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EHCLPT Questions

1. How will the EHCPLT apply to all Tranches?

At the bid level, the EHCPLT will **only** be applied to **preliminarily selected bids** in **Tranche-3**. Note that unlike in Tranches 1 and 2 – which subjected preliminary selections to separate cost controls such as a cap on grant request levels per CBG – Tranche-3 did not impose such limits. Therefore, ARConnect is applying the EHCPLT to Tranche-3 selections to ensure uniform cost efficiency across the entire program.

As an additional step to ensure cost efficiency, after the EHCPLT is applied to Tranche-3 preliminary selections, ARConnect also will re-examine each provider's entire portfolio of selections, calculating **each provider's total subsidy amount and total number of locations** across all preliminary selections from **all three tranches**.

If any provider's portfolio has an average subsidy per location for all their preliminary selections above the EHCPLT of \$24,314, then ARConnect will enter direct negotiations with that provider to bring the average subsidy per location below the EHCPLT.

2. Does the EHCPLT apply to community anchor institutions?

Yes.

3. Do providers need to submit anything by next Tuesday for bids not impacted by the EHCPLT?

No.