

**FY 2026 – 2028 Economic Stability/Mobility  
Frequently Asked Question  
Period: March 18-21, 2025**

Good afternoon,

I have reviewed the guide for the NOFO and pulled up the application and I had the below questions:

- 1 -Application is asking for a NOFO invitation code and I'm not sure where to get that?
- 2 -A requirement for our subcategory seniors is stating we must check OSCARSS for eligibility and we do not have access to that, how do we proceed?
- 3 -A requirement is entering data into CMIS (Client Track). We were put on hold for this and are still in SAMIS. Is that okay?

Thank you,

Jackie Chong, Alzheimer's Community Care, via email

**RESPONSE:**

- **The invitation code for the Economic Stability/Mobility NOFO was originally scheduled to be released at the Technical Assistance Conference on March 19th. However, I can provide it to you now: ES2026.**
- **For access to the OSCARSS system, your agency will be connected with the appropriate contact who will assist you in gaining access. Additional details will be provided during the Technical Assistance Conference.**
- **FAA-funded services in the Seniors category are required to record participant-level data in CMIS.**

**We encourage you to join us in-person or online (see below for meeting link) on March 19th to gain clarity and address any questions or concerns you may have regarding the NOFO.**

**Join from the meeting link**

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Hello FAA staff,

Once in SAMIS, a NOFO code is required to advance beyond the first page of the application.

1 - What is this code please? I couldn't locate it by searching "code" in the guidance.

It also appears that you can't move around in the NOFO by clicking on the different sections on the side. A screenshot is included.

Everything is locked – preventing us moving beyond the first page without the NOFO code. – Unfortunately, this also limits our ability to know what questions we might have for the tech conference on Wednesday.

Thanks for your help.

Karis Engle, The Glades Initiative, via email

**RESPONSE: The invitation code for the NOFO is typically released at the Technical Assistance Conference, but I can provide it to you now: ES2026.**

**Please note that the application questions in SAMIS are also included in the NOFO document, beginning on page 30 and ending on page 35. You may find it helpful to review this section in advance to prepare any questions for the Technical Assistance Conference on Wednesday.**

Good afternoon,

Thank you and yes, we will be attending the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Will the SAMIS versus CMIS issue be addressed in that meeting?

Thank you,

Jackie Chong, Alzheimer's Community Care, via email

**RESPONSE: You are most welcome, and yes we can address it then.**

**FY 2026 – 2028 Economic Stability/Mobility  
Frequently Asked Question  
Period: March 24-28, 2025**

Good morning,

Thank you for holding the information meeting last Wednesday regarding the Economic Stability/Mobility Funding Opportunity.

I am wondering if someone can answer a couple questions that my team has regarding this application. Within the Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities focus area, I know that there is a certain amount of funding that is dedicated to that funding area. Q1 - Do you have a recommendation for how much funding an organization should ask for, or can you provide examples of what previously funded organizations have been awarded?

Q 2 - Is there a cap (whether official or unofficial) on the amount of funding organizations can ask for?

Q3 - Additionally, if this funding opportunity has been held before, are you able to tell me how many organizations applied to the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities focus area?

Thank you in advance for your assistance with these questions and I look forward to your response.

Best,  
Lauren Letizia, Els for Autism Foundation, via email

Q1 - Do you have a recommendation for how much funding an organization should ask for, or can you provide examples of what previously funded organizations have been awarded?

**RESPONSE: No, CSD cannot provide a recommendation for how much your agency should ask for. Please click**

**[https://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/financiallyassisted/PDF/RFP/2023/FAA\\_Funding\\_Recommendations\\_FY\\_2023.pdf](https://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/financiallyassisted/PDF/RFP/2023/FAA_Funding_Recommendations_FY_2023.pdf) for the FY 2023 FAA ES/M NOFO Funding Recommendations.**

Q 2 - Is there a cap (whether official or unofficial) on the amount of funding organizations can ask for?

**RESPONSE: No.**

Q3 - Additionally, if this funding opportunity has been held before, are you able to tell me how many organizations applied to the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities focus area?

**RESPONSE: Please click**

**[https://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/financiallyassisted/PDF/RFP/2023/FAA\\_Funding Recommendations FY 2023.pdf](https://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/financiallyassisted/PDF/RFP/2023/FAA_Funding_Recommendations_FY_2023.pdf) for the FY 2023 FAA ES/M NOFO Funding Recommendations.**

Good afternoon,

In reviewing the FAA Economic Mobility NOFO, we had a couple of questions.

**FAA Economic Stability – Mobility NOFO**

1. If the agency submitted an Economic Mobility SOFI application request targeting vocational and job services and financial coaching/management/literacy, are we able to focus the service delivery on current active clients within the agency, or would we need to serve families with children throughout the county who are referred to the agency for financial coaching/job services who are not currently active in one of our core programs?
2. The March 13, 2025, version of our HUD contract requires the agency to certify it does not operate any programs promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws. The contract has been placed on hold due to continuing court rulings and executive orders, but based on the HUD language, we are not sure on answering the below highlighted questions. Can you please provide some guidance? We can share the HUD contract in full if needed.

(4000 Characters)

- G. What steps has your agency taken or plans to take in order to establish, develop or continue policies, practices, and procedures that increase racial equity in the following areas: Training, hiring and retention, board development, community engagement and partnerships, and other organizational work? (4000 Characters)
- H. Describe prior or planned efforts to ensure staff have the opportunity to receive the following trainings and how they would be incorporated into service delivery: (4000 Characters)
  - Racial Equity Training or Racial Wealth Gap Training
  - Poverty Simulation Training
  - Adverse Childhood Experiences Training (ACE's)
  - Cultural Competency Training
  - Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) Cultural Competency
  - Trauma Informed Care Training

Thanks!

Emily Gorman, Adopt-A-Family of Palm Beaches, Inc., via email

**RESPONSE:**

**1. If you are applying to any of the categories within the NOFO, The agency would be required to accept referrals from any source. The client Would need to meet the eligibility requirements that is set for in the NOFO. The selfie program would be Accessible to any clients in Palm Beach County as long as they meet the eligibility criteria.**

**2. Do not respond to Project Narrative questions G and H. These questions will be removed from the Guidance Document via Amendment 1 to the NOFO and in the SAMIS Proposal module.**

Good Morning,

I'm reaching out for assistance as I move forward with the Economic Stability/ Mobility NOFO application. I'm encountering difficulties completing the next sections after submitting the cover sheet, and the system is showing a "Failed password check" status. Could you kindly assist me in resolving this issue?

Additionally, I'd like to clarify how our two programs align with the Economic Stability/Mobility NOFO, as that category seems most appropriate based on previous contracts I've reviewed. However, I need guidance on whether our Day Program should be categorized under Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse or if we should submit a separate application under Economic Stability for it.

I'm the new grants and program coordinator of the HabCenter and this is my first time working on this NOFO, and unfortunately, the two individuals who previously handled it are no longer with the organization. We are in the process of locating any past application documents to help guide us in completing the grant request correctly, but currently, all I have is the contract.

We would greatly appreciate any guidance or assistance you can provide to ensure we submit everything accurately. Please let me know if you have any insights or if there's a time we could discuss this further.

Thank you for your time and support.

Khelia Gihozo, HabCenter, via email

**RESPONSE: Unfortunately we are unable to determine which category your agency should be applying to. It will be based on which category your agency believes would best fit your program. Please review the eligibility criteria for these categories below for clients:**

**Behavioral Health Category:**

**Individuals must have a mental health, substance use and/or co-occurring disorder, which includes, but is not limited to, impairment in functioning, at-risk, and/or behavioral or emotional disorders. Current or past traumatic stress may also be a factor wherein it impacts the Individual's overall wellness for individuals who may not have a diagnosis.**

**Economic Stability/Mobility Category- IDD:**

**Intellectual/developmental disability as a disorder or syndrome that is attributable to intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, autism, spina bifida, Down syndrome, Phelan-McDermid syndrome, or Prader-Willi syndrome; that manifests before the age of 22 or has been documented as an established condition by a medical professional after the age of 22 and that constitutes a substantial impact that can reasonably be expected to continue indefinitely.**

**Economic Stability Mobility- No IDD:**

**Households earn below 50% AMI with a prioritization for up to 30% AMI. Households that surpass 50%AMI through programming will be eligible to continue receiving services. Lives in Palm Beach County. Head of household has the interest in and capacity to gain or improve the employment situation**

**If you are requesting any past application documents, a public records request will need to be submitted. [Pzb - Public Record Request Application](#)**

Hello,

What is defined as County assistance in the response below?

**County assistance** shall not exceed 25% of the agency's total operating budget. This would mean all funding from the County is cumulative and must remain below 25% in total.

Do dollars awarded to the CSD from Federal Grants constitute "County assistance"? Or are County assistance dollars defined as county revenue that is eligible to fund local programs?

Thank you,

**Lysette Perez, CompassLGBTQ, via email**

**RESPONSE: County assistance is defined as PBC County Ad Valorem (revenue) dollars.**

We are looking into applying for this. I am setting up in the grant portal system, pbcc.samis, but it's asking for a NOFO invitation code? I'm not seeing that.

Carol Rodriguez, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Palm Beach, via email

**RESPONSE: The NOFO invitation code is ES2026.**

Good afternoon,

We are reaching out to request clarification regarding the Data Management section of the NOFO (Economic Mobility – Self-Sufficiency). (The question is listed below for your convenience.)

While the guidance includes specific instructions/examples for Economic Stability, SOFI, Intellectual Developmental Disabilities, and Seniors, there does not appear to be a corresponding section for Economic Mobility – Self-Sufficiency.

Could you please confirm whether information should be included for this category and, if so, what is expected?

Thank you for your assistance.

The question is on page 34:

For the following Economic Stability Category, Securing Our Future Initiative (SOFI) Category and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, and Seniors-: How does your Agency ensure quality data collection, data entry, and reporting for service programs in Client Management Information System (CMIS). If your program is not currently participating in CMIS, describe your plan for increasing Agency capacity to quickly begin collecting and entering data. (All agencies awarded FAA funds must participate in CMIS. All clients served with FAA funds must be entered into CMIS. Funding requires that all clients served be entered and exited in CMIS during the applicable fiscal year. Agencies must execute the required partner and user agreements with Palm Beach County and must participate in the data sharing of CMIS on an ongoing basis throughout the term of their FAA contract in order to maintain eligibility for reimbursement. Provisions are in place within CMIS to protect client confidentiality, yet still report statistical data. (4000 Characters)

Melanie Magill, CareerSource PBC, via email

**RESPONSE: Yes the Data Management section does include Economic Stability – Self Sufficiency. This will be updated in the Amendment.**

If awarded, how does the agency receive payment? Is it reimbursement based since you ask for unit cost of service.

Does it cover direct rental assistance to people in need (didn't see a line item for that in sample budget template). I'm assuming yes, but just checking.

Also, we are trying to determine how much we will need to ask for in this application. Is there a max per agency? Looks like it will cover salary for case manager, perhaps an intake specialist, and direct client assistance.

Sorry, I missed the informational session. We are swamped, our grant writer is out on indefinite leave but we do want to try to make this deadline to get this application submitted. This is work we are already doing.

Carol Rodriguez, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Palm Beach, via email

**RESPONSE:**

- 1. Payments are made on a reimbursement basis. Agencies will be expected to submit monthly reimbursement requests.**
- 2. If rental assistance is allowed per the NOFO guidance you can add that (or any other) line items needed to budget template.**
- 3. The only restriction on max requests is that County FAA funding to an agency can't be more than 25% of the agency's total budget.**

Good afternoon,

We are reaching out to request clarification regarding the Prior Outcomes and Response to Community Data section of the NOFO (Economic Mobility – Self-Sufficiency).

While the guidance includes specific instructions/examples for Economic Stability, SOFI, Intellectual Developmental Disabilities, and Seniors, there does not appear to be a corresponding section for Economic Mobility – Self-Sufficiency.

Could you please confirm whether information should be included for this category and, if so, what is expected?

Thank you for your assistance.

Steven Gustafson, CareerSource PBC, via email

**RESPONSE: The required Economic Mobility – Self-Sufficiency Outcomes are in pages 22-23 of the NOFO.**

**FY 2026 – 2028 Economic Stability/Mobility  
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On the Economic Stability application, when choosing your Program Service, what do you do if you propose to provide multiple services? The system will only let you select one.

Debbie Gibson Lee – Thomasset, The Arc of The Glades, via email

**RESPONSE: An applicant can now select one or more eligible services for a proposed program within a Service Category.**



Good afternoon Community Services Team,

I am writing to request clarification regarding the FY26 Financially Assisted Agencies (FAA) NOFO for the Economic Stability and Mobility category. Specifically, I would like to confirm whether agencies are required to submit two separate proposals if we intend to apply for both Emergency Financial Assistance and Safety Net Navigation and Linkage Services, or if these services may be combined under a single proposal within the Economic Stability strategy. Your guidance on this matter would be greatly appreciated to ensure compliance with the application requirements.

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

**Kristina Garcia, Achievement Centers for Children & Families, via email**

**RESPONSE: No, in the proposed program example you provided, the services under the Economic Stability Service Category Program can be combined in a single program proposal.**

Hello,

We are applying for both the Economic Stability/ Mobility and the OSF/FAA NOFOs. The issue is that I was prompted to change my password upon logging in and now I am receiving the error message that I provided in the previous email. I don't believe it's an issue with the NOFO Invitation Code. Please advise.

Thank you.

Kerri-Ann Brown, Gulfstream Goodwill, via email

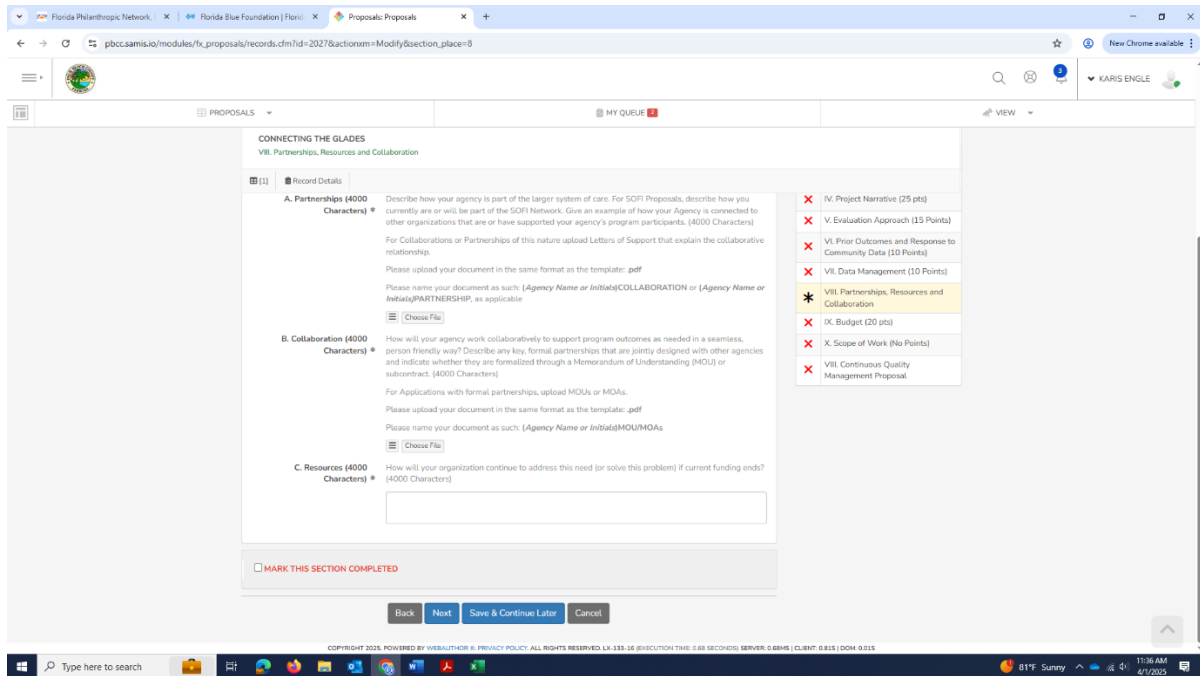
**RESPONSE: This has been fixed.**

Hello,

Question about section VIII : Your question under Partnerships was edited to now include a link to upload documents, however the text box for the narrative response of up to 4000 characters, seems to have disappeared. Did you intend for use to include the narrative as part of the pdf upload of partnership agreements?

The same question exists for the Collaboration question as well. Thank you!

Screen shot below.



Karis Engle, The Glades Initiative, via email

**RESPONSE: Please upload your response as a Word document and attach your letter of support to fulfill this requirement.**

Good afternoon,

We have a few questions regarding the budget template. Column C is designated for the proposed program amount for each section. However, we need clarification on columns D, E, and F under "Program Funder." Should we include all other funding sources we receive, or should we only list funding specifically from PBC?

Thank you for your guidance.

Khelia Gihozo, HabCenter, via email

**RESPONSE: Yes, the following columns are for you to enter other funding sources for this program. You can list proposed or confirmed at that top and then detail other expenses that are covered by other funders. This will assist the reviewers to see the full scope/scale of the program and how County dollars will assist.**

Hi,

Perfect! Thank you for the clarification. One last thing regarding the budget, we have structured it for a single year. Could you confirm whether we should submit it as a one-year budget that remains consistent for the following two years, or if we need to present the total budget covering FY 26-28 of the grant?

Kind regards,  
Khelia Gihozo, HabCenter, via email

**RESPONSE: Only submit the budget for the first year of funding. If awarded, you will be able to modify the budget in future years as needed in consultation with County staff.**

Good afternoon,  
I sent an email last week Thursday requiring assistance with the drop-down menus in the logic model. They are not in the model. Please assist so we can submit our proposal in a timely manner. Thank you.

Regards,

Kristina Garcia, Achievement Centers for Children & Families, via email

**RESPONSE: Logic Model has been updated and spreadsheet was updated for agency to enter information. Drop-downs were removed. The instructions were updated.**

<b>Step 1</b>	In column A, enter your <b>Identified Problem, Need, or Situation</b> .
<b>Step 2</b>	In column C, enter your <b>Outcome</b> statement.

Hello,  
I have a question regarding the FAA Economic Mobility/Stability NOFO.  
On page 13 of the document "Economic Stability\_Mobility FY26 NOFO Guidance Amendment 1" it mentions under the Self-Sufficiency subcategory, in the chart's middle column, "Young Adults with no children." Is this subcategory (Self-Sufficiency for households without children) exclusively for young adult populations? If so, how does PBC FAA define "young adult"?

Thank you.

**RESPONSE: Young Adults is defined as 18-24**

Hi,  
I have a question about the FY26 NOFO Budget Template. The Budget Template and Budget Sample both have budget information filled out. A budget for Arc of the Glades appears in the Template. Is this an error? Also, in the budget guidance tab, instructions mention not to enter

data in grayed out areas. However, the grayed out areas in the Template are different from the grayed out areas in the Sample. Are we meant to enter data in the columns under each funder for each budget line item, or are we meant to leave it gray/blank, as the Template (with Arc of the Glades' information) indicates?

Your swift guidance is appreciated.

Deja Hasness, via email

**RESPONSE: The portal has been updated with the attached template.**

**Budget template: That was an error in a recent version of the template which has been corrected, please download the new template if you had the error version.**

Good afternoon,

Please clarify if we are able to apply for both Emergency Financial Assistance and Safety Net Navigation & Linkage Services in the same Logic Model?

Regards,

Kristina Garcia, Achievement Centers for Children & Families, via email

**RESPONSE:**

Good afternoon,

I'm currently working on the application and would like to confirm that CQM should be included within the same proposal, just in a separate column.

Also, I noticed the budget template doesn't include a section to explain units. Should I add that explanation at the bottom, as shown in Thomas Eathon's March 19 presentation?

Additionally, I saw that the values for other funders appear in gray, and the guide mentions that gray cells should not be filled out. Could this be an error?

Thank you,

Lynda McReynolds, Farmworker Coordinating Council of Palm Beach County Inc., via email

**RESPONSE: The CQM would be a form upload. You should be able to access the form online within the NOFO. This is also an attachment in the NOFO. You should fill this out with your proposed project and upload. This is NOT a scored section.**

**Unit descriptions/calculations should be entered in the narrative sections of the NOFO response and are not required to be listed in the budget. If you would like to have them in the budget also, you can list them at the bottom of the sheet.**

Hi there,

In the logic model directions (tab 2) Steps 1 and 2 refer to selecting options from a drop down menu. Where can I find the drop down menu? I don't see it in the excel document template, or in the portal in the evaluation section.

Thanks,

Deidra Zussman, Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services, via email

**RESPONSE: Logic Model has been updated and spreadsheet was updated for agency to enter information. Drop-downs were removed. The instructions were updated.**

<b>Step 1</b>	In column A, enter your <b>Identified Problem, Need, or Situation</b> .
<b>Step 2</b>	In column C, enter your <b>Outcome</b> statement.

Thank you, can you answer my question as to whether this subcategory (Self-Sufficiency for households without children) exclusively for young adult populations? The phrase "Young adults" only appears in one place in the NOFO (page 13).

P2PPBC.ORG, via email

**RESPONSE:**

**The Economic Mobility -self sufficiency sub category only includes Young Adults without Children.**

**The Economic Mobility - SOFI subcategory only includes Families with children.**

Good Evening,

I have several questions for the Economic Stability/Mobility category below:

1. On page 42 Funding Priorities:

Economic Stability Funding priorities for the FY 2026-2028 NOFO are ranked in order of priority below:

***1. Economic Stability***

Priority #1: Proposes a system of referrals to SOFI/Self-Sufficiency

Tie Breaker: Rank in order of strongest system

**SOFI is not included under Economic Stability category and self-sufficiency is for households without children (pg. 13 and p. 21). Both SOFI and Self-Sufficiency are listed under 2. Economic Mobility. Are these the correct priorities for Economic stability?**

2. On pg. 58-59

For excellent response (20-25 points):

Population: targeting all of our priority populations.

- Economic Stability: Families with at least one (1) adult and one (1) child age 0-17 under 50% AMI
- Self-Sufficiency without children: Adult individuals (age 18 or over) under 50% AMI with the capacity and interest in improving their employment situation.
- Securing Our Future Initiative: with at least one (1) adult and one (1) child age 0-17, and under 50% AMI in the following zip codes: 33476, 33438, 33403, 33430, 33493, 33407, 33404, 33460

**How do you target multiple populations in order to achieve Excellent Response score if one of the options is SOFI? Is it just the SOFI population zip codes and AMI or do we have to complete SOFI services as well? If we serve clients with children in one or more of the SOFI zip codes and under 50% AMI does that count as targeting the third priority population if we do not provide SOFI program?**

3. Page 24 Requirements

- Complete County approved self-sufficiency matrix upon enrollment on client/household(s) to determine if a referral to self-sufficiency services is appropriate

**Is this the clinical considerations for strength-based intake assessment that is on the NOFO site? It mentions on pg. 46 that is electronic.**

Thank you for your help with these!

Best,

Kaitlin Salzman, via email

**RESPONSE:**

**Q1. Yes. Agencies will show that they have a mechanism to refer suitable clients to either SOFI or Self-Sufficiency, as part of a self-sufficiency continuum.**

**Q2. Agencies that intends to provide economic stability services, should have collaboration with CSD in order to “score an excellent response.”**

**Q3. No, the self-sufficiency matrix is an outcomes scale matrix that measures where a household is at in different domains including but not limited to housing, income, employment, childcare, transportation, and others.**