

## Awards Subject to Climate Resilience and Reduction of Energy and Emissions

### Applicability

This guidance applies to the following covered HHS agency programs that fund the purchase or construction of real property and major renovation projects. It is effective for NOFOs issued after December 12, 2024.

Awarding Agency	Program
Administration for Children and Families	Office of Community Services (OCS), Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Awards (Community Economic Development)
Administration for Children and Families	OCS, Community Services Block Grant (waiver required for acquisition and/or improvement to real property)
Administration for Children and Families	Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)/Consolidated Block Grant (waiver required for acquisition and/or improvement to real property)
Administration for Children and Families	OCS, Social Services Emergency Disaster Relief
Administration for Children and Families	OCS, Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (low-cost weatherization)
Administration for Children and Families	Administration for Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF), Basic Center Program (renovation only)
Administration for Children and Families	ACYF, Street Outreach Program (renovation only)
Administration for Children and Families	ACYF, Transitional Living Program (renovation only)
Administration for Children and Families	ACYF, Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services
Administration for Children and Families	Office of Child Care (OCC), Native Hawaiian and Non-Profit American Indian Organization Child Care Grant
Administration for Children and Families	OCC, Child Care and Development Fund Tribal Construction
Administration for Children and Families	OCC, Child Care Disaster Relief Fund
Administration for Children and Families	Office of Family Violence and Prevention Services (OFVPS), State Domestic Violence Coalitions
Administration for Children and Families	OFVPS, Family Violence Prevention Services
Administration for Children and Families	Office of Head Start (OHS)

Awarding Agency	Program
Administration for Children and Families	OHS Disaster Relief
Health Resources Services Administration	Health Center Program
Health Resources Services Administration	Congressional Directives
National Institutes of Health	Construction Support (Extramural Construction; Biomedical Research Facilities) (C06)

**Requirements: Tangible Personal and Real Property Reporting**

Covered programs above must include reporting requirements in their NOFOs which fund projects involving a federal interest in [tangible personal property](#) and [real property](#):

- [SF-428](#) (Tangible Personal Property suite of forms (cover page and Attachments), OMB Control Number 4040-0018 (expires 11/30/2024))
- [SF-429](#) (Real Property Status Report suite of forms (cover page and Attachments), OMB Control Number 4040-0016 (expires 2/28/2025))

In addition, covered programs are strongly encouraged to include, or incorporate by reference, best practices for infrastructure to support climate resilience and energy efficiency goals in their NOFOs. Please see below *Guidance: Advancing Climate Resiliency* chart for more details.

**Background of Requirements and Recommendations**

President Biden created a government-wide approach to address the climate crisis, including [an initiative](#) creating new building codes and standards to boost resilience to the impacts of climate change, lower utility bills for home and businesses, and prioritize underserved communities. Climate resiliency policies, outlined in [Executive Orders \(EO\) 14008](#), Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, and [EO 14057](#), Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability, are a critical part of the Administrations whole-of-government approach to deal with the climate crisis.

HHS Awarding Agencies should invest in real property that meets the “climate-smart infrastructure” criteria for covered programs (see below), as defined by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum [M-24-03](#), *Advancing Climate Resilience through Climate-Smart Infrastructure Investments and Implementation Guidance for the Disaster Resiliency Planning Act*.

<b>Guidance: Advancing Climate Resiliency</b>	<b>Required NOFO Content</b>	<b>Encouraged NOFO Content</b>
Tangible Personal and Real Property Reporting	Yes	
Use energy and water efficient equipment and appliances		Yes
Increase the use of low embodied carbon		Yes
Advance resiliency and sustainability for new construction and major renovation		Yes

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**Additional Guidance**

For additional guidance and resources, please go to: [www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/hhs-guidance-advance-climate-resilience-reduce-energy-emissions.pdf](http://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/hhs-guidance-advance-climate-resilience-reduce-energy-emissions.pdf)