

PHN 2019-11
ModPHASE Round 2
Questions and Answers
May 29, 2019

Through this notice, DHCD is issuing written answers to all questions that have been submitted to date regarding the ModPHASE NOFA which was posted on April 18th, 2019 ([PHN 2019-11](#)). Prospective applicants should review this document and the original NOFA before drafting their applications for funding. ModPHASE funding applications are due by 5pm on Friday, September 13th, 2019. If there are additional questions about the NOFA, please submit them via email to ben.stone@mass.gov. We are sorry, but DHCD staff cannot respond to phone inquiries.

1) My LHA already has a lot of existing services. Will that help or hinder us in applying for the money? Should we seek more service provider partnerships as part of the application?

Per the PHN, you should explain how the grant will support adding or enhancing services to what is currently provided. You can get points for serving more people or expanding your program of current providers as well as finding new service providers. We will take existing services into account as well.

The service component represents 20 out of 100 available points; the majority is based on project scope and physical condition.

2) I have a development that has a high Facility Condition Index (FCI) and I believe would be a good candidate for ModPHASE, but it not on the list of eligible developments attached to PHN 2019-11. Can I still apply?

LHAs may apply for ModPHASE grants for developments not on the original list, but need to justify that the physical condition of the development requires a major rehabilitation project. This justification should reference CPS as well as specific capital needs.

Awards will be made following a site visit to survey the existing conditions at the development, so projects that are considered for an award will receive a conditions assessment beyond the data residing in CPS.

3) We applied for ModPHASE in the 1st round. At that time, we were not awarded any funds and was told that once we had submitted an application in that it would remain on file for subsequent ModPHASE grants. I was just reading Public Housing Notice 2019-11 and I didn't see anything that would confirm this.

To help with tracking, we ask that LHAs who applied unsuccessfully in 2016 submit an application, but if needs/situation haven't changed much since 2016 they can resubmit essentially the same application.