

CHFA/DOH CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCING

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

ACCESS TO THE APPLICATION

The CHFA/DOH Consolidated Application for Housing Development may be accessed through the DOH or CHFA websites as an Excel file and is also available through the SharePoint website (available after requested access explained below)

www.chfa.org
www.ct.gov/doh

TECHNICAL PREREQUISITES

In order for SharePoint to function correctly you must use Internet Explorer (version 10 or above) as your web browser. Other web browsers may limit functionality of both SharePoint and the Consolidated Application. In order for the Consolidated Application to function correctly, you must use Microsoft Excel 2010 (or newer). Older versions have limited functionalities, which may prevent portions of the Consolidated Application from working correctly.

SETTING UP YOUR SHAREPOINT ACCOUNTS

To create a SharePoint account (Valid email address is required):

1. Send email to applicationrequest@chfa.org requesting creation of a SharePoint application site. In email request the following information must be provided:
 - a. Funding round/type (ex. CHAMP, 9% LIHTC, HTCC, SSHP, etc.)
 - b. Application/Project Name
 - c. Company Name
 - d. Primary Contact Name
 - e. Primary Contact Email
 - f. Primary Contact Phone
2. Allow 2-3 business days for website to be created
3. Receive application invitation email with access to application specific website
 - a. Applicants should open invitation email and log into SharePoint within 7 days of receipt, or the invitation email will expire and the applicant will have to request another be sent.
4. Create a one-time (email specific) Microsoft Account with login information (see instructions below), if one had not been previously created
5. Once logged into SharePoint, the applicant should share the website with team members, who will then need to set up their own Microsoft Account (if not already created)
6. Use the imbedded Consolidated Application (Microsoft Excel file) or upload a Consolidated Application that had been filled out (downloaded from the SharePoint website onto a computer). The Consolidated Application Version must be the same as what was imbedded into the SharePoint website when it was created for the applicant.

SETTING UP YOUR MICROSOFT ACCOUNT

All team members are required to have Microsoft Accounts in order to gain access to the SharePoint application submission website. Each team member only needs to create a Microsoft Account once per email address, which can be used for multiple applications. The steps to set up a Microsoft Account are as follows:

1. Receive an application invitation email (as noted in the instructions to set up a SharePoint account)
2. Click on the link in the email, and at the Microsoft login page, click the “Create A Microsoft Account” link
3. Fill in the information making sure to use the same email for your Microsoft Account as you are for the SharePoint application website
4. Verify your account via received email from Microsoft

Your account should be activated (after a brief period of time) and you can use the newly created Microsoft Account login information to log into SharePoint using the application invitation email previously received.

SHARING YOUR SHAREPOINT APPLICATION SITE

Submitting a complete application may require that different members of a development team upload certain documents.

In the SharePoint application website, development team members can be given access by any team members who currently have access. To share the application website with additional team members:

1. Login to SharePoint via the application invitation email
2. On the Home page of SharePoint, click “Share” in the upper right corner of the website
3. Enter team member’s e-mail address in blank text box and type in any comments you wish to send via email request. Click “Share” button.
4. If team member has not yet set up a Microsoft Account, they will have to do so prior to being able to access the SharePoint application site.

Applicants may add as many team members considered necessary to complete the document uploads for final submission.

NOTE: Development team members may be used by more than one Applicant and/or more than one application per Applicant. All development team members given access by the Applicant will have full access to all materials provided in the application including any organizational and/or financial information submitted with the application.

COMPLETING THE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

The Consolidated Application has a number of tools and functions built into it to make using it easier for applicants. There are a number of drop down fields, data tables, and checkboxes to provide specific information about the project. The version of the Consolidated Application that is submitted must be the same as what was originally imbedded into the SharePoint website upon creation. If a version different than what was originally available through the SharePoint website is submitted, it may not be considered for approval, or it may be considered a missing Threshold requirement. The application can be completed by following these steps:

1. On the Exhibit Checklist worksheet, click the “Core Items” button, followed by the funding source buttons for which you will be applying. Doing this will hide any information/worksheets that are not necessary to be submitted for that type of funding.

2. Review the Exhibit Checklist and complete any exhibits listed as Threshold for the type of funding for which you will be applying. The applicant is responsible to make sure all Threshold items are completed and submitted.
3. The Consolidated Application workbook can be completed and submitted a number of ways including:
 - a. Through the file imbedded into the SharePoint website (recommended method)
 - b. Downloaded from the SharePoint website, completed, and uploaded back to SharePoint
 - c. Downloaded from the CHFA or DOH websites (as long as it is the same version number as what was originally available through SharePoint), completed, and uploaded to SharePoint.

NOTE: If the Consolidated Application has been “Checked Out” of SharePoint, it will be unavailable to other team members until it has been “Checked In.”

COMPLETING/USING SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENTS

A number of attachments referenced in the Consolidated Application are available on the SharePoint, CHFA, and DOH websites. These items should be completed in their entirety (or risk being considered incomplete) and submitted per the Threshold requirements listed on the Exhibit Checklist of the Consolidated Application. They can be saved directly to the SharePoint website, or uploaded, after they have been completed, in the appropriate File Upload folder(s)/location(s). Please keep the file names as brief as possible.

UPLOADING APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS

All applications must be submitted electronically through the SharePoint website. Complete application workbooks may be uploaded in their entirety. Exhibits and attachments should be titled, converted to PDF files, and uploaded in the appropriate section folders as available on the SharePoint website. The attachment folder list available on the SharePoint website contains the sequential naming convention from the application’s Exhibit Checklist to assist in keeping application materials in consistent order. The applicant is responsible to make sure all Threshold requirements are included, there are no warnings built into SharePoint for missing items.

NOTE: *NO portion of the application will be accepted via email.* All electronic submissions must be completed through the SharePoint website.

SUBMITTING MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS BY ONE APPLICANT

Applicants may submit multiple applications per funding round. Applications will be named by the development name as provided in the SharePoint access request email. A separate SharePoint site will be required for each application submitted.

SIGNATURE PAGES

The following pages/exhibits/attachments from the application must be signed and submitted if they are listed as a Threshold requirement for the respective funding round:

1. Application
2. Exhibit 4.11 – Program Guideform: Relocation Assistance Plan
3. Exhibit 5.2.a – Detailed Income & Expenses Form
4. Exhibit 8.1.a – NEPA Statutory Checklist
5. Exhibit 8.1.b – NEPA Environmental Assessment Checklist
6. Exhibit 10.1 – Certifications
7. Exhibit 10.2 – Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations (“SEEC 10”) – signed and notarized

8. Exhibit 10.3 – Affirmative Action Policy Statement
9. Exhibit 10.4 – Fair Housing Policy Statement
10. Exhibit 10.5 – Certification to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing
11. Exhibit 10.6 – HTCC Certification Form

Applicants must sign and subsequently create one PDF document of these signature pages and upload as “Signatures Attachment,” in the Miscellaneous upload folder on SharePoint.

NOTE: For application sections completed by contracted professional services the “Prepared by,” and “Company Name/Firm” cells must be completed in lieu of signatures.

HARD COPY REQUIREMENTS

For CHFA funding, applicants are required to submit the following documents in hard copy:

1. Plans and Specifications
2. CHFA Application Fee. Certified Bank Check.

Hard copy materials must be sent to CHFA at:

Connecticut Housing Finance Authority
999 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Hartford, CT 06106
Attn: Multifamily Housing Development

If available electronically, please upload with to SharePoint with the rest of your application submission.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

For DOH funding, applicants are required to submit all Plans & Specifications electronically through the SharePoint website.

Plans and Specifications must be uploaded to the appropriate File Upload folder.

Hard Copy submissions are unacceptable.

COMPLETING SUBMISSION

Applicants will complete their electronic submission by making sure all the items in the Task List section of SharePoint are checked as completed, including the “Ready to Review” item. Once the application is submitted, no additional documents may be uploaded until the website is re-opened for deficiency updates (if a deficiency period is available for that type of application). If all of the Task List checkboxes are not checked as completed by the submission cutoff time, the website will be locked, no additional changes will be allowed, and the application will be submitted as is.

QUESTIONS

Questions may be submitted at any time to CTConsolidatedApplication@chfa.org.