

TCAP Question and Answer: Technical Assistance



The following questions and answers are intended to assist TCAP grantees to understand and comply with various TCAP requirements. These questions and answers are not a substitute for reading and understanding the Recovery Act, TCAP grant agreement provisions, or other regulatory requirements.

1. **Where can TCAP grantees go for additional training and technical assistance on the TCAP requirements and other Federal grant requirements?**

Answer: TCAP grantees have a variety of HUD resources at its disposal to assist it in understanding and applying TCAP and other Federal grant requirements to eligible Low-Income Housing Tax Credit projects.

College of Experts: Through HUD's College of Experts (CoE) contract, grantees may request training or direct technical assistance on Federal grant requirements such as environmental review, Davis-Bacon applicability and compliance, and the use of OMB Circulars and cost principles. Grantees may **only** request CoE assistance for eligible TCAP projects that already have an investment of HOME funds, or have an [executed, legally binding agreement](#) (i.e., a 'commitment' as defined in the HOME regulations at 24 CFR Part 92), with a HOME Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) to receive HOME funds.

To request technical assistance (TA) through the College of Experts, TCAP grantees should contact the local HUD Field Office. A list of local HUD Field Office contacts may be found on [HUD's website](#). The HUD Field Office staff will evaluate the TA request and forward a formal request for TA services to HUD headquarters for final review. TCAP grantees will be notified by the HUD Field Office staff if and when the request is approved.

HOME Participating Jurisdictions: TCAP grantees may wish to seek assistance or guidance from the state HOME PJ or other state agency or department that may have experience in complying with various Federal grant requirements. For example, all States receive an allocation of HOME funds and have agencies that have federal environmental review experience. For a list of HOME PJ contacts please visit the [Office of Affordable Housing Programs website](#).

Other HUD Resources: Grantees may also find the [HUD website](#) useful in understanding the various Federal grant requirements that apply to TCAP. Program offices throughout HUD continually post guidance, tips and tools that may be of use to grantees. Some useful resources include:

- a. [Environmental Review at 24 CFR Part 58:](#)

- Additional guidance on NEPA and the environment review process can be found through [HUD's Office of Environment and Energy webpage](#).
- Local [HUD Field Office Environmental Clearance Officers](#) are also available to provide guidance. Their names and telephone numbers can be found at the HUD Office of Environment and Energy webpage.

b. Davis-Bacon:

- Additional guidance on Davis-Bacon can be found through [HUD's Office of Labor Relations webpage](#).
- [Regional and Field Office Labor Relations staff](#) are also available to provide guidance. Their names and telephone numbers can be found at the HUD Office of Labor Relations webpage.

c. Lead-based Paint:

- Additional guidance on lead-based paint can be found through [HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control](#) webpage.

d. Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO):

- Additional guidance on Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1974, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and affirmatively furthering fair housing can be found through [HUD's Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity](#) webpage.

e. TCAP Mailbox:

- HUD has established a TCAP mailbox that may be used by grantees to submit questions not addressed through the Recovery Act, [CPD Notice 09-03](#), the [TCAP Questions and Answers](#), the grant agreement provisions, or other guidance issued by HUD. Grantees may send TCAP-related questions directly to the TCAP mailbox at TCAP@hud.gov.