

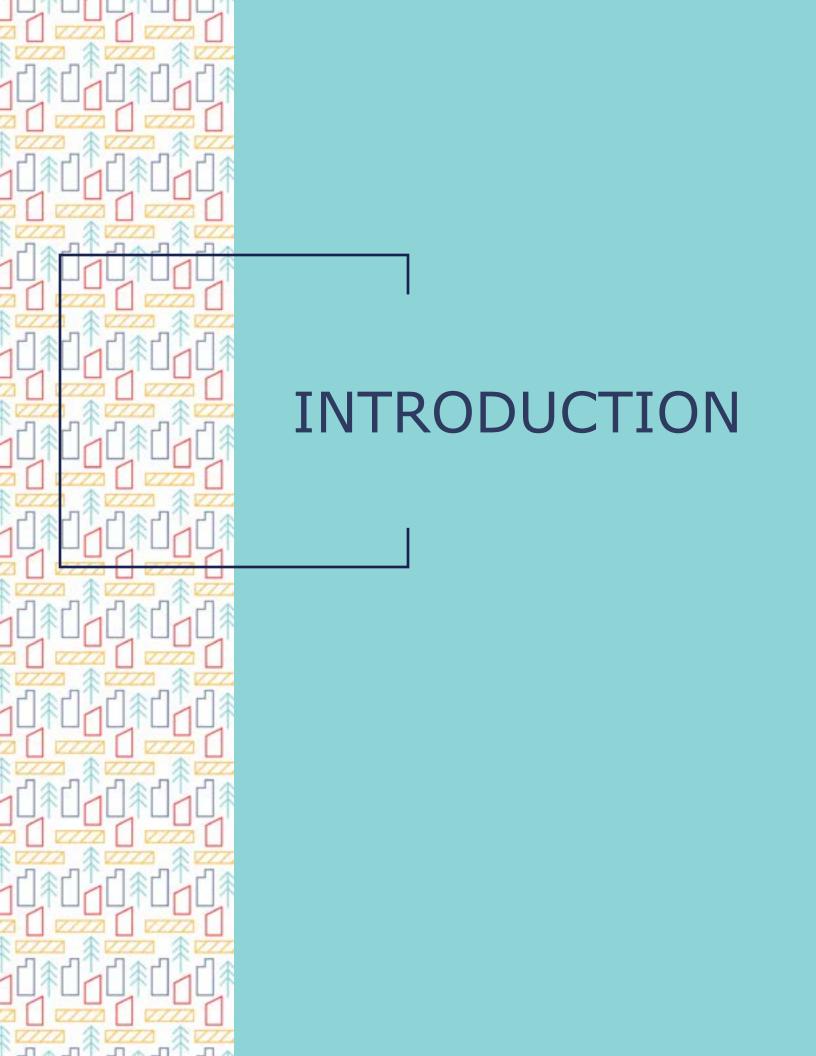


AHP ONLINE: GUIDE FOR SPONSOR APPLICANTS 2025

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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) General Fund!

Members of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (FHLBank Chicago) who would like to submit an application for the 2025 Affordable Housing Program (AHP) grant round must access AHP Online exclusively through eBanking. All members who plan to submit an AHP application should take the steps necessary to access eBanking. Once the member has eBanking access, the Member Security Administrator (MSA) must assign at least one Authorized AHP User in order for a sponsor applicant to initiate an application in AHP Online.

For assistance, please contact Member Support at 855-FHLB-CHI (855.345.2244), option 0.

AHP project sponsors and consultants (AHP) Participants) must apply through AHP Online and may only initiate an application after first associating it with a registered Bank member. AHP Participants may access AHP Online here. Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (12 C.F.R. Part 1291) (the "AHP Regulations"), the 2025 Affordable Housing Program Implementation Plan (the Implementation Plan) sets forth certain policies, guidelines, and requirements applicable to FHLBank Chicago's AHP. The Implementation Plan is posted on FHLBank Chicago's AHP Program Policy and Forms page of the public website. Bank members and AHP Participants are encouraged to review the Implementation Plan, as well as the accompanying exhibits: Project Feasibility and Cost Guidelines, and Scoring Guidelines.

In 2025, there will be one competitive AHP application round with an application deadline of 5:00 p.m. CT on Friday, June **20.** AHP Participants may register and initiate an application starting Monday, May 12, provided their member has registered an Authorized AHP User in eBanking. All Bank members and AHP Participants are strongly encouraged to register via these online systems well in advance of the AHP application deadline to allow sufficient time to properly develop and assemble the application.



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Key Changes to the 2025 Affordable Housing Program

FHLBank Chicago made several notable changes to its Affordable Housing Program (AHP) in 2025. The maximum AHP Subsidy per Project is \$2,000,000!

AHP Round Timing

In 2025, the competitive AHP round will be open for application submittal from **Monday**, **May 12**, to **Friday**, **June 20**, **at 5:00** p.m. **CST**.

Scoring Guidelines

The table on the following page shows the scoring categories for 2025.

Please refer to the 2025 Implementation Plan for more details on all scoring changes.

Financial Feasibility Guidelines

For specific changes, please consult the 2025 Implementation Plan.

Self-Scoring Worksheet

Please take advantage of the updated AHP Self-Scoring Worksheet, available on the AHP Program Policy and Forms website. However, please note that this checklist is for informational purposes only and does not guarantee a specific score. If you have scoring questions, please reach out to ahp@fhlbc.com or 312.565.5824.

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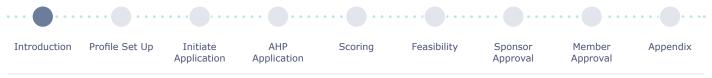
Note: Applications are only eligible to receive points for the categories in which they attempt points.

Fixed-point criteria: pass/fail for all points in the category

Variable-point criteria: varying degrees by which an application can satisfy the criteria

Scoring Category	Point System	Max Points	Change	
Use of Donated or Conveyed Government-Owned or Other Properties	Variable	5		
Project Sponsorship	Fixed	5		
Targeting	Variable	20		
Housing for Homeless Households	Fixed	5		
Housing for Special Needs Populations	Fixed	5		
Rural Housing	Fixed	7		
Creating Economic Opportunity through Mixed-Income Areas	Variable	5		
Community Stability: Rehabilitation of Existing Occupied Housing	Fixed	9		
Community Stability: Construction or Preservation of Owner-Occupied Housing	Fixed	7	X	
In-District Projects	Variable	8		
Projects Serving Low-Income Areas	Variable	4	X	
Emerging Project Sponsors	Fixed	4	X	
Operational Efficiency	Fixed	3	X	
Projects of 24 or Fewer Units	Fixed	5		
Total Possible Points 92				

^{*}CHANGE: The scoring categories marked in the "Change" column have been updated since the 2024 AHP program year. Please pay close attention to these sections in the guide and review the 2025 Implementation Plan for more details.





Helpful Hints for Entering an Application in AHP Online

Registration

Setup a User Profile: First you will need to register as a user in AHP Online. Follow the instructions in the Setting Up Registration & Profile section of this guide.

Associate Your User Profile with an Organization: After you register, you will be prompted to associate yourself with an organization. This is the organization that employs you, not the organization to which you provide consulting services. If you are a consultant, you must associate yourself with your consulting company and be included as an Input Contact in the application.

Identify the FHLB Chicago Member Bank:Before you can start an application, you will need to know the name of the Member Bank and the Lead contact person. The contact person must be identified as an authorized AHP User.

System Hints

Use a Supported Browser: To ensure an optimal user experience, we recommend using Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge to access these sites. Please refer to the online troubleshooting directions.

Only Open One AHP Online Session at a

Time: Do not open multiple AHP Online sessions in one browser simultaneously, as this may lead to system errors.

Save Each Page on which you have changed data before moving on to the next screen. You will be automatically logged off of AHP Online after 15 minutes of inactivity. Save the screen(s) you are working in frequently to avoid loss of information.



Navigate Between Tabs Using the Next and Previous Buttons at the bottom of your screen. We discourage use of the tabs to navigate between sections, as this can cause system errors.

Do not press the Back button or arrow, typically located in the top-left corner of your browser, as this will create a system error. To move through the application, follow the guides on the bottom-left and bottom-right corners of the screen.

Complete tabs in order as skipping around can cause error messages later in the application entry process.

















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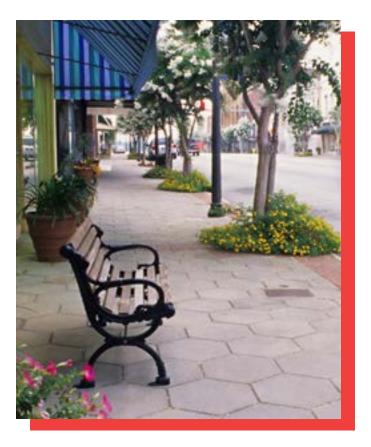
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Helpful Hints for Entering an Application in AHP Online

Complete All Required Fields: All fields marked with an Asterisk (*) are required to save a page, and all fields marked with a black diamond are required before an applicant may Sponsor Approve an application.

Save Information Before Navigating Between Tabs in the Application: (Example: General Information, Scoring, Feasibility, etc.), if you do not click on Save between tabs, the information will be lost.



Data Entry

Avoid Special Symbols: Please do not use special characters such as \$, &, !, (), or # within a text box.

Combine Multiple Documents: For an attachment that includes multiple documents, it is recommended that you save all documents in a ZIP file or scan all documents into one PDF file and attach that single ZIP or PDF file to the application.

Label Each Attachment: Each attachment name should include the application number assigned by the system, the project name, and the type of document (for example, 3001_Park Homes_Market Study). Acceptable formats for attachments include PDF, ZIP, DOC, DOCX, XLS, and XLSX. The size limit for any attachment is 12 megabytes.

Read the Instructions on the First Tab of the Financial Feasibility Workbook before completing and uploading it to AHP Online. The directions need to be followed exactly or the spreadsheet will not upload. If you have difficulty uploading the spreadsheet, it may be a Microsoft Excel version issue. Please refer to the AHP Online Troubleshooting Guide for additional direction.





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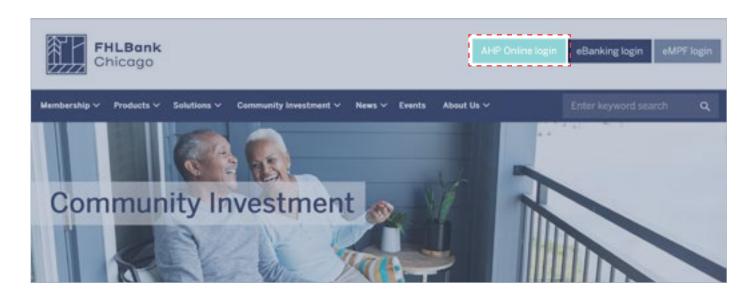
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SETTING UP REGISTRATION & PROFILE

IN THIS SECTION:

AHP Participant Registration & Troubleshooting Tips



A link to the AHP Online login page may be found on the top of the Community Investment section of FHLBank Chicago's public website. The AHP Online login screen allows an AHP Participant to register as a user, reset a password, and log in.

A 2-Step Microsoft Authentication is required for all members, sponsors, and consultants to access AHP Online. **First**, you must follow these Stepby-Step Instructions to download and install the Microsoft Authenticator application to your mobile device and computer. For more information, visit the FHLBank Chicago resource page. For Member assistance, please contact Member Support at membersupport@fhlbc.com or 855.345.2244, option 6. For Sponsor assistance, please contact ahp@fhlbc.com.

All AHP sponsor, member, and consultant contacts will be associated with one unique email address. Applicants are now able to associate one unique email with all applicable organizations and applications.

First Time Registering in AHP Online?

If this is the first time the AHP Participant is logging into the system, follow the instructions starting on the next page.

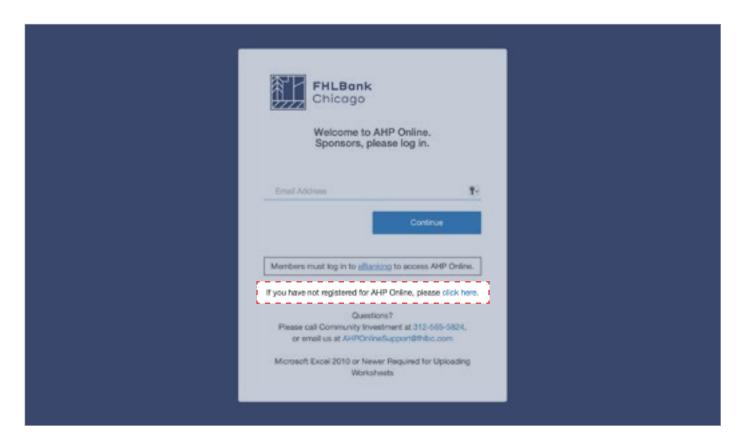
Forgot Your Password?

If users have successfully registered under the new Microsoft authentication tool, but forgot their password, they can reset their password following the instructions in the appendix.

Important: The Lead Sponsor contact should be permanent staff or serve on the board of directors of the sponsor organization and who has been authorized by the sponsor to accept and enter into contractual and financial obligations on behalf of the sponsor.



Step 1



To begin, click the link to the AHP Online login page found at the top of the Community Investment section of FHLBank Chicago's public website, and you will be taken to this login page.

To begin registering, press "click here" on the page, highlighted in red above.



Helpful Hint

Registration must be completed in one sitting. There is no Save function within the screens.



Step 2



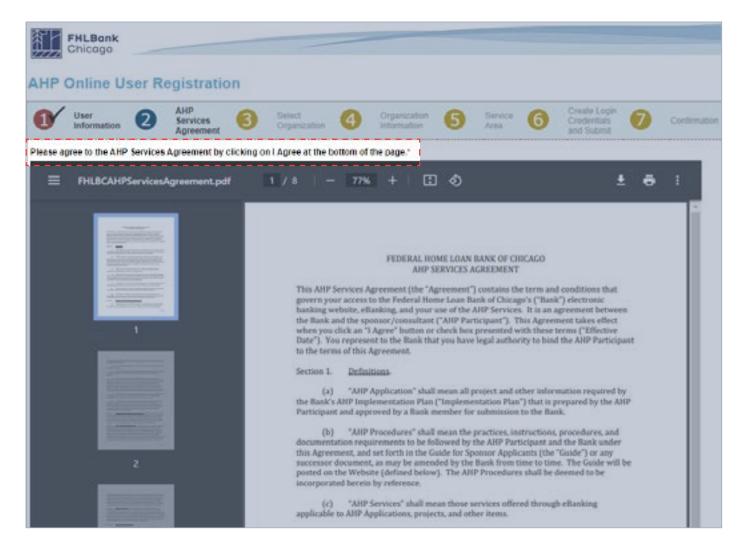
Enter the user's name and email address.

Do not use the Internet browser **Back** button to navigate AHP Online.

Instead, always click on **Next** to move forward.



Step 3



The Bank's AHP Services Agreement must be accepted by the AHP Participant in order to complete the registration process.

Scroll to the bottom to accept and move forward in the registration process.



Steps 4 and 5



Select your organization by choosing from an Helpful Hint existing organization or creating a new one. Search for an organization before creating a new one. If the organization appears multiple times, please contact Community Organization Investment at ahp@fhlbc.com or 312.565.5824. Services Information Organization Arma Organization Information Mailing Address Organization Name* Address Line1* Organization Type" Select Address Line2 Phone Number* Fax Number ZIP* ZIP+4" Lookup Website City County State Services Provided* Affordable Housing Development Employment Training Other Financial Literacy Architectural/Engineering

If creating a new organization, please fill in all of the required boxes and click **Next**.

Applicants should use the USPS "Look Up a ZIP Code" tool to verify the ZIP+4 code for the

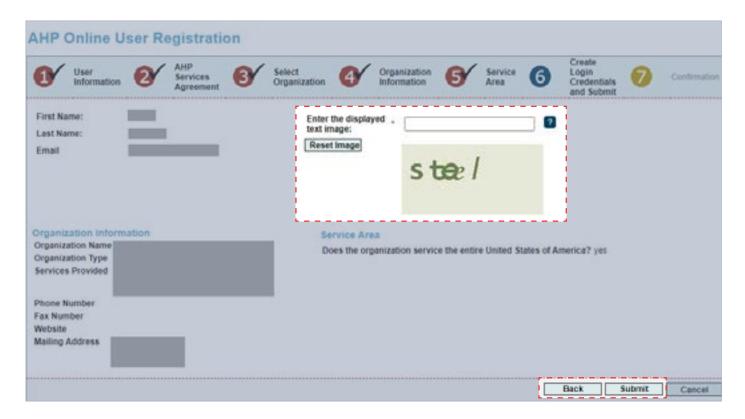
project location. If the ZIP code is correct but not found after clicking on Lookup email ahp@fhlbc.com for assistance.



Steps 6 and 7

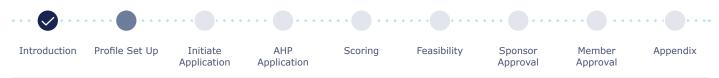


Answer the question about the organization's service area.

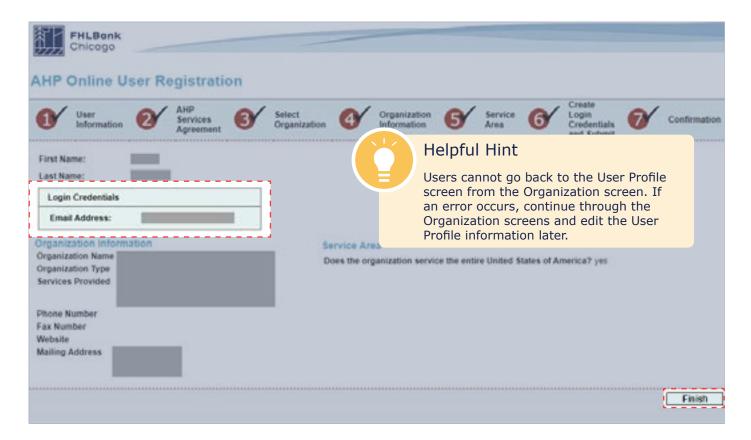


Next create your login credentials, enter the text displayed in the image, and **click Submit.**

If it is necessary to make a correction, use the **Back button** located in the lower right-hand section of the page.



Step 8



The last screen is confirmation that the AHP Participant has successfully associated with an organization.

Click on Finish.



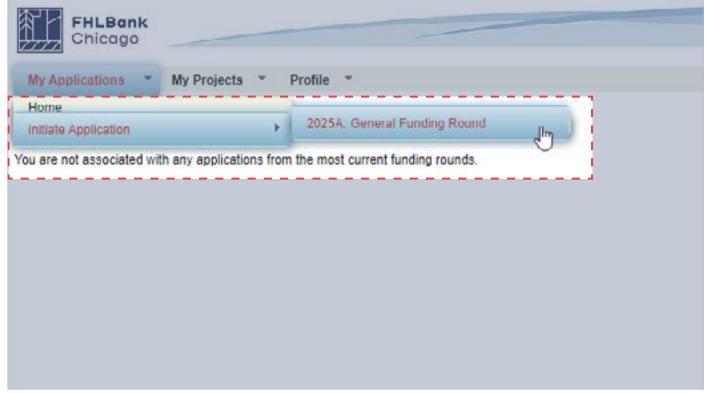
You are done registering your profile.



INITIATE APPLICATION

IN THIS SECTION:

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The next step in the process is to initiate an AHP application. AHP Participants may initiate as many applications as they plan to submit for the current competitive AHP round.

Input Contacts may initiate an application, but are unable to edit Lead Contact, Input Contact, or Member Contact information once the application is initiated. Input Contacts are also unable to Sponsor Approve an application.

The only role an Input Contact may play is to complete an application on behalf of the Lead Sponsor Contact(s).

Be sure to complete both the Review and Submit screen and the Confirmation screen in a timely manner or AHP Online will time out and the Initiate Application process will need to be started from the beginning.



Helpful Hints

 An AHP participant is unable to initiate an application until the Lead Member identifies an Authorized AHP User.

AHP Participants should contact their member institution to register an Authorized AHP User in eBanking in order to initiate an application.

• After an application is initiated, the Member Contact(s) selected will be able to view the application via eBanking. The member will not be able to make edits or Member Approve until the application's status is set to Sponsor Approved.

Important: The **Lead Sponsor contact** should be permanent staff or serve on the board of directors of the sponsor organization and who has been authorized by the sponsor to accept and enter into contractual and financial obligations on behalf of the sponsor.











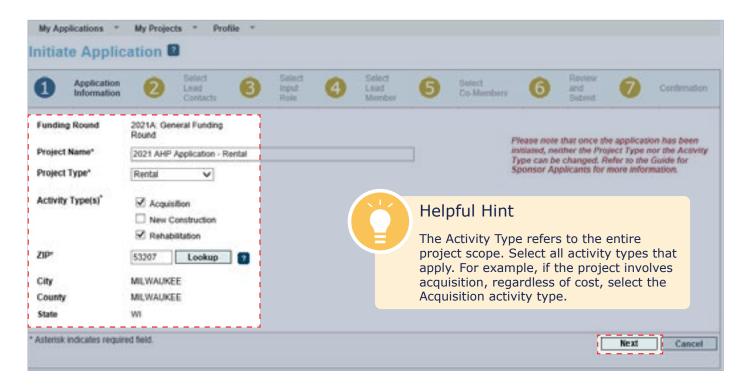








Step 1 - Application Information



Enter project information.

AHP Participants are able to make changes/
corrections to some of the information requested
in the Initiate Application process, once it is
complete and an application is initiated. However,
once an application is initiated, it will not be
possible to edit the Project Type or Activity
Type. It is important to choose the correct
Project Type and Activity Type(s) for the project
during the Initiate Application process.

Homeownership projects may be either Consumer Driven or Sponsor Driven. However, the only option displayed on this screen is Consumer Driven. All applicants must select **Consumer Driven.** Sponsor-driven projects are still eligible to apply.

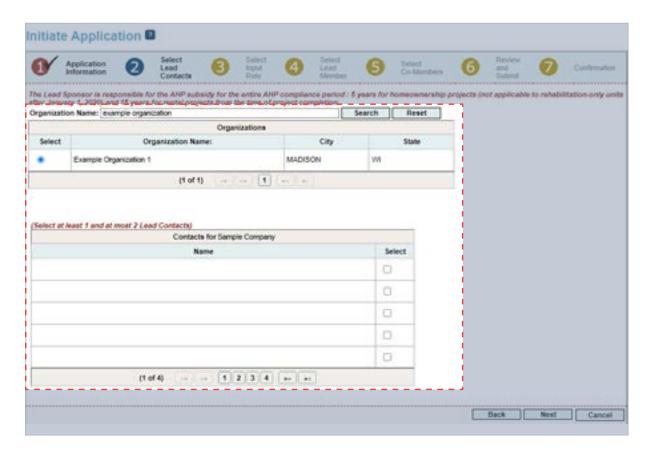
- Sponsor-driven projects are those in which the sponsor organization will hold title or acquire properties prior to purchase by the consumer.
- Consumer-driven projects are those in which consumers purchase homes on the open market.

The AHP Participant must ensure that the ZIP+4 is correct by checking at www.usps.com. If the ZIP code is correct but not found, contact Community Investment (ahp@fhlbc.com or 312.565.5824) to have the ZIP code added.

Click on **Next** to move forward.



Step 2 - Lead Sponsor Contact(s)



Choose the Organization Name of the Lead Sponsor and up to two Lead Contacts:

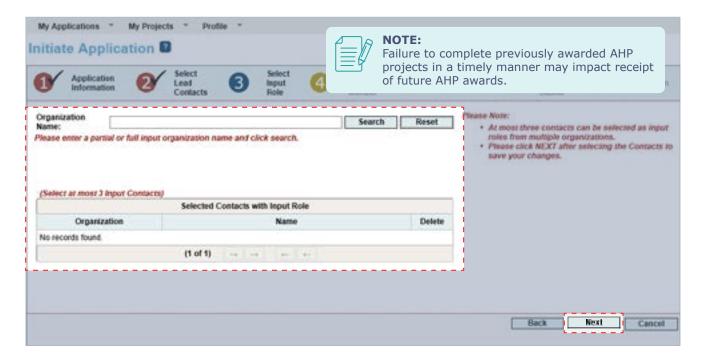
- The contact(s) must include all responsible contacts from the sponsor organization who will be associated with the complete life cycle of the project, from application submission through project completion and long-term monitoring. See the definition of **Lead** Sponsor Contact in the Glossary.
- To search for an organization, enter all or part of the organization name. The system will search using the information the user has supplied. The organization search list includes all types of organizations, including user and sponsor organizations.

If the organization that should be associated with an application does not appear in the contact list, the AHP Participant must create a new organization and associate the contact with the organization. See Registration section.

Each project may have only one Lead Sponsor Organization and up to two contacts from that organization. The Bank does not recognize cosponsors.



Step 3 - Input Role



Enter up to three Input Contacts if there will be another person (or persons) inputting information in AHP Online. Follow the same directions used to enter the Lead Sponsor Contact(s) on the previous screen. Refer to the Glossary for the definition of Input Contact.

If there is no need for an Input Contact, click on **Next** with no information added.

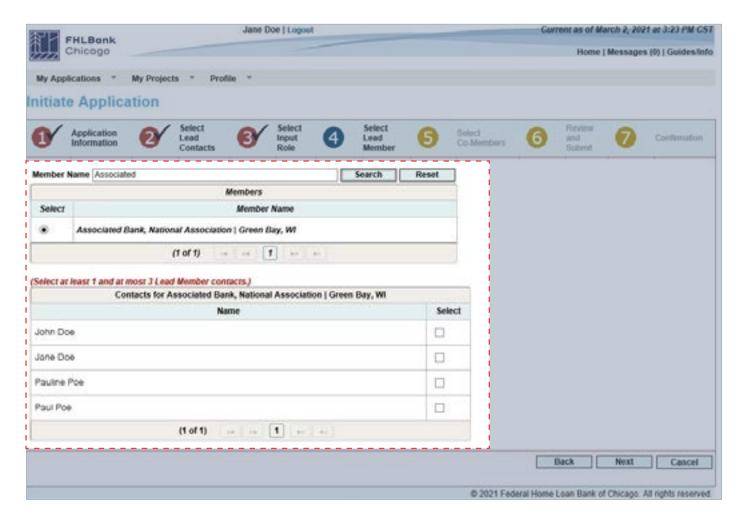
More than one contact from multiple organizations can be given an Input Role for an application on this screen.

As you enter Lead Sponsor Contacts and Input Contacts, consider the following:

- **Eligibility:** Each project may have one Lead Sponsor Organization with multiple contacts from that organization (Application, Compliance, Monitoring). The Bank does not recognize co-sponsors.
- **Sponsor Experience:** Sponsors must demonstrate the capacity to fulfill all roles, responsibilities, and obligations throughout the entire AHP retention period. If the sponsor has little or no previous affordable housing development experience, the sponsor and its development and property management team will be evaluated to determine whether adequate development and compliance experience exists to successfully complete the project.



Step 4 - Lead Member Contact(s)



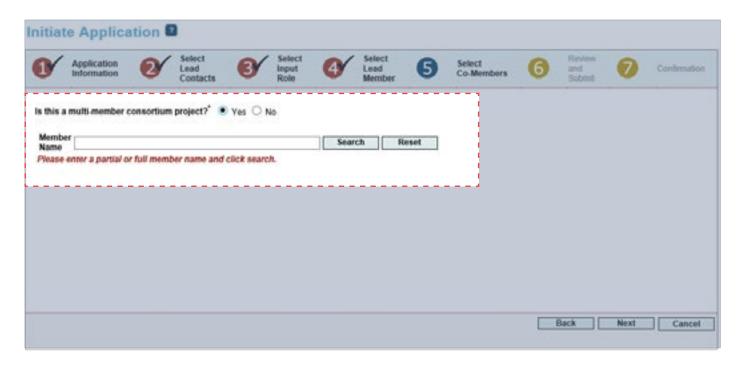
Select the Lead Member and Lead Member Contact(s). At least one and at most three Lead Member Contacts must be chosen to successfully initiate an application. Member Contacts must be Authorized AHP Users from eBanking.

To search for a member, enter all or part of the member name. The system will search using the information the user has provided. **Important:** If the Member Contact screen does not list a Member Contact after searching for one, you will not be able to initiate an application.

Please contact your Member Bank partner to discuss.



Step 5 - Select Co-Members



If the AHP Participant is completing a **multimember consortium homeownership project** application, enter the Co-Member name and Co-Member Contact(s) for each member of the consortium.

Click on **Next** to move forward.



Step 6 - Review & Submit

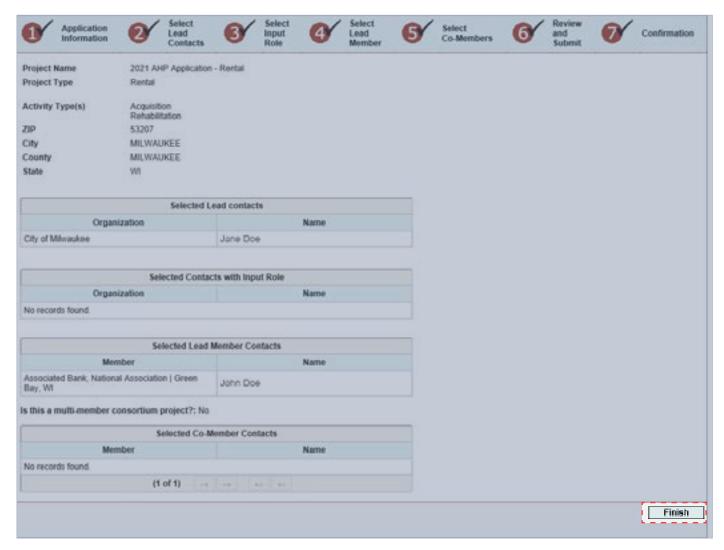


This screen is an overview of the application information entered. Review this information and click on **Submit**.

If changes need to be made, use the **Back** button on the bottom-right corner of the screen to navigate to the page that needs to be updated.



Step 7 - Confirmation

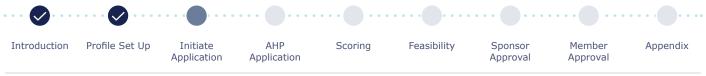


The last screen of the Initiate Application process is the Confirmation. Click on **Finish**.

The application has not been initiated until the user clicks on Finish.

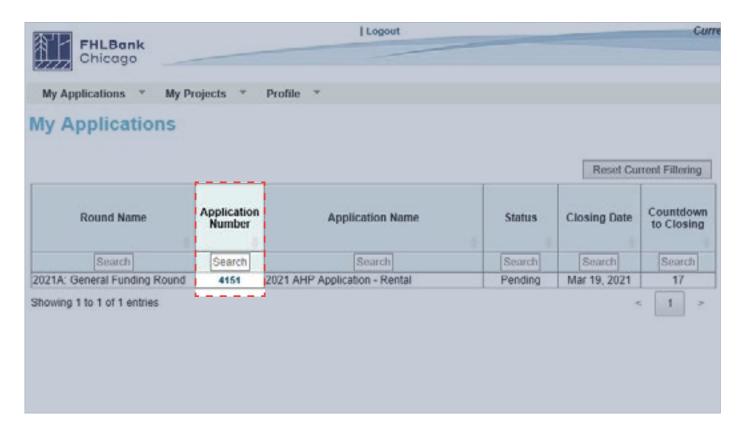


You have successfully initiated your application.



APPLICATION PROCESS: GENERAL INFORMATION IN THIS SECTION: □ My Application & Status □ Application Details: Application Information □ Application Details: Site Information Application Details: Site Parcel Information Application Details: Fair Housing Application Details: Subsidy Amount and Uses of Funds Sponsor and Member Information

My Application



The **My Applications** page is the first screen the AHP Participant will view once logged in to AHP Online.

This screen allows AHP Participants to locate all initiated applications with which they are associated.

To view an individual application, click on its Application Number.

Application Status

Pending

The application is initiated, but is not complete and has not yet been Sponsor Approved.

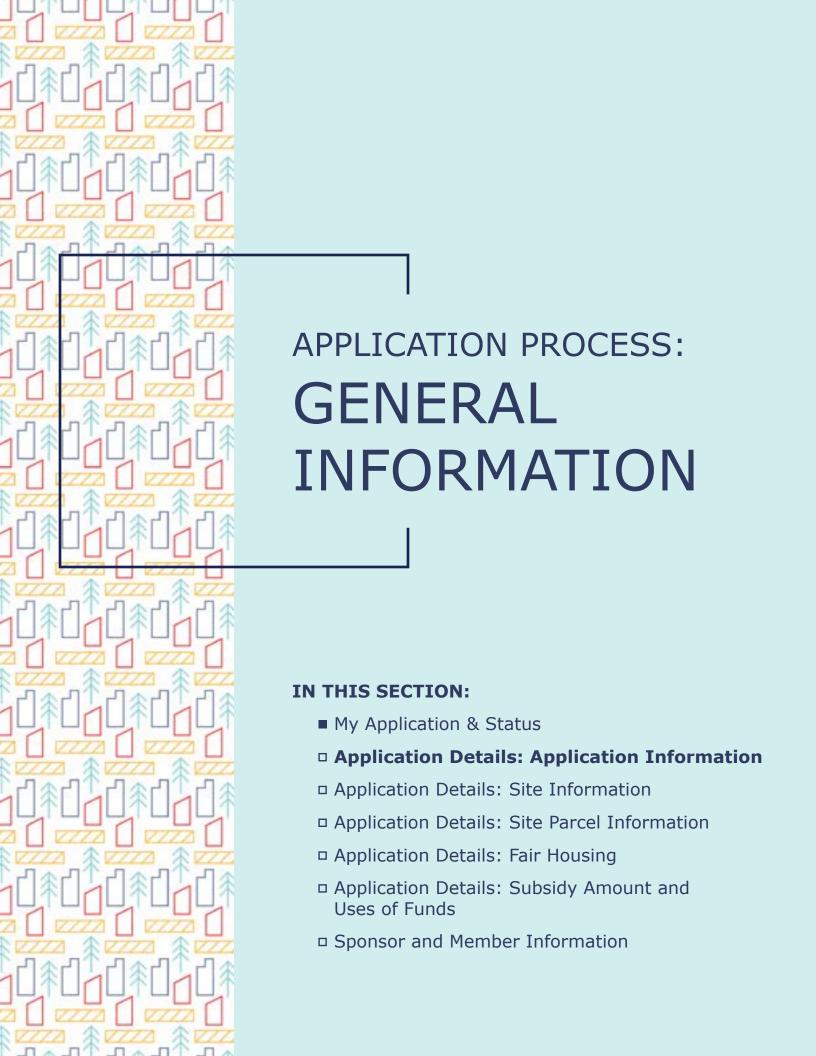
Sponsor Approved

The sponsor has approved the application and received confirmation of approval via email. The application is awaiting Member Approval.

Member Approved

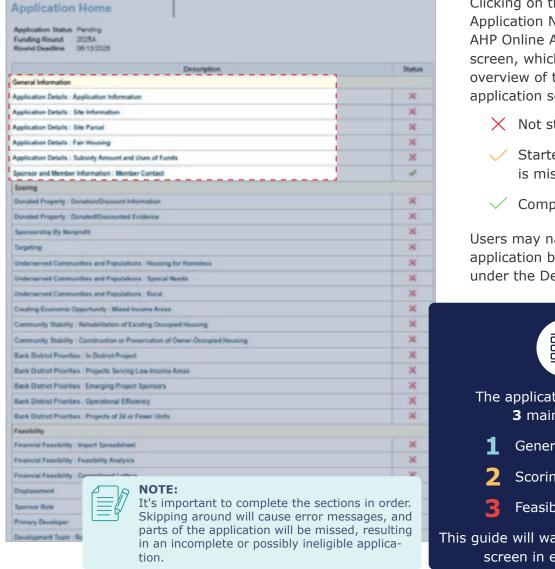
The member has completed the Member Involvement screens, reviewed the application, and approved the application. Member Approved status indicates that the application has been completed and submitted to Community Investment for review. Only applications with Member Approved status are considered complete and ready for review. The application is read-only at this point, and changes can no longer be made.





APPLICATION PROCESS

General Information



Clicking on the individual Application Number opens the AHP Online Application Home screen, which provides an overview of the status of each application section:

- X Not started
- Started, but information is missing
- Complete

Users may navigate the application by clicking on the links under the Description column.



The application is split into 3 main sections

- **General Information**
- Scoring
- Feasibility

This guide will walk you through each screen in each category.













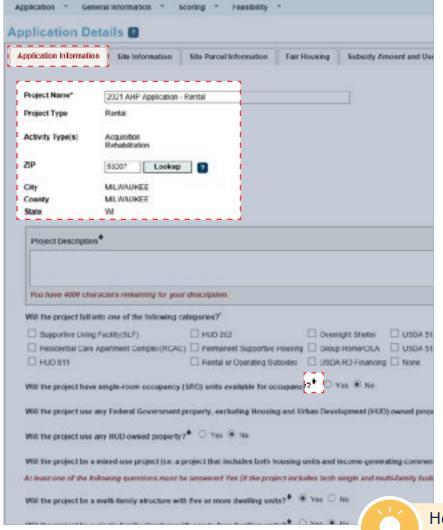






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Application Information



First, enter the Application Information.

The **Project Name** is required and should be the same name entered on the Initiate Application screen.

Project Description:

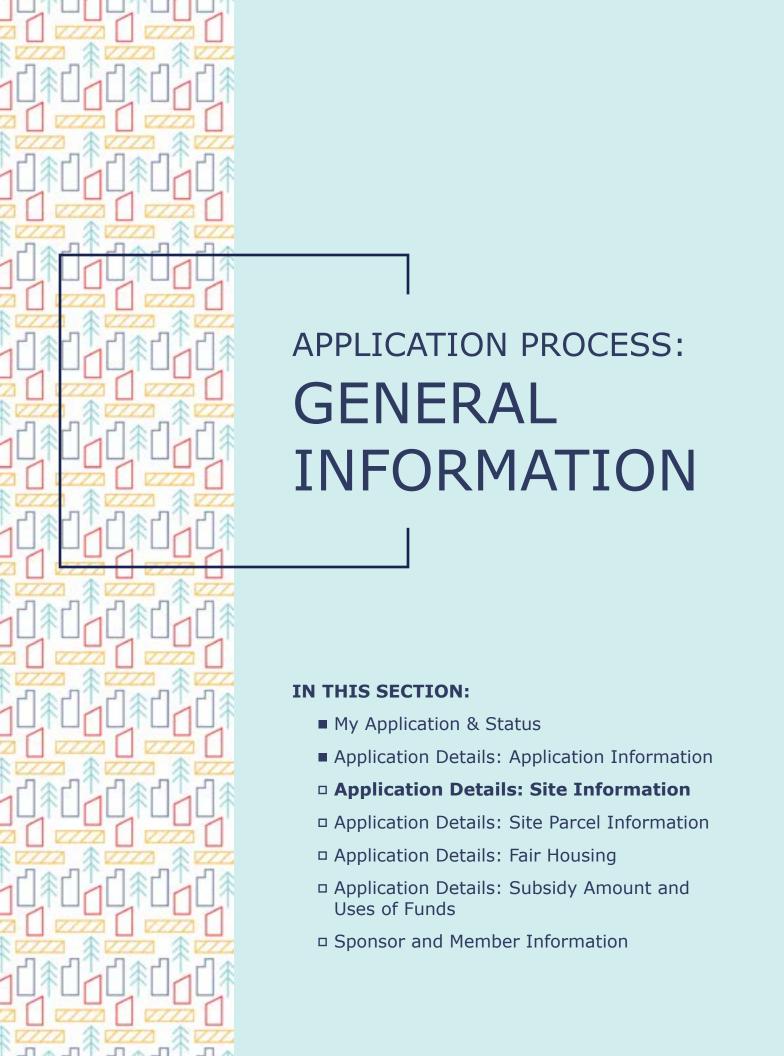
The Project Description field must include information on project type (single-family or multifamily), type of development (e.g., duplex, low-rise, or midrise), unit size, construction type, project amenities, population to be served, and any other special project features.

All questions on this screen must be answered in order to save the page.

Helpful Hints

- Remember that AHP Online screens must be saved every 15 minutes or the system will automatically log a user off.
- Some sponsors may find it helpful to draft the project description in a separate document, then cut and paste it into AHP Online.
- Please do not use special characters such as \$, &, !, () or # within a text box.





Site Information



AHP Participants must specify whether the project is a multi-site or single-site project and provide the address(es) of all known sites. If the project will serve more than one state, please choose Multi-state from the drop-down menu.

A multiple-site project is defined as a project where the units will be constructed on scattered and/or generally noncontiguous sites with individual legal descriptions.

A single-site project is defined as a project where all units will ultimately be constructed on one site (regardless of whether the units are in one or multiple buildings), but may include contiguous site assembly.

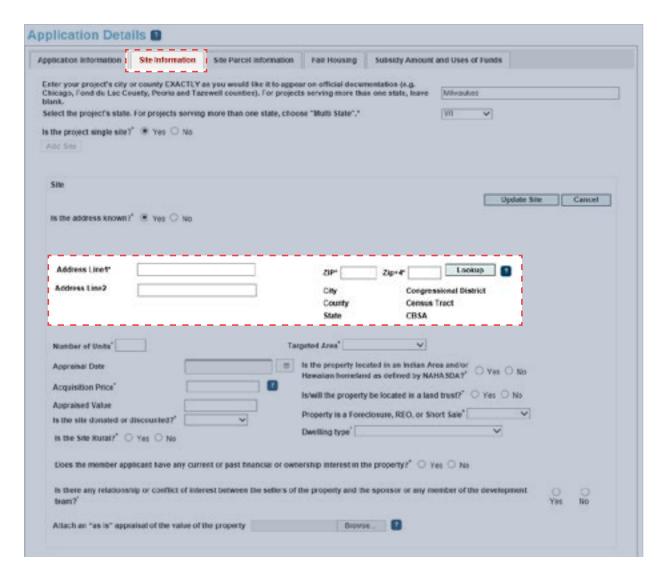
Additionally, at project completion, a single-site project has one legal description.

How to Proceed in the Application

- If your application is for a single-site or multisite project with known address(es), please proceed through p.33-35.
- If your application is for a single-site project with an unknown address, please jump to p.36.
- If your application is for a multi-site project with some or all unknown addresses, please jump to p.37.



Site Information



Address(es) Known

Enter the address of the first (or only) site in the project. Fill in the required information and click on the **Update Site** button. This button will add the site to the site page.

If the project has multiple sites, click on **Add Site** again. Complete the required information and click on **Update Site** after each site addition. Add as many sites as the project includes.

When all sites have been added, save the page. If the page is not saved after sites have been added, they will have to be added again.



Site Information

ZIP+4 and Census Tract Lookup

For each site, the AHP Participant must verify the ZIP+4 by going to www.usps.com and looking up the site address.

Once the ZIP+4 is entered and the AHP Participant clicks on Lookup, AHP Online will automatically show the site census tract. The AHP Participant must verify that the census tract is correct by going to www.FFIEC.gov.

Important: Please select "2024" in the "Year" dropdown before clicking search.

If the census tract shown for the site in AHP Online is incorrect, contact Community Investment (ahp@fhlbc.com or 312.565.5824) before the application is Sponsor Approved.

Please see below for how to enter site information for specific project types:



Owner-Occupied Projects: Single-site home-ownership projects with multiple addresses (e.g., a condominium building with numbered units that have distinct legal descriptions) must add a site for each unit. The total number of sites should equal the total number of unit addresses.



Homeownership Modular Housing Definition: Owner-Occupied Projects

using modular building components should adhere to the following modular building definition: A modular building or home is fabricated by assembling pre-fabricated modules or sections and delivering them to a site where they are assembled to create the finished product. Modular or prefabricated buildings must be built on a permanent foundation and must conform to all local building codes.



















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Site Information



Donated or Discounted Sites: If a project site is donated or discounted, the AHP Participant must choose Donated or Discounted from the dropdown menu on this screen. Donated/ Discounted points are uncommon for owner-occupied projects, so please contact ahp@fhlbc.com if you are considering this category.



Short-Sale Projects: The Bank defines a short sale as having two characteristics: 1) the proceeds from selling the property are insufficient to satisfy the balance of the debts secured by liens against the property; and 2) the lien holder agrees to release its lien on the real estate in exchange for less than the amount owed on the debt.



Number of Units: This indicates the number of units to be built or rehabilitated. It should be the final number of units at completion for each site added. If sites are added for nonresidential uses (e.g., a community center), enter 0.



Appraisal: An as-is appraisal is required for the site:

- If there is any current or past financial or ownership interest in the project site by the member (e.g., real estate owned [REO], foreclosure, short sale);
- If the site is discounted; or
- If there is an identity of interest between the buyer and seller, unless the transaction qualifies as a donation (as defined in the 2025 Implementation Plan). An identity of interest is defined as an instance in which the seller will have a direct or indirect ownership interest in the project. When the acquisition is initially arm's length but is followed by an acquisition where there is an identity of interest between the buyer and seller that is necessary to facilitate the project, an appraisal is not required.

The third-party as-is appraisal must be completed within **18 months** of the earlier of the conveyance date or AHP application deadline.



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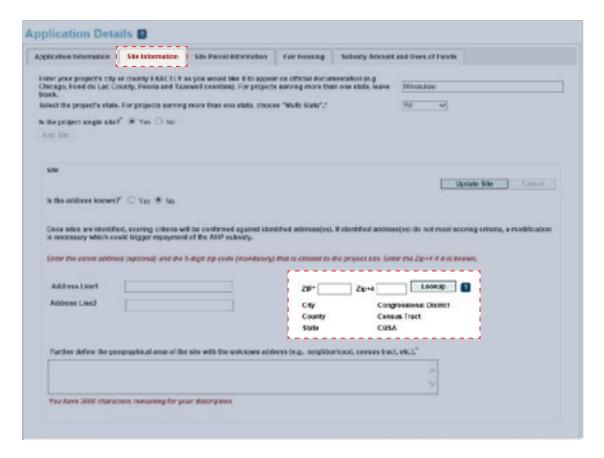








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Single-Site Project With Unknown Address

For projects with an unknown site address, indicate the anticipated address of the site. An intersection near the site is an acceptable entry for the address.

If an address is not available, the AHP Participant must enter the ZIP+4 (mandatory) for the area closest to the anticipated project site.

If an intersection is used as the closest address to an unknown single site and the ZIP+4 is unknown, the AHP Participant should locate the closest address to the intersection to find the ZIP+4 on www.usps.com.

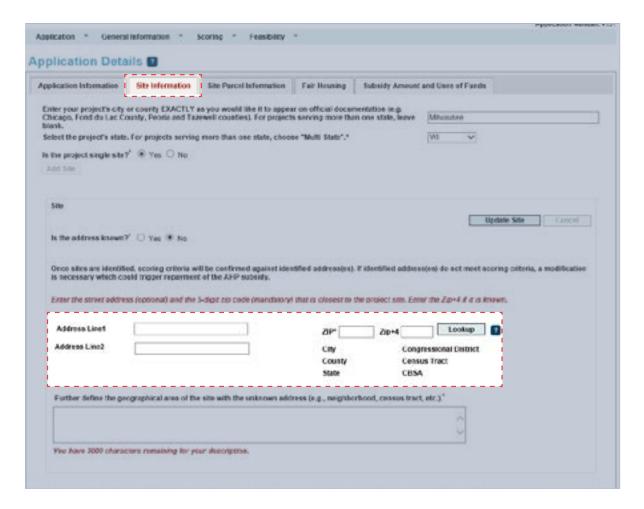
Once the ZIP+4 is entered and the AHP Participant clicks on Lookup, AHP Online will automatically show the site census tract. The AHP Participant must verify that the census tract is correct by going to www.FFIEC.gov.

Important: Please select "2024" in the "Year" dropdown before clicking search.

If the census tract shown for the site in AHP Online is incorrect, contact Community Investment (ahp@fhlbc.com or 312.565.5824) before the application is Sponsor Approved.



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Multi-Site Project With Unknown Addresses

Projects with multiple unknown sites should indicate an address near the middle of the anticipated target area. The address must include the ZIP+4.

ZIP+4 and Census Tract Lookup

The AHP Participant must verify the ZIP+4 by going to www.usps.com and looking up the representative site address.

Once the ZIP+4 is entered and the AHP Participant clicks on Lookup, AHP Online will automatically show the site census tract. The AHP Participant must verify that the census tract is correct by going to www.FFIEC.gov.

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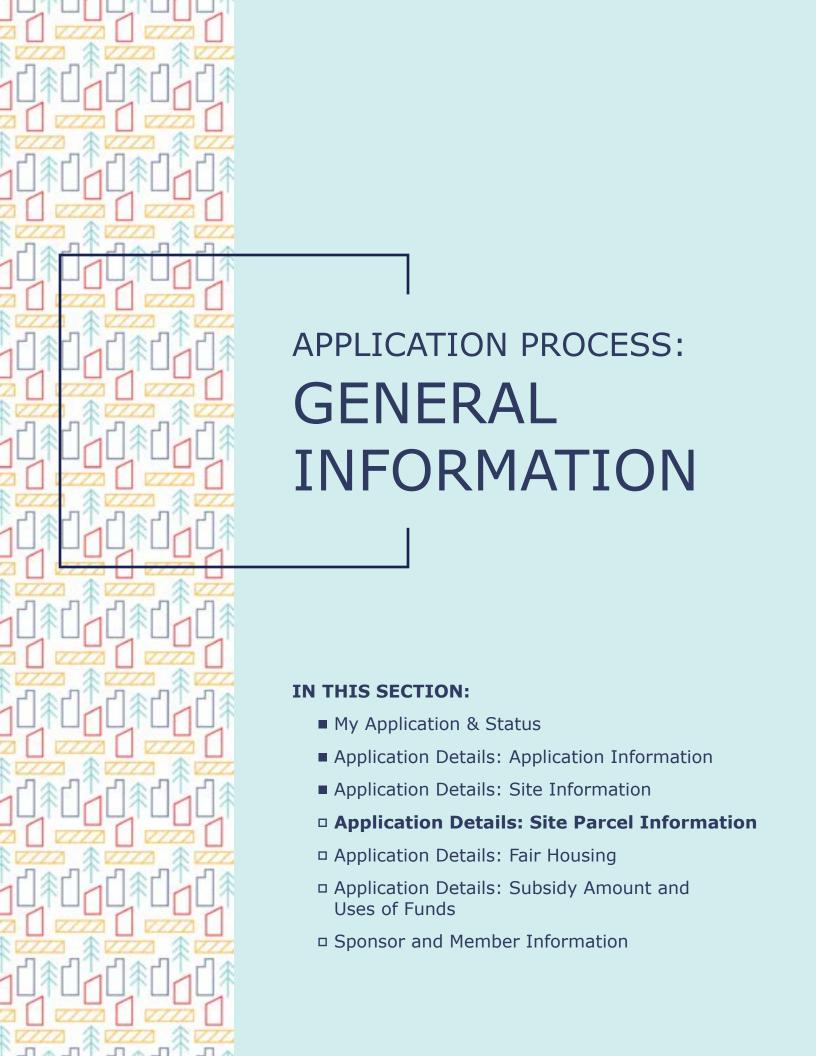
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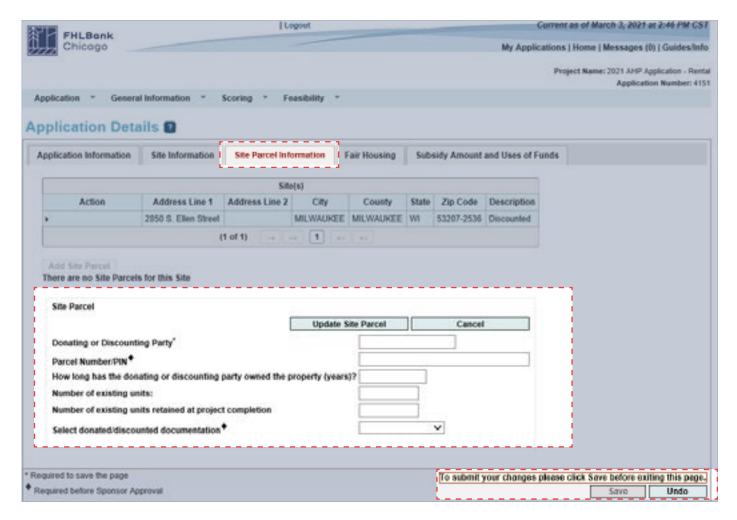
Once all known site information has been entered, save the site information and save the entire page to ensure no information is lost.

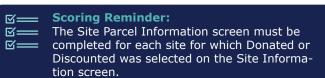
Then click **Next** for the **Site Parcel Information** screen.





Site Parcel Information



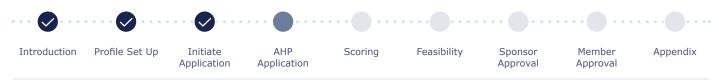


Click on **Edit** in the Action column to insert the Site Parcel Information for each donated or discounted site. Add all applicable site parcels in the project. This information is **important** for the **Donated or Discounted scoring category**.

Donated/Discounted points are rare for owneroccupied projects, so please contact ahp@fhlbc.com if you are considering this category.

Input information for all required fields, then click on **Update Site Parcel.** If this button is not clicked, the information will not update or save.

Once each address with donated or discounted property is complete, click on **Save**.

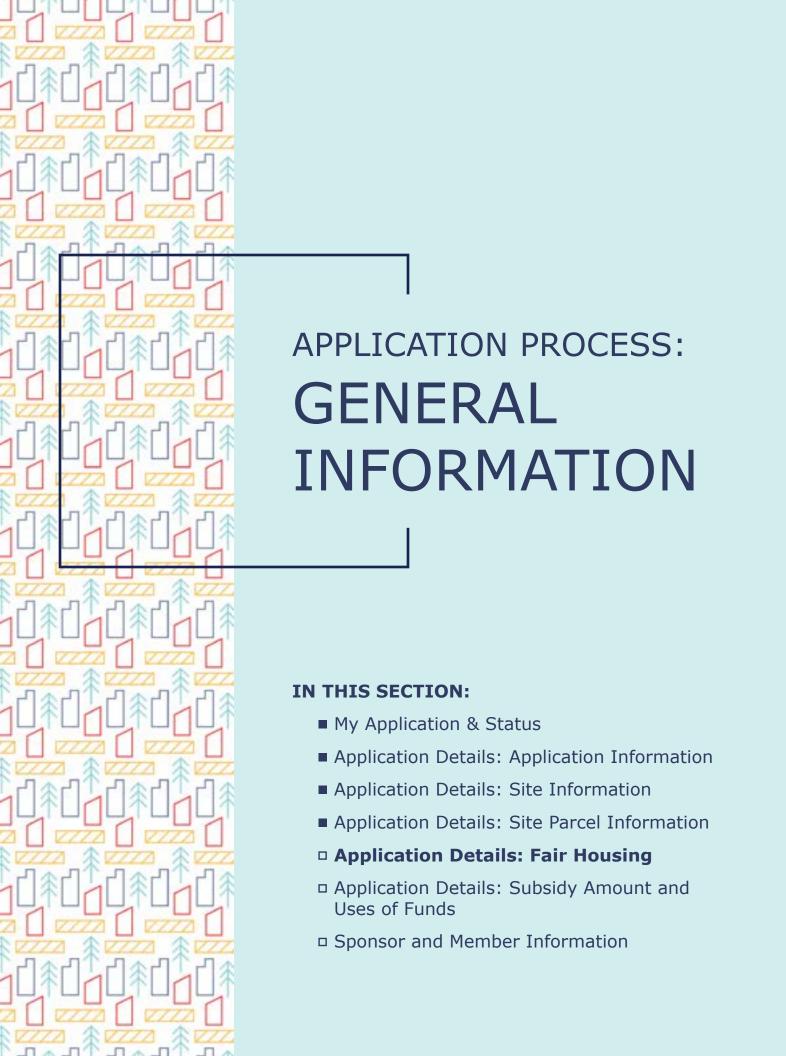


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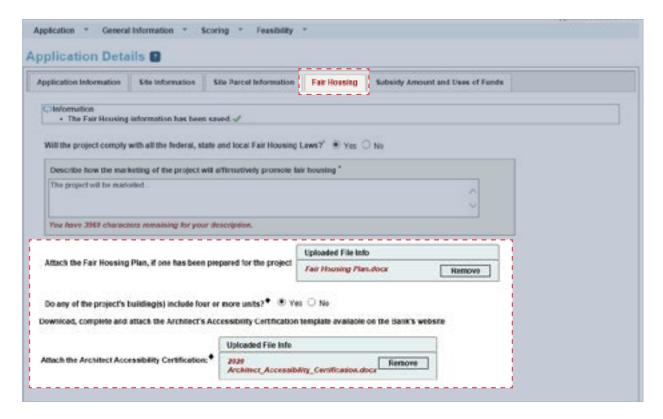


If there is nothing to save on the **Site Parcel Information** screen, it is still necessary to click on the **Save** button to complete the screen. Once the information has been saved, click on **Next**.





Fair Housing



Fair Housing: The project must comply with applicable fair housing laws and regulations. To evidence compliance, AHP Participants must provide a statement and/or describe activities that demonstrate that the sponsor will provide fair and equal access to the project and/or program.

For projects, this may include targeted outreach efforts to the persons/populations least likely to apply for the housing, ongoing fair housing training for staff, referral agreements with organizations serving under-served populations, and comprehensive marketing.

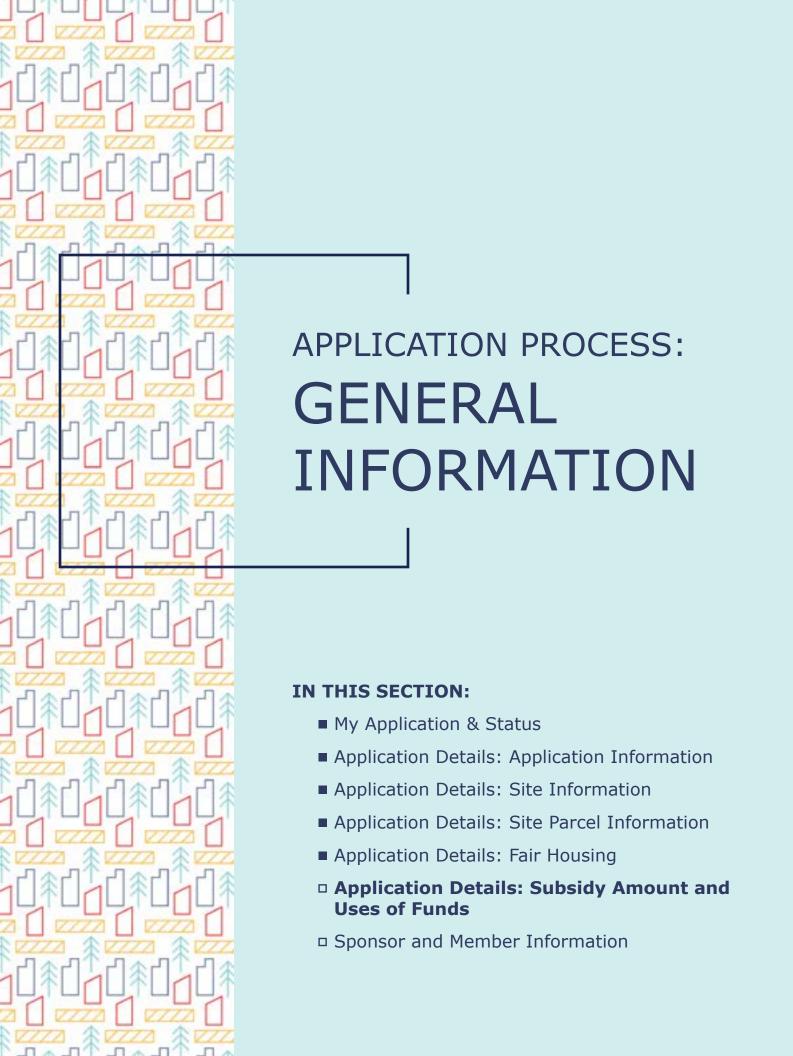
For programs, this may include encouraging banks and other lending organizations to lend in areas that are under-served and to provide

services to under-served populations and/or use nontraditional methods for evaluating credit and loan amount terms based on cultural differences and other individual factors; it may also include the targeted outreach efforts described above.

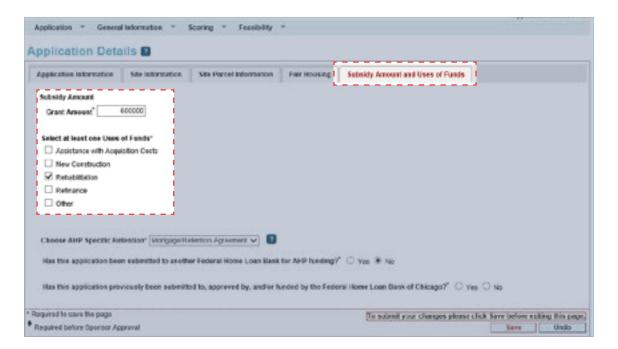
Architect's Accessibility: For projects with identified site(s) with one or more buildings that include at least four or more units, the AHP Participant must attach a completed Architect's Accessibility Certification (view Application Exhibits for more details). This form must be completed and executed by an architect or architecture firm identified as a member of the development team.

• Projects located on tribal land are exempt from the this requirement.





Subsidy Amount and Uses of Funds



The AHP grant amount may not exceed the current year AHP subsidy-per-project limit (\$2,000,000 in 2025).

Education and Counseling Costs

For homeownership projects using an AHP subsidy to fund education and counseling costs, the perhousehold amount may not exceed the current year maximum. If it does, any amount over the maximum per-household limit must be covered with a different source of funds.

If Other is chosen, the applicant must contact Community Investment to determine whether the proposed use is eligible.



Helpful Hint

Applicants should select as many uses of funds as may be necessary to complete the project.

Mortgage/Retention Agreement

The Bank **requires** a recorded retention agreement for each AHP-assisted unit in a homeownership project. You must select "Mortgage/Retention Agreement" to move to the next screen.

Rehabilitation-only homeownership projects are no longer subject to a retention agreement.

If an AHP application has been submitted to another Federal Home Loan Bank, the project can only receive an award from one bank. FHLBank Chicago will manage this process internally with the other FHLBank.



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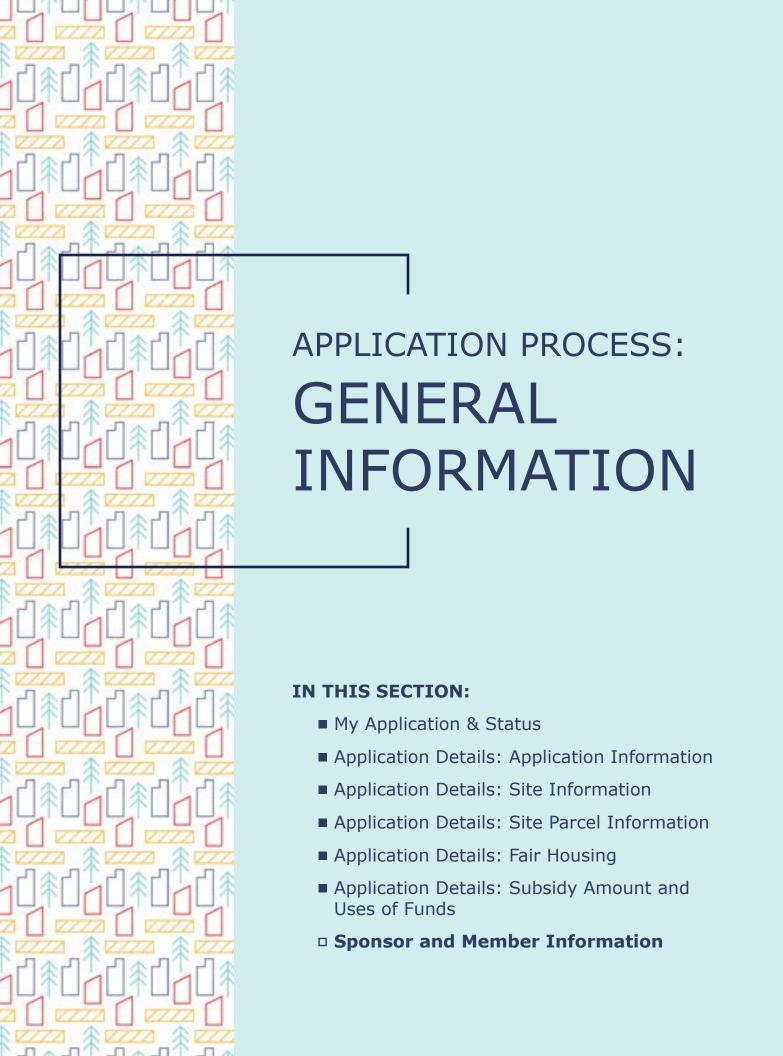




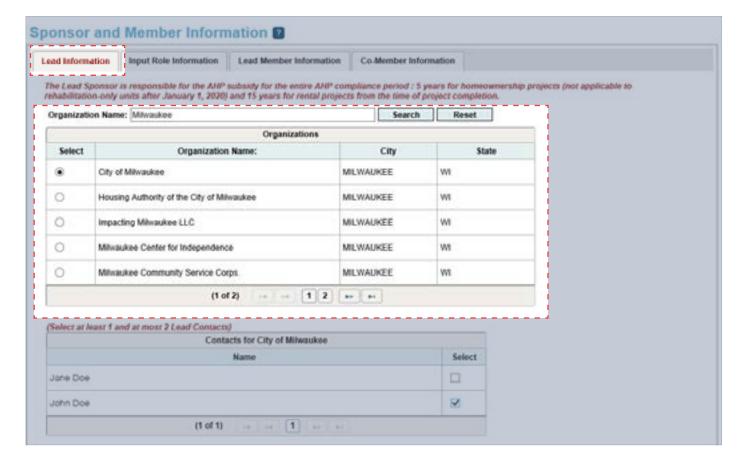








Sponsor and Member Information



The **Sponsor and Member Information** section reflects Lead Contact, Input Contact, Lead Member, and Co-Member information previously inputted. Please review the screens for accuracy. The Lead Sponsor Contact(s) may change the Lead Sponsor Organization, Input Contact, Lead Member, and Co-Member information.

If the Lead Sponsor is changed to another organization, the current Lead Sponsor Contact(s) will no longer have access to this application.

Important: The Lead Sponsor contact should be permanent staff or serve on the board of directors of the sponsor organization and who has been authorized by the sponsor to accept and enter into contractual and financial obligations on behalf of the sponsor.

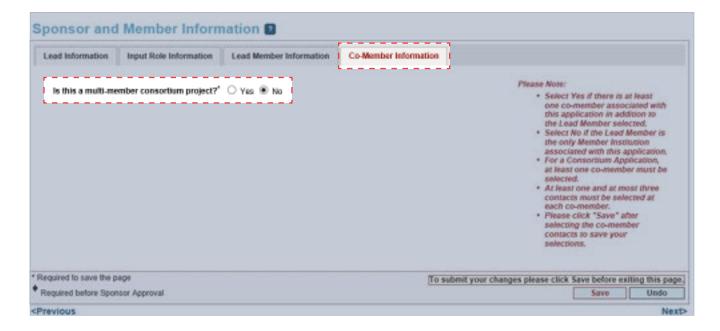


Helpful Hint

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Member Involvement Information

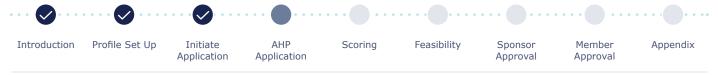




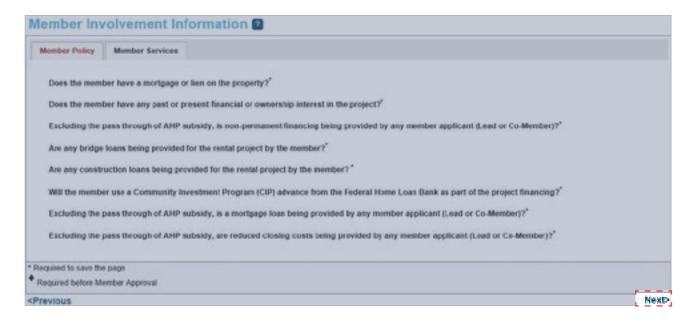
Multi-Member Consortium Project

If Yes, follow the instructions listed in red on the right-side column.

Based on project type, select Yes or No if the it is a multi-member consortium project.



Member Involvement Information





The two Member Involvement Information screens will be completed by the Lead Member Contact(s) during the Member Approval process and do not apply to the Sponsor Applicant while filling out the application.

If the application's status is Pending, these screens will be read-only for the AHP Participant completing the application.

Click on **Next** to move through these screens.



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Scoring Overview in AHP Online

Scoring	
Donated Property : Donation/Discount Information	×
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Targeting	×
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Community Stability : Construction or Preservation of Owner-Occupied Housing	×
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Bank District Priorities : Emerging Project Sponsors	×
Bank District Priorities : Operational Efficiency	×
Bank District Priorities : Projects of 24 or Fewer Units	×

Above is an overview of the AHP Online Scoring screens for Owner-Occupied Projects. This section of the guide will walk you through how to complete each scoring category.

Please take advantage of the updated **AHP Self-Scoring Worksheet,** available on the AHP
Program Policy and Forms website. However,
please note that this checklist is for informational
purposes only and does not guarantee a specific
score.



NOTE:

It's important to complete the sections in order. Skipping around may cause error messages, and parts of the application will be missed, resulting in an incomplete or possibly missed scoring opportunities.

If you have scoring questions, please reach out to ahp@fhlbc.com or 312.565.5824.



Helpful Hints

- Save the screen often. Every 15 minutes or information may be lost.
- Prepare descriptions in a separate document and copy and paste into the text boxes.
- Avoid using special characters, e.g. \$, &,
 !, #, (), "", in the text boxes.

Important: Applications are only eligible to receive points for the categories in which they attempt points.



















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Use of Donated or Conveyed Government-Owned or Other Properties



Up to 5 points may be received for projects in which at least 20% of land or units are donated to the project or conveyed at a discount

Donations and discounts need to comply to the following:

- (a) Land or units donated or conveyed by the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof:
 - 1. 1 point for land or units conveyed, OR
 - Up to 5 variable points for land or units donated or conveyed at a discount of ≥ 20% below fair market value*,

OR

- **(b)** Land or units donated or conveyed by any other party:
 - Up to 5 variable points for land or units donated or conveyed at a discount of ≥ 20% below the fair market value.

*Please note that projects may receive either 1 point for conveyance from a government entity, OR up to 5 points, calculated by the donation and/or discounted conveyance price. With the exception of the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof, the property must be donated or conveyed by an entity not related to, or affiliated with, the member, sponsor, or owner through ownership or control.

Please view the point calculation formula and examples on the next page.

For projects with both donated and discounted land and/or units the score will be the sum of the donated and discounted calculations.



NOTE:

The formula must result in ≥ 1.00 in order for applicants to receive a score in this category.

Important: Rehabilitation-only projects that do not involve the acquisition of land or units/buildings are not eligible to receive points in this category.

If you are considering donated/discounted points for an owner-occupied project, please contact ahp@fhlbc.com to seek technical assistance.



















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Donated/Discounted Information

Example Calculations

$$\begin{bmatrix} B \\ A \end{bmatrix}$$
 x 5 = Point(s)

For Land or Units Donated:

- A = Total number of units or total square footage of land in the project
- B = Total number of units or total square footage of land donated to the project

For Land or Units Conveyed at a Discount:

- A = Fair market value of total units and/or total square feet of land not donated in the project
- B = Fair market value of total units and/ or total square feet of land not donated in the project, less the total amount of conveyance

Simplified Formula for Discounted Points:

[(FMV - conveyance cost) / FMV] x 5

Example 1: Discounted

Project A's project site is a total of three parcels. All three parcels (#1-3) were conveyed together from one seller at a discount.

Project A Details:

Discounted Parcels #1-3

- \$500,000 total conveyance cost
- 50,000 total sq ft

Appraisal of Discounted Parcels #1-3

- Fair Market Value (FMV): \$750,000
- *Note: See p.35 for Appraisal Requirements

Example 2: Donated

Project B's project site is a total of two parcels. Both parcels #1 and #2 were donated by the city for \$1 each.

Project B Details:

Discounted Parcels #1-2

- \$2 total conveyance cost
- 25,000 total sq ft

$$\begin{array}{c}
25,000 \text{ donated sq ft} \\
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25,000 \text{ total sq ft}
\end{array}$$

Example 3: Donated & Discounted

Project C's project site is a total of five parcels. Parcels #1-3 were donated by the city for \$1 each. Parcel #4 was conveyed by a private seller at a discount. Parcel #5 was conveyed by a different private seller at a discount.

Project C Details:

Donated Parcels #1-3

- \$3 total conveyance cost
- 30,000 total sq ft

Discounted Parcel #4

- \$150,000 conveyance cost
- 5,000 sq ft

Discounted Parcel #5

- \$125,000 conveyance cost
- 5,000 sq ft

Appraisal of Discounted Parcels #4-5

• Fair Market Value: \$350,000

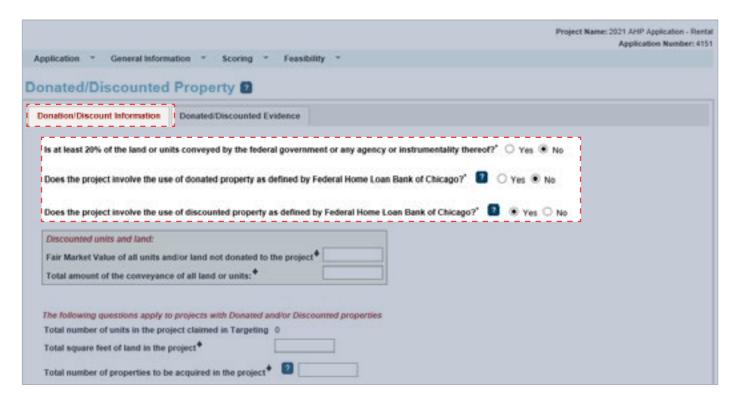
Donated Points

30,000 donated sq ft
$$x5 = 3.75 \,\text{pts}$$
40,000 total sq ft

+ Discounted Points

Total Points = 4.82 points

Donated/Discounted Information



If a project includes donated and/or discounted property and the sites are known, the AHP Participant must have indicated Donated or Discounted for each address on the Site Information screen. In addition, the Site Parcel Information screen must be complete.

For **Donated points**, an AHP Participant must answer **Yes** to the second question on the screen. For **Discounted points**, the third question must be answered **Yes**. If the project will include both **donated and discounted property**, both questions must be answered **Yes**.

The "Total number of units in the project claimed in Targeting" field is auto-filled based on the number of units filled in on the **Targeting** screen.

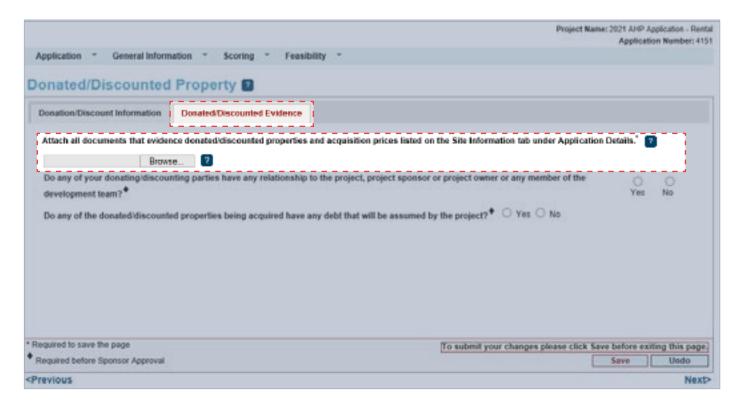
This field will indicate "0" units until the Targeting screen is completed later in the application process.

If the project will include both **donated and discounted property**, select **Yes** to both the second and third questions.

Complete and save all required fields to move forward in the application.



Donated/Discounted Information



All evidence of donated and/or discounted properties must be attached as one PDF file. After attaching the PDF file, click on Save to successfully save the attachment.

Important: Donated and/or discounted properties do not have to be conveyed prior to application; however, if they have been, the conveyance must have occurred within the 36 months prior to the AHP application deadline (after June 20, 2022) in order to be eligible for points in this scoring category.

Applicants must submit evidence of commitment to donate and/or discount that meets eligibility requirements for **site control documentation or conveyance** (see the Project Timeline section of this guide for the requirements); documentation

should reflect the conveyance cost. Such evidence should reference the specific site(s), the anticipated or actual date of the conveyance, and any condition(s) the donation and/or discount is contingent on, and it must be signed by the conveyor.

If attempting discounted points, be sure to include a third-party appraisal on the **Site Information** screen.

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Project Sponsorship



May be received for projects submitted by a **not-for-profit sponsor** that plays an integral role in the project

Projects submitted by a **not-for-profit sponsor** that plays an integral role in the project may receive 5 points, as follows.

Sponsor must be a not-for-profit organization, a state or political subdivision of a state, a state housing agency, a local housing authority, a Native American Tribe, an Alaskan Native Village, or the government entity for Native Hawaiian Home Lands, **and** play at least one integral role in the project by:

- 1. managing the construction or rehabilitation of 100% of the units, and/or
- 2. qualifying borrowers and providing or arranging financing for the owners of the owner-occupied units.

If project sponsor is a government entity

(such as a state or political subdivision of a state, a state housing agency, a local housing authority, a Native American Tribe, an Alaskan Native Village, or the government entity for Native Hawaiian Home Lands), no supporting documentation is needed to be awarded project sponsorship points.



Helpful Hint

The Sponsorship by Nonprofit organization must be the same as the Lead Sponsor identified for the project.



















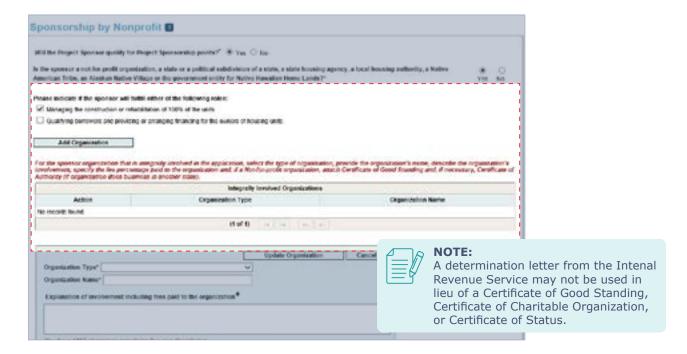
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To complete the Homeownership Sponsorship by Nonprofit screen, first select Yes or No for the question "Are you a charitable organization incorporated outside of Illinois?" at the bottom of the screen. Then, click on Add Organization. Complete the required fields and click on Update Organization. Documentation for this scoring category must also be uploaded on the Sponsor Role screen in the Feasibility section.

In order for a nonprofit organization to receive points for nonprofit status, the applicant must submit a Certificate of Good Standing (or equivalent) from the state in which the applicant is incorporated. Additionally, if the proposed project is located in a state other than the state of incorporation, a Certificate of Authority (or equivalent) from that state must also be

submitted. The certificate(s) must be dated no earlier than 90 days prior to the AHP application deadline.

Sponsors incorporated in the state of Wisconsin must submit two documents to receive points in this scoring category:

- A valid Certificate of Charitable Organization (to evidence nonprofit status), date no earlier than 12 months prior to the AHP application deadline, and
- A valid Certificate of Status (to evidence "good standing"), dated no earlier than 90 days prior to the AHP application deadline

Out-of-District nonprofit sponsors (not located in Illinois or Wisconsin) must submit a Certificate of Good Standing (or equivalent) from the state the sponsor is incorporated in and the state where the project will be located, proving authority to do business in that state.

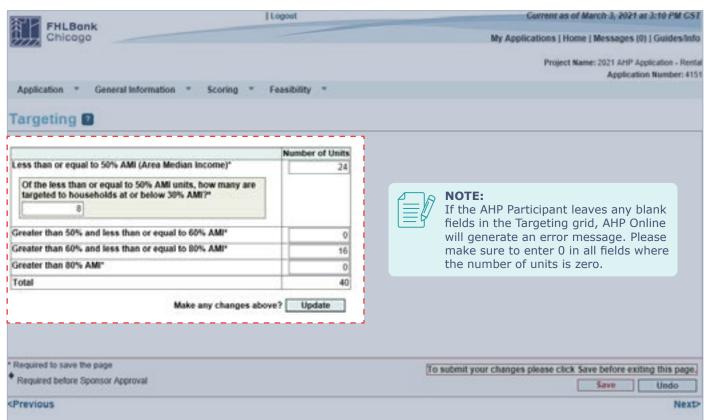


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Targeting



Up to 20 points may be received for the **income levels** that projects choose to target.



Eligibility Information

All AHP-assisted households must be ≤80% AMI. Failure to commit to the required minimum will result in the application being deemed ineligible.

The Number of Units field for "Greater than 80% AMI" is locked for all homeownership projects. All other fields must be completed.

Please ensure the Targeting matches the Project Worksheet tab of the Financial Feasibility Workbook.

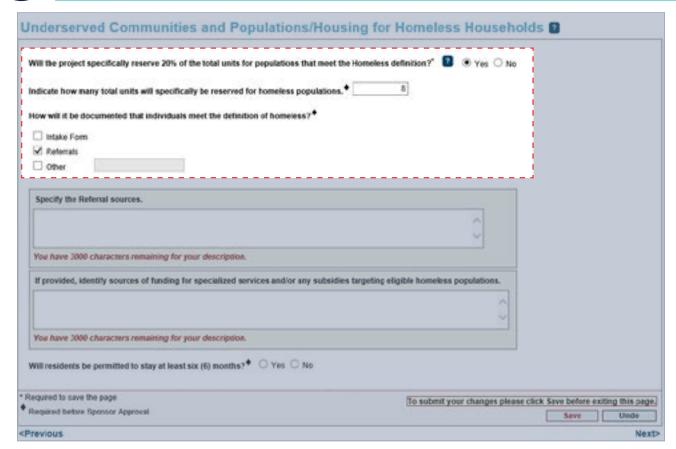


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Housing for Homeless Households



May be received for projects reserving 20% of total units to provide housing to individuals who are homeless.



Projects may receive 5 points if they provide housing to individuals who are homeless. Eligible owner-occupied projects must create permanent owner-occupied housing, reserving **20% of the total units** for homeless households.

Please fill out the supplemental text boxes to provide specifics on how your project will serve persons experiencing homelessness.

Reference the 2025 Implementation Plan for FHLBank Chicago's definition of homelessness.



Helpful Hint

A commitment in this scoring category is a "hard set-aside," meaning the unit must not be sold if eligible individuals or households cannot be found, regardless of how long that may take.

If you are considering Housing for Homeless Households points for an owner-occupied project, please contact ahp@fhlbc.com to seek technical assistance.



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Housing for Special Needs Populations



May be received for projects reserving 20% of the total units for households with special needs.

For purposes of this scoring criterion, special needs populations are defined as:

- Persons with physical, mental, or developmental disabilities
- Persons recovering from physical abuse
- Persons recovering from substance abuse
- Victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking
- Formerly incarcerated persons



- 1. Provide a referral source or indicate that the sponsor has a network through which qualified individuals/families will be referred.
- 2. Provide information describing the sponsor's experience serving special needs populations.

Please combine all Special Needs evidence into one PDF document and attach to the screen.

Please fill out the supplemental text boxes to provide specifics on how your project will serve special need households. Please use the **Targeted Populations Experience & Services Template** to provide a comprehensive description (found on the AHP Policy and Forms website).

For owner-occupied projects, the fulfillment of this scoring criteria will be monitored over the life of the project.



Helpful Hints

- The individual with the qualifying special need(s) is not required to be the head of household.
- A commitment to housing individuals with disabilities under this scoring category is a "hard set-aside," meaning the unit must be sold to or owned by a special needs household, regardless of how long that may take.

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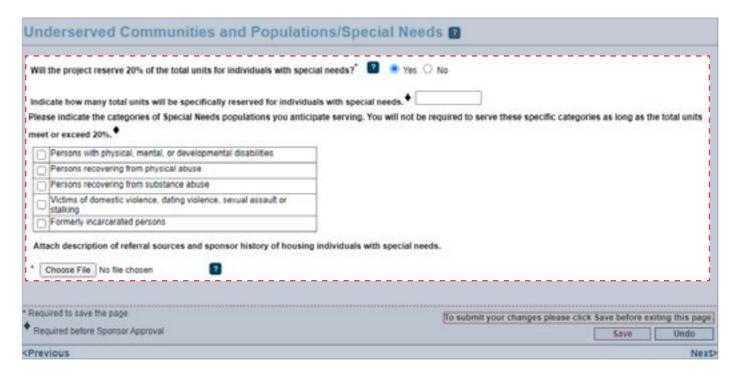








Housing for Special Needs Populations



Input the total number of units that the project will set aside for populations with special needs populations ensuring the number is at least 20% of total units.

Check the applicable boxes for the targeted special needs populations for the project.

You **must attach** supporting documentation (as referenced on the previous page) demonstrating a network or referral source(s) through which qualified individuals/families will be referred to the project and the sponsor's experience serving special needs populations.

Please combine all Special Needs evidence into one PDF document and attach to the screen.

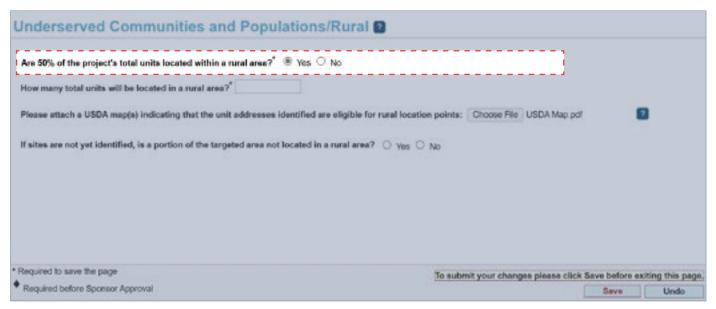


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Rural Housing



May be received for projects in which 50% of the total units are located in a rural area.



Projects in which **50% of the total units** are located in a rural area are eligible for 7 points.

FHLBank Chicago's definition of a rural area will be consistent with the U.S. Department of Agriculture definition.

If a project involves unidentified sites (e.g., an owner-occupied rehabilitation project in which specific homeowners have not yet been identified), applicants should submit documentation of their service territory or a list of representative projects, with locations identified, to confirm the likelihood that at least 50% of units will be located in rural areas.



Helpful Hint

Click here for eligibility determination on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's website and to obtain the screenshot necessary for points in this category.

The screenshot must be dated no earlier than 90 days prior to the AHP application deadline.

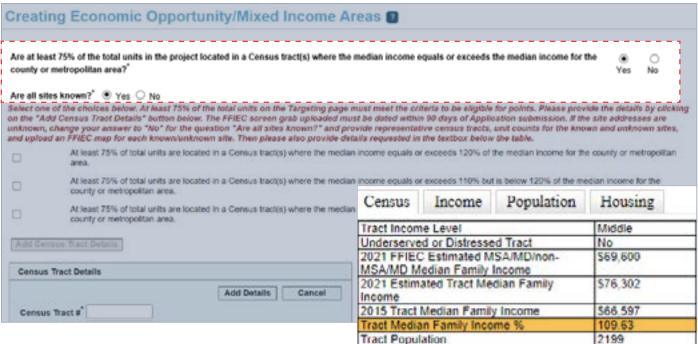


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Creating Economic Opportunity through Mixed-Income Areas



Up to 5 points may be received for projects in a Census tract(s) where the **median income** equals or exceeds the median income for the county or metropolitan area.



To receive points, at least **75% of the total units** in the project are located in a Census tract(s) where the family median income equals or exceeds:

Points	Percent Tract Median Family Income
5	≥120% Tract Median Income
4.5	≥110% to <120% Tract Median Income
4.25	≥100% to <110% Tract Median Income

A screenshot from the FFIEC website is required, dated no earlier than 90 days prior to the AHP application deadline. Select "2024" in the "Year"

dropdown, enter the address and click on Search, then Census Demographic Data. The "Tract Median Family Income %" must be >100% (see example).

If a project involves unidentified sites

(e.g., an owner-occupied rehabilitation project in which specific homeowners have not yet been identified), applicants should submit documentation on representative census tracts to be served in reference to the closest address selected in FFIEC, to confirm the likelihood that at least 75% of units will be located in higher-income areas.



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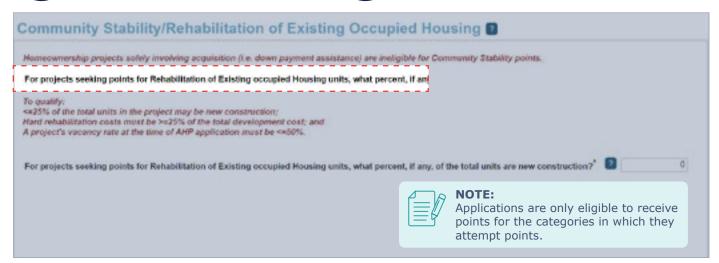
Community Stability



Construction or Preservation of Owner-Occupied Housing



Rehabilitation of Existing Occupied Housing



The Community Stability category includes the following scoring categories:

- Construction or Preservation of Owner-Occupied Housing
- Rehabilitation of Existing Occupied Housing

Construction or Preservation of Owner-Occupied Housing (7 points): 100% of the AHP-assisted beneficiaries must be existing home-owners of unit to be rehabilitated or 100% of the AHP-assisted beneficiaries must be homeowners of newly constructed units. Down payment assistance projects are not eligible for these points.

Rehabilitation of Existing Occupied Housing (9 points): To qualify:

- ≤25% of the total units in the project may be new construction (verify in cell C9 on the Cost Breakout tab of the Financial Feasibility Workbook)
- Hard rehabilitation costs must be ≥25% of the total development cost (verify in cell D70 on the Cost Breakout tab of the Financial Feasibility Workbook), and
- 3. A project's vacancy rate at the time of AHP application must be ≤50%





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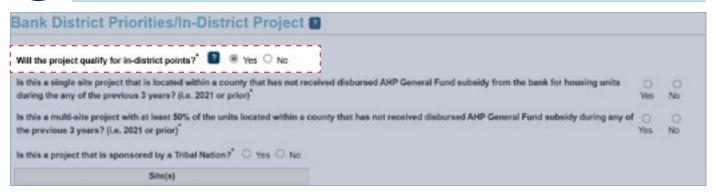
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In-District Projects



5 points may be received for projects with 100% of total units located in Illinois or Wisconsin. 3 additional points may be received for projects located in an eligible county or sponsored by a Tribal Nation.



Projects in which 100% of the total units are located within the states of Illinois and/or Wisconsin (i.e., the Seventh District) are eligible for five (5) points.

Click on **Yes** for the first question if 100% of the project is located within Illinois and/or Wisconsin.

Applicants may receive an additional 3 points for:

- 1. In-District projects sponsored by a Tribal Nation, OR
- 2. **Single-site In-District projects** that are located within a county that has not received disbursed AHP funds in the last 3 years, OR
- 3. **Multi-site In-District projects** with at least 50% of units located within a county that has not received disbursed AHP funds in the last 3 years

A list of qualifying counties is published on FHLBank Chicago's website at AHP Policy and Forms under Application Exhibits. Please ensure the county in which your project is located appears on the list if you are seeking points in this category.

If the project qualifies for the additional 3 points, select **Yes** to the applicable question(s) on the screen.

No supporting documentation is required.

If a project involves unidentified sites

(e.g., an owner-occupied rehabilitation project in which specific homeowners have not yet been identified), applicants should submit documentation on representative counties to be served in reference to the published list of qualifying counties, to confirm the likelihood that at least 50% of units will be located in an eligible county. For owner-occupied projects with unindentified sites, the fulfillment of this scoring category will be monitored over the life of the project.

Important: Applications are only eligible to receive points for the categories in which they attempt points. If the AHP applicant fails to click on **Yes**, the project will not receive In-District points regardless of where it is located.



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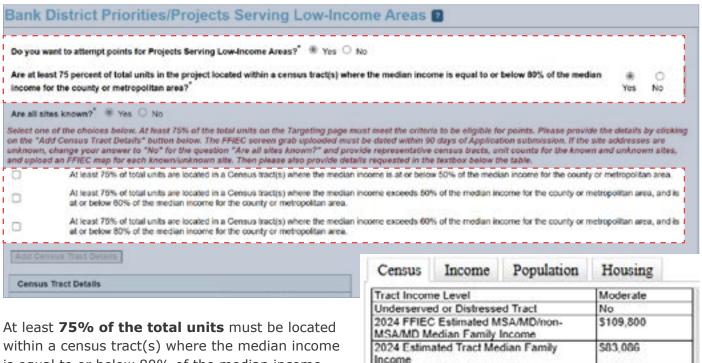
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Projects Serving Low-Income Areas



Up to 4 points may be received for projects located in Low-Income Areas.



At least **75% of the total units** must be located within a census tract(s) where the median income is equal to or below 80% of the median income for the county or metropolitan area are eligible for up to 4 points:

Points	Percent Tract Median Family Income
4	≤50% Tract Median Income
3.5	>50% to ≤60% Tract Median Income
3.25	>60% to ≤80% Tract Median Income

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Tract Population

If a project involves unidentified sites, applicants should submit documentation on representative census tracts to be served in reference to the closest address selected in FFIEC, to confirm the likelihood that at least 75% of units will be located in low-income areas.



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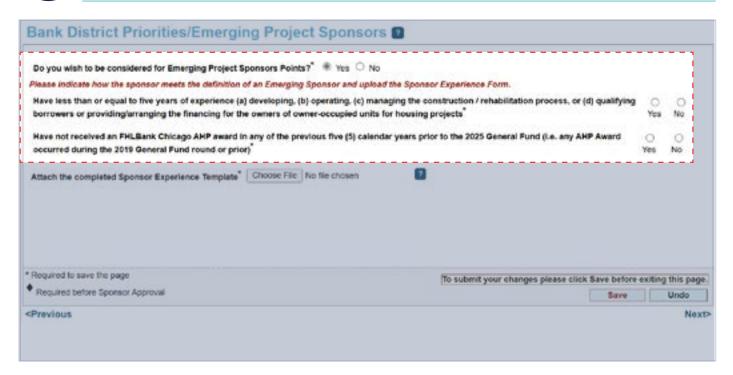
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Emerging Project Sponsors



May be received for project sponsors that are new to the affordable housing industry or to FHLBank Chicago's AHP General Fund program.



To qualify for the points, the sponsor must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have less than or equal to five years of experience (a) developing, (b) operating, (c) managing the construction/rehabiliation process, or (d) qualifying borrowers or providing/arranging the financing for the owners of owner-occupied units for housing projects, or
- 2. Have not received an AHP General Fund award from FHLBank Chicago in any of the previous five (5) calendar years prior to

the 2025 General Fund round (i.e. any AHP award occurred during the 2019 General Fund round or prior)

As evidence for this scoring cateory, please attach the **Sponsor Experience Template** on the **Sponsor Role screen**, found at AHP Policy and Forms under Application Exhibits.



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Operational Efficiency



May be received for projects that reduce property operating expenses.

Bank District Priorities/Operational Efficiency 2	
Do you wish to be considered for Operational Efficiency points?" * Yes O No	
is this an Owner Occupied Rehab only or New Construction Project?" * Yes. O No	
Please select all boxes that are applicable to the project for design element(s), system(s), or equipment that reduces property operating expenses for:	
□ Electricity	
☐ Heating or Cooling	
□ Waste services	
□ Water	
□ Other Utilities	
NOTE: The work selected above should be reflected on your Financial Fessibility Workbook	

Owner-occupied new construction and/or rehabilitation projects may receive 3 points if **50% of the total project units** include eligible design element(s), system(s), or equipment that reduce property operating expenses. Design element(s), system(s), and equipment eligible for points include:

- Electricity
- Heating or cooling
- Waste services
- Water
- Other utilities

Homeownership projects involving acquisition (i.e. down payment assistance) are ineligible for points in this category.

Important: Please ensure this type of work is reflected in the Financial Feasibility Workbook along with narrative in the Cost Breakout tab. If the project is an Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Project, please include a description of operational efficiency-related work in the Rehabilitation screen of AHP Online.

If you have questions about eligibility, please contact staff at ahp@fhlbc.com for technical assistance.



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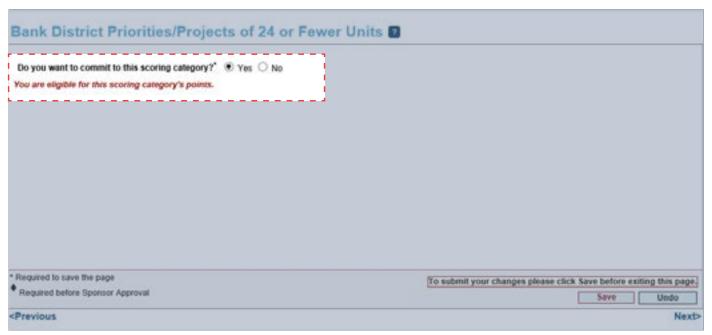
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Projects of 24 or Fewer Units



For projects with 24 or fewer units.



Once the unit count is entered into AHP Online, no supporting documentation is required.



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Financial Feasibility Introduction



In the Feasibility section of the application, AHP Participants must provide detailed financial information regarding the project's development budget, sources of funds, and homebuyer/homeowner proformas. These details are captured in the **Financial Feasibility Workbook (FFW)**.

Please follow the directions provided under the **Instructions** tab in the excel Financial Feasibility Workbook. Specific tips must be followed in order to successfully upload the Financial Feasibility Spreadsheet.



Tips for Completing the Financial Feasibility Workbook

It is recommended that applicants **complete their Financial Feasibility Workbook prior to uploading commitment letters**. Removing or replacing a Financial Feasibility Workbook in AHP Online will cause uploaded commitment letters to be deleted.

We suggest that applicants **save a copy of any feasibility explanations** they are required to enter into AHP Online. Removing or replacing a Financial Feasibility Spreadsheet in AHP Online will cause manually entered feasibility explanations to be deleted.

Helpful Hints for Tabs in the Financial Feasibilty Workbook

Instructions Tab

AHP Subsidy Amount: The total AHP subsidy amount on the Subsidy Amount and Uses of Funds screen in AHP Online must match the total subsidy amount requested under the Instructions tab of the Financial Feasibility Spreadsheet.

Summary of Uses

Total Development Costs: The Total Project Costs under the Summary of Uses tab must equal the Total Funding Sources under the Sources tab.

Homeownership Education & Counseling

Costs: The total amount of AHP subsidy used for home-ownership education and counseling costs on the Subsidy Amount and Uses of Funds screen in AHP Online must match the total amount of AHP subsidy used for homeownership education

and counseling costs under the Summary of Uses tab of the Financial Feasibility Spreadsheet.

If your project involves new construction of single-family homes, please contact Community Investment at ahp@fhlbc.com for technical assistance.

This section you will need the following documents:

- Required FFW
- Commitment letters
- Sponsor financing
- Sponsor experience form

Sources

In-Kind Labor or Services - Do not include the value of any in-kind labor or in-kind services in the project sources.

Sponsor provided sources - commitment letter must be signed by Executive Director or Board President.



















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Import Spreadsheet



After the AHP Participant clicks on Save, the Financial Feasibility Workbook will upload and display a summary of the project's development.

Site and Floor Plans

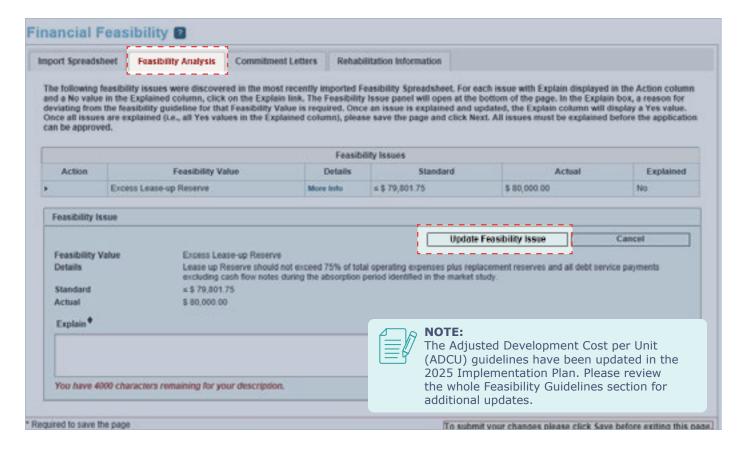
If available, one or more site and floor plan(s) should be attached to the Financial Feasibility: Import Spreadsheet screen.

Site plans are only needed if new construction involved. Not needed for rehab only or down payment assistance applications.

Once the workbook is uploaded and the screen is saved, click Next.

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Feasibility Analysis



The **Feasibility Analysis** screen will populate using the information provided on the Financial Feasibility Workbook.

To Explain or Justify Feasibility Issues

An explanation is **required** for each item that is outside the feasibility guidelines. For each feasibility value, please click on the **Explain** link under the Action column. After a justification is entered, click on **Update Feasibility Issue**. The Explained column will must show Yes to move on in the application. Once all issues are explained, please save the page and click on **Next**.



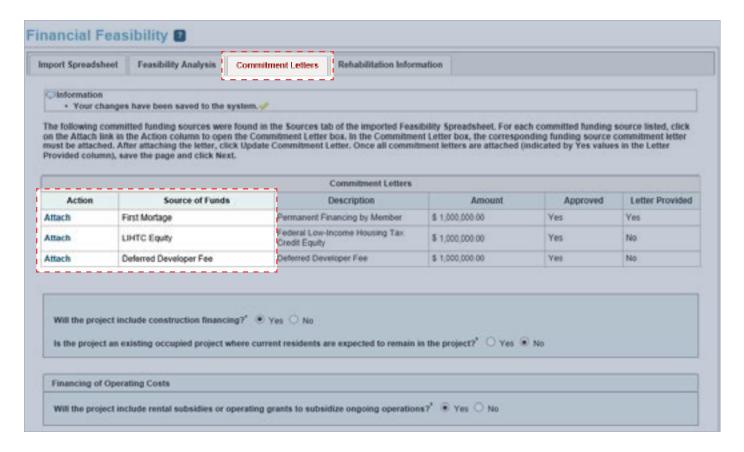
Helpful Hints

- Removing and re-uploading the Financial Feasibility Workbook will require users to re-enter all feasibility explanations. Save these narratives outside of AHP Online to copy and paste when needed.
- To remove a feasibility issue, the issue must be fixed in the Financial Feasibility Workbook and the Financial Feasibility Workbook must be re-uploaded on the Import Spreadsheet screen.



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Commitment Letters



Committed financing refers to any financing source for which a project has received a preliminary or firm funding commitment.

If a project source is listed as committed under the **Sources** tab in the Financial Feasibility Workbook, the Commitment Letters screen will display the committed source(s) and require the AHP Participant to attach a commitment letter for each committed source.

Evidence of a firm commitment **must indicate** the source and amount of the funding, must specify the dates of the commitment and of the expiration, and must be documented by a letter,

grant, or loan agreement, or other executed documents provided by the funding source.

To remove an approved funding source, the Financial Feasibility Workbook must be fixed (the source must be changed to Requested) and reuploaded on the **Import Spreadsheet** screen.

For each funding source, click on the Attach link under the Action column and upload the corresponding funding source commitment letter. After uploading, click on Update Commitment Letter.

If the project has construction financing, evidence of the commitment(s) must be uploaded on this screen.



Commitment Letters

Important: Applications will be ineligible and not reviewed if the required financing and applicable documentation is not in place.

Projects must submit evidence of committed long-term, permanent financing sources comprising $\geq 50\%$ of total development costs. For projects in which the requested AHP subsidy is $\geq 50\%$ of the total development costs, 100% of the remaining funding must be committed and evidenced.

Homebuyer/home-owner contributions may be considered a committed financing source.



Helpful Hints

- Amounts indicated on financing commitment documents should match the **Sources** tab of the Financial Feasibility Workbook. If the commitment documentation reflects an amount greater than what is shown on the **Sources** tab, the AHP subsidy may be adjusted accordingly.
- Removing and re-uploading the Financial Feasibility Workbook will require re-uploading all commitment letters.

Sponsor Equity Contributions and/or Loans (e.g. self-funding via a capital campaign or fundraising): Direct equity contributions/loans committed by the sponsor.

Commitment must be evidenced by:

- Board President or Executive Director commitment letter (see Exhibit Sponsor Funding Commitment Board Letter Template): a letter from the entity on the organization's letterhead indicating the source, amount of contributions, and specific dates of commitment and expiration; and
- 2. Fundraising Experience and Plan, if applicable (see Exhibit Sponsor Fundraising History Experience); and
- 3. An annual report, audited financials, bank statement or other documentation showing fundraising history and financial position.

If you have questions about anything above, please contact ahp@fhlbc.com.



NOTES:

- No documentation is required for the homebuyer contribution made to purchase or rehabilitate a home.
- AHP subsidy used for down payment assistance may not be paired with a first mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA).



















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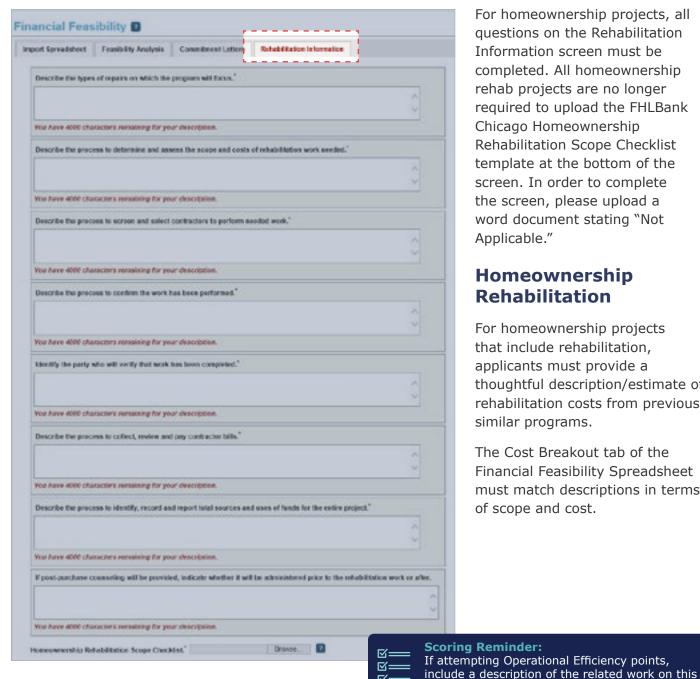
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Rehabilitation Information



For homeownership projects, all guestions on the Rehabilitation Information screen must be completed. All homeownership rehab projects are no longer required to upload the FHLBank Chicago Homeownership Rehabilitation Scope Checklist template at the bottom of the screen. In order to complete the screen, please upload a word document stating "Not Applicable."

Homeownership Rehabilitation

For homeownership projects that include rehabilitation, applicants must provide a thoughtful description/estimate of rehabilitation costs from previous, similar programs.

The Cost Breakout tab of the Financial Feasibility Spreadsheet must match descriptions in terms of scope and cost.

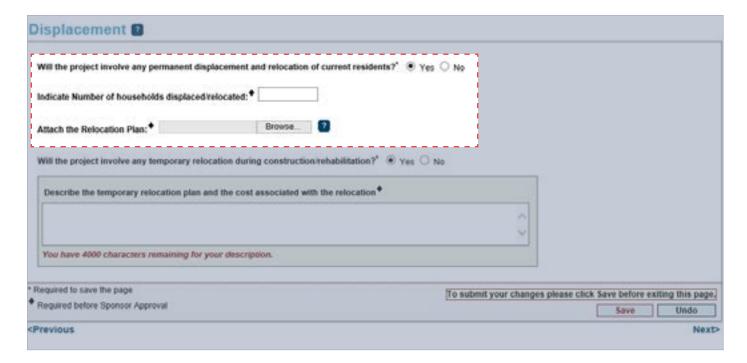


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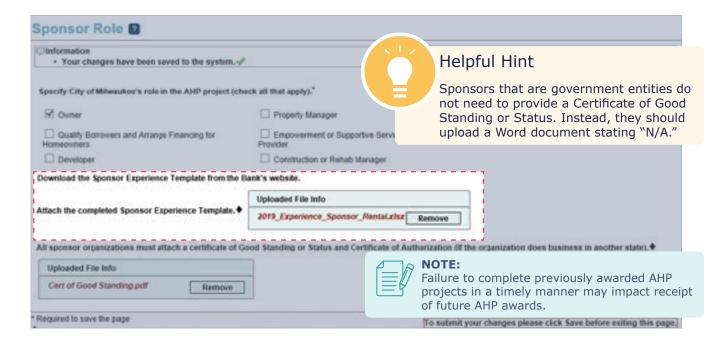
If an AHP application involves the purchase, rehabilitation or demolition of any property that is occupied by existing households and includes displacement, then a relocation plan is required with the AHP application.

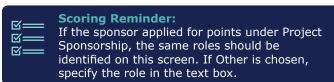
Relocation of existing homeowners or homebuyers is not typical. Please contact Community Investment at ahp@fhlbc.com for technical assistance if your project involves relocation.



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Sponsor Role





Sponsor Experience: Sponsors must complete the Sponsor Experience form and demonstrate the capacity to fulfill all roles, responsibilities, and obligations throughout the entire AHP retention period.

A Certificate of Good Standing or Status (or equivalent) from the state in which the applicant is incorporated. Additionally, if the proposed project is located in a state other than the state of incorporation, a Certificate of Authority (or equivalent) from that state must also be submitted. The certificate(s) must be dated no earlier than **90 days prior** to the AHP application deadline.

Sponsors of Previously Awarded AHP Projects

Sponsors of previously approved AHP projects will be evaluated on:

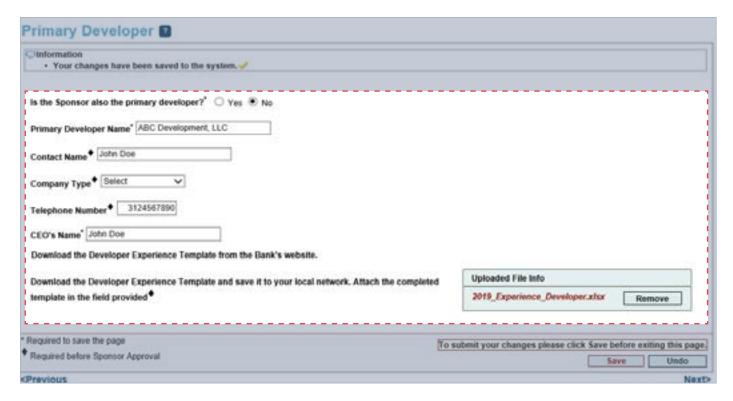
- AHP project milestones, including subsidy drawdown, project completion, and timely submission of compliance reporting and longterm monitoring;
- Event(s) of noncompliance, including type and frequency of event(s) of noncompliance, timeliness of communication by the sponsor, and remediation efforts; and
- Project commitments (progress made toward meeting approved AHP project commitments).

Important: Returning sponsors need to complete the Owner-Occupied Sponsor Capacity Form. Please attach the form to the Sponsor Experience Template and upload it on this screen.



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Primary Developer



If the sponsor is not the primary developer, the applicant must attach a completed Developer Experience form. Please reference the form for more information. The form can be found at AHP Policy and Forms under Application Exhibits.

Sponsors must demonstrate the capacity to fulfill all roles, responsibilities, and obligations throughout the entire AHP retention period. If the sponsor has little or no previous affordable housing development experience, the sponsor and its development team will be evaluated to determine whether adequate development and compliance experience exists to successfully complete the project.



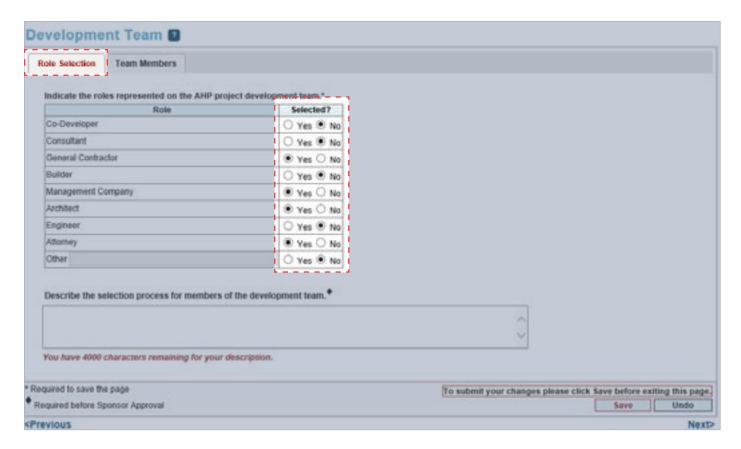
Helpful Hint

For homeownership projects without a primary developer, click on Yes to indicate that the sponsor is the primary developer.



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Development Team - Role Selection



At least one development team member must be selected to move forward with the AHP Online application.

The sponsor must click on **Yes** if the sponsor's organization plays any of the roles on the Development Team screen. For instance, if the sponsor is also the homebuilder or general contractor, indicate **Yes** next to that role. Similarly, if the sponsor is the Co-Developer of the project, it must be indicated on this screen.

Each role must be checked Yes or No before the screen can be saved.

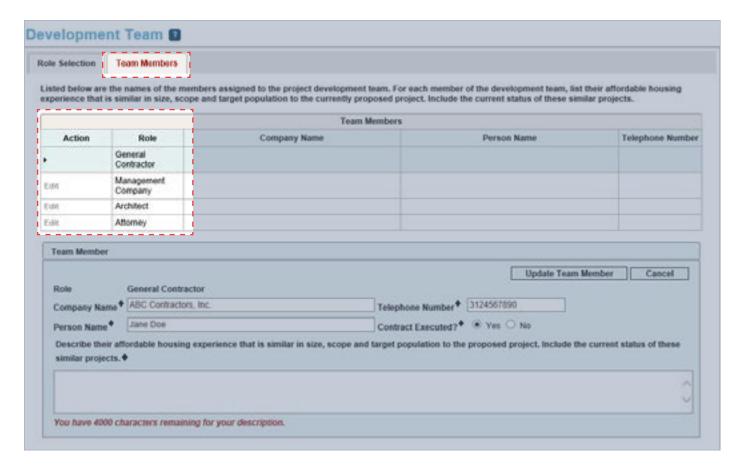


Helpful Hint

Sponsors who plan to partner with a thirdparty vendor for its compliance, monitoring, and/or reporting responsibilities must identify the third-party organization in the Other role.



Development Team - Team Members



Team Members

Click on the **Edit** link to complete the required team member information.

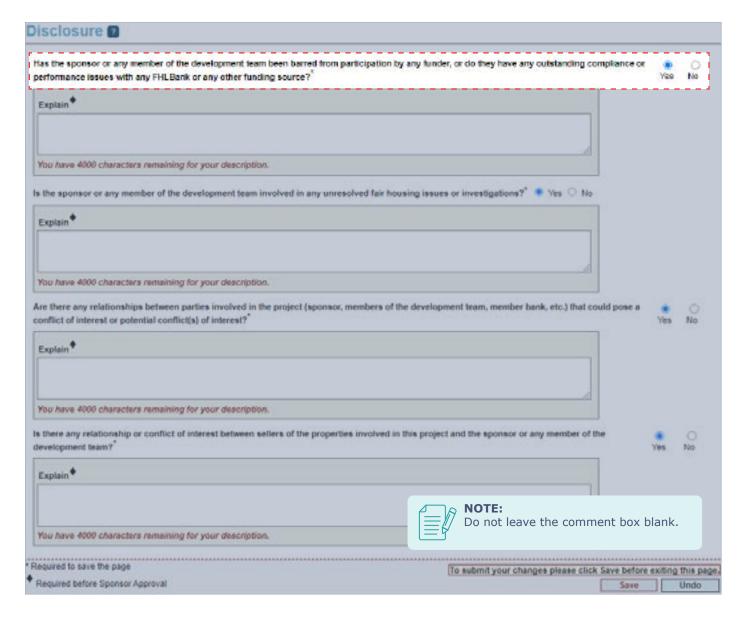
Once all required fields are complete, click on **Update Team Member** and the Company Name, Person Name, and Telephone Number will populate.

After all roles are edited, click on **Save** to save the information and click on **Next**.



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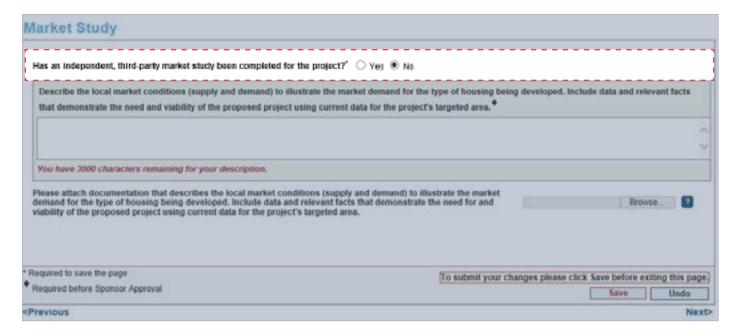


Any outstanding compliance or performance issues and conflicts of interest associated with the sponsor, the member institution(s), or any of the members of the development team **must be disclosed.**



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Market Study



Owner-occupied projects are not required to submit a third-party market study. Select No to the question.

Projects Involving Acquisition of Unidentified Sites

If sites have not yet been identified for the project, the AHP Participant must submit evidence that there is an adequate supply of properties fitting the proposed characteristics and at the proposed price points in the proposed service area; evidence may include information from the Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

Need and Demand: An AHP Participant must demonstrate the need and demand for the project and/or program being proposed. Need may be substantiated by local housing needs analyses (e.g., Annual Action Plans, community housing plans, neighborhood revitalization strategies,

etc.), comparison between cost of housing and wages, and/or local studies on housing quality and/or conditions (for rehabilitation programs).

Demand may be substantiated by waiting lists for similar projects and/or programs, identifying the gap between the need and current supply, and/or the sponsor's performance history with similar projects and/or programs.

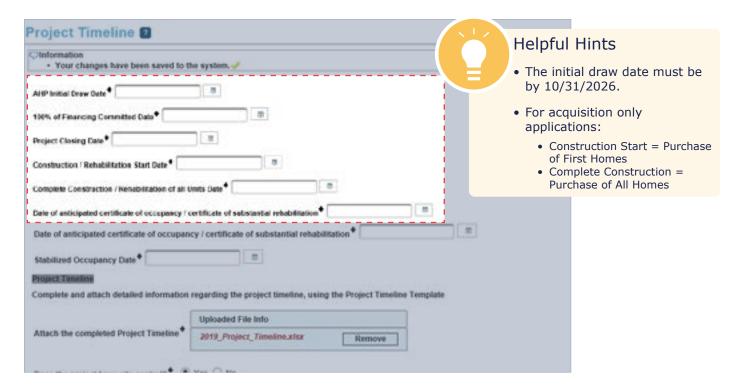
If other organizations are offering similar programs in the same geographic area, describe either how the need and demand necessitate both programs, or how they are different enough not to be overlapping or duplicative.

Save market demand evidence as a PDF or ZIP file and attach it to the Market Study screen as one document.



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Project Timeline



Complete the Project Timeline form and attach it to the Project Timeline screen.

Homebuyer Purchase or Homeowner Rehabilitation Applications

Indicate that site control and zoning is in place and then upload the Site Control and Zoning form. You can find a copy of the form at AHP Policy and Forms.

If a project with unknown sites does not have site control or zoning in place, enter the date the project is expected to receive site control and zoning and the process by which site control and zoning will be obtained.

Site control is required for all projects utilizing identified sites. For sponsor-driven homeownership projects with identified sites, site control must be in the name of the project sponsor and must exactly match the name of an individual or entity that appears on the certificate of good standing or status. Failure to do so may put the project at risk of ineligibility.



Congratulations!

Application Complete

This is the last screen. The Application Entry is complete. Click on Save on this page and then on Application in the top-right corner.



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Application Home Screen



On the Application Home screen, the AHP Participant must verify that the Status column has a green check mark for each section.

- X Information incomplete
- Information incomplete
- Complete

If any section has a yellow check mark or a red "X", information is incomplete. The AHP Participant must return to these sections to complete them prior to Sponsor Approval and submittal.



SPONSOR **APPROVAL**

Sponsor Approval



If the application is complete, a Lead Sponsor Contact must choose **Sponsor Approval** under the **Application** tab.

If there are any error messages or warnings, the Lead Sponsor Contact must correct the application and return to Sponsor Approve the application.

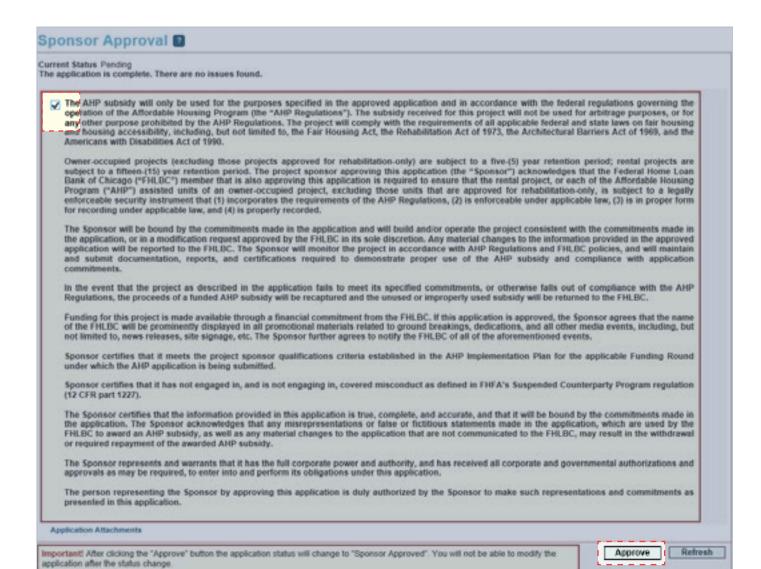


Helpful Hints

Only the lead sponsor contact can approve the application. An Input Contact cannot approve the application. Once the application is completed, notify the Sponsor Organization's Lead Contact to approve the application.



Sponsor Approval



When Sponsor Approval is chosen, the certification information will appear on the screen.

The Lead Sponsor Contact must review the AHP certification, check the box to certify, and approve the application by clicking on the **Approve** button.

After Sponsor Approval, the Current Application Status moves from Pending to Sponsor Approved.

The Member Contact(s) will receive an email notification that an application is awaiting Member Approval.



NOTE:

Once the application is Member Approved (shown in the next section), the AHP Participant and the Member Contact are unable to edit the application.



















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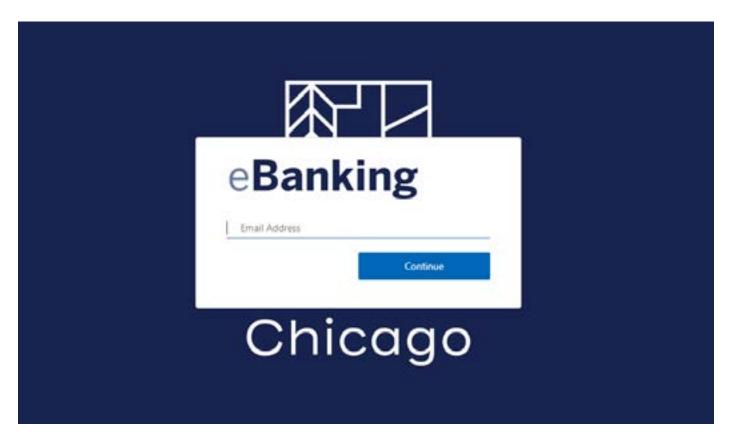
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Member Approval: Lead Member



The member(s) associated with the application will be notified via email that the application is ready for Lead Member Approval.

A Member Contact logs in to AHP Online via eBanking.

Important:

- The member institution must be in good standing with FHLBank Chicago. A poor member risk rating may prohibit an AHP award and/or the disbursement of funds post-award for a project.
- FHLBank Chicago migrated to a new security authentication platform to modernize how users access our systems, heighten safety and security, and enhance ease of use. Follow these Step-by- Step Instructions to download and install the Microsoft Authenticator application to your mobile device and computer.

For assistance, please contact the Member Support team at membersupport@fhlbc.com or 855.345.2244, option 6.

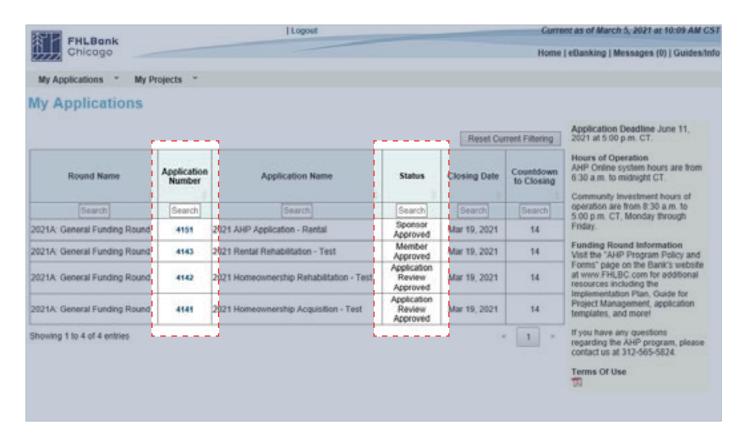




The Member Contact clicks on the AHP Online link from the eBanking Home screen.

Only Member Contacts identified as Authorized AHP Users will be able to view the AHP Online link.



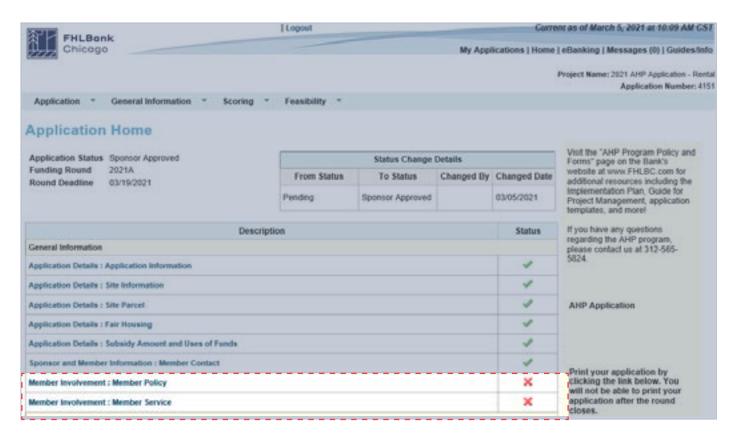


All of the applications associated with this member will appear on the **My Applications** screen in AHP Online.

Notice the status of each application. The member will only be able to approve applications whose status is Sponsor Approved.

The member may view applications in Pending status; however, the member may not approve the application until the status is Sponsor Approved.



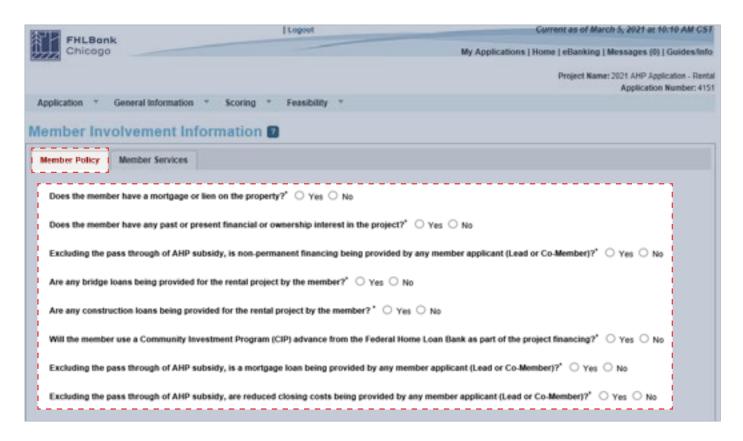


The Member Contact opens the Sponsor Approved application and completes the two **Member Involvement Information** screens.

An application in Pending status may show various status icons which signify the following:

- X Not visited
- In Progress
- Complete





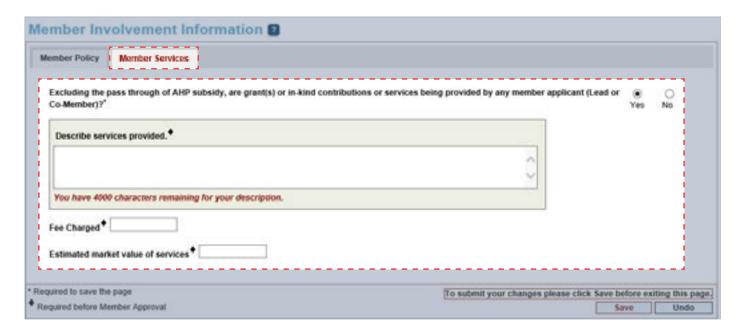
The Member Contact must complete the required fields before the Member Policy screen can be saved. Even if the Member Contact answers No to all questions, they must click on Save to complete the screen.

The responses to the questions on this screen should reflect the financial involvement of member applicants and co-applicants associated with the project. There is no relation to any scoring categories.



Helpful Hints

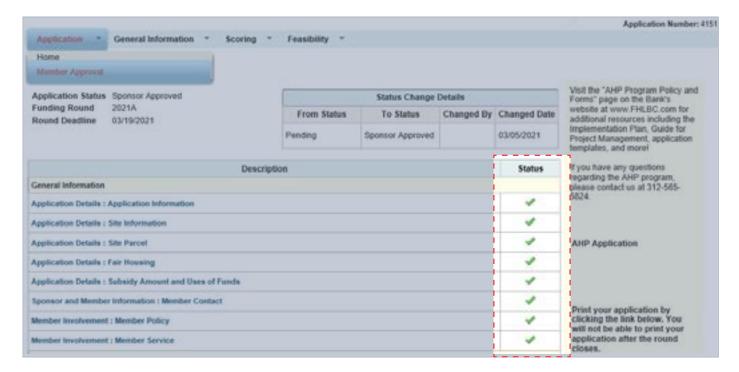
- Non-permanent financing includes construction loans, bridge loans, and performance guaranty letters of credit.
- Mortgage loan is providing permanent financing and/or letters of credit



The Member Contact must complete the required fields before the Member Services screen can be saved. Even if the Member Contact answers No to the question, they must click on Save to complete the screen.

The responses to the questions on this screen should reflect the financial involvement of member applicants and co-applicants associated with the project. There is no relation to any scoring categories.



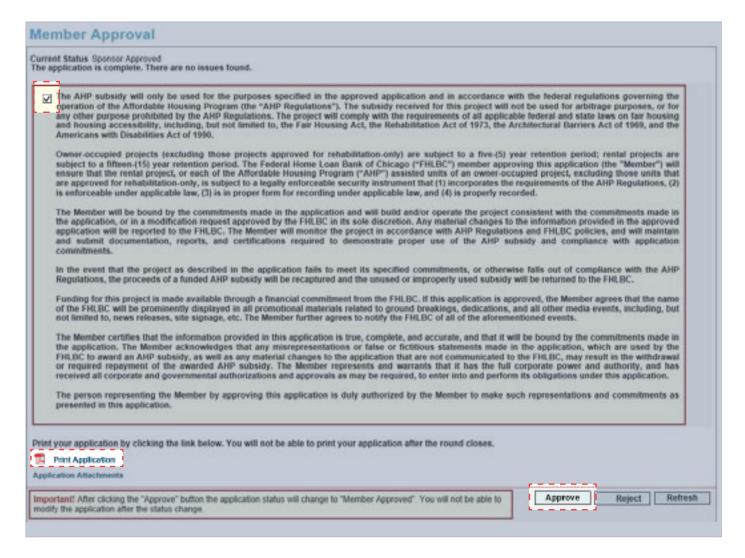


Once both the **Member Policy** and **Member Services** screens are complete and have a green check mark, the Member Contact should review the completed AHP application.

The Member Contact may do so by clicking on **Application > Home** in the top-left corner. From the Application Home screen, click on the first link under Description and use the **Previous** and **Next** buttons to navigate through the application screens.

To Member Approve, the Member Contact should begin by choosing **Application > Member Approval** in the top-left corner of the Application Home screen.





To Approve

Once the member is ready to approve, the following steps must be taken:

- Read the AHP certification;
- Check the box indicating that the certification has been read and understood; and
- Click on Approve at the bottom of the screen.

To Reject

If the member would like to reject the application and have the sponsor make changes, the Member Contact should click on Reject.



Helpful Hint

To save a copy of the application as submitted, the Member Contact should click on **Print Application** to save a PDF copy.



















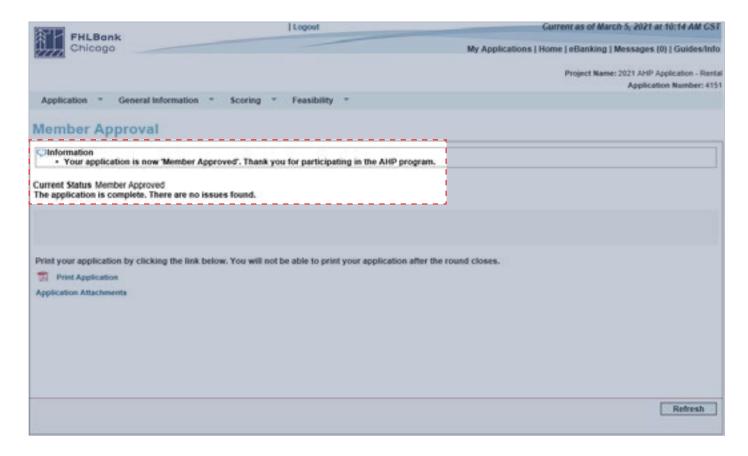
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Once the application's status is **Member Approved,** the AHP Participant and the Member
Contact **are unable to edit the application.**



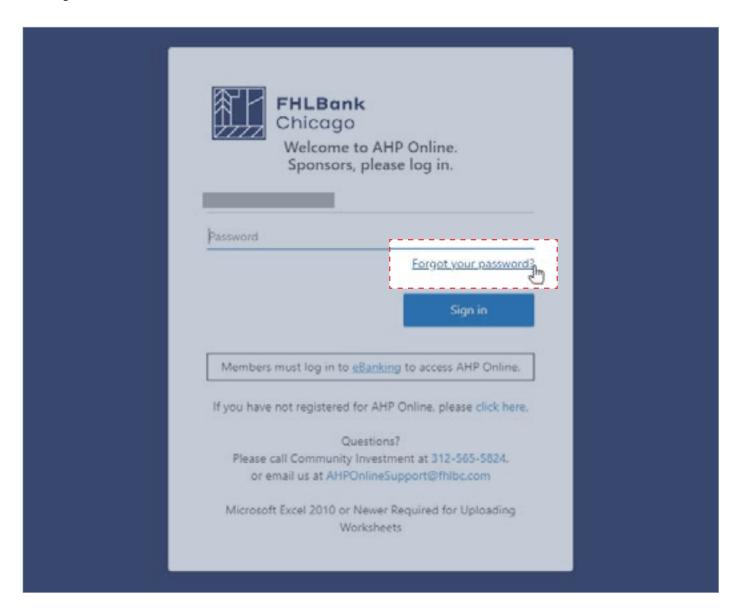
At this point, the application is submitted to Community Investment for review!

The member and sponsor are notified via email that the application's status has changed to Member Approved.



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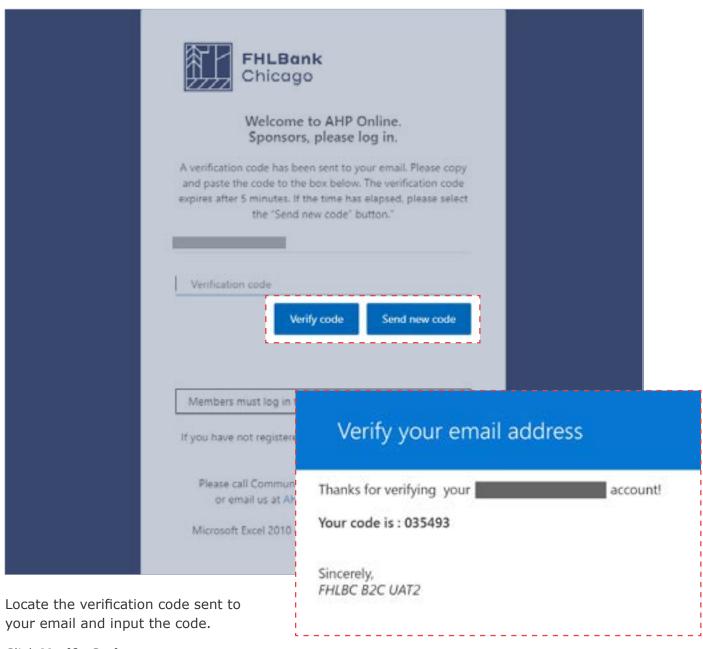
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On the AHP Online login page, click "Forget your password?" located on the screen.



Step 2

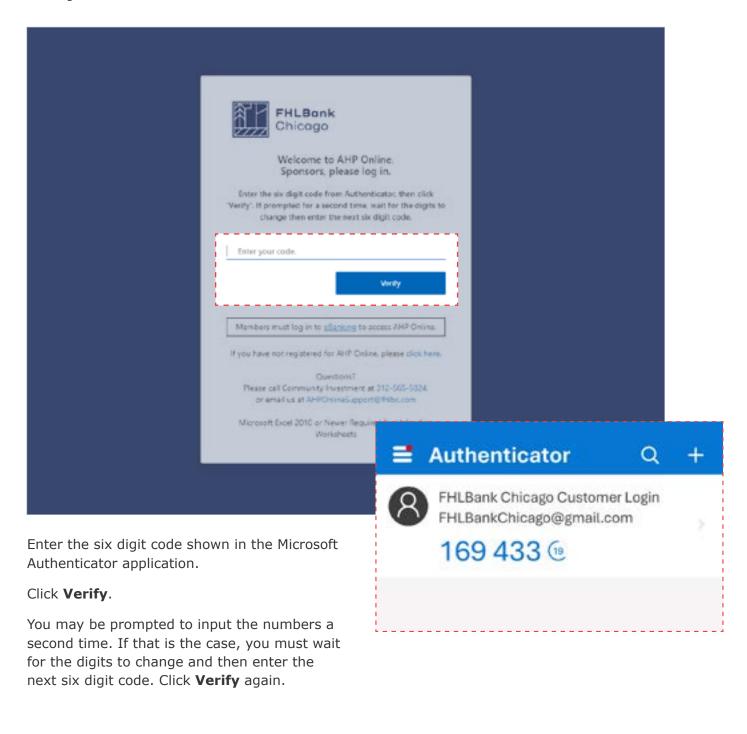


Click Verify Code.

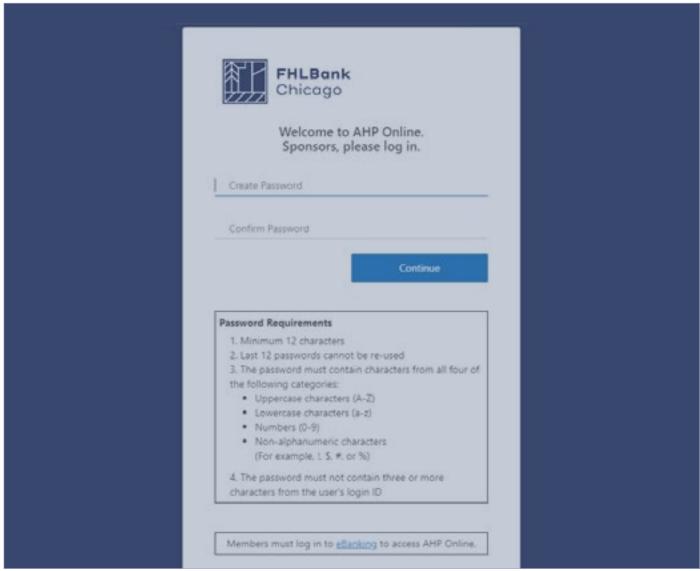
Once the email is successfully verified, press **Continue**.



Step 3



Step 4



Create your password following the password requirements listed on the screen.

Click Continue.



You have now successfully reset your password.



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Source Code Classifications

The Sources tab in the Financial Feasibility Workbook requires applicants to identify a code for each source. Each line on the Sources tab should include only one source type (e.g., HOME and CDBG funds need to be listed on different lines and coded accordingly).

Source Code	Source Name	Additional Guidance
1	AHP Subsidy	If the project is requesting AHP from more than one FHLBank, code the AHP amount from the other FHLBank as 1
2	Permanent Financing by Member Applicant	Financing provided by the Lead Member only. All other permanent financing provided by a FHLBank Chicago member should be coded 16
3	FHA Insured Mortgage	
4	Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Equity	
5	Other HUD (HOPE VI, 202 811, Section 8)	Includes all other Federal housing sources, including Rural Development, HUD (HOPE VI, 202, 811, Section 8), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)
7	Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit Equity	
8	HOME	Includes the National Housing Trust Fund, WHEDA Housing Trust Fund
9	State Low Income Tax Credit Equity	Includes the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit (IAHTC) and the Wisconsin Housing Tax Credit.
10	State Housing Loans	Excludes Federal government program funds (e.g. HOME and CDBG)
11	State Government Subsidy	Excludes Federal government program funds (e.g. HOME and CDBG)
12	Community Development Block Grants	
13	TIF/Local Government Sources	Include ARPA funds. Exclude Federal program funds (e.g., HOME, CDBG).
14	Housing Bonds	Tax-exempt multifamily rental housing bonds
15	Grants, Fundraising, Capital Campaigns	Donated funds from non-governmental sources
16	Other Loans, Sponsor Loans	Loans from non-governmental sources, project sponsor, and FHLBC members that are not the Lead Member
18	Owner's Equity	Includes homebuyer down payments or funds provided by project owner
19	Deferred Developer Fee	



Feasibility Tips

Deference of Financial Feasibility Guidelines

For projects with a funding commitment from an authorized source list below, FHLBank Chicago will defer to the developmental and operational feasibility guidelines and determinations of such funders. The Bank views the funding commitments of authorized material funders to be evidence of their feasibility approval regarding the project's development budget and operating budget, and all elements contained therein.

Material Funders List:

- **1.** United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- **2.** United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- **3.** State Housing Finance or Development Agencies
- 4. State or Municipal Housing Tax Credits



















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Accessing AHP Online

Members Accessing AHP Online Through eBanking

- Members may only participate in the competitive AHP round through AHP Online via eBanking.
- The member executes the eBanking Services Agreement and the Corporate Certificate of Authority and Certificate of Incumbency. Please email MemberSupport@fhlbc.com for documentation requests.
- 3. The member identifies a Member Security Administrator (MSA).
- 4. The MSA assigns Authorized AHP Users in eBanking.

AHP Participants Accessing AHP Online

AHP Online can be accessed via a link on each page of the Community Investment section of the Bank's public website. The AHP Online hours are between 6:30 a.m. and midnight CT every day, including weekends and holidays. FHLBank Chicago reserves the right to modify hours of operation and/or interrupt service at any time without prior notice to its customers if business or technology dictates the disruption. AHP Online is programmed with AHP Participants' protection in mind and will automatically log the user out if the page has been inactive for 15 minutes. For assistance in accessing AHP Online via eBanking, members may call Member Support at 855-FHLB-CHI (855.345.2244), option 0.

Beginning May 12, AHP Participants may initiate an application, which includes associating that application with a Lead Member and Member Contact(s).

The member must be registered in eBanking with Authorized AHP Users in order for an AHP Participant to initiate an application. (Refer to "Members Accessing AHP Online Through eBanking" above.)

AHP Participant Authorization Recertification for Sponsors

The Lead Member and Sponsor Contacts are responsible for recertifying the AHP Participant(s) associated with their respective organizations on an annual basis. To recertify, log in to AHP Online and confirm that the listed users are in the General Information section on the Sponsor and Member Information screen. The screen will list all contacts associated with an organization that are approved and authorized for access to the applications and/or projects with which they are associated. Updates to Authorized AHP Users, profiles, and project contacts may be made at any time throughout the year.



















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Privacy Policy

In order to assist members of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago ("FHLBank Chicago") with their required regulatory compliance, the following guidelines are adopted to address the privacy of confidential information which is received by the FHLBank Chicago from or on behalf of members or customers of FHLBank Chicago (the "Members"):

With respect to nonpublic personal information (as that term is defined in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act) received by FHLBank Chicago from or on behalf of Members, appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards have been instituted to:

- Maintain the security and confidentiality of such information;
- Protect against anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such information; and
- Protect against unauthorized access to or use of such information.

No nonpublic personal information which is received from or on behalf of a Member is used by FHLBank Chicago or disclosed to third parties, other than uses and disclosures which are permitted by statutory or regulatory exceptions.

Third parties engaged by FHLBank Chicago who have access to nonpublic personal information received from or on behalf of Members are required:

- To comply with all applicable privacy laws;
- To institute administrative, technical, and physical safeguards which are consistent with those outlined in paragraph 1 above;
- To limit their use of nonpublic personal information to the purpose(s) for which it was provided to them; and
- To release nonpublic personal information only as permitted by statutory or regulatory exceptions.















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AHP-Assisted Unit

A housing unit that is subject to an incometargeting commitment of ≤80% area median income (AMI) to FHLBank Chicago.

AHP Participant

An AHP project sponsor or consultant registered as an AHP Online user.

Authorized AHP User

A Member Contact who is assigned by the member's eBanking Member Security Administrator (MSA) to have eBanking and AHP Online access allowing the Authorized AHP User to complete and Member Approve AHP applications.

Co-Member

A Member Contact who is not identified as the Lead Member in a consortium project for homeownership activities. FHLBank Chicago does not allow consortium projects for rental activities.

eBanking

Members access AHP Online exclusively through eBanking, FHLBank Chicago's member-only website. In addition to serving as the portal to AHP Online, eBanking enables members to initiate a variety of transactions such as user authorizations, advances, letters of credit, and wire transfers. Members can also use eBanking to access their Bank activity statements and reports, learn about product updates, view archived webinars, and much more.

Federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof

Includes states, units of local government, tribal government, and public housing authorities.

Input Contact

If a sponsor organization is working with a consultant or another organization to complete an AHP application, the non-sponsor organization contact should be identified as an Input Contact. An individual may be selected as an Input Contact for multiple applications. AHP Online allows at most three Input Contacts.

An Input Contact may initiate and complete an AHP application, but is unable to edit contact screens or Sponsor Approve an AHP application. If the project receives an AHP award, the Input Contact will not be able to access the application during the monitoring period, so plan accordingly.

Lead Member

The member institution identified as the primary member and contact. The member must be in good standing with FHLBank Chicago and have an eliqible member risk rating.



















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Lead Sponsor Contact

A Lead Sponsor Contact is a noncontractual employee of the sponsor organization, or of an entity that wholly owns and/or controls the sponsor organization, who has the knowledge and authority to respond to inquiries and make decisions related to this application and project.

A Lead sponsor contact should be permanent staff or serve on the board of directos of the sponsor organization. They must be authorized by the sponsor to accept and enter into contractual and financial obligations on behalf of the sponsor.

A Lead Sponsor Contact is responsible for the AHP subsidy for the entire AHP compliance period:

15 years for rental projects, and five years for acquisition-only and acquisition-rehabilitation homeownership projects (rehabilitation-only homeownership projects are not subject to a retention agreement). The date on which these periods begin is described in Section IV of the Implementation Plan. At least one and at most two Lead Sponsor Contacts from the same organization must be assigned for each application. The Lead Sponsor Contact(s) identified will be associated with the complete life cycle of the project, from application submission to project completion and long-term monitoring.

FHLBank Chicago does not recognize co-sponsors.

Owner

Owner in an Owner-Occupied project is the individual identified as the owner of the unit via a recorded legal instrument and is occupying the unit as primary residence.

Total Project Units

The total number of units in the AHP project, regardless of income targeting.

















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