

Simplified Q&A: SSHS LOI Info Session 3/10/26

Are organizations eligible if they've applied to other opportunities at The Chicago Community Trust this year?

Yes, with some limits.

Eligible if your organization either:

- Is in the *Sustainable Solutions for Housing Stability* or *Building Pathways to Stability* cohorts, or
- Has received:
 - A *responsive grant*
 - An *Affinity Fund grant* (AAL, AGC, YLF, LGBTQ Fund, Nuestro Futuro, Disabilities Fund)
 - *Project support* from other strategies (Household Wealth, Community Development, Policy Change, Collective Power)

Not eligible if:

- You currently have an *active general operating grant ending after August 2026* from another core strategy (Critical Needs, Household Wealth, Community Development, Policy Change, or Collective Power).

1. Will we receive the presentation?

No. Only the video recording of the Info Session will be shared on our website.

2. In the LOI request amount field, do we enter the three-year- total or yearly amount?

Enter the **three-year total**.

3. Are there character limits for the LOI?

No.

4. Should the LOI's "program models" section be a list or detailed descriptions?

A **simple list** is sufficient.

5. How many organizations are typically awarded?

20-25 organizations.

6. Can two small organizations apply together in partnership?

Yes. Partnership documentation is not required to submit a LOI.

7. Can one agency apply for both Prevention and Housing?

Yes, if your organization does both.

8. Can applicants subcontract with partner organizations?

Not as a subgrant, but you may apply in partnership if the **applicant organization provides direct services.**

9. Can existing programs be funded, or must they be new/enhanced?

Both are allowed. This is a **general operating grant**, so it supports the entire organization, not a single program.

10. For “Number of at-risk households remaining in permanent, stable housing,” how long should we track households?

You’ll report the indicators **annually over the three-year grant term.**

11. Does the requirement to increase households served mean we can’t request support for existing households?

No. Funding can support sustaining existing households.

12. Must the organization focus exclusively on housing?

No, but you must demonstrate **housing expertise** aligned with the RFP priorities.

13. What is meant by “healthcare access and case management” in emergency shelter?

Priority is given to organizations that **actively provide** meals, healthcare, and case management, rather than those that offer referrals.

14. If we run both Emergency Transitional Housing and Supportive Housing, can we combine them in one application?

Yes. This is a **general operating grant**, supporting the entire organization. List both program models, but funding is not tied to a specific program.

15. Are organizations serving homeless survivors of domestic violence eligible? What counts as permanent housing?

Yes, organizations serving survivors of gender-based- violence are eligible.

Permanent housing means community-based housing with **no set length of stay**, where people live as independently as possible.

16. Are you interested only in Chicago evictions, or suburban Cook County too?

The scope includes **Chicago and suburban Cook County.**

17. Are indirect costs allowed?

This is a **general operating grant**. You do **not** need to submit a budget, and indirect costs are not calculated separately. The Trust reviews your financial documents to determine multi-year support.