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 17th, 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 15th, 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) 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.