



**New York State Making Moves Program
Request for Proposals
Frequently Asked Questions**

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Enterprise Community Partners is providing these Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) as guidance regarding the recently released NYS Making Moves Program Request for Proposals (RFP). These FAQ will be updated and supplemented with additional guidance and FAQ on a rolling basis.

Q: Are you expecting the Program Administrator be someone we already have working in our agency, or can this funding provide for a new hire?

A: Program Administrator means the organization that will administer the funds and contract with Enterprise. The selected agency can propose how many existing or new staff are needed to successfully run the program. As a part of the application, you can propose to hire a program coordinator, director, etc.

Q: Is leveraging local resources a scoring factor?

A: Leveraging existing resources will be considered for additional points. If you are unable to leverage resources, you will not lose points.

Q: With agencies that are already administering the program, do you find that they have a dedicated staff member?

A: Yes, agencies generally have several staff members that work full time on this program. As an example, some programs have had a landlord liaison position, all have coaches, some may incorporate a data analysis position.

Q: What are the types of dedicated staff members?

A: These could include housing coaches, program directors, data analysts, etc.

Q: How does the funding work in operation with a PHAs operating budget?

A: It is not a requirement for the PHA to be the lead entity, but if the lead applicant is a PHA, funding for this program is wholly separate from the funding a PHA receives from HUD to operate an HCV program. Allowable costs through this program do not include the administration of vouchers. Any work done through this program must not be duplicative of federally funded work.

Q: Are these federal funds?

A: Yes. Therefore, the program is subjected to federal rules.

Q: Does this program have the same CFDA # as Section 8?

A: It should fall under CFDA 14.871.

Q: Where does the Mobility Program currently operate?

A: Enterprise currently supports Making Moves programs in Buffalo and Long Island. Separately, NYSHCR also supports a local administrator in Westchester. The federal Community Choice Mobility Demonstration is currently operating in Monroe county and New York City.



Q: How many total awards will be granted?

A: We anticipate funding two (2) to five (5) Program Administrators.

Q: Is the map of opportunity areas available on the HCR website?

A: Yes. [NYSCHCR Designated Well-Resourced Areas Map \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.nyschcr.com/arcgis.com)

Q: If our proposed service area does not include any HCR designated well-resourced areas, what should we do?

A: We are open to proposed well resourced areas that are not included in NYCHCR's map, applicants can propose geographies like zip codes or census tracts based on local knowledge and context. However, applicants must provide a justification for these proposed areas, and the metrics used to define them as "well-resourced," i.e. school performance, crime rates, poverty rates, etc.

Q: Can one applicant serve more than one region?

A: Yes.

Q: Can the budget increase beyond \$400K if you're applying to serve more than one region?

A: Yes.

Q: Is there a way to improve quality of living and housing stock in the non well-resourced urban areas?

A: While this is not a component of the Making Moves Program, NYSHCR has several programs that focus on community development and housing preservation.

Q: Can an annual cash bonus for landlords that keep a voucher holder in the unit qualify for program costs?

A: Applicants should include a description and justification for other creative uses of funds in their applications.

Q: Would Section 8 homeownership in well-resourced areas be allowable as moves under this program? Is it possible to use funds to pay for items such as down principal to enable well-resourced area homeownership?

A: In theory, this falls within the conceptual goals of the program. We are open to proposals.