

DHCD PHN 2019-10  
2019 HILAPP Round  
Q&A  
May 29, 2019

Through this notice, DHCD is issuing written answers to all questions that have been submitted to date regarding the HILAPP NOFA which was posted on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ([PHN 2019-10](#)). Prospective applicants should review this document and the original NOFA before drafting their applications for funding. HILAPP funding applications are due by 5pm on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. If there are additional questions about the NOFA, please submit them via email to [ben.stone@mass.gov](mailto:ben.stone@mass.gov). We are sorry, but DHCD staff cannot respond to phone inquiries.

**1) We have four 689 developments with reserves. Can we utilize some of this as our matching contribution?**

Refer you to the PHN, page 2: *3. LHA State Public Housing Operating Reserves*: LHAs may use unrestricted reserves (not state public housing operating reserves) as match. These include funds that HUD has allowed LHAs to use for capital improvement projects in state-aided public housing. In such cases, the LHA must obtain verification from HUD that this is an allowable use, or provided a copy of the regulations or guidelines that state this is the case. State public housing operating reserves may be used as a funding source for the project if reserves are at a healthy (>70%) level, but cannot count as a leveraged funding source that generates a multiple of DHCD funding.

**2) I recently received a large Community Preservation Act award from my town for a kitchen and bath modernization project in one of my developments; can I use this award to leverage HILAPP funds?**

Yes, CPA funds are an allowable source of leverage for the HILAPP program. Please attach the award letter with your application.