we need to pay our architect and engineer to reverse-design the project so that it complies with only a BAU scope? Or do we compare the per square foot pricing of a similar sized new construction building in our portfolio?
 - I. It is acceptable to use the typical cost for previous projects and scale to today's pricing; reverse-design is not required.
4. I wanted to clarify the ULURP eligibility requirement for FHI. "Projects must be certified into ULURP to be eligible to apply," correct?
 - I. Eligibility: The Future Housing Initiative will be open to projects in HPD's New Construction Pipeline that are closing by December 31st, 2026. Projects slated to close prior to December 2024 or that are subject to Uniform Land Use Review Process (ULURP) and have not started the ULURP Review Process will not be considered eligible for Round #2 of FHI. Projects will be competitively selected through an application review process
5. For a project that hasn't been designed to meet Passive House standards yet: would it be acceptable to complete only the "Incremental Cost for Project to Meet FHI Program Requirements as Compared to the Current 'As-Designed' Scope" budget section, and then modify the funding summary starting at Row 45 to use values from Column D instead of Column C in the formulas to reflect the total funding gap? would like to confirm that it's acceptable for a project already designed to achieve Passive House certification to list \$0 for the entirety of Column D, or if this could potentially disadvantage the application?
 - I. In order for us to justify the incentive, both column D and C should be fully filled out. The incremental cost estimates for both columns will be taken into consideration, and the more information we have for each situation the better an estimate we can make on demonstrated need and subsequent incentive. No edits should be made to the workbook.
 - II. If a project is already designed to passive house and no technology/building components needs to be changed to meet FHI standards, you should put \$0 in Column D. This will not disadvantage the application.
6. We are looking at the FHI Round 2 application and have a few questions. Can you please clarify the difference between how a "2a" vs "2b" project is expected to fill out the

budget excel tab? For example, for the incremental construction costs (row 7+), for 2a projects should:1) both Columns C and D be filled out with the same \$ amount, (2) OR just Column C costs be filled out and \$0 filled for Column D costs, (3) OR \$0 for Column C and just costs filled out for Column D, (4) OR \$0 incremental costs for both columns (e.g. "if a scope item already meets FHI requirements, please fill in \$0 for that cell, this applies to both Column C and D," per directions of the budget sheet?) Can you also please clarify what the intention of incremental construction costs Column D is, since the incremental costs in that column are not factored into the Funding Summary in rows 46:55?

- I. If in past projects materials or building components that would qualify as FHI complaint were used, you could put \$0. For example, a typical HPD project would likely have the same energy-star rated laundry appliances that would be used in an FHI project, so that row would be filled out with \$0. In most cases however, option 2 is the closest to accurate.
 - II. All components of the budget section are taken into consideration. We include the incremental cost of section D in order to get a better idea of what redesign costs would be to get to FHI standards on a project-to-project basis, and whether those estimates are reasonable and appropriate.
7. HPD-FHI Team, I am reaching out requesting clarification on Section 7 Exceptions and Exemptions of the Use of Funds of the HPD-FHI-Round 2 Program Description. The text indicates that projects that are being funded by NYSERDA Buildings of Excellence are not eligible for the HPD FHI Round 2 program. Does that exclude Early Design Support as well? The FHI funding is significant and will help projects attain their goal of Passive House certification. Are projects allowed to apply for both and evaluate pending outcome?
- I. Because FHI is offering some support for soft costs, projects receiving early design support are not eligible for FHI funding.
 - II. Projects are permitted to apply for both programs and evaluate the potential incentives they would receive from both – they are just not allowed to receive funding from both programs. However, FHI is more geared towards projects that are in later stage of design process. Depending on how early in DD a project is, they may be a better fit for BOE.