Essential Single Family Rehabilitation (ESFR) Loan Pool Portal

Invoices and Requisitions







Review of Portal Basics

All ESFR Requisitions (with associated Invoice backup) are processed through the ESFR Loan Pool Portal (Portal)

- Website: https://www.nchfa.org/LPPortal
- The portal is optimized for Chrome.
- Usernames and Passwords will be emailed to you some time after training. We won't know your password, but can reset it.
- Messages come to everyone with a login by default.



Who Should Be Logging In?

- Personnel will be granted portal access as either a
 - general user able to upload Invoices, designate line items and create Requisitions, or as a
 - Project Signatory with additional authorization to approve Requisitions along with general user permissions.
- If a Partner is utilizing the services of a Contractor to administer the Project, the Contractor <u>cannot</u> have signatory authority.



When Can I Request Funds?

Loan status "Approved":



- Soft costs can be requisitioned once incurred; for example, a reasonable percentage of total outreach costs.
- Note: Prior to submission of the Settlement Data Sheet, soft cost fund requests in excess of the original budget must be cleared by the Case Manager.

Loan status "Closed" (i.e, the closing has been conducted, documents mailed back to NCHFA and processed):

Both soft and hard costs can now be requisitioned



Four Step Process Overview

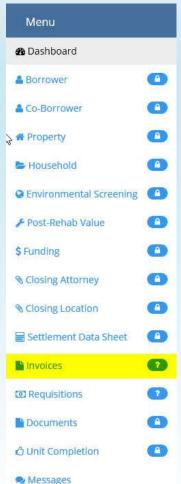
All ESFR Requisitions (with associated Invoice backup) are processed through the ESFR Loan Pool Portal (Portal) as follows:

- 1. Invoice PDFs are uploaded and summary data entered
- 2. Invoice line items are designated as hard or soft costs (and if the latter, correlated to the specific soft cost budget category)
- 3. A Requisition is created
- 4. The Project Signatory reviews the requisition and submits it to NCHFA

Upon NCHFA approval, funds are disbursed via ACH



Step 1



Invoice Menu:

PDFs are uploaded and summary data entered



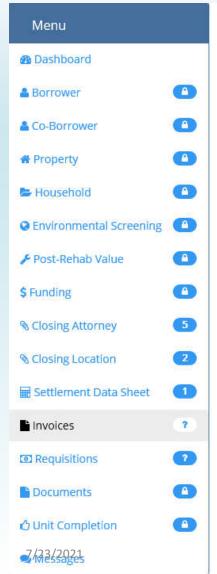
What is a Valid Invoice?

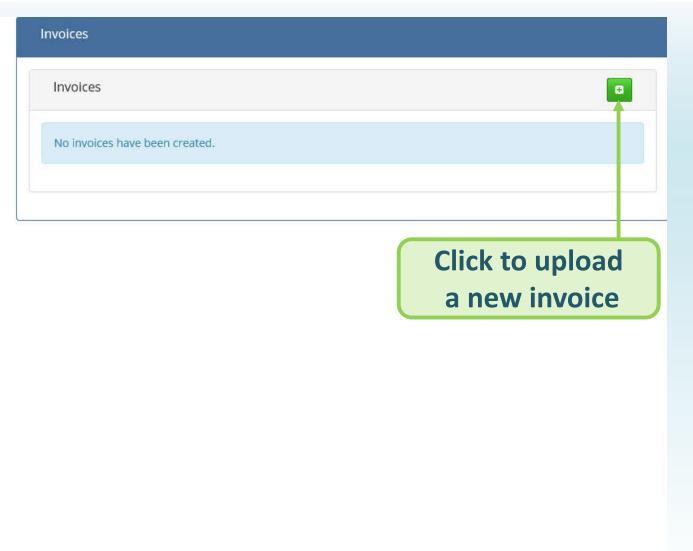
Prior to upload, verify that each invoice has the following:

- A reference number or name
- A date
- The homeowner's name
- An amount
- Designation of interim or final payment status for hard cost invoices

If an invoice is for multiple units (for example, a lead inspection), make sure that the cost per unit is broken out and each unit identified

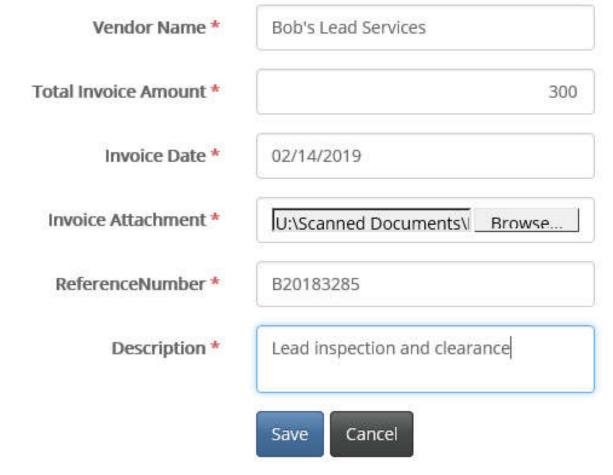
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Create a new invoice



Enter the summary data for the invoice, browse to upload the PDF and click "Save" when done.



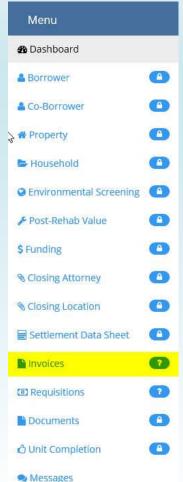


Important Tip:

Use the View PDF (green page) icon to verify that the correct invoice has been uploaded before moving on to the next step.



Step 2

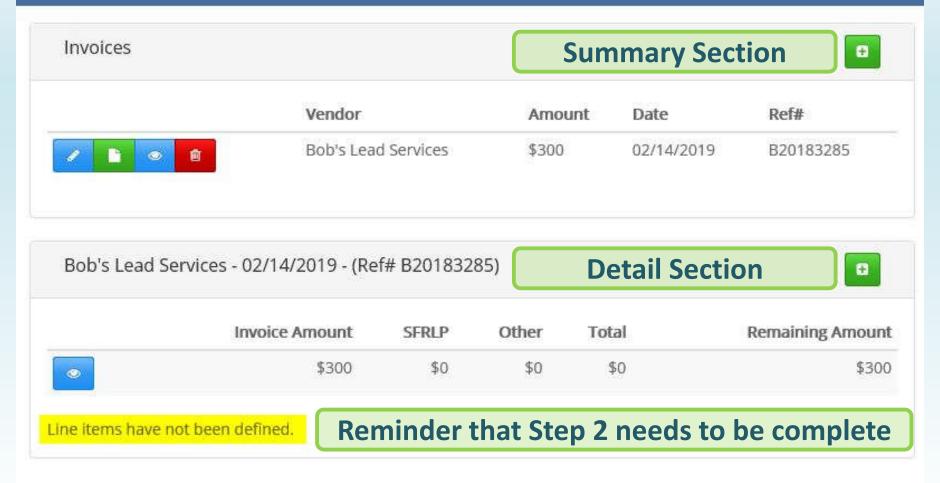


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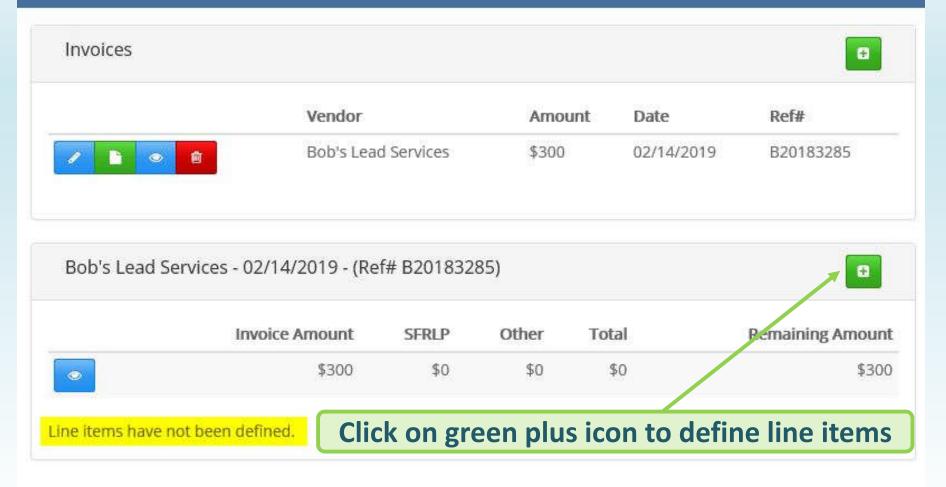




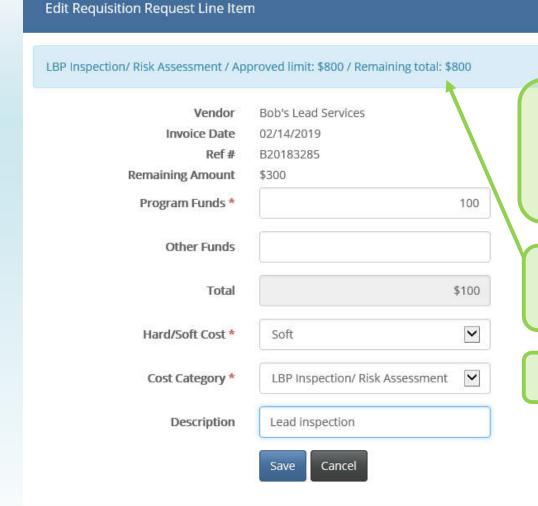


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Enter the subtotal and designate the cost category for each line item on the invoice. Click "Save" to complete.

Once you enter the cost category a budget accumulator will appear here.

Click "Save" to complete this item



Special note: Updated July 2021

The General Contractor must now be added before the Unit Completion Report is submitted.

The General Contractor information will need to be entered at the first hard cost invoice/requisition for the general contractor.

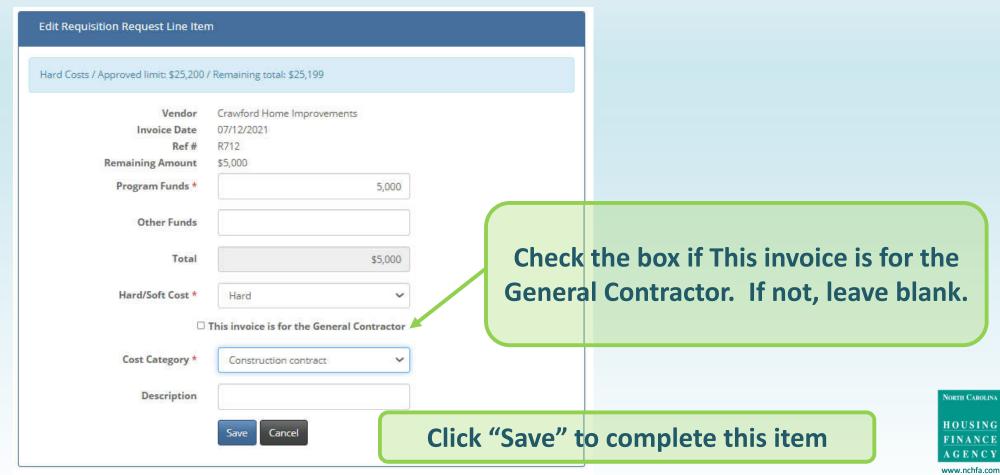
You will receive the following reminder until this is complete:

Invoices

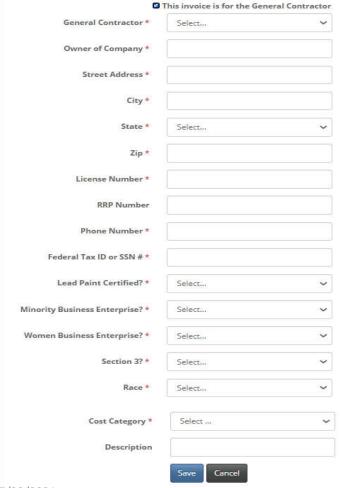
The General Contractor has not been specified for this unit.



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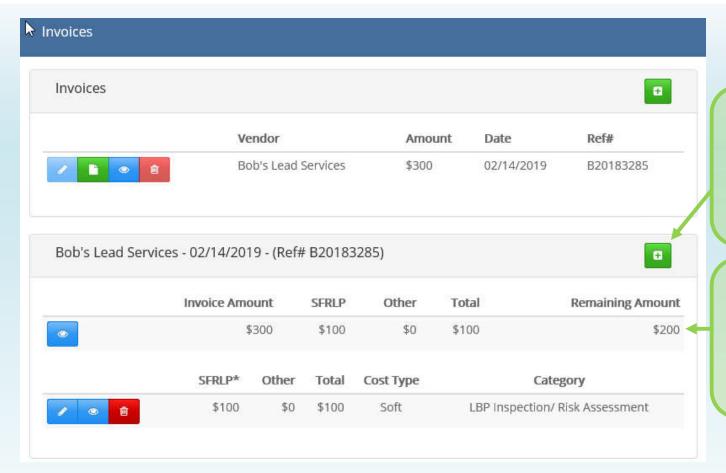
Enter the General Contractor information.

Click "Save" to complete this item



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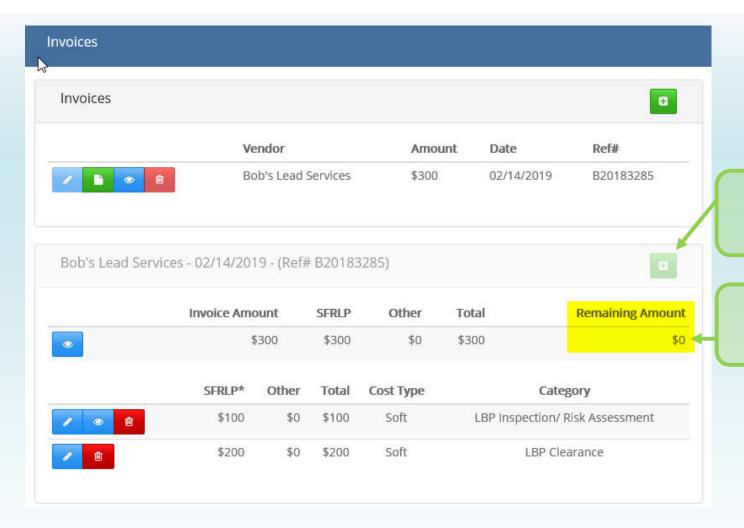
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Click on green plus icon to define additional line items on this invoice.

Summary of amount defined vs. total invoice

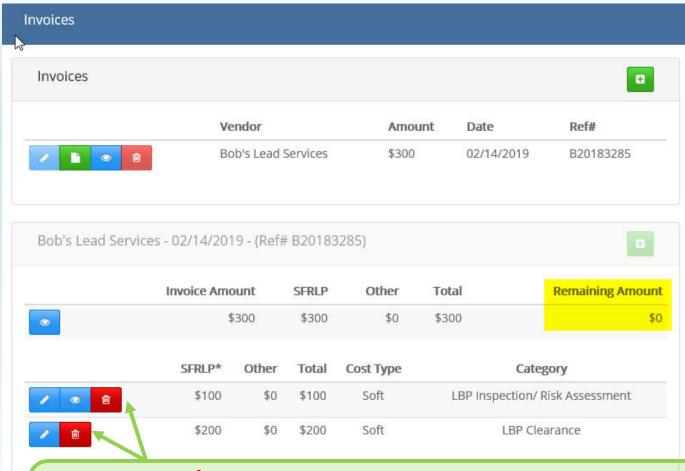




Green plus icon no longer active

All line items have been defined



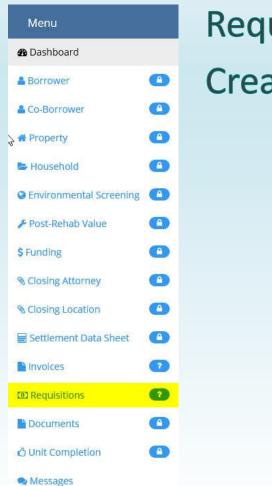


Important Tip:

If the invoice needs to be deleted at this point, you must first delete each icon in the detail section.

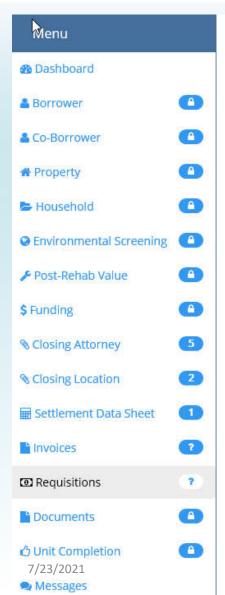


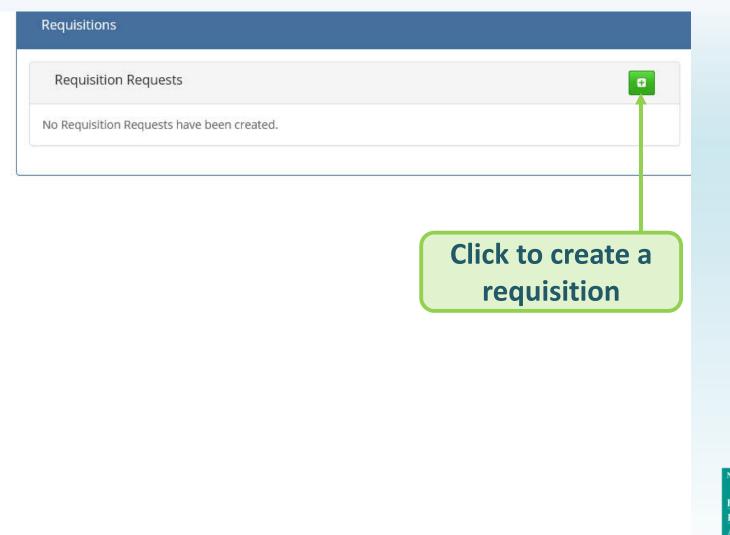
Step 3



Requisition Menu: Create the Requisition









Create Requisition Request

Select the requisition items to include in your request.

						Costs	
	Vendor	Ref#	Cost	Туре	SFRLP	Other	
	Bob's Lead Services	B20183285	LBP Inspection/ Risk Assessment	Soft	100		
			— Lead inspection				
	Bob's Lead Services	B20183285	LBP Clearance	Soft	200		

Summary

Cost Type	Budget	Previously Requested	This Request	Total to Date	Remaining
Soft	9,725	0	0	0	9,725
Hard	0	0	0	0	0
	9,725	0	0	0	9,725

No items have been selected

Hard costs cannot be requisitioned until the loan has closed

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Send to Review

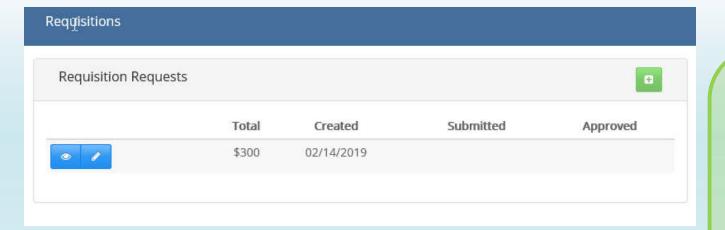
Click the items to be included on the requisition, or click on the top box to include all. Multiple invoices can be bundled into a single requisition.

Cost accumulators to date

Click only if this is the final requisition for this unit

Click "Send to Review"



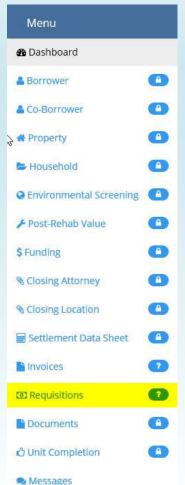




The Requisition has been created and a portal message sent out to remind the Project Signatory to review it.
At this point the invoices, line items and requisition cannot be edited.



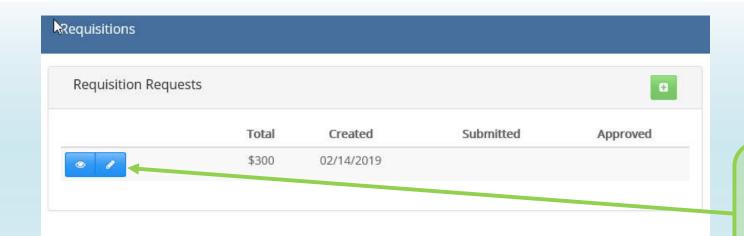
Step 4



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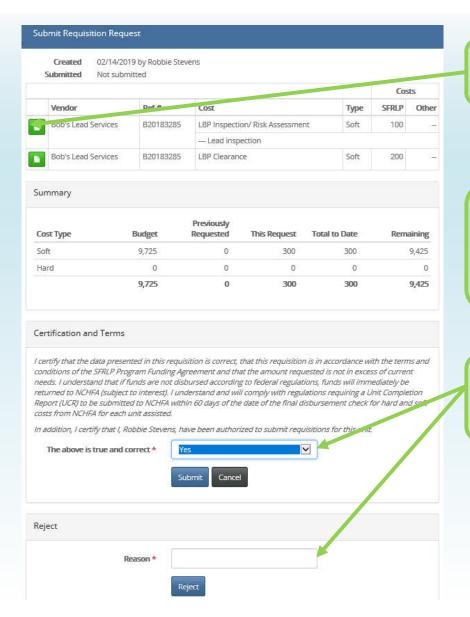
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Click on the blue pencil icon to review Requisitions.



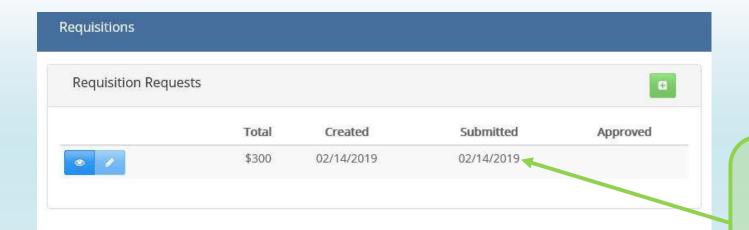


View invoices

Review summary of expenditures to date vs. budget

Certify accuracy and submit to NCHFA or reject.





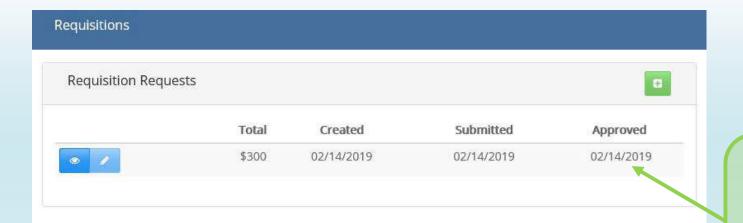
The Requisition has been sent to your NCHFA Case Manager for review.



What Happens Next?

- Your Case Manager will review the Requisition and associated Invoices and advise of any issues
 - If they return the Requisition, your invoices and line items will still be available in the portal for you to edit.
 - If they approve the Requisition, the date of approval will appear in the portal. The Requisition will be sent on to NCHFA servicing for disbursement to your ACH account.





Congratulations!
The Requisition has been approved.



Four Step Process – A Final Note

It is important to note that an error in any step requires first deleting any subsequent steps. For example:

- If the wrong Invoice PDF is uploaded and line items are then defined, each line item needs to be deleted before the incorrect Invoice can be deleted.
- If the line items are defined incorrectly and the Invoice is then linked to a Requisition, the Requisition will have to be rejected by your Program Signatory (prior to submission) or your Case Manager (subsequent to submission) before the line items can be edited.

Check each step before you move on to the next one!



Portal Problems?

If you have any problems with portal operations or any stage of the Four Step Process, please contact:

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