



# SINGLE FAMILY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Tax Credit Reservations

**Application Form** 

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The Ohio Housing Finance Agency's (OHFA) Single Family Tax Credit Program (SFTC) was created in 2023 through Am. Sub. H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly. Guided by the Ohio Revised Code Section 175.17 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 175-12, the program is a nonrefundable tax credit created to incentivize the construction of new single-family dwellings for qualified Ohio homebuyers.

Guidance regarding the information and completion of the application form and required tables and exhibits are based on parameters identified in the Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Administrative Code, **Single Family Tax Credit Allocation Plan** (Allocation Plan), and **Single Family Tax Credit Underwriting Guidelines** (Underwriting Guidelines).

During application completion, the Allocation Plan should be carefully reviewed for program guidance. While language in the application provides additional clarity and guidance, the Allocation Plan provides the primary program guidelines.

This application form includes Appendix I – Program Parameters (Appendix I) and Appendix II – Supplemental Documentation (Appendix II). Appendix I details additional program parameters that must be met during the application period, throughout the project construction period, and throughout the dwelling affordability period to retain the project's eligibility within the program. Appendix II lists the additional required documentation (tables and exhibits) outlined in the body of the application form to supplement the information in the form.

OHFA will administer monthly application rounds for the program through March 2027. The schedule for the application periods' start dates and submission deadlines can be <u>found here.</u>

## **APPLICATION FORM GUIDANCE**

#### **Application and Supplemental Information**

- A complete application includes the following:
  - 1. Single Family Tax Credit Application Form, including exception requests if applicable;
  - 2. All supplemental tables and exhibits, as required; and
  - 3. Application fee.
- A submitted application must be complete with all the required supporting tables and exhibits. Incomplete applications will be considered materially insufficient and may not be considered. Carefully review program guidelines on application submission, acceptance, and rejection.
- The \$1,500 nonrefundable application fee is required at the time of application submission. Applications submitted that do not also submit an application fee will be considered materially insufficient and will not be considered.
- The application fee must be paid via electronic payment.

#### **Application Access and Completion**

- Complete the writable pdf application form and provide the signature of the authorized representative for the applicant.
- Electronic signatures of the applicant's authorized representative will be accepted.
- Save the application form under the naming convention: "(Project Name\_\_SFTC Application Form)"
- Complete all required tables linked in the application form.
- Compile all required exhibits as identified in the application form.
- Tables and exhibits <u>must</u> be saved with the identified naming convention as outlined in Appendix II. Failure to label as instructed may result in the document not being reviewed.
- Exhibit documents can be Microsoft, Adobe, Excel, or other common application types.

#### **Tables and Exhibits**

- Tables and exhibits identified within the application form are to be submitted as supplemental information to the Single Family Tax Credit application form. All tables are required, and exhibits are required or situational, as identified in Appendix II.
- Exhibit numbers and naming conventions for the supplemental information are identified in Appendix II.
- Documents <u>must</u> be labeled with the identified exhibit number and naming convention as outlined in Appendix II. Failure to label as instructed may result in the exclusion of the document from review.
- If multiple documents are required in an exhibit, an exhibit folder must be created. This folder must be labeled with the identified exhibit number and naming convention as outlined in Appendix II. All required documents must be saved within this folder.

#### **Application Submittal**

• The application period for the Single Family Tax Credit program has been extended through March 2027. OHFA will administer monthly application rounds as <u>outlined here</u>. OHFA will review applications and award funding for each monthly round. Each round will be reviewed and scored independently, with all applications submitted in each monthly round competitively scored against each other.

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- A completed application (application form, tables, and exhibits)must be submitted to OHFA via the Single Family Tax Credit File Transfer Site at <a href="https://ohiohome.org/SingleFamilyFTS">https://ohiohome.org/SingleFamilyFTS</a>.
- Compete applications <u>MUST</u> be submitted as a single zip file. Save the completed application form, tables, and exhibits in a single application folder with the naming convention "(Project Name)\_SFTC".
- Once the application is ready, save the folder as a zipped file.
  - To zip a completed application, select the saved folder containing the completed files and right click. Select "Sent to" and "Compressed (zipped) folder". A zipped file with the same name will be created in the same location.
- Once the application is ready for submittal, email OHFA at <u>SinglefamilyFTP@ohiohome.org</u> with the subject line "Access to File Transfer Site" to request access to the File Transfer Site. In this email, identify the first and last name and email address of the user that will be submitting the application.
- An email from **<u>SinglefamilyFTP@ohiohome.org</u>** will be sent to the identified user with a temporary password to access the site.
- Once the user logs in and sets their password, the zipped application file can be uploaded.
- ACH wiring instructions and information for the required electronic payment of the application fee are available on the File Transfer Site homepage.
- <u>Application bundles submitted without an accompanying application fee will be considered materially</u> insufficient and will not be considered.

# **APPLICATION FORM**

### I. PROJECT DETAILS

#### A. **Project Information**

| 1. Project Name:             |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| 2. Local Jurisdiction(s):    |  |
| 3. County(ies):              |  |
| 4. State House District(s):  |  |
| 5. State Senate District(s): |  |

#### B. Housing Pool

- 6. Identify the project's Housing Pool (central city, metro/suburban, or rural) as presented in the Allocation Plan (page 13):
- Find the project's appropriated housing pool, based on its location in Ohio, using the OHFA Property Locator Search Tool, linked <u>here</u>.

#### C. Targeted Areas

- 7. Is the project located within an Appalachian County as identified in the Allocation I Yes INO Plan (page 14)?
  - The Appalachian Counties can be found on the <u>Single Family Tax Credit</u> <u>webpage</u>:
    - 1) Select the appropriate Interactive Allocation Plan map for your project under the "Location and Data Resources for Applicants" section, expanding the "Interactive Map and Instructions" box,
    - 2) Select the appropriate map for the project's housing pool,
    - 3) Select the "Appalachian Set Aside" box, and
    - 4) Type the project address in the box at the top-left corner of the page. If the mapped project address falls within the highlighted green area, it qualifies.

- **8.** Is the project located within 20 miles of an approved "megaproject" with more The Yes No than 2,000 committed jobs as designated by the Ohio Tax Credit Authority?
  - The megaprojects and their radii can be found on the **Single Family Tax Credit webpage**:
    - 1) Select the appropriate interactive Allocation Plan map for your project under the "Location and Data Resources for Applicants" section, expanding the "Interactive Maps and Instructions" box,
    - 2) Select the appropriate map for the project's housing pool,
    - 3) Select the "Transformative Economic Development Set Aside" box, and
    - 4) Type the project address in the box at the top-left corner of the page. If the mapped project address falls within the established radius, it qualifies.
  - ► If "Yes", provide a letter of support from the local jurisdiction where the project is to be located. This letter can be the local support letter that was provided to the Ohio Tax Credit Authority for project approval. Save this document as Exhibit 1, as outlined in Appendix II.

#### D. Project Description

9. Describe the proposed project in detail. In the narrative, include information regarding neighborhood location, number of dwellings, type of dwellings, targeted buyers, etc. to provide a detailed presentation of the project.

10. Indicate the type(s) of dwellings included in the project (select all that apply). Also include number of units for each selected dwelling type:

| Туре                         | Included | Number of Units |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Fully detached unit          |          |                 |
| Duplex, Triplex, or Fourplex |          |                 |
| Row House                    |          |                 |
| Townhouse                    |          |                 |
| Multi-story Condominiums     |          |                 |

#### E. Proposed Single Family Dwelling Details

11. Complete the information in <u>Table 1 – Project Single Family Dwellings</u> linked below for all proposed single-family dwellings in the project.

Click the link below to access the table (Click "Open" in the Launch File pop-up to access the spreadsheet. Click the "Enable Editing" button at the top of the spreadsheet to enter information and save the table.). Save the document as Table 1, as outlined in Appendix II.

12. Complete the detailed dwelling information in <u>Table 2 – Dwelling Information</u> for all proposed single-family dwellings in the project.

Click the link below to access the table (Click "Open" in the Launch File pop-up to access the spreadsheet. Click the "Enable Editing" button at the top of the spreadsheet to enter information and save the table.). Save the document as Table 2, as outlined in Appendix II.

## **II. DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

#### A. Development Team Members

13. Identify the members of the project's Development Team in <u>Table 3 – Development Team</u> <u>Members</u>.

Click the link below to access the table (Click "Open" in the Launch File pop-up to access the spreadsheet. Click the "Enable Editing" button at the top of the spreadsheet to enter information and save the table.). Save the document as Table 3, as outlined in Appendix II.

- Provide resumes for each staff member of the Development Team that is directly and materially involved in the project. Resumes must be provided in the <u>Exhibit 2</u> folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- Provide an Organizational Chart and any relevant agreements showing the structure of the Development Team in the Exhibit 3 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- Provide an Authorization to Release Tax Information Form for the following for-profit Development Team Members: Project development Owner, Lead Applicant, Project Developer, Building Contractor, and Home Builder linked here. Save each form with the name of the team member, and include the documents in the Exhibit 4 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 14. If the Project Development Owner has designated another member of the Development Team as the Lead Applicant, provide the verification of the designation through either the legislative body's resolution or the entity's official designation process. Save this document as <u>Exhibit 5</u>, as outlined in Appendix II.

- 15. If the Project Development Owner is not the local jurisdiction (i.e., municipality(ies) or township(s) in which the project is located), provide a local support letter verifying awareness and support of the project. The letter must be signed by the mayor or city manager of the municipality or the township trustee chair of the township where the dwellings will be located. Save the documents in the Exhibit 6 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 16. Identify the Development Team member that will be responsible for servicing the associated properties of a qualified project for the duration of the applicable affordability period and ensuring the affordability requirements are met. The designated team member must also outline the plan to monitor project dwelling affordability throughout the Affordability Period (10 years after the sale of the dwelling) and the member's role in the plan.

 Outline any specific policies or actions the Development Team will implement to retain dwelling affordability during the Affordability Period. For example, the implementation of a right-of-first-refusal on a home sale or a second mortgage for penalty payments.

#### B. Development Team Members: Experience, Capacity, and Capability

17. Provide a detailed narrative identifying the project roles and responsibilities of each entity member of the Development Team, as identified in Table 3.

- 18. Describe previous project experience and the work performed for each entity member of the Development Team identified in Table 3. Provide this information for any experience within the last five years, both in and outside Ohio, for the following categories:
  - Housing Type (similar to the proposed development);
  - Location (same local jurisdiction);
  - Type of geographic area (central city, metro/suburban, rural); and/or
  - Scope of development.

 If available, provide any letters of recommendation provided by banks, lenders, and/or municipalities, townships, or counties relating to the above-mentioned projects. 19. Identify the current development projects the Development Team members are involved in at the time of application submittal (excluding the Development Consultant). Include the location of the project and a short narrative describing the project scope.

20. For each Development Consultant identified in Table 3, outline the scope of their authority to negotiate for and bind the Development Team. Additionally, for each identified consultant, provide a summary of all other projects they are advising on at the time of application.

- 21. Has the "construction entity" within the Development Team built a comparable project(s) within the last 10 years?
  - ► If "yes", please identify the state(s) where the projects were located:
  - Describe the comparable project(s), including location, number of dwellings, dwelling details (square footage, bedrooms, bathrooms) home sale prices, and project outcomes.

- 22. Provide Lien and Litigation reports for the Lead Developer, unless the Lead Developer is a township, municipality, or county. Lien reports should include the county where the project is located, and the state of Ohio. Litigation reports should include Ohio courts and any federal court. Lien and Litigation reports must be dated within 90 days of the application submission date. Lien and Litigation reports from other members of the Development Team may be requested by OHFA at its discretion, as needed. Include documents in the <u>Exhibit 8</u> folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 23. Provide the last three years of audited financial statements for the Development Team member acting as the developer/general contractor (unless the role is performed by the Project Development Owner). Include documents in the Exhibit 9 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 24. Identify any members of the Development Team that are a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or Women's Business Enterprise (WBE):

- 25. Identify any member of the Development Team (and their organization) that has graduated from an Ohio or national real estate professional development training program. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Emerging Developer's Accelerator Program (sponsored by Affordable Housing Trust of Columbus and Franklin County)
  - The Real Estate Accelerator Lab of Cincinnati
  - Cleveland Equitable Development Initiative
  - Other similar Ohio or national training program

► For the member(s) identified in above, provide evidence of successful completion of the identified program. Include documents in the Exhibit 10 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.

## **III.DWELLING INFORMATION**

#### A. Site

- 26. Provide verification of site control for each single-family dwelling site in the project. Examples of accepted site control documents can be found in the Allocation Plan (page 11). Documents should be saved with reference to its dwelling number identified in Table 1 ("Appraisal\_ Dwelling x"). Include documents in the Exhibit 11 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- **27.** Does the project include scattered project sites (i.e., sites which are not □ Yes □ No contiguous)?
  - If "yes", provide a map that shows the locations of all the scattered sites included in the project, identifying major roadways for reference. Save this map as <u>Exhibit 12</u>, as outlined in Appendix II
- 28. Provide an aerial map for each project site, clearly depicting the site, the nearest intersection to the site and all roads leading to the site. If the project sites are scattered, provide an individual map for each site. Identify which dwellings will be located at each site, referencing the dwelling numbers identified in Table 1. Include documents in the Exhibit 13 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 29. Provide photos of the single-family dwelling site(s) and the surrounding properties. The included photos should be saved including reference the dwelling's number assigned in Table 1 ("Photo #\_Dwelling x"). Include documents in the <u>Exhibit 14</u> folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 30. Provide a legal description of all project sites. This description should include the permanent parcel number and street address (if applicable) and be provided in Word format. Include documents in the <u>Exhibit 15</u> folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- **31.** Do all proposed project sites have appropriate zoning for the planned construction or renovation?
  - If not, list the site(s) that still need updated zoning by address or parcel number, and describe the plan to get the site(s) zoned.

- Provide a letter from the local jurisdiction(s) responsible for zoning oversight where the dwellings will be located dated no more than 12 months prior to the application submission date evidencing the zoning for <u>each</u> project site through. Only one letter is necessary per local jurisdiction. For each site, identify one of the following:
  - The current zoning will permit the development;
  - Rezoning is planned for the site; or
  - No zoning regulations exist for the site.

Include documents in the Exhibit 16 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.

- 32. Is the building infrastructure (i.e., water, sanitary sewer, electricity, telecommunications) currently in place for each proposed dwelling?
  - If" No", how many of the proposed dwellings have building infrastructure in place?

□Yes □No

□ Yes □ No

- If the Infrastructure is not currently in place for the proposed dwellings, will it be in place prior to the commencement of construction?
  - If "Yes," provide a letter from the local jurisdiction that will provide the infrastructure committing that the infrastructure will be in place. Include the timeline for construction. Save this document as <u>Exhibit</u> <u>17</u>, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 33. Provide a copy of the local jurisdiction revitalization plan, if applicable. The plan must meet the criteria set forth in the Allocation Plan (page 13) to be considered for scoring purposes. Save this document as <u>Exhibit 18</u>, as outlined in Appendix II.

#### B. Dwelling Structure

34. Complete the information in <u>Table 4 – Dwelling Appraised Values</u> linked below for all proposed single-family dwellings in the project.

Click the link below to access the table (Click "Open" in the Launch File pop-up to access the spreadsheet. Click the "Enable Editing" button at the top of the spreadsheet to enter information and save the table.). If additional rows are needed for additional dwellings, insert them into the table. Save the document as Table 4, as outlined in Appendix II.

- Provide the appraisals for each proposed single-family dwelling in the project. The appraisals should be saved including referencing its dwelling number identified in Table 1 ("Appraisal\_Dwelling x"). Include documents in the Exhibit 19 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- Provide floor plans, model plans, modular home plans, and/or manufactured home plans, as applicable, for the project's planned single-family dwellings. Include documents in the <u>Exhibit</u> <u>20</u> folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 36. Provide a project construction schedule that includes design, permitting, construction start/ end for the dwellings, dwelling sales, and other important project milestones. Save the document as <u>Exhibit 21</u>, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 37. Provide all previously issued building permits for any of the project's single-family dwellings. The included permits should be saved including referencing its dwelling number identified in Table 1 ("Permit\_Dwelling x"). Include documents in the <u>Exhibit 22</u> folder, as outlined in Appendix II.

- 38. If the project includes single-family dwelling(s) that will be rehabilitated, provide a physical capital needs assessment and scope of work for each dwelling. The assessment must meet the parameters set forth in the Allocation Plan (page 13) and will be used to determine if the project meets the requirement for substantial determination. The capital needs assessment and scope of work should be saved referencing the dwelling number identified in Table 1 ("Assessment\_Dwelling (x)", "Scope of Work\_Dwelling (X)". Include documents in the Exhibit 23 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
  - Provide interior photos of the dwelling(s) that will be rehabilitated. The included photos should be saved including referencing the dwelling's number assigned in Table 1 ("Photo #\_Dwelling x"). Include documents in the Exhibit 24 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 39. If the dwellings in the project include condominiums, include a brief description of the proposed governing agreement. Include information regarding:
  - 1) costs and maintenance of common space,
  - 2) parking availability,
  - 3) air rights,
  - 4) default remedies,
  - 5) commercial uses, and
  - 6) tenant selection.

Provide a draft or final condominium declaration and bylaws, if available. Include documents in the Exhibit 25 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.

#### 40. Indicate which dwellings in the project meet the following:

- the Energy Star Residential New Construction Program,
- LEED (new construction), and/or
- the National Association of Home Builders' National Green Building Standard (rehabilitation).

Identify the dwelling(s) by the number assigned in Table 1 ("Dwelling Number") and indicate the met qualification(s).

- 41. Outline the home warranties that will be provided for the dwellings, including the term coverage and provider, for the categories listed below. Warranties must meet the minimum standards as set forth in the Allocation Plan (page 8). Also include verification that the warranties will be provided at no cost and will be transferrable to subsequent qualified buyers during the affordability period.
  - Heating, cooling, ventilating, electrical, and plumbing systems
  - Water infiltration and internal leaks
  - Major structural elements

- ► Include the home warranty document(s) in the <u>Exhibit 26</u> folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- ► If the dwellings in the project include condominiums, provide evidence of commensurate coverage for common elements. Include document(s) in the <u>Exhibit 27</u> folder, as outlined in Appendix II.

42. Describe the amenities and design features that will be provided in the dwelling(s).

► If the amenities described above exceed the standards of comparable new homes in the same market, provide a narrative describing those features and why they were selected.

► List the estimated costs for the identified amenities that exceed the standards.

Provide annotated plans highlighting the amenities that exceed the standards. Include documents in the Exhibit 28 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.

## **IV. QUALIFIED BUYERS**

43. Describe the current market demand within the Project Development Owner's jurisdiction for the project's single-family dwellings. Provide a market analysis summary or MLS listings that present active sales and dwelling sold within the last 12 months in the application. For applications in the Center City pool, the market demand analysis should focus on the neighborhood where the dwellings will be located. For applications in the Metro/Suburban or Rural pools, the market demand analysis should focus on the local jurisdiction(s) (i.e., either municipality or township) where the dwellings will be located. Formal independent market studies are not required but can be submitted with the application for additional evidence of demand.

- ► Include documents in the Exhibit 29 folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 44. Provide a narrative outlining the Team's plan to identify and select Qualified Buyers for the project's single-family dwellings. The plan must include how the Development Team will address the circumstance when there are more Qualified Buyers than homes for sale in the Qualified Project.

45. Provide the marketing plan (and any supporting documentation) created by the Development Team to be utilized to advertise and promote the single-family dwellings to potential qualified homebuyers. This plan must meet the minimum requirements set forth in the Allocation Plan (page 35). Include documents in the <u>Exhibit 30</u> folder, as outlined in Appendix II.

## **V. FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

46. Complete Table 5 – Sources and Uses to outline and identify the sources and uses of funds in the proposed project's budget.

Click the link below to access the table (Click "Open" in the Launch File pop-up to access the spreadsheet. Click the "Enable Editing" button at the top of the spreadsheet to enter information and save the table.). Save the document as Table 5 – as outlined in Appendix II.

- 47. Provide documentation for all non-OHFA debt and equity commitments made by investors or tax credit syndicators that will be used as sources of funding for the project. Commitment documentation must be in the form outlined in the Allocation Plan (page 9) and dated no more than six months prior to the application submittal. Include documents in the <u>Exhibit 31</u> folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 48. If the Project Development Owner is contributing capital or other assets to assist in the affordability of a project, discuss the type of contribution and how it will impact the Qualified Buyers.
  - Provide a letter signed by the Project Development Owner's CEO (or equivalent) outlining the contribution commitment, including its parameters and requirements. Save the document as <u>Exhibit 32</u> as outlined in Appendix II.
- **49.** Has the local jurisdiction designated the project site(s) as a local priority for affordable housing?
  - Indicate if the local government has committed to provide any of the tangible support listed below:

| Gap financing                        |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Land donation                        |  |
| Waiver of impact and permitting fees |  |

- Include a support letter from the local government for all items identified above demonstrating the need for the housing type proposed in the project and the commitment for the support identified above. Save the document as <u>Exhibit 33</u>, as outlined in Appendix II.
- **50.** Does the project have a conditional commitment for SFTC equity at the time of Pes No application?
  - If "Yes", provide a commitment letter from the syndicator with the required details outlined in the Allocation Plan (pages 9–10). Save the document as <u>Exhibit 34</u> as outlined in Appendix II.

51. Indicate below which of the financial resources to subsidize development costs are included in the project.

| Municipal, Township, or County development programs |  |
|---|--|
| Donated Land  |  |
| Fee Waivers   |  |
| Private Donations                                   |  |
| In-kind labor contributions                         |  |
| State or Federal housing programs                   |  |
| State or Federal development programs               |  |

 Identify the programs associated with the category(ies) selected above and explain how they will be used to impact the development costs

Explain if sources, other than those identified in the table above, will be used to provide additional down payment assistance and/or a reduced loan interest rate to eligible qualified buyers. Identify those sources and entity partnerships.

## **VI. GEOGRAPHIC PRIORITY**

Maps referenced in this section can be found on the **program webpage** under the "Location and Data Resources for Applicants" section, unless otherwise indicated. Instructions on how to customize the maps and layers can be found on the program webpage and are also linked **here**. Any questions related to the maps or process can be directed to

#### Research@ohiohome.org.

52. Identify the project's USR Opportunity Index Score:

- Access the **OHFA Property Locator Search Tool** and type the property address in the search box at the top left corner. After the property is mapped, identify the "Opportunity Index Score" number on the left-hand side of the page.
- **53.** Is the project located in an OHFA Homebuyer Target Area?
  - Access the **OHFA Target Area Map** and type the property address in the search box at the bottom of the page. After typing in the address and the image code and clicking the "Submit" button, a sentence will appear below the "Submit" button indicating if the address is located within a target tract.
- 54. Projects located within an identified linear distance to a "Concentrated Job Center" will receive scoring points toward the application's total score as outlined in the Allocation Plan (page 22). To verify, take a screenshot of "<u>On the Map</u>" demonstrating eligibility per the Allocation Plan instructions (page 23). Save the document as <u>Exhibit 35</u> as outlined in Appendix II.
- 55. Projects located within an identified linear distance to designated amenities will receive scoring points toward the application's total score as outlined in the Allocation Plan (pages 22-23). Provide one map/screenshot per amenity the qualifies, and include a description of how the amenity meets the definition and proof that the amenity is currently in operation. Save the document as "Exhibit 36 (amenity type)". Include documents in the <u>Exhibit 36</u> folder, as outlined in Appendix II.
- 56. Projects will be awarded points toward the application's total score based on the homeownership needs of the county where it is located as outlined in the Allocation Plan (page 24). To verify, access the interactive maps on the **program webpage** under the "Location and Data Resources" heading (select the correct Allocation Plan map that corresponds to the project location). Verify the information per the **interactive map instructions**, Section 5.1 Single-Layer Instructions. Save the document as <u>Exhibit 37</u>, as outlined in Appendix II.

## **VII. ESTIMATED TAX CREDIT RESERVATION**

57. Complete <u>Table 6 – Estimated Tax Credit Reservation</u> to provide total estimated costs and appraised values for the proposed single-family dwellings in the project. The estimated tax credit per dwelling will be calculated, leading to an aggregate estimated tax credit reservation amount.

Click the link below to access the table (Click "Open" in the Launch File pop-up to access the spreadsheet. Click the "Enable Editing" button at the top of the spreadsheet to enter information and save the table.). Save the document as Table 6 – as outlined in Appendix II.

## **VIII. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL PROGRAMS**

58. The Single Family Tax Credit Housing Development Loan Program provides short-term, lowinterest loans to developers who have an award from the Single Family Tax Credit program. The loan can be used to bridge equity, providing interim financing at a low-interest rate for deferred equity resulting from the sale of the tax credit. If the Development Team has interest in this program, click the box below and OHFA will provide the program information.

□ Yes, please provide information

## **IX. EXCEPTION REQUESTS**

59. Limited exceptions to the underwriting criteria may be granted for good cause shown and sufficient evidence. Any request(s) should include the identification of the criteria(ion) for which the exemption is requested and a detailed narrative requesting the exemption and the justification for the request. Additional documentation may be included as evidence to support the position. Include documents in the <u>Exhibit 38</u> folder, as outlined in Appendix II.

## **X. PROGRAM CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned affirmatively covenants, on behalf of the organization identified below, that it does not owe (1) any delinquent taxes to the state of Ohio (the State) or apolitical subdivision of the State, (2) any moneys to the State or a state agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State, and (3) any other moneys to the State, a state agency or political subdivision of the State that are past due, whether the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law or not.

The undersigned agrees that the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (including its agencies) will at all times be indemnified and held harmless against all losses, costs, damages, expenses, and liabilities whatsoever nature or kind (including, but not limited to attorney's fees, litigation, and court costs, amounts paid in settlement, and amounts paid to discharge judgement, and any loss form judgement from the Internal Revenue Service) directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of, or related to acceptance, consideration, and approval or disapproval of such allocation and/or funding request.

The undersigned acknowledges that any document submitted to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency is considered a public record and will be released in accordance with ORC Sections 149.43 and 175.12(B).

It is the responsibility of the undersigned and any of its employees, agents, subcontractors, or Development Team members in doing business with the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to adhere to and comply with all Federal Civil Rights legislation inclusive of the Fair Housing Laws, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as any state and local Civil Rights legislation along with any required related codes and laws. Should the Ohio Housing Finance Agency not specify any requirements, such as design, it is none the less the owner's responsibility to be aware of and comply with all non-discrimination provisions relating to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, handicap, familial status, and national origin. This includes design requirements for construction or rehabilitation and Equal Opportunity in regard to marketing and qualified buyer selection.

The undersigned hereby certifies to the state of Ohio, through the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, that I hold the position and title set forth below that I am duly authorized by the applicant and the Development Team to submit this application for Single Family Tax Credits and to execute, deliver, perform, enter into and carry out the performance of this application. I hereby represent and certify (1) all information contained within, attached to, and submitted with this application is true, correct, and complete, (2) Any additional information requested by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency will be supplied by the undersigned in order for this application to remain valid, (3) I acknowledge that certain false statements made in this application may subject the applicant to criminal liability and failure to provide requested information may cause the applicant to be ineligible to receive this or any future assistance from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency.

| Authorized Signatory of Lead Applicant | Title |  |
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| Printed Name                           |       |  |
| Organization                           |       |  |
| Date                                   |       |  |

## **APPENDIX I – PROGRAM PARAMETERS**

Within the SFTC program, several thresholds must be met during the application period and throughout the project construction period and dwelling affordability period to retain the project's eligibility within the program. By submitting an application the applicant acknowledges complying with all program requirements. These parameters are outlined below for convenience, but do not supersede requirements outlined in the law or guidelines:

#### Costs:

- 1. Developer Fee is capped at 10% of the Total Estimated Project Costs (minus the Developer Fee) and is set at the application submission.
- 2. Contractor's fee shall be limited to 14% of hard construction costs. This is aggregated through:
  - a. Contractor Profit maximum of 6% of Hard Construction costs
  - b. Overhead maximum of 2% of Hard Construction costs
  - c. General Requirements maximum of 6% of Hard Construction Costs
- 4. The sum of estimated home sales, plus tax credit equity and other construction financing must be sufficient to pay off the construction loan balance after the final dwelling is sold.
- 5. For rehabilitation of an existing dwelling, improvements must involve the replacement of two or more major building components and hard construction costs must total \$75,000 or more.

#### **Affordability:**

- 1. The affordability period extends 10 years from the date of the initial dwelling sale.
- 2. The total monthly cost of the single-family dwelling (mortgage, real property taxes, insurance, and condominium fees if applicable) can be no more than 30% of the Qualified Buyer's monthly income.
- 3. The Qualified Buyer will enter into a restrictive covenant to the benefit of OHFA and the Project Development Owner, in a form prescribed by OHFA at the time of purchase, requiring that the Qualified Buyer remain in the single-family dwelling as their primary residence for the entire affordability period, as well as include provisions for contingencies in the even of sale of the singlefamily dwelling, as prescribed in the Allocation Plan.

#### **Qualified Buyer:**

- 1. Verified income up to 120% of the area median income (AMI);
- 2. Has obtained a pre-approval letter from a permanent lender demonstrating they are qualified for a mortgage;
- 3. Has attended homebuyer education;
- 4. Has a credit score of at least 640;
- 5. Intends to use the dwelling as a primary residence through the affordability period; and
- 6. Is a First-Time Home Buyer or an Eligible Home Buyer as defined in the Allocation Plan.

## **APPENDIX II - SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

In addition to the application form, supporting documents (i.e. tables and exhibits) are necessary to supplement the information in the application form. The application form, required tables, and required exhibits must be submitted together to consider the application complete. The exhibits listed below are those identified directly in the application form.

Documents and Folders <u>must</u> be labeled with the identified table or exhibit naming convention as delineated below in the green column. Failure to label as instructed may result in the document's exclusion from the application review.

Exhibits with multiple documents should be submitted in a folder that is named with the identified exhibit name convention. Within the folder, save the documents as outlined. Exhibits that should be created/named as folders are noted with an asterisk in the "Submission" column below.

|             | As Referenced in the Application Form         |               |   |  |
|-------------|---|---------------|---|--|
| Submission  | Naming Convention                             | Applicability | Additional Guidance   |  |
| Table 1     | "Table 1_Project Single Family<br>Dwellings"  | Required      | Provide additional single-family dwellings included in the project  |  |
| Table 2     | "Table 2_Dwelling Information"                | Required      | Provide an additional sheet detailing Development Team<br>Members, if list exceeds provided spacing   |  |
| Table 3     | "Table 3_Development Team<br>Members          | Required      | Details on each single-family dwelling in the project   |  |
| Table 4     | "Table 4_Dwelling Appraised Values"           | Required      | Provide all appraised values for each single-family dwelling in the project   |  |
| Table 5     | "Table5_Sources and Uses"                     | Required      | Identify project costs and sources of funding for the project   |  |
| Table 6     | "Table 6_Estimated Tax Credit<br>Reservation" | Required      | Complete the table identifying the Total Estimated Project<br>Cost and Estimated Appraised Value for all dwellings in the<br>project                |  |
| Exhibit 1   | "Exhibit 1_Targeted Area Support<br>Letter"   | If applicable | Support letter from the local jurisdiction if the project is located within 20 miles of an approved "megaproject"                                   |  |
| Exhibit 2 * | "Exhibit 2_Resumes"                           | Required      | Provide resumes all for Development Team staff members that are directly involved in the project  |  |
| Exhibit 3 * | "Exhibit 3_Org Chart"                         | Required      | Provide an organizational chart and any relevant agreements outlining the Development Team structure  |  |
| Exhibit 4 * | "Exhibit 4_Tax Authorization"                 | Required      | One completed form for each for-profit member of the<br>Development Team  |  |
| Exhibit 5   | "Exhibit 5_Lead Applicant Designee"           | If applicable | Document from Project Development Owner formally<br>designating a Development Team member as the Lead<br>Applicant                                  |  |
| Exhibit 6   | "Exhibit 6_Local Support Letter"              | If applicable | Project support letter of Project Development Owner is not the project municipality or township   |  |
| Exhibit 7 * | "Exhibit 7_Recommendation Letters"            | If applicable | Letters of recommendation for previously completed projects   |  |
| Exhibit 8 * | "Exhibit 8_Lien and Litigation<br>Reports"    | Required      | Reports dated no more than 90 days prior to application<br>submittal for the lead developer (unless lead developer is<br>Project Development Owner) |  |

|              | As Referenced in the Application Form             |               |  |  |
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| Submission   | Naming Convention                                 | Applicability | Additional Guidance  |  |
| Exhibit 9 *  | "Exhibit 9_Audited Financial<br>Statements"       | If applicable | Most recent three years of audited financial statements<br>for the entity serving as the developer/general contractor<br>(N/A if role is performed by Project Development Owner) |  |
| Exhibit 10 * | "Exhibit 10_Develper Program<br>Completion"       | If applicable | Evidence of completion of an identified training program   |  |
| Exhibit 11 * | "Exhibit 11_Site Control"                         | Required      | Evidence of site control for each project site   |  |
| Exhibit 12   | "Exhibit 12_Scattered Site Map"                   | If applicable | Map identifying locations of all scattered sites within the project  |  |
| Exhibit 13 * | "Exhibit 13_Aerial Map"                           | Required      | Aerial map and delineations for all project sites  |  |
| Exhibit 14 * | "Exhibit 14_Photos"                               | Required      | Photos of project sites and surrounding properties   |  |
| Exhibit 15 * | "Exhibit 15_Legal Descriptions"                   | Required      | Legal description of each project property, in Word form   |  |
| Exhibit 16 * | "Exhibit 16_Zoning"                               | Required      | Letter affirming/explaining zoning for project sites   |  |
| Exhibit 17   | "Exhibit 17_Infrastructure<br>Commitment"         | If applicable | Confirmation of infrastructure construction timeline   |  |
| Exhibit 18   | "Exhibit 18_Revitalization Plan"                  | If applicable | Local jurisdiction's revitalization plan (as defined in Allocation Plan)   |  |
| Exhibit 19 * | "Exhibit 19_Appraisals"                           | Required      | Appraisals must be provided for each single-family<br>dwelling in the project, including the as-is (land) and as-<br>completed (dwelling) appraisals                             |  |
| Exhibit 20 * | "Exhibit 20_Dwelling Plans"                       | Required      | Submissions of floor plans, model plans, and modular home plans, as applicable   |  |
| Exhibit 21   | "Exhibit21_Construction Schedule"                 | Required      | Project construction timeline identifying design,<br>permitting, construction start/end, sales, and other<br>important milestones  |  |
| Exhibit 22 * | "Exhibit 22_Permits"                              | If applicable | Issued building permits for project dwellings  |  |
| Exhibit 23 * | "Exhibit 23_Needs Assessment"                     | If applicable | Required for all proposed rehabilitated dwellings in the project   |  |
| Exhibit 24 * | "Exhibit 24_Interior Rehabilitation Photos"       | If applicable | Interior photos of the proposed rehabilitated dwellings in the project   |  |
| Exhibit 25 * | "Exhibit 25_Condominium<br>Declaration and Bylaws | If applicable | Draft or final condominium declaration and bylaws (if available)   |  |
| Exhibit 26 * | "Exhibit 26_Home Warranty<br>Documents"           | Required      | Proposed Home Warranties for dwellings   |  |
| Exhibit 27 * | "Exhibit 27_Condominium Common<br>Elements"       | If applicable | Projects including condominiums must prove evidence<br>of commensurate home warranty coverage for common<br>elements   |  |
| Exhibit 28 * | "Exhibit 28_Amenity Plans"                        | If applicable | Annotated plans for amenities that exceed the market standard  |  |
| Exhibit 29 * | "Exhibit 29 _ Market Demand:                      | If applicable | Additional information to support the market demand for the project dwellings  |  |
| Exhibit 30 * | "Exhibit 30_Marketing Plan"                       | Required      | Marketing Plan and any supporting documents  |  |

| As Referenced in the Application Form |  |               |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------|--|
| Submission                            | Naming Convention                          | Applicability | Additional Guidance  |
| Exhibit 31 *                          | "Exhibit 31_Financial Commitments"         | Required      | Documentation for all committed non-OHFA sources of debt and equity. Must equal 75% of total source funding.       |
| Exhibit 32                            | "Exhibit 32_Capital Asset<br>Contribution" | If applicable | Letter from local jurisdiction outlining and capital asset contribution for the project.                           |
| Exhibit 33                            | "Exhibit 33 – Tangible Support<br>Letter"  | If applicable | Letter from local jurisdiction showing housing need and identifying specific tangible support                      |
| Exhibit 34                            | "Exhibit 34_Equity Commitment<br>Letter"   | If applicable | Letter from syndicator re: tax credit equity   |
| Exhibit 35                            | "Exhibit 35_Concentrated Job<br>Center"    | Required      | Screenshot to evidence proximity to job center   |
| Exhibit 36 *                          | "Exhibit 36_Proximity to Amenities"        | Required      | Screenshot of maps identifying distance to nearest identified amenities  |
| Exhibit 37                            | "Exhibit 37_ Homeownership Needs"          | Required      | Screenshot of Homeownership Need ratio for the project county  |
| Exhibit 38 *                          | "Exhibit 38_Exeception Requests"           | If applicable | Detailed narrative(s) and additional documentation requesting the exemption and the justification for the request. |

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