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2026 9% LIHTC QAP

New Affordability– General Occupancy
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(NA-GO) Feedback Survey

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INTRODUCTION

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Questions/Comments about the QAP?

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REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF CREDIT CEILING BY POPULATION



Region	Population	Percent of State
Central	2,262,608	19%
Northeast	4,311,826	37%
Northwest	1,482,013	13%
Southeast	783,786	7%
Southwest	2,939,813	25%
Grand Total	11,780,046	1

FUNDING POOLS

- **New Affordability – General Occupancy**
 - 41% of 9% LIHTC Ceiling ~ 8 developments
- **New Affordability– Senior**
 - 25% of 9% LIHTC Ceiling ~ 5 developments
- **Preserved Affordability**
 - 14% of 9% LIHTC Ceiling ~ 3 developments
- **Populations with Special Housing Needs (FKA Senior-Enriched Housing)**
 - 20% of 9% LIHTC Ceiling ~ 4 developments

NEW MAX LIHTC REQUESTS (ESTIMATES)

Applicants may request **no more** than the below amounts, which will be adjusted to the [Multifamily Residential Construction Index](#), estimates shown below.

Funding Pool/Subpool	Maximum Annual LIHTC Request	Total 10-Year LIHTC Request
New Affordability & Special Housing Needs: Metro	\$1,800,000	\$18,000,000
New Affordability & Special Housing Needs: Rural	\$1,600,000	\$16,000,000
Preserved Affordability: Metro	\$1,500,000	\$15,000,000
Preserved Affordability: Rural	\$1,100,000	\$11,000,000

FUNDING POOL DEFINITION

- Eligible developments include those in which either
 - (1) the majority of units are newly constructed—including those that are adaptively reused from a non-housing use—or
 - (2) existing units are neither currently income-restricted nor occupied and will be rehabilitated.
- General occupancy housing is that which is not restricted to any specific population such as seniors or tenants with special housing needs as referenced in the Populations with Special Housing Needs funding pool.

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

- Three or more bedroom units
 - At least 10% of total units
- 811 PRA Participation
 - 20% of total LIHTC units or 11 units total, to be encumbered by 811 PRA and accept referrals from the Interagency 811 PRA teams.
- Extremely Low-Income units (units at or below 30% AMI)

Housing Needs Index Score	Min % of Units Targeting ELI
60-100	15%
0-59	10%



THRESHOLD AMENITIES

Policy Goal: Applicant must select a combination of building, unit, and lifestyle amenities to improve resident experience and unit marketability

Building (at least 2)	Unit (at least 1)	Lifestyle (at least 1)
Property-wide Wi-Fi at no cost to residents	Energy Star-Certified washer and dryer in all units	Tenant credit reporting system participation
A minimum 400 square feet exercise or fitness room	Energy Star-Certified dishwasher in all units	Pet lease addendum
A minimum 400 square feet outdoor patio for residents that is at least 50% covered	A minimum of 15 square feet of additional enclosed storage space per unit, separate from bedroom and kitchen cabinetry	On-demand transportation services or located within 0.25 miles of public transit stop
Outdoor playground designed for children	At least 15% of total units are constructed and fully compliant with Section 504	On-site childcare or early childhood education partnerships
A minimum 2,000 square feet, securely fenced dog park that has double-gated entry, waste disposal station, and seating for residents		On-site resident services/service coordination
Solar panels to reduce resident utility bills		
A minimum 500 square feet Community Kitchen and Multipurpose Room		

OVERALL SET ASIDES

- Project(s) located in a QCT and Contributes to a Concerted Community Revitalization Plan
 - At least one project
- Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)-Sponsor Set Aside
 - At least two projects, to assist Ohio's need to meet its CHDO set-aside with HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds

FUNDING POOL SPECIFIC SET ASIDES?

- ~~Appalachian Set Aside~~
 - Removed due to regional distribution of LIHTC ceiling
- ~~Refugee Settlement Agency Partnership~~
 - Population target moved to Special Housing Needs funding pool
- Transformative Economic Development?
 - Highest scoring project within 15 miles of an approved Megaproject with at least 2,000 jobs committed to the project
- Others?

THREE PRIMARY SCORING CATEGORIES

Policy Goal: Prioritizing LIHTC projects in high opportunity areas while addressing housing need and ensuring efficient use of tax credits

- **Neighborhood Opportunity Index (0-100)* (40%)**
 - Examines amenity-rich neighborhoods; education; work force; healthy environments; etc.
 - Must meet minimum threshold, TBD
- **Housing Needs Index (0-100)* (35%)**
 - Examines residential vacancy rates; share of housing receiving subsidy; cost-burden; etc.
 - Currently no minimum threshold
- **Annual LIHTC Request per LIHTC unit** (25%)**
 - Annual request of \$27,500 or less per LIHTC unit will receive the full 25 points
 - Annual request of \$47,500 or more per LIHTC unit will receive 0 points
 - Projects in between will be awarded proportionally using the following formula:
 - $\text{MAX}(0, \text{MIN}(25, ((47,500 - \text{Annual LIHTC Request per Unit}) \div 20,000) \times 25))$

FUNDING PRIORITIES/TIE BREAKERS

- Highest raw opportunity score
- Highest raw housing need score
- Strongest growth neighborhood change score
- Highest number of LIHTC units
- Highest number of units with PBRA
- Highest number of total bedrooms
- Historic nature of the development (use of Federal Historic Tax Credits)
- Developments intended for eventual tenant ownership

2026 9% LIHTC QAP TIMELINE

- Stakeholder Engagement January thru early May
- 1st draft presented to OHFA Board in July, should be released July 1
 - 30-day comment period
- Final draft presented to OHFA Board in September
- Proposal Applications due February 2026
- Final Applications due September 2026

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE

- ~~New Affordability – General Occupancy Funding Pool Discussion~~
 - ~~April 7 – 10AM to 12PM~~
- New Affordability – Senior Funding Pool Discussion
 - April 10 – 12PM to 2PM
- Preserved Affordability Funding Pool Discussion
 - April 11 – 12PM to 2PM
- Special Housing Needs (FKA Service-Enriched Housing) Funding Pool Discussion
 - April 14 – 10AM to 12PM

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Responses due by 5pm, April 25, 2025

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