

## **Qualified Allocation Plan**

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This plan constitutes the Qualified Allocation Plan ("QAP") for the State of Indiana and is intended to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including all applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Code"). As used herein, "Applicant" shall include any owner, principal, or participant, including any affiliates.

This QAP applies to all allocations of 2026-2027 Low Income Housing Tax Credits ("LIHTC") pursuant to the Code, multifamily private activity tax-exempt bond volume ("Bonds"), and supplemental awards of Indiana Affordable Housing and Community Development Fund ("Development Fund"), HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds ("HOME"), and National Housing Trust Fund ("HTF") made in conjunction with LIHTC (collectively "Rental Housing Financing").

The QAP sets forth (1) the role of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority ("IHCD") in administering the Rental Housing Financing programs; (2) IHCD's development goals based on housing needs throughout the state; (3) guidelines for Developments receiving LIHTC in conjunction with Private Activity Tax-Exempt Bond Financing; (4) the set-aside categories established by IHCD; (5) minimum threshold requirements which all Applicants and Developments must meet in order to be considered for Rental Housing Financing; and (6) the evaluation factors IHCD will use to score applications.

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## Section 1 - Role of IHCD

IHCD is empowered to act as the housing credit agency for the State of Indiana to administer the allocation Low-Income Housing Tax Credits ("LIHTC") pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code and this QAP.

### Part 1.1 | Purpose of Qualified Allocation Plan

This QAP:

- has been established utilizing the selection criteria required by the Code.
- is designed to further the housing goals of IHCD.
- defines threshold and scoring criteria applicable to all applications for Rental Housing Financing.
- provides procedures, in the Compliance Manual appendix, that IHCD (or its agent or contractor) will follow in monitoring for compliance with the provisions of the Code, in conducting inspections, and in notifying the Internal Revenue Service of noncompliance.



## Part 1.2|DISCLAIMERS

Any action, determination, decision, or other ruling made by IHCD A pursuant to this QAP shall not be construed to be a representation or warranty by IHCD A as to a Development's compliance with applicable legal requirements, the feasibility or viability of any Development, or of any other matter whatsoever.

IHCD A reserves the right to resolve any conflicts, inconsistencies, or ambiguities in this QAP or issues which may arise in administering the allocation of Rental Housing Financing. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this QAP and its Forms, Schedules, or Appendices, the policies and procedures described in this QAP shall prevail.

IHCD A may, in its sole discretion, amend this QAP for any reason, including to assure compliance with applicable federal, State, or local laws and regulations thereunder which may be amended or enacted, to reflect changes in market conditions, to respond to disaster recovery efforts, or to terminate the program.

IHCD A may, in its sole discretion, elect not to allocate LIHTC to a Development that might otherwise qualify for an allocation or to allocate resources to lower ranked proposals to achieve a better mix of resource usage, a better geographic distribution of resources, or for any other reason judged by IHCD A to be meritorious. IHCD A reserves the right to allocate Rental Housing Financing to an Application irrespective of its point ranking, if such intended allocation is (1) in compliance with the Code, (2) in furtherance of the housing goals stated herein, and (3) determined to be in the interests of the citizens of the State of Indiana. IHCD A will provide a written explanation to the public for any allocation of LIHTC which is not made in accordance with the selection criteria in this QAP.

Any decision IHCD A makes and any action or inaction by IHCD A in administering the program shall be final and conclusive and shall not be subject to any review, whether judicial, administrative, or otherwise.





## Section 2 - IHCD's Housing Goals

### Part 2.1 | IHCD's Vision and Mission

This QAP has been written to further IHCD's vision and mission through the allocation of Rental Housing Financing. IHCD's vision is an Indiana with a sustainable quality of life for all Hoosiers in the community of their choice. IHCD's mission is to provide housing opportunities, promote self-sufficiency, and strengthen communities.

### Part 2.2 | Housing Goals

IHCD's goal is to support and encourage Developments that:

- contribute to workforce development and are located in areas with employment growth and opportunities.
- set aside units at a variety of rent and income levels.
- contribute to comprehensive neighborhood improvement.
- substantially upgrade and preserve existing affordable housing.
- connect residents with services to enhance self-sufficiency and quality of life.
- serve tenant populations with special housing needs, including persons experiencing homelessness and persons with disabilities.
- provide longer periods of affordability.



## Section 3 - Private Activity Tax-Exempt Bond Financing

Developments applying for 4% LIHTC and tax-exempt private activity bonds must comply with all requirements under this QAP and the Code.

Applications will be limited to a maximum request of \$45,000,000 in bond volume. IHCD may, through issuance of a RED Notice, reduce the maximum bond request or close the bond application round based on available bond volume.

This QAP covers the allocation of 2024 carryforward bond volume and 2025 and 2026 current year bond volume. Bond volume requests will be accepted in the following manner:

- Requests for 4% LIHTC and tax-exempt bonds in conjunction with the state Affordable and Workforce Housing Tax Credit (AWHTC) will be accepted through one competitive application round per year. For additional requirements and information on the competitive bond round with AWHTC, see Schedule D1.
- Requests for 4% LIHTC and tax-exempt bonds without AWHTC will be accepted on a first-come, first-served rolling basis, while volume is available during application windows as defined in Part 7.2. Such applications are non-competitive but must meet the minimum threshold requirements and minimum score established herein. For additional requirements and information on noncompetitive bonds, see Schedule D.



## Section 4 - Set-Aside Categories

IHCDA's tax credit ceiling for allocation in any one year is the sum of the following components:

- Annual Per Capita Credits – determined by the state's population and the per capita multiplier
- Carry Forward Credits – unused credits from a previous year carried forward for allocation in the current year
- Returned Credits – credits returned from Developments that received allocations in previous years
- National Pool – credits returned to the IRS as unused by other states which may be awarded to IHCDA if it allocates its tax credits to a de minimus amount in any one year

To achieve its housing goals, IHCDA has established the following set-aside categories for the allocation of 9% LIHTC. These set-aside categories do not apply to 4% LIHTC and tax-exempt bond applications. The set-aside categories, their respective requirements, and the percentage of annual LIHTC allocated to each are described below. IHCDA may exceed the percentage of credits reserved per set-aside to completely fund an application.

% of Available LIHTC	Set-Aside Category
12.25%	Qualified Nonprofit
12.25%	Community Integration
17.00%	Large City
17.00%	Small City
17.00%	Rural
12.25%	Preservation
12.25%	Supportive Housing

An application may compete in more than one set-aside category depending upon its location, its characteristics, and whether the owner is a qualified nonprofit organization. However, an application may compete in only one Development Location set-aside (Large City, Small City, or Rural). A Development will be subject to the requirements of all set-asides in which it competes, not only the requirements of the set-aside through which it is funded.

IHCDA intends to allocate LIHTC in a manner consistent with this distribution. If the distribution cannot be met due to the quality or quantity of applications received, IHCDA may allocate any LIHTC remaining without regard to these set-aside categories, as long as such allocation is made in accordance with the Code and the goals of this QAP.



## Part 4.1 | Qualified Nonprofit

12.25% of available annual 9% LIHTC will be set aside for qualified nonprofit organizations.

To be considered a qualified nonprofit organization, the organization must meet the following requirements at time of application and throughout the Compliance Period:

- One of the nonprofit organization's exempt purposes must be fostering low-income housing.
- The nonprofit organization must own 100% of the general partner interest in the Development. 100% general partner ownership interest is only required for consideration in this set-aside and does not preclude joint ventures in any other set-aside.
- The nonprofit organization must materially participate in the development and operation of the Development. Per IRS guidance, a nonprofit entity is considered to be materially participating “where it is regularly, continuously, and substantially involved in providing services integral to the development and operation of a project.” For more information, see Internal Revenue Code Section 469(h), Chapter 6 of the IRS *Low-Income Housing Credit Audit Technique Guide*, and Part 2.3(B) of the IHCD [Rental Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual](#).
- The organization must comply with all other sections of the Code applicable to nonprofit organizations, including the requirement that such an organization not be affiliated with or controlled by a for-profit organization as determined by IHCD.
- No part of the organization’s net earnings may benefit any member, founder, contributor, or individual.
- The organization must have been in existence as a §501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit with fostering affordable housing as one of its primary goals for at least one year prior to the date of application.
- The nonprofit organization must have at least one paid, full-time employee with housing development experience who will be responsible for the LIHTC development. These employees may not be (1) employees who also work for or are supervised by a for-profit development or property management entity, (2) volunteers, or (3) employees whose services are donated from another entity.
- Employees of the nonprofit may not be employees of a for-profit development or property management entity.
- The nonprofit board chair or president may not be employed by a for-profit development or property management entity that is a part of the Development Team.



- The nonprofit organization must be free to handle its own procurement and to contract with vendors of its own choosing.
- The nonprofit organization must have previously undertaken a housing activity unrelated to LIHTC development, such as administration of a rental or utility assistance program, owner-occupied repair program, ramp program, housing counseling program, non-LIHTC funded affordable housing development, or other similar activity.
- The nonprofit organization must receive at least 40% of the developer fee. If any developer fee is deferred, the nonprofit's proportion of the deferral may not exceed its proportion of the total developer fee.

Developments competing in this set-aside but funded under a different set-aside will nevertheless be subject to the nonprofit set-aside requirements, including the material participation requirements. This will be reflected on the Reservation Letter and IRS Form 8609.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab C

- Articles of Incorporation or formation documents for the nonprofit organization
- IRS documentation of §501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status
- A complete, signed Nonprofit Questionnaire (Form B) with required attachments
- A W-2 or 1099 from the nonprofit organization for the key paid, full-time employee listed on Form B

## **Part 4.2| Community Integration**

12.25% of available annual 9% LIHTC will be set aside for Developments that commit to serving individuals with intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, or traumatic brain injuries by providing affordable housing in an integrated setting.

To be eligible for the Community Integration set-aside, Developments must reserve at least 20% but not more than 25% of the total development units for households in which at least one member is a person with an intellectual disability, developmental disability, or traumatic brain injury. The qualifying member does not have to be the head or co-head of household.

Intellectual or development disability is based on the definition found in Indiana Code 12-7-2-61. The intellectual or developmental disability or related condition must have an onset prior to 22 years of age (except in the case of a traumatic brain injury), and the condition must be expected to continue indefinitely.

To create integrated housing settings and discourage segregation based on disability, the number of units reserved for this population cannot exceed 25% of the total development units. In addition, the



units must be spread throughout the property, must be allowed to float, and cannot be clustered into a separate designated area. Creating designated buildings or areas solely for occupancy by persons with disabilities does not qualify under the set-aside. The owner may not establish a limit or preference for a specific disability.

An application competing under the Community Integration set-aside may not also propose to create supportive housing units for persons experiencing homelessness or request integrated supportive housing points.

The following documentation must be submitted to be considered under this set-aside:

- A narrative that:
  - identifies the number of units designated for occupancy by the target population.
  - describes how the Developer will seek input from persons with disabilities and provide a housing setting that assists in integrating persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities into the community.
  - describes how residents with disabilities will gain access to necessary supportive services and transportation.
- An executed Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with at least one provider that specifically serves persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities and whose service coverage area includes the location of the proposed development. The MOU must include an agreement to refer clients to the Development and to connect residents with appropriate supportive services. This does not mean that the provider must directly provide those services. Participation in services cannot be mandated as a condition of occupancy.

Proof of qualifying disability can be obtained through any of the following methods. Proof obtained through one of the first three methods listed below serves as documentation that the individual has a qualifying disability, and property management may not inquire further into the disability during the application process or tenant screening.

- A referral from the identified MOU provider, one of the independent I/DD case management organizations contracted by the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services, or another qualified I/DD service provider who has documented the individual’s I/DD diagnosis.
- If an individual receives a Home and Community Based Services Waiver through the Indiana Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services, or is on the waitlist for such a waiver, waiver or waitlist status shall be deemed proof of eligibility.
- If the individual with I/DD is a student, referral or documentation from the school or educational system demonstrating that the student is eligible for special education services under one or more of the following areas of eligibility: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability,



Developmental Delay, Multiple Disabilities, Specific Learning Disability, or Traumatic Brain Injury.

- An applicant who was not referred by the identified provider and does not have any of the documentation above must provide third-party verification demonstrating an intellectual or developmental disability or traumatic brain injury. Third-party verification could come from sources such as a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, doctor of osteopathy, psychiatrist, or psychologist. This verification must follow the Fair Housing Act requirements for verification of disability and cannot inquire into the nature of the disability or request copies of medical records. For additional information on Fair Housing and disability verification, refer to the IHCD [Rental Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual](#) or contact an IHCD Compliance Auditor.

Developments competing in this set-aside but funded under a different set-aside will nevertheless be subject to the Community Integration set-aside requirements. All Community Integration set-aside Applicants that receive a reservation of tax credits will be required to participate in training with IHCD and CSH regarding I/DD supportive housing best practices and implementation. The developer, management company, and referral/service agency must all participate in the training.

Applicants competing in the Community Integration set-aside may request an award of Section 811 Project Rental Assistance by submitting IHCD Form O2 with their tax credit application. The 811 request may not exceed 25% of the total units in the project.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab A

- Community Integration Narrative - a separate narrative from the three-page Development Narrative
- Copy of executed MOU(s) with referral provider(s)
- Copy of IHCD Form O2 if requesting Section 811 Project Rental Assistance

### **Part 4.3 | Development Location**

Each application will compete in only one of the Development Location set-asides defined below. If a Development consists of multiple sites that encompass different set-asides, the application will compete in the set-aside that has the most units (or the most residential square footage if unit counts are equal).

- 17% of available annual 9% LIHTC will be set aside for Developments in a Large City, defined as a city with a population of 70,000 or more (see Appendix C). The Development must be located within one mile of the zoning jurisdiction and/or use city water and sewer.



- 17% of available annual 9% LIHTC will be set aside for Developments in a Small City, defined as a city with a population of 10,000 – 69,999 (see Appendix D). The Development must be located within one mile of the zoning jurisdiction and/or use city water and sewer.
- 17% of available annual 9% LIHTC will be set aside for Developments in a Rural area, defined as being within:
  - The corporate limits of a city or town with a population of 9,999 or less; or
  - An unincorporated area of a county that does not contain a Large City or Small City as defined in this QAP; or
  - An unincorporated area of a county that contains a Large City or Small City if the Development:
    - i. Is at least one mile outside the jurisdiction of either a Large City or Small City as defined in this QAP; and
    - ii. Does not have access to public water or public sewer from either the Large City or Small City as defined in this QAP.

#### **Part 4.4|Preservation of Existing Federally Assisted Affordable Housing**

12.25% of available annual 9% LIHTC will be set aside for Developments involving the substantial rehabilitation of existing federally assisted affordable housing and/or the demolition and reconstruction of federally assisted affordable housing units utilizing the same site (over 50% of the units must be replaced).

Federally assisted affordable housing includes:

- HUD or USDA funded affordable housing
- Any LIHTC project where the Compliance Period has expired or will expire in the current year. The extended use agreement must still be active and recorded against the property. IHCD will not allow a change to the minimum set-aside election currently applicable to the project or release the current recorded extended use agreement.
- A previous LIHTC project where the extended use period has expired or the extended use agreement was released.

To be eligible for the set-aside, a Development must meet the following requirements:

- If a Development contains multiple buildings or construction types, at least 50% of the units must qualify as preservation units.
- Rehabilitation hard costs must exceed \$50,000 per unit excluding the costs of furniture and the construction of community buildings and common areas.





- Exception: USDA Rural Development Section 515 properties may include the cost of construction of community buildings and common areas in the minimum per unit amount.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab L

- Capital Needs Assessment (Schedule F): due 30 days before the application deadline
- Third-party documentation from the entity enforcing affordable housing requirements evidencing the rent and income restrictions applicable to the property, including the terms of such restrictions. The Applicant is not required to submit this documentation for existing LIHTC properties.
- Hard cost budget separating out the cost for furniture and the construction of community buildings and common areas.

## **Part 4.5| Supportive Housing**

12.25% of available annual 9% LIHTC will be set aside for supportive housing for persons experiencing homelessness.

Eligible Applicants must complete the Indiana Supportive Housing Institute (“The Institute”). The Institute provides training and technical assistance to organizations as they develop supportive housing. Applicants must fulfill all requirements of the Institute for the specific development for which they are applying.

NOTE: If a Development Team is accepted into the Institute (1) under an Institute RFP that is designated for non-LIHTC funded projects or (2) based on a proposal for a non-LIHTC funded project, then that team’s development is not eligible under the Supportive Housing set-aside.

Applications competing in the Supportive Housing set-aside are subject to the following requirements:

- The Development must serve persons experiencing homelessness who are identified as the most vulnerable and most in need of supportive housing. The Institute RFP released each year will define the target populations that participating teams may serve.
- Services must be voluntary but readily available, with staff continually working to engage and build relationships with the tenants. Participation in services cannot be required for the tenant to obtain or maintain housing.
- Staff must utilize a harm reduction approach in addressing substance use.
- Property management must work collaboratively with supportive service providers and tenants to implement eviction prevention practices. Property management must attempt to exhaust all other options, including the use of supportive services and individualized housing retention plans, prior to evicting a tenant. Eviction may be used only as a last resort.



- Property management must utilize the local Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System as the sole referral source for tenant selection and must adopt a screening process that ensures supportive housing is accessible to the target population. The tenant selection plan must be written specific to supportive housing principles; may not screen out individuals based on credit history, minimum income, or previous rental history including history of eviction; and must implement low-barrier criminal background screening procedures.
- Tenant information must be reported through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- Application must meet the additional supportive housing threshold requirements outlined in Part 5.1(T) and the additional accessibility requirements of Part 5.4(E).

Developments competing in this set-aside but funded under a different set-aside will nevertheless be subject to the Supportive Housing set-aside requirements.



## Section 5 - Threshold Requirements

Each application must meet all threshold requirements outlined in this Section. IHCD will remove from consideration all applications failing to meet these requirements.

If IHCD requests additional information from an Applicant, such information must be submitted by the stated deadline.

**For competitive round applications, all documentation (e.g., certifications, letters, etc.) must be dated within six months prior to the application deadline, unless otherwise noted. For non-competitive 4%/tax-exempt bond applications, all documentation must be dated within six months prior to the application submission date, unless otherwise noted.** Exception: This does not apply to site control documentation as long as the expiration date is after the anticipated reservation date.

### Part 5.1 | Threshold Requirements

Throughout the required Compliance Period and Extended Use Period, each Development must satisfy all requirements of the Code, all other applicable federal laws, and any additional requirements as set forth in this QAP.

#### 5.1(A): Development Feasibility

Funding allocated pursuant to this QAP may not exceed the amount IHCD determines is necessary for the financial feasibility of a Development and its viability as a qualified low-income housing project throughout the Compliance Period. In making this determination, IHCD shall consider (i) the sources and uses of funds and the total financing planned for the Development; (ii) the general reasonableness of the development costs and operating budget, as well as reasonableness in direct comparison to similar costs in other applications; and (iii) such other factors it may consider applicable.

Pursuant to the Code, the foregoing determination shall be made at (i) the time of initial application for the Rental Housing Financing; (ii) the time of allocation of the LIHTC; (iii) anytime there is a material change to the application and/or Development; and (iv) at time of final application (for the issuance of IRS Form 8609).

**Required Documentation:** Application (Form A) and any additional documentation regarding the financial feasibility of the Development. Additional documentation may include third-party documentation of sources, costs, and uses of funds.

If the Application is proposing commercial space as part of the tax credit ownership, the following proformas must be submitted in Tab A.

- 15-year pro forma showing only the commercial portion of the Development
- 15-year pro forma showing only the housing portion of the Development

Note: A Development that depends on commercial income to meet the minimum underwriting guidelines will not be considered financially feasible.



### **5.1(B): Notification of Intent to Apply**

For competitive applications, the Applicant must submit Form C to notify IHCD of their intent to apply at least 30 days, but no more than 60 days, prior to application submittal.

For non-competitive applications, the Applicant must submit Form C prior to submitting the application. Form C must include the expected application submission date. If the Applicant has not submitted a full application within 60 days of submitting Form C, the Form C expires and a new Form C must be submitted prior to applying.

Form Cs must be submitted via e-mail to [RHTC@ihcda.in.gov](mailto:RHTC@ihcda.in.gov)

### **5.1(C): Nonprofit Participation**

A nonprofit organization that has an ownership interest in the proposed Development (even if not competing in the Qualified Nonprofit set-aside) must submit a resolution from its Board of Directors including language that:

- approves submission of the application.
- identifies each source of Rental Housing Financing requested in the application - i.e., private activity tax-exempt bonds, LIHTC, AWHTC, HOME, HTF, Development Fund, PBV, or 811 PRA.
- identifies the percentage of ownership interest the nonprofit has in the venture.
- identifies the anticipated amount of developer fee the nonprofit will receive.
- identifies the amount of developer fee to be deferred. If no fee is to be deferred, the resolution must specifically state this.

#### **Required Documentation:** Place in Tab C

- Resolution passed by the nonprofit's Board of Directors that includes all the items identified above. If the resolution is approved during a Board of Directors meeting, a quorum must pass the resolution and incorporate such resolution into the minutes of the meeting.
- Nonprofits that wish to compete in the Qualified Nonprofit set-aside must submit a signed Nonprofit Questionnaire (Form B) with required attachments.

### **5.1(D): Market Study**

A market study must be prepared at the Developer's expense by a disinterested third party. The selected market study analyst must be included on IHCD's approved Market Study Analyst list (Schedule C, Exhibit B) and must be approved to conduct market studies for the proposed project type (general affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, or assisted living/residential care). The market study must demonstrate that sufficient demand for the proposed Development exists in the



market area and is expected to continue during the Compliance Period. IHCD may deny an application if the market study does not demonstrate sufficient demand.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab N

A market study which meets all requirements of Schedule C.

#### **5.1(E): Multiple Applications for Same Site**

IHCDA will not consider or review multiple applications for the same or substantially same site within the same or concurrent application rounds.

#### **5.1(F): Multiple Applications Prior to 8609 Issuance**

An entity must have received an IRS Form 8609 for a Development in Indiana prior to being listed as an Applicant, Owner, Developer, or Co-developer on an application for a third LIHTC Development. If the second and third applications are submitted in the same round, both applications will be disqualified.

IHCDA will not consider a waiver request for submission of a third LIHTC application before the Applicant, Owner, Developer, or Co-developer is issued its first IRS Form 8609 for a Development in Indiana.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A (Application)

The Applicant, Owner, Developer, and Co-developer must submit the name and BINs of the most recent LIHTC Development in which they participated with an ownership interest or as part of the Development Team (including as a consultant).

#### **5.1(G): Capabilities of Development Team**

All Development Team members listed in the application must be in good standing with IHCD and must demonstrate sufficient financial, development, and managerial capabilities to complete the Development and operate it throughout the applicable affordability period(s).

IHCDA will remove an application from consideration if any Development Team member is currently on IHCD's suspension or debarment list or in default on an IHCD loan.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab D

- Year-end financial statements for the most recently ended calendar year, current year-to-date balance sheet (dated within 120 days of the application due date), and current year-to-date income statement (dated within 120 days of the application due date) from:
  - The Developer
  - The Co-developer, if applicable



- Any individual/entity providing guarantees for the Development
- If the Developer, Co-developer, or any individual /entity providing guarantees for the Development is a newly formed entity that does not have any year-end financials, then a written statement indicating this must be included with the application. A current year-to-date balance sheet (dated within 120 days of the date of application) and a current year-to-date income statement (dated within 120 days of the date of application) must still be provided, along with three years of tax returns of the principals to demonstrate financial capacity.
- Resumés showing experience of the Developer, Co-Developer, and Management Agent entities and listing all housing developments developed, owned, and/or managed. If an entity has not developed, owned, or managed a housing development, their resumé must demonstrate other relevant experience.
- Audited or CPA-reviewed financial statements, copies of tax returns, or additional documentation must be submitted if requested by IHCD during the review process.

#### **5.1(H): Readiness to Proceed**

The Applicant must demonstrate readiness to proceed by submitting the following:

- 1) **Application:** A complete application in the form required by IHCD and by the deadline set forth in this QAP. See Schedule G for Application Package Submission Guidelines.

#### **Required Documentation:** Place in Tab A

- Application (Form A)
- Narrative Summary (not to exceed three pages) describing the Development, the need for the Development within the community, and how the Development will benefit the community. The Narrative Summary should include the following information:
  - Development and unit description
  - Development location
  - Amenities in and around the Development
  - Area needs the Development will help meet
  - Constituency served by the Development
  - Services to be offered
- Payment of the application fee through [IHCD's online payment portal](#)



- 2) **Site Control:** Satisfactory evidence of site control, including verification of current ownership.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab E

- Purchase Agreement or Option that does not expire until after the reservation date for LIHTC and evidence of title via title insurance commitment, title search documentation, or attorney's opinion; OR
- Executed and Recorded Deed; OR
- Long-term lease option (term of lease may not expire prior to the end of the Extended Use Period) and evidence of title via title insurance commitment, title search documentation, or attorney's opinion; OR
- All the following documentation when a governmental body intends to acquire a site on behalf of the Applicant:
  - Duly adopted resolutions of the applicable governmental agency or commission identifying the subject site
  - Duly adopted resolutions of the applicable governmental agency or commission authorizing the acquisition of the land to comprise the Development
  - A letter from the applicable governmental agency or development commission setting forth the acquisition schedule for such land on a timetable consistent with the Applicant's readiness to proceed without undue risk of Rental Housing Financing being returned to or rescinded by IHCD
  - Evidence of title via title insurance commitment, title search documentation, or attorney opinion

**Site control documentation must be in the name of the Development Owner or Applicant.**

- 3) **Development Site Information**

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab F

Preliminary architectural plans that include:

- Unit plans with the square footage for each type of unit. Square footage must be highlighted on the plans.
- Dimensioned floor plans for all unit types showing the location of common areas and units and indicating the exact placement of all accessible or adaptable units. Accessible and adaptable units must be highlighted on the floor plans. If the placement of accessible and adaptable units cannot be indicated on floor plans, then this information must be on the site plan. See accessible and adaptable definitions in Part 5.4(D)(1).



- Scaled drawing elevations for all building types.
  - Exception: Rehabilitation projects may instead submit renderings or photographs accompanied by an architect's certification that elevations will not change.
- Basic site plan that indicates all the following:
  - Existing buildings
  - All proposed structures
  - Any proposed demolition
  - The site boundaries
  - The placement and orientation of buildings, parking spaces, planned and existing public sidewalks, landscaping, easements, dumpsters, buffers, etc.
  - The number of parking spaces
  - The location of planned site amenities such as playgrounds, gazebos, walking trails, etc.
  - The location and size of any proposed commercial areas
  - The exact placement and number of accessible or adaptable units must be indicated on the site plan if not indicated on the floor plans. Accessible and adaptable units must be highlighted on the floor plan or site plan. See accessible and adaptable definitions in Part 5.4(D)(1).
  - If any portion of the site is in a floodplain or contains wetlands. If so, the site plan must indicate the location of buildings, common areas, and any land improvements in relation to the floodplain or wetlands.
  - The location of any construction deterrents such as streams, ravines, gullies, drainage problems, etc.
- Current aerial photograph with the location of the site(s) clearly marked and the surrounding uses and access points to the site(s) clearly visible.
- Current photographs of the project site(s), including images of each side of the existing structures for rehabilitation projects. Images obtained from a website are not acceptable.

All site documentation must be dated no more than 12 months prior to the application date. Rehabilitation projects in which there are no proposed structural changes will be allowed to submit the most recent architectural plans (which may be dated more than 12 months prior to the application date) along with an architect's affidavit certifying that there are no proposed structural changes to the floor plans.





- 4) **Funding:** Demonstrated ability to obtain funding for the Development (equity, loans, grants, etc.)

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab G

- a) For each source of construction and permanent financing, including any bank financing, a lender letter of interest addressed to the Applicant in support of the application. The letter of interest must contain the anticipated terms of the loan including the loan amount, term, amortization period, annual payment, and interest rate. All signature blocks must be fully executed.
- b) For any funding source not yet awarded, a narrative from the Applicant that includes:
- An explanation of how the Development is eligible for the funding source
  - The plan to fill the gap if this funding is not awarded. Note: This is not required for IHCDCA gap sources, including Development Fund, Housing Trust Fund, or HOME.
  - The anticipated application date, Member Bank, and regional Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) if the Applicant is applying for FHLB's Affordable Housing Program (AHP).

**If the combined value of all uncommitted, non-IHCDCA sources exceeds 15% of the total development sources, the application will fail threshold. For purposes of this test, a conditional commitment letter from the appropriate funder qualifies.**

- c) A copy of the award letter for additional funding of any kind that has already been awarded. The award letter must include the source of funds, amount of the award, and expiration date for the award.
- d) If equity is listed as a source during construction, a letter from the anticipated equity provider indicating the equity pay-in schedule and demonstrating the amount of equity available during construction.
- e) If the Development will utilize income from operations as a source to fund construction, a flow of funds spreadsheet to confirm calculation and timing.
- f) If the Development has an existing contract for project-based rental assistance, a copy of the rental assistance contract.
- g) If the Development will obtain a new contract for project-based rental assistance from an entity other than IHCDCA, a conditional commitment letter from the issuing agency that identifies the funding source, the term of the rental assistance, and the payment standard used to set rents.



- h) If applying for other types of tax credits (e.g., historic credits, solar credits), submit (1) a narrative explaining how the Development is eligible for the tax credits and how the Applicant calculated the anticipated equity and (2) an LOI from an investor.
  - i) Sources and uses must match.
- 5) **Zoning:** Documentation that shows the real estate upon which the Development will be located is properly zoned for the proposed use

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab H

- A letter from the appropriate authorized government official (e.g., zoning commission) that describes the Development location and certifies that the current zoning allows for the construction, reuse, and/or rehabilitation and the operation of the proposed Development without the need for additional variance based on the initial site plans. This certification is required even for rehabilitation/preservation.
  - With documentation of failed attempts to obtain a letter from the appropriate authorized government official, the Applicant may instead submit an attorney's opinion that the current zoning allows for the construction and operation of the proposed Development without the need for additional variance based on the initial site plans.
- A copy of all approved variances on the property (if applicable)
- For a Planned Unit Development (PUD), a copy of the appropriate documentation (e.g., PUD organization and requirements)

**5.1(I): Access to Utilities**

At the time of application, Applicant must certify the site will have access to water, sewer, electric, and gas (if applicable) with sufficient capacity to satisfy the demands of the Development.

**Required Documentation:** Certification in Form A (Application)

**5.1(J): Evidence of Compliance**

Every Development funded with LIHTC must follow IHCD's compliance requirements as set forth in the [Rental Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual](#), a copy of which is attached as Schedule A to this QAP and made a part hereof.

A Development found to be in violation of the QAP or the Code may be subject to a reduction or rescission of Rental Housing Financing, and its Development Team members may be subject to suspension or debarment from all IHCD programs.



Any entity currently on IHCD's suspension or debarment list or in default on an IHCD loan is ineligible to apply for LIHTC.

Development Team members with an ownership interest in any existing LIHTC Development must demonstrate that all prior compliance findings, if applicable, have been resolved.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab J

Each principal of the General Partner or managing member of an LLC and each member of the Development Team (as identified in Form A) must submit IHCD Form Q disclosing:

- Their complete interest in and affiliations with the proposed Development
- Any outstanding noncompliance issues on any federal or State affordable housing program
- Any loan defaults
- All other LIHTC Developments in Indiana in which they own or have owned an interest. This list must be attached to the affidavit.
- The Management Agent named in Form A must also certify that:
  - They have reviewed the application
  - They can effectively manage the property according to the requirements of the Code, this QAP, and the elections made by the Owner/Applicant in the application

**5.1(K): Phase I Environmental Site Assessment**

A full Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) must be completed prior to application. The Phase I ESA must be dated within 18 months of the application deadline.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab K

- Phase I ESA completed by an experienced and qualified disinterested third party. The Phase I ESA must:
    - address hazardous substances, wetlands, and floodplains.
    - include wetlands delineation maps that document the existence of wetlands on the site. If there are no wetlands on the site, a wetlands delineation map is not required.
  - An affidavit from the entity completing the Phase I ESA certifying that they are a disinterested third party.
  - If the Phase I ESA identifies Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs), the Applicant must submit a narrative describing how the RECs will be mitigated, a timeline for mitigation including
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anticipated date of receipt of the No Further Action letter (if applicable), how these costs will be paid, and where the costs are reflected in the development budget. A Phase II ESA must be completed and submitted to IHCD prior to closing.

- For each site, a screenshot from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) [Restricted Sites map](#) demonstrating if the site is subject to an environmental restrictive covenant. Such sites will be in a yellow or orange box on the map. An application will be disqualified if, at the time of application deadline, the property is subject to an environmental restrictive covenant that prohibits residential use or any other use included in the proposed development.
- A FIRM floodplain map must be submitted with each parcel identified on the map. **IHCDA requires official FEMA maps from the [FEMA website](#). Third-party maps, even those created using FEMA data, will not be accepted.**
  - If a FEMA map is not available for an area, the Applicant must submit a printout or screenshot of the FEMA website documenting that no map is available. In this specific instance, the Applicant may submit an Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) map in place of a FEMA map.
- A site plan that shows the location of all buildings, common areas, and improvements in relation to any hazardous substances, floodplains, or wetlands. If applicable, the Applicant must submit:
  - Evidence that the hazardous substances, floodplains, or wetlands can be mitigated
  - A plan and budget for such mitigation
- Applications that propose the placement of buildings in a 100-year or 500-year floodplain (Zones A1-30, AE, A, AH, AO, AR, A99, or B as defined by HUD) must include a FEMA map for the areas in which the development site is located identifying the 100-year or 500-year floodplain. **Note: A site located in any variation of zone “A” or “B” on the map is ineligible for IHCD HOME, HTF, PBV, or Section 811 PRA funding.**
- Applications that propose the placement of buildings in a 100-year floodplain (Zones A1-30, AE, A, AH, AO, AR, or A99 as defined by HUD) must include the following documentation:
  - A FEMA Conditional Letter of Reclassification for the property that indicates eligibility for reclassification out of the floodplain.
  - A letter provided by a qualified licensed surveyor or civil engineer identifying necessary mitigation activities and costs for the sitework involved in the reclassification.
  - A narrative identifying the financing plan to cover the costs of reclassification and where these costs are reflected in the development budget.



For all Developments that receive an award of LIHTC and are in a 100-year floodplain at the time of initial application, a final letter of reclassification from FEMA along with an elevation certification must be provided at the completion of the Development.

- For applications requesting HOME, HTF, PBV, or Section 811 PRA funds from IHCD, a complete environmental review must be performed prior to application submission to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This review is not the same as a Phase I Environmental Assessment Review. The applicant is required to complete the environmental review process and submit the ERR workbook with the funding application. The Environmental Review Handbook and forms may be downloaded from [IHCD's environmental review webpage](#).

### **5.1(L): Development Fund State Historic Review**

Applicants requesting Development Fund must submit the State Historic Review documentation as required by Indiana Code 14-21-1-18. Instructions for the Development Fund State Historic Review process can be found in Schedule M. Applicants must determine if the development site falls within a National or State Historic District or if the development site is individually listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places.

#### **Required Documentation:** Place in Tab K

- A map from IDNR's [IHBBC Public App](#) webpage with the project site clearly identified to show proof of determination. Schedule M provides directions on how to research a property and provides sample maps.
- If the Development sites or structures are listed in the State or National Register of Historic Places, IHCD may request more information if the application is awarded funding. IHCD will be required to submit an application to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for a Certificate of Approval (CofA) before a Development Fund contract can be signed. The CofA review will take a minimum of 30 days once received by SHPO. Schedule M and [IDNR's website](#) provide additional information.

### **5.1(M): Applicable State and Local Requirements & Design Requirements**

The Applicant must certify they will follow all applicable conditions and requirements including State and local laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances, and any additional items which may be required by IHCD through this QAP (collectively "State Laws").

The Applicant must certify that the Development has been designed to comply with the requirements of all applicable local, State, and federal fair housing and accessibility laws. Development design must consider, at a minimum, the applicability of standards established through local building codes, the



Federal Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Indiana Handicapped Accessibility Code, as amended.

**Required Documentation:** Certification in Form A (Application)

#### **5.1(N): Lead-Based Paint Pre-Renovation Rule**

Applicants proposing rehabilitation work on pre-1978 buildings are required to comply with the Lead-Based Paint Pre-Renovation Rule (“Lead PRE”) and State lead-based paint requirements where applicable. For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or <https://www.in.gov/isdh/26550.htm>

**Required Documentation:** Certification in Form A (Application)

#### **5.1(O): Commercial Areas**

Applicants may propose Developments that contain commercial areas. However, a Development that depends on commercial income to meet the minimum underwriting guidelines will not be considered financially feasible.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab F

- A site plan that clearly identifies the location and size of all commercial areas
- A timeline for construction showing that all commercial areas will be completed prior to the residential areas being occupied

#### **5.1(P): Appraisal**

If any portion of LIHTC or any other IHCD resource is used for acquisition, eligible basis for acquisition credits will be calculated based on the lesser of the actual amount paid for the building or the “as is” appraised value of the building. The combined amount of IHCD resources applied to acquisition costs cannot exceed the lesser of the actual amount paid or the “as is” appraised value of the building.

An appraisal is also required at time of Application if the Applicant is requesting IHCD Project Based Vouchers (PBV), even if not requesting acquisition credits. If requesting PBV from another housing authority, the Applicant will be required to submit the appraisal later as part of the PBV Subsidy Layering Review.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab L

A fair market appraisal, completed by an Indiana-licensed appraiser no earlier than six months prior to the application deadline. The fair market appraisal must be an “as is” appraisal and adhere to the [Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice](#) (“USPAP”). A statement that the appraisal is an “as is” value and that it adheres to USPAP must be included in the report.



### 5.1(Q): Acquisition

If any portion of LIHTC is used for acquisition:

1. The Development must either meet or be exempt from the 10-year placed-in-service rule of IRC Section 42(d)(2)(B)(ii).

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab L

- A chain of title report from a title company; or
  - A professional tax opinion from a disinterested third party stating that the acquisition either meets or is exempt from the 10-year placed-in-service rule of IRC Section 42(d)(2)(B)(ii); or
  - A letter from the appropriate federal official that states that the proposed project qualifies for a waiver under IRC Section 42(d)(6) if a waiver of the 10-year placed-in-service rule is necessary.
2. The Applicant must disclose all related parties and the proceeds from the sale to each related party. Schedule H defines related parties.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab L

- Completed Related Party Form (Form N)
  - If there are related parties, an attorney's opinion that the acquisition meets the related party limitation
3. Acquisition costs must be excluded from eligible basis prior to the basis boost calculation.

**Required Documentation:** Form A with correct basis boost calculation

### 5.1(R): Rehabilitation Costs / Capital Needs Assessment

For applications proposing rehabilitation, the rehabilitation hard costs must exceed \$35,000 per unit. However, if the Development is competing in the Preservation set-aside, the rehabilitation hard costs must exceed \$50,000 per unit.

The costs of furniture and the construction of community buildings and common areas are not included in the minimum per unit amount. However, USDA Rural Development Section 515 properties may include the cost of construction for community buildings and common areas in the minimum per unit amount.

At completion of rehab, (1) all units in the Development must have components, systems, appliances, finishes, etc. of the same or comparable quality and (2) all items identified in the capital needs assessment (CNA) must have been addressed.



**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab L

- A detailed rehabilitation budget
- Applications for rehabilitation Developments must include a CNA performed by an independent, Indiana licensed, qualified architect or engineer in the format required in Schedule F. For competitive applications, the CNA must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the application deadline. For non-competitive 4%/bond applications, the CNA may be submitted with the complete application. A signed, draft HUD PCNA (completed for purposes of a HUD 223(f) loan application) will qualify. The final approved HUD PCNA must be submitted prior to closing.
- Applications for adaptive reuse Developments are not required to include a CNA but must include a structural conditions report from an independent, Indiana licensed, qualified architect or engineer. The report must contain an assessment of any physical components that will be retained to verify their current condition and all necessary repairs. For competitive applications, the structural conditions report must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the application deadline. For non-competitive 4%/bond applications, the structural conditions report may be submitted with the complete application.

**5.1(S): Tenant Displacement and Relocation**

The Applicant must provide a displacement and relocation plan if the Development will impact existing tenants.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab L

A detailed displacement and relocation plan that includes the following information:

- Any potential permanent, temporary, or economic displacement and relocation issues
- Anticipated relocation budget with itemized expenses. Note: Relocation expenses must also be listed in the development budget in Form A.

If requesting HOME or HTF funds from IHCD, the Applicant must follow the Uniform Relocation Act requirements and must answer all Uniform Relocation Act related questions in the supplemental funding application.

**5.1(T): Threshold Requirements for Supportive Housing**

Applications competing in the Supportive Housing set-aside must meet the following criteria:

- The Applicant must successfully fulfill all requirements of the Indiana Supportive Housing Institute for the specific Development for which they are applying. To demonstrate that all Institute requirements have been met, the Applicant must obtain a letter from CSH certifying that:





- the team attended all Institute sessions.
  - the project concept is aligned with Institute goals, including target population to be served and use of the Housing First model.
  - CSH has reviewed and approved the proposed development, operating, and service budgets, tenant selection plan, tenant involvement plan, property management plan, eviction prevention plan, supportive service plan, and MOUs between team members. The Development Team must submit their draft budgets and plans to CSH 45-90 calendar days prior to the tax credit application submission to allow time for review and comments.
- The Applicant must enter into an MOU with CSH for ongoing technical assistance to be provided from completion of the Institute until at least the end of the first year of occupancy. A copy of the MOU must be provided with the application.
  - The Applicant must enter into an MOU with each applicable supportive service provider. A copy of each MOU must be provided with the application.
  - The Applicant must identify a source for project-based rental assistance and provide a funding commitment with the application. All PSH units must be covered by project-based rental assistance. If the funding has not yet been committed, the Applicant must provide proof of application, a narrative describing the selection process, and a narrative describing how the Development will move forward if the application is denied. To apply for Project Based Vouchers through IHCD, submit Form O1. To apply for Section 811 Project Rental Assistance through IHCD, submit Form O2. The Applicant should contact IHCD if they are unsure which rental assistance source they are eligible to request.
  - Utilities must be owner-paid for all PSH units.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab O

- CSH letter certifying completion of the Institute, review of applicable plans, and alignment with Institute goals, CSH Dimensions of Quality, and the Housing First model
- Copy of executed CSH MOU
- Copy of MOU with each applicable supportive service provider
- Documentation of commitment of project-based rental assistance or narratives as described above
- If applicable, Form O1 to apply for IHCD Project Based Vouchers or Form O2 to apply for Section 811 Project Rental Assistance



### 5.1(U): Irrevocable Waiver of Right to Request Qualified Contract Right

All Applicants must irrevocably waive their right to request early termination of the extended use agreement through the Qualified Contract process. Applicants may not request a waiver of this threshold requirement at the time of application, and IHCDCA will not allow any early releases or exemptions from this requirement during the extended use period. All Developments receiving reservations under this QAP must meet the full extended use period obligation.

This waiver does not preclude the option for transfers of ownership that maintain the affordability or for a request for a subsequent allocation of credits (i.e., resyndication) beyond Year 15.

### Part 5.2| Underwriting Guidelines

The following underwriting guidelines apply to all Applications.

IHCDCA will consider underwriting outside of these guidelines if supporting documentation is provided in Tab M, except in the case of HUD-mandated Project Based Voucher (PBV) subsidy layering review requirements which cannot be waived. IHCDCA will issue a separate threshold deficiency for each item that is outside of the underwriting guidelines if the Application does not include an explanation and supporting documentation to justify why the underwriting is outside of these guidelines. Approval of underwriting from other financing institutions or funding sources does not constitute acceptable supporting documentation.

Developments that depend on commercial income to meet the minimum underwriting guidelines will not be considered financially feasible.

### 5.2(A): Total Operating Expenses

All Developments must be able to underwrite with a minimum operating expense of \$5,000 per unit per year. The total operating expense calculation includes replacement reserve contributions but excludes debt service.

For Developments with Project Based Vouchers, cash flow (minus any acceptable reserve amounts) cannot exceed 10% of the total operating expenses. Cash flow is determined after ensuring all debt can be satisfied and is defined as total income to the project minus total expenses.

**5.2(B): Management Fee** – The maximum management fee allowed is defined in the table below, based on the number of units within the project. The percentage is based on the “effective gross income” (gross income for all units, less vacancy rate).

# of Units	Maximum Management Fee Percentage
1 to 50 units	7%
51 to 100 units	6%
101	5%



**5.2(C): Vacancy Rate** – 6-8%, with the following exceptions:

- Applications proposing affordable assisted living must use a vacancy rate of 10-12%.
- Applications with Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA), Project Based Vouchers (PBV), Public Housing, or Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (811 PRA) on 20% or more of the total units must use a vacancy rate of 4-7%.
- Applications proposing rehabilitation of existing rental housing may use a vacancy rate of 5% if the actual vacancy rate for the project has been 5% or less for the previous three years, as demonstrated by rent rolls. Rent rolls must be submitted in Tab M.

**5.2(D): Rental Income Growth** – 2% per year

**5.2(E): Operating Reserves** – the greater of (1) at least four months of projected expenses including operating expenses, debt service payments, and replacement reserve payments or (2) \$1,500 per unit.

**5.2(F): Replacement Reserves**

Replacement reserves must be included in the operating budget. Contributions must be made to the reserve account starting on or before the conversion date of the construction loan to permanent loan and must be funded throughout the Extended Use Period.

Replacement reserve funds must be used only for capital improvements (substantial improvements such as re-roofing, structural repairs, or major projects to replace or upgrade existing furnishings) and must not be used for general maintenance expenses (e.g., replacement of individual appliances or minor repairs). Less restrictive provisions allowed by lenders or other funders must be approved by IHCD.

Replacement Reserve contributions must escalate at a rate of 3% per year.

Minimum contribution requirements are as follows:

- New Construction (age-restricted): \$250 per unit per year
- New Construction (non-age-restricted): \$300 per unit per year
- Single-family Units: \$420 per unit per year
- Rehabilitation of Existing Housing: \$350 per unit per year
- Historic Rehabilitation or Adaptive Reuse: \$420 per unit per year. Historic Rehabilitation means the development meets the “historic in nature” definition in scoring category 6.2G.

If an Application proposes multiple construction types, the minimum contribution will be calculated based upon the unit mix. For example, if a proposed Development contains 30 age-restricted new construction units and 20 rehabilitation units, the calculation would be 30 units at \$250 per unit per year and 20 units at \$350 per unit per year.



## **5.2(G): Service Reserve**

All Applications competing in the Supportive Housing set-aside or requesting points under the integrated supportive housing scoring category must establish a capitalized service reserve to ensure that supportive services will be provided to tenants throughout the Compliance Period. Capitalized service reserves are allowed, but not required, for Applications competing in the Community Integration set-aside. The service reserve may only be used for supportive services and may not be used for other operating costs or capital improvements including property management costs, security, or any items that should be drawn from an operating or replacement reserve.

The amount of the service reserve must be a minimum of \$5,500 per supportive housing unit. The Application must include a copy of the anticipated service budget and a narrative describing the methodology used to determine the size of the proposed service reserve. Place in Tab M.

## **5.2(H): Operating Expense Growth – 3% per year**

## **5.2(I): Stabilized Debt Coverage Ratio**

The minimum and maximum debt coverage ratio (DCR) is defined by development type, as listed below:

- Large and Small City Developments: 1.15 – 1.45
- Rural Developments: 1.15 – 1.50
- Developments with Project Based Vouchers: 1.10 – 1.45
- Developments with 221(d)(4) or 223(f) loans: 1.11 – 1.45

IHCDA calculates DCR before payment of deferred developer fee.

IHCDA recognizes that some Developments may require a higher DCR at the beginning of the Compliance Period to remain viable over the 15 years. Documentation to support a higher DCR must be provided. However, for Developments with Project Based Vouchers, the DCR must be in the range stated above for all years.

Developments without debt will not have a DCR but will be required to have sufficient cash flow. This will be determined by an expense ratio of Effective Gross Income to Total Annual Expenses (including replacement reserve contributions). An expense ratio of 1.10 shall be the minimum required in Years 1-15 to be considered viable.

## **5.2(J): Taxes and Insurance**

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab M

Narrative identifying the estimated property taxes and insurance costs for the proposed Development, including an explanation of how those estimates were calculated. If a PILOT, tax abatement, or tax



exemption has been approved for the proposed Development, provide supporting documentation. If not yet approved by the time the application has been submitted, the project must be underwritten with full property taxes included.

### **5.2(K): Federal Grants and Subsidies**

Eligible basis must be reduced by the amount of any federal grant that is not structured as a loan to the Development. Applications that include federal funds structured as a loan to the Development must demonstrate a reasonable expectation that the loan will be repaid in full at maturity to remain in eligible basis.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A (Application). Place a narrative in Tab G explaining how any federal funds are being treated in eligible basis.

### **5.2(L): Basis Boost**

Applications for Developments located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) or Difficult to Develop Area (DDA) are eligible to increase eligible basis by up to 30% to determine the maximum credit amount. Acquisition costs must be excluded from eligible basis prior to the basis boost calculation. See Appendix E for a complete listing of QCTs and DDAs.

IHCDA may provide a discretionary basis boost of up to 30% to determine the maximum credit amount for 9% LIHTC Applications which meet at least one of the following criteria:

- The Development is in an area officially declared as a disaster area by the State of Indiana and will assist in providing affordable housing to people affected by the disaster. IHCDA will announce such areas and their boost eligibility via RED Notice.
- The Application is competing under the Community Integration set-aside, Preservation set-aside, Supportive Housing set-aside, or is eligible for points under the Integrated Supportive Housing scoring category.
- The Applicant commits to rent levels that receive the maximum 16 points under Section 6.1, “Rent Restrictions” scoring category.

Developments will not qualify for an additional discretionary boost if they have already received the basis boost for being in a QCT or DDA.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab A

- Applications for Developments located in a declared disaster area must include (i) documentation that the Development is in an area that has been officially declared a disaster area by the Governor and (ii) a narrative description of how the proposed Development will help the area and the individuals affected by the disaster.



- All other Applications must include a narrative explanation identifying how the Development qualifies for a basis boost.

## **Part 5.3 | User Eligibility and Limitations**

### **5.3(A): Maximum Credit Request**

The amount of 9% LIHTC allocated to any Development may not exceed \$1,300,000.

For Applications requesting 4% LIHTC and tax-exempt bond financing, the credit allocation may exceed \$1,300,000 if the Development has sufficient eligible basis.

### **5.3(B): Developer Fee Limitations**

The maximum developer fee is 15% of eligible basis, but any amount over \$2,500,000 must be deferred and paid out of cash flow.

Consultant fees, guaranty fees between related parties, or any similar fees, charges, or reimbursement for services customarily provided by an affordable housing developer or consultant will be considered separate fees. However, the sum of all these fees plus developer fee must be below the developer fee cap.

IHCDA will include deferred developer fee as a permanent source of funding, but deferred developer fee may not be listed as a construction source. The maximum deferred developer fee is determined on a case-by-case basis based on underwriting and to ensure that any deferred fee can be paid by the end of the 15-year Compliance Period.

To be included in eligible basis, all deferred developer fee must be paid by the end of the 15-year Compliance Period. Deferred developer fee may be structured as a cash flow loan if it can be demonstrated that the fee can and will be paid. Fees permanently contributed to the Development must be paid to the Developer and then contributed to the Development in order to be included in eligible basis.

#### **Required Documentation:** Place in Tab M

- A statement (i) disclosing each entity or individual receiving a portion of the developer fee along with the percentage of the fee the entity or individual will receive and (ii) describing the terms of the deferred payment including any interest rate charged and the source of payment
- Nonprofit organizations must include a resolution from the Board of Directors allowing such a deferred payment arrangement.

At the time of final cost certification, the Applicant must submit a Deferred Developer Fee Agreement evidencing the principal amount and terms of interest and payment of any deferred obligation.



### 5.3(C): Contractor Fee Limitations

Contractor fees shall be limited as follows:

Contractor Fees	Contractor Fee % Limitations
General Requirements	6% of Total Construction/Rehabilitation Cost
Builder's Overhead	2% of Total Construction/Rehabilitation Cost
Builder's Profit	6% of Total Construction/Rehabilitation Cost
<b>Total</b>	<b>14% of Total Construction/Rehabilitation Cost</b>

IHCDA calculates the total contractor fee by taking the sum of General Requirements, Builder's Overhead, and Builder's Profit and then dividing by the sum of Sitework, New Building, Rehabilitation, and Accessory Building costs. Developer fees, sitework not included in the construction contract, demolition hard costs, and hard cost contingency are not part of the calculation.

IHCDA will permit savings in a particular contractor fee line item to offset overruns in other contractor fee line items provided that the total contractor fee does not exceed 14%.

### 5.3(D): Architect Fee Limitations

The architect fee, including design and supervision fees, must be limited to 4% of the total hard costs plus sitework, general requirements, overhead, profit, and construction contingency.

Applicants that propose an architect fee exceeding 4% must follow a competitive negotiation procedure per the guidelines in Schedule H.

**Required Documentation:** If following a competitive negotiation procedure, place description in Tab M.

### 5.3(E): Consultant Fee Limitations

Consultant fee is a separate fee but must be included in the developer fee cap per Part 5.3(B) above.

### 5.3(F): Contingency Limitations

Hard cost contingency may not exceed the following limitations. This is calculated by taking the hard cost contingency (line c8 in the itemized costs in Form A) divided by the sum of new building or rehab costs and the sitework that is included in the construction contract (line c1). General requirements, contractor overhead, and contractor profit (lines c5, c6, and c7) are allowed to be included in this calculation.

Development Type	Hard Cost Contingency Limitation
New Construction	5% of hard costs
Rehabilitation of existing housing	15% of hard costs
Historic rehabilitation or adaptive reuse	20% of hard costs

For Developments with multiple construction types, each type must follow the respective limits above.



Soft cost contingency may not exceed 3% of total soft costs for any construction type. This is calculated by taking the soft cost contingency (line h7 in the itemized costs in Form A) divided by the sum of architect and engineering fees (section d) plus other soft costs (section h). Developer fee is not included in this calculation.

### **5.3(G): Reasonableness of Project Costs**

IHCDA may disallow or reduce any costs deemed to be unreasonable on a per unit, per square foot, or line-item basis. IHCDA may request additional information to substantiate the reasonableness of any cost.

### **5.3(H): Related Party Fees**

The Applicant, Owner, Developer, Co-Developer, and Consultant must disclose all Related Party fees submitted within the budget via Form N. Fees may include, but are not limited to, developer fee, consultant fee, architect fee, guaranty fee, owner's representative fee, broker fee, document review fee, supervision fee, syndicator fee, engineer fee, attorney fee, accountant fee, management fee, and contractor fee. "Related Parties" is defined in Schedule H.

Applicants without Related Party involvement must still sign and submit Form N.

**Required Documentation:** Complete Form N and place in Tab J.

### **5.3(I): Davis Bacon Compliance**

Developments with certain federal funding sources may be subject to Davis Bacon prevailing wage requirements. Davis Bacon applies, for example, if the Development has:

- HUD 221(d) loan financing
- 12 or more HOME-assisted units
- 9 or more Project Based Voucher units
- 12 or more Section 811 Project Rental Assistance units
- 8 or more total units and receives CDBG funding

**Required Documentation:** Complete Form A acknowledging if Davis Bacon applies to the Development. If applicable, General Contractor Affidavit must acknowledge that the General Contractor will implement Davis Bacon prevailing wages and comply with all Davis Bacon recordkeeping and compliance requirements.





## Part 5.4| Minimum Development Standards

### 5.4(A): Minimum Equipment Requirements

In addition to meeting all new construction and rehabilitation standards required by applicable codes, each Development must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Each unit must contain a refrigerator.
- 2) Each unit must contain a stove, with the following exceptions:
  - If a single room occupancy (SRO) unit will not have a stove, then (1) the unit must have another cooking appliance and (2) a communal stove must be available.
  - If an affordable assisted living units will not have a stove, then (1) the unit must have the necessary space and build-out to later install a stove and (2) another cooking appliance must be provided.
- 3) Each unit must contain fire suppressors above stoves/ranges.
- 4) All Developments must have smoke and CO detectors installed in accordance with NFPA 72 and NSPIRE standards. Smoke detectors must be interconnected. CO detectors are only required if required by NFPA 72 or NSPIRE standards, for example, if a unit (1) contains a fuel-burning appliance or fuel-burning fireplace, (2) has adjacent spaces from which byproducts of combustion gas can flow, or (3) is located one story or less above or below an attached private garage that does not have natural ventilation or is enclosed and does not have a ventilation system for vehicle exhaust. See [HUD's NSPIRE carbon monoxide alarm standard](#).
- 5) Owners must replace all smoke detectors within 10 years of installation, per the requirements in NFPA 72.
- 6) All common laundry facilities that are required to be separated by fire partitions must have magnetic hold-open devices that will allow the fire doors to close upon activation of smoke/fire alarms.

### 5.4(B): NSPIRE Affirmative Habitability Requirements

The National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate ("NSPIRE") requires the following minimum Affirmative Habitability Requirements.

**Inspectable Area = Unit:** the interior components of an individual dwelling where the resident lives

1. Hot and cold running water in both bathroom and kitchen, including adequate source of safe drinking water in the bathroom and kitchen
2. Bathroom or sanitary facility that is in proper operating condition and usable in privacy that contains a sink, a bathtub or shower, and an interior flushable toilet
3. At least 1 battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detector in proper working condition:
  - a. On each level of the unit
  - b. Inside each bedroom
  - c. Within 21' of any door to a bedroom measured along a path of travel; and



- d. Where a smoke detector installed outside a bedroom is separated from an adjacent area by a door, must also be installed on the living area side of the door
- If the unit is occupied by a hearing-impaired person, the smoke detectors must have an alarm system designed for hearing-impaired persons.
4. Living room and kitchen area with a sink, cooking appliance, refrigerator, food preparation area, and food storage area
  5. For units with Housing Choice Vouchers or Project Based Vouchers, at least one bedroom or living/sleeping room for each two persons in the household
  6. Must meet carbon monoxide detection standards established through Federal Register notice and the NSPIRE standard, if applicable
  7. Two working outlets or one working outlet and a permanent light within all habitable rooms
  8. Outlets within 6' of a water source must be GFCI protected\*
  9. Must contain a permanently installed heating source. Units may not contain unvented space heaters that burn gas, oil, or kerosene.
  10. Must have a guardrail when there is an elevated working surface drop off of 30' or more measured vertically
  11. Permanently mounted light fixture in the kitchen and each bathroom

**Inspectable Area = Inside:** the common areas and building systems within the building interior that are not inside a unit

1. At least one battery-operated or hard-wired smoke detector on each level
2. Must meet carbon monoxide detection standards established through Federal Register notice and the NSPIRE standard, if applicable
3. Outlets within 6' of a water source must be GFCI protected\*
4. Must have a guardrail when there is an elevated walking surface drop off of 30" or more measured vertically
5. Permanently mounted light fixtures in any kitchens and each bathroom
6. May not contain unvented space heaters that burn gas, oil, or kerosene

**Inspectable Area = Outside:** the building site, building exterior components, and any building systems located outside of the building

1. All outside outlets must be GFCI protected
2. Must have a guardrail when there is an elevated walking surface drop off of 30" or more measured vertically

\* The requirement that all outlets within 6' of a water source must be GFCI protected does not apply in the following circumstances:

- The requirement does not apply to an outlet dedicated to a major appliance (e.g., water heater, HVAC, refrigerator, washing machine, dishwasher, garbage disposal, appliance that is wall-mounted or installed within a cabinet, etc.). A "dedicated outlet" is a receptacle outlet that is only capable of serving that specific appliance.
- The requirement does not apply to an outlet below a countertop and within an enclosed cabinet, regardless of its distance from the water source.



## Smoke Alarm Placement Requirements

Smoke alarms must be installed in all areas listed in the affirmative habitability requirements. The following placement requirements must be met.

- If mounted on the ceiling, the smoke alarm must be greater than 4" from the wall.
- If mounted on the wall, the top edge of the smoke alarm cannot be closer than 4" or greater than 12" from the ceiling.

## CO Detector Placement Requirements

CO detectors are only required if required by NFPA 72 or NSPIRE standards, for example, if a unit (1) contains a fuel-burning appliance or fuel-burning fireplace, (2) has adjacent spaces from which byproducts of combustion gas can flow, or (3) is located one story or less above or below an attached private garage that does not have natural ventilation or is enclosed and does not have a ventilation system for vehicle exhaust. See [HUD's NSPIRE carbon monoxide alarm standard](#).

## 5.4(C): Other Minimum Design Requirements

The following design requirements apply to all new construction and to rehabilitation if the items are proposed as part of the rehabilitation scope of work. At completion of rehab, (1) all units in the Development must have components, systems, appliances, finishes, etc. of the same or comparable quality and (2) all items identified in the CNA must have been addressed.

- 1) The use of low maintenance exterior building finishes including brick, stone, hardy board, fiber cement siding, vinyl, metal, or LP engineered wood siding. Vinyl siding must be at least Residential Grade (.044") in thickness and carry a lifetime warranty.
- 2) All space heating/cooling systems must be sized using ACCA Manual J, GAMA H-22, or an accredited design professional's and manufacturer's recommendations.
- 3) Thermal insulated windows and entry doors must have a minimum U-value of 0.35 or below.
- 4) Roofing that uses shingles must use anti-fungal shingles with a minimum 30-year warranty. The roof may not contain more than two layers of shingles.
- 5) Buildings and units must be identified using clearly visible signage and/or numbers. Such signage must be well lit from dusk until dawn.
- 6) Exterior railings must be constructed of heavy-duty steel, aluminum, composite, or wood materials capable of supporting vertical and horizontal loads per Indiana Code.
- 7) If clothes dryers are heated by combustible gases, Excess Flow Valves (EFVs) must be installed up-stream of the flexible gas line connectors.
- 8) Exterior stairways, landings, and approaches must be designed so that water will not accumulate on the walking surfaces.
- 9) For new construction, all primary unit entry doors must have roof coverings at least 3' deep by 5' wide and contain a landing of the same minimum dimensions.



- 10) Fireplaces are prohibited in new construction residential units and all common areas. For rehabilitation, existing fireplaces and chimneys must be removed or sealed to prevent loss of conditioned air and blocked to prevent usage.
- 11) Residential demising floors and walls separating units must be framed and insulated to prevent sound transmission at a rating of STC 50.
- 12) New cabinets must include dual slide tracks on drawers. Cabinet doors, stiles, and drawer fronts must be made with quality materials other than particle board.
- 13) Clothes dryer vent transition from flex to hard duct shall be made through recessed clothes dryer boxes unless the vent is on an exterior wall without bends or elbows.
- 14) Flammable substances, gasoline, and gasoline-powered equipment must not be stored in the same structure as residential units unless the storage area is separated by a four-hour fire wall and is not accessible from inside the residential structure. Exception: A two-hour fire wall may be sufficient if the storage facility is equipped with a fire sprinkler system compliant with NFPA13R.
- 15) For rehabilitation of buildings of masonry shell construction, all exterior walls must either (1) contain an air barrier between the masonry and partition walls with properly aligned thermal and pressure boundaries or (2) be coated with materials that prevent air movement while allowing vapor transmission to escape the interior of the buildings' shells. Additionally, there must be a 1" air space between the masonry and air barrier on the partition walls that are within the building shell. This standard does not apply to buildings entitled to claim Historic Tax Credits.
- 16) Developments using fluorescent, high-pressure sodium, mercury vapor, or metal halide lamps/lighting must implement a collection and recycling program. The owner must follow the EPA's Resource Conservation & Recovery Act for the proper disposal of the luminaires.
- 17) Power to electric water heaters must be controlled by one of the following options:
  - A circuit breaker at an in-sight electrical panel
  - An in-sight pull-disconnect or circuit-breaker switch box
  - A regular wall switch in sight of the water heater
  - Any of the previous devices can also be used when they are installed out of sight of the water heater if they are able to be physically locked out from operation.
- 18) Expansion tanks must be installed on closed system water heaters up to 60 gallons.
- 19) All toilets must be either ultra-low flush toilets ( $\leq 1$  gal per flush) or dual flush toilets.
- 20) Must install splash blocks if downspouts expel water onto grass or dirt. Extensions must be used to expel water at least 4' away from the foundation.

#### 5.4(D): Minimum Accessibility Requirements

1. **General Requirements:** At least 5% of the total units in rehabilitation or adaptive reuse projects or 6% of the total units in new construction projects must be accessible or adaptable, utilizing the International Code Council's (ICC) Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities Standard Type A or Type B definition. If the development contains more than 20 units, at least 2% of the total



units must be Type A. All accessible and adaptable units must be labeled on the site plan and/or floor plans.

- An accessible unit is a “Type A” unit per the International Code Council’s Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities Standard (ICC A117.1-2009 Section 1003).
- An adaptable unit is a “Type B” unit per the International Code Council’s Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities Standard (ICC A117.1-2009 Section 1004).

2) **Fair Housing Requirements:** The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 design requirements apply to “covered multifamily dwellings” which were built for first occupancy after March 13, 1991. First occupancy means a building that has never before been used for any purpose. The following are considered covered multifamily dwellings:

- All dwelling units in buildings containing four or more dwelling units if such buildings have one or more elevators
- All ground floor dwelling units in other buildings containing four or more units

Regulations found at 24 CFR Part 100.205 implement the Fair Housing Act’s design and construction requirements. These specific design and construction standards can also be found in ICC A117.1 Accessible and Usable Building and Facilities, Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines (FHAG), and [HUD’s Fair Housing Act Design Manual](#). The seven design requirements for covered multifamily dwellings, in abridged form, are as follows.

- The building must have at least one entrance on an accessible route.
- Public and common use areas must be readily accessible to and usable by people with disabilities.
- All doors designed to allow passage into and within all premises must be sufficiently wide to allow passage by persons in wheelchairs.
- There must be an accessible route into and through the dwelling units, providing access for people with disabilities throughout the unit.
- All premises within the dwelling units must contain light switches, electrical outlets, thermostats, and other environmental controls in accessible locations.
- All premises within the dwelling units must contain reinforcements in bathroom walls to allow later installation of grab bars around the toilet, tub, shower stall and shower seat, where such facilities are provided.
- Dwelling units must contain usable kitchens and bathrooms such that an individual who uses a wheelchair can maneuver about the space.

3. **504 Requirements:** Developments receiving federal funds (including HUD funding such as HOME, National Housing Trust Fund, Section 8 PBRA or PBV, or Section 811 PRA) must be designed and built in accordance with the accessibility requirements of Section 504. These specific design and construction standards can be found in the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) and in 24 CFR Part 8. For covered developments, Section 504 requires that at least 5% of the units, or at



least one unit whichever is greater, must be accessible for persons with mobility disabilities and an additional 2% of the units, or at least one unit whichever is greater, must be accessible for persons with hearing or visual disabilities.

- 4. ADA Requirements:** Public common areas, such as leasing offices and any community spaces open to the general public, must meet the design requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 5. Leasing Accessible Units:** Accessible units must be marketed and leased following the requirements outlined in Part 5.4(F) of IHCD's [\*Rental Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual\*](#). If a household that does not need the accessibility features moves into an accessible unit, they must execute a lease addendum agreeing to transfer to a comparable, non-accessible unit when the accessible unit is needed by a person with a disability.

#### **5.4(E): Accessibility Requirements for Age-Restricted Developments and Supportive Housing Set-aside:**

In addition to the minimum accessibility requirements in Part 5.4(D) above, the following additional accessibility requirements apply to all age-restricted (55+ or 62+) developments and to all developments competing in the Supportive Housing set-aside.

- For New Construction:
    - All common areas must be accessible.
    - 100% of the units must be Type A or Type B units in accordance with Chapter 10 of the ICC A117.1. Exception: For integrated supportive housing developments in the Supportive Housing set-aside, the percentage of Type A or Type B units must equal or exceed the percentage of supportive housing units.
    - Elevators must be installed for access to all units above or below the ground floor. Exception: For integrated supportive housing developments in the Supportive Housing set-aside, elevators are not required if (1) all Type A or Type B units are on the ground floor and (2) the building is no more than two stories.
  - For Adaptive Reuse developments without elevators:
    - All common areas on the main floor must be accessible.
    - 100% of the ground floor units must be Type A or Type B units in accordance with Chapter 10 of the ICC A117.1.
  - For Adaptive Reuse developments that contained elevators prior to rehabilitation:
    - The elevators/lifts must be maintained.
    - All common areas must be accessible.
    - 100% of the units must be Type A or Type B units in accordance with Chapter 10 of the ICC A117.1. Exception: For integrated supportive housing developments in the
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Supportive Housing Set-aside, the percentage of Type A or Type B units must equal or exceed the percentage of supportive housing units.

- For Rehabilitation of existing housing:
  - In-place elevators/lifts must be maintained.
  - All common areas must be accessible.
  - 10% of the units must be Type A or Type B units in accordance with Chapter 10 of the ICC A117.1.
  - 100% of the units must have grab bars installed at all toilets, showers, and bathtubs.

**Required Documentation:** Certification in Form A (Application)

#### 5.4(F): Universal Design Features

Applicants must adopt a minimum of six universal design features from each column in the chart below. IHCD encourages the adoption of universal design features best suited to the proposed Development.

IHCD will accept proposed universal design features that are not listed in the columns below if they are relevant and necessary to the Development. If submitting a universal design feature not listed below, the Applicant must clearly describe the additional feature, explain the necessity of its inclusion, and provide justification for the proposed column classification. The acceptance and classification of universal design proposals will be made by IHCD on a case-by-case basis.

Column Classification of Universal Design Features:

- Features in Column A are regarded as higher cost and/or higher burden of inclusion.
- Features in Column B are regarded as moderate cost and/or moderate burden of inclusion.
- Features in Column C are regarded as lower cost and/or lower burden of inclusion.

Column A	Column B	Column C
Front loading washer and dryer with front controls, raised on platforms or drawers, in each unit or all laundry facilities	At least one entrance to the ground floor of each unit* is on a circulation path from a public street or sidewalk, a dwelling unit driveway, or a garage. That circulation path must be a ramp or sloped walking surface. Changes in elevation must not exceed ¼" (or ½" if beveled).  *All one- & two-family dwellings only	Audible and visible smoke detectors in each unit



Range/oven with controls located in a position that does not require reaching over burners in 10% of the units	In kitchens, pull out shelves or Lazy Susan storage systems in base corner cabinets in each unit	Light switches located 48" maximum above the finished floor in each unit
Low-power automatic doors at accessible exterior entrances	All interior passage doors have a minimum clear width opening of 31¾"	Rocker or touch sensitive lighting controls in each unit
Wall oven with 27" minimum knee clearance under the door in the open position and controls 48" maximum above the floor in 10% of the units	Adjustable height shelves in kitchen wall cabinets in each unit	Mirrors over bathroom sinks have the reflecting surface 40" maximum above the floor or tilt to provide a similar view in each unit
Toilets meet the provisions for location, clearance, height, and grab bars in 2009 ICC A117.1 Section 604.5 in one bathroom in each unit	Where provided, telephone entry systems shall comply with ANSI.SASMA 303.-2006, Performance Criteria for Accessible Communication Entry Systems	Lever handle faucets on sinks in each unit
An accessible route from the garage into the dwelling in 10% of the units with attached private garages	One of the following in one bathroom in each unit:  1. Adjustable height showerhead that allows for a showerhead to be adjusted to reach between 48-84" above the tub or shower floor  2. Hand-held showerhead mounted 78-84" above the floor with a flexible hose 59" minimum in length	Full length mirrors with the bottom of the reflecting surface lower than 36" and top to be at least 72" above the floor in each unit
Curb cuts along an accessible route throughout the development in accordance with 2009 ICC A117.1 Section 406.13	Remote control heating and cooling in each unit  Control via a phone or tablet application is acceptable	Signage identifying unit numbers includes visual characters, raised characters, and braille





Side-by-side refrigerators in each unit	In the kitchen in each unit, a 60" x 48" clear floor space adjacent to the sink, dishwasher, cooktop, oven, refrigerator/freezer, and trash compactor	Motion sensor controls for room lighting in entry in each unit
Automatic garage door openers on all overhead garage doors. Safety sensors must be installed 4-6" off the ground.	At least one section of the counter or a pull-out surface in each unit provides knee and toe clearances in accordance with ICC A117.1 Section 1003.12.3	Bathtub/shower controls located 48" maximum above the tub floor in each unit
Kitchen sink and work surface in accordance with ICC A117.1 Sections 1003.12.3.2 and 1003.12.4.2 in 10% of the units	Built-in microwave with an adjacent clear floor space per ADA requirements	Pull handles on drawers and cabinet doors in each unit
Motion detector controls for the outside lights on at least one entrance to each unit	Kitchen and bathroom countertops with a visual contrast at the front edge of the counter or between the counter and the cabinet in each unit	At least one garden area, on an accessible route, raised to a minimum of 15" above the adjacent grade
Removable base cabinets at the kitchen sink, one kitchen work surface, and at least one bathroom sink in accordance with ICC A117.1 Sections 1003.12.3.1, 1003.12.4.1, and 1003.11.2 in all ground floor units	A 30" x 48" clear floor space in each bathroom. If the bathroom doors swing in, the clear floor space must be beyond the swing of the door.	10 footcandle lighting for at least one work surface in each unit
Pull out shelving for all standard base kitchen cabinets in each unit	All hallways 42" or wider in each unit	Controls for bathtubs or showers located between the centerline of the bathtub or shower stall and the front edge of the opening in at least one bathroom in each unit
Roll-in shower in at least one bathroom in each unit in accordance with ICC A117.1 Section 608.2.2 or 608.2.3	Where walls are adjacent to toilets, bathtubs, or showers, provide blocking for future installation of grab bars in each unit in accordance with ICC A117.1 Section 1004.11.1. Unit plans must demonstrate the blocking.	Adjustable height closet rods or a portion of each closet with two clothes rods at different heights in each unit



In 10% of the units, cook top with toe & knee clearance in accordance with ICC A117.1 Section 1003.12.5.4.2. The underside of the cook top shall be insulated or otherwise configured to protect from burns, abrasions, or electric shock.	Kitchen sink with a pullout faucet instead of side mount sprayer in each unit	Sliding closet doors for reach-in closets in each unit
Dishwasher with all operable parts and shelving between 15" and 48" above the flooring in 10% of the units	Means of identifying visitors without opening the door in each unit	Levered hardware on all doors intended for passage in each unit
A walk-in shower with a fixed or fold down seat or a bathtub with a seat in at least one bathroom in 10% of the units	Significant color contrast between floor surfaces, walls, and trim in each unit	Electrical outlets raised a minimum of 15" above the finished floor in each unit. Dedicated outlets and floor outlets are not required to meet this standard.
Grab bars installed at tub/shower in 10% of the units  (In one bathroom only for two-bathroom units)	Visual contrast between stair risers and stair treads in each unit that contains a stairway	Lighted doorbell at the primary entrance to each unit
Remote controlled drapery, blinds, and/or curtains in 10% of the units	Handrails installed in all common area corridors	Countertop sinks with basin located as close to the front edge as possible in 10% of the units
Slip resistant flooring or carpet in each unit complying with ICC A117.1 Section 302.2	Cordless window blinds on every window in each unit	Self-closing or soft-closing drawers in kitchen cabinets in each unit
At least one bedroom on an accessible level in each multi-story unit		Mailboxes located between 24-48" above grade
Chair lift, platform lift, or private residence elevator in a multi-story unit		Toilets with seat height of 17-19" at least one bathroom in each unit

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A (Application)



#### **5.4(G): Visitability Mandate**

Any Development involving new construction of single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes, or townhomes must meet the visitability mandate. Visitability is defined as design that allow persons with mobility impairments to enter and stay, but not necessarily live, in a residence.

Visitable units must comply with the Type C unit criteria in ICC A117.1 Section 1005 and meet all requirements below:

- Each unit must contain at least one zero-step entrance on an accessible route. This can be any entrance to the unit.
- All main floor interior doors (including bathroom doors and walk-in closets) in each unit must provide at least 31 ¾" of clear opening width.
- Each unit must contain at least one half or full bathroom on the main level that is accessible per ICC A117.1 Section 1004.11.
- Each hallway on the first floor must have a width of at least 36" and be level with ramped or beveled changes at each door threshold.
- Each bathroom on the first floor must have blocking for future installation of grab bars.
- Each electrical plug or receptacle must be at least 15" above the floor.
- A multistory unit must contain a receptacle at the bottom and top of the staircase to accommodate a future stairlift if needed.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A (Application)

#### **5.4(H): Threshold Requirements for Affordable Assisted Living**

Developers and management companies of affordable assisted living must follow the Indiana Division of Aging's "Aging Rule" for providers of home and community-based services. See Indiana Code 12-10-15 and Indiana Administrative Code 455IAC2.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A (Application)

#### **5.4(I): Smoke-Free Housing**

All Developments must commit to operate as smoke-free housing and to use IHCD's Smoke-Free Housing Lease Addendum. Smoke-free includes electronic cigarettes and vaping as forms of prohibited smoking.

The Applicant must make one of the following elections on Form A:



- Designate the entire property as smoke-free; or
- Establish a designated smoking area on the property. A designated smoking area must not be within 25' of any buildings. Smoking must be prohibited in individual units and all interior common space.

For preservation of existing housing that currently allows smoking, the smoke-free policies must be implemented no later than the rehabilitation placed-in-service date.

IHCDA recommends the American Lung Association of Indiana's "Smoke Free Housing Toolkit" as a resource for creating a smoke-free housing policy. See <http://insmokefreehousing.com> for more information.

**Required documentation:** Form A

#### **5.4(J): Broadband Infrastructure**

The Applicant must commit to providing broadband infrastructure for high-speed internet service in each unit.

Per 24 CFR 5.100, broadband infrastructure means cables, fiber optics, wiring, or other permanent (integral to the structure) infrastructure, including wireless infrastructure, that is capable of providing access to internet connections in individual housing units, and that meets the definition of "advanced telecommunications capability" determined by the Federal Communications Commission under section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. 1302).

Per 47 U.S.C 1302, "advanced telecommunications capability" is defined, without regard to any transmission media or technology, as high-speed, switched, broadband telecommunications capability that enables users to originate and receive high-quality voice, data, graphics, and video telecommunications using any technology.

**Required documentation:** Form A

#### **Part 5.5 | Serving Special Needs Populations**

All Developments must commit to setting aside 10% of the total units for occupancy by qualified tenants who meet the definition of "special needs populations" pursuant to Indiana Code 5-20-1-4.5. Special needs populations include the following:

- Persons with physical or developmental disabilities
- Persons with mental impairments
- Single parent households
- Survivors of domestic violence
- Abused children
- Persons with chemical addictions
- Persons experiencing homelessness



- The elderly

Additional information on this requirement can be found in Section 5 of IHCD's [Rental Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual](#).

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A. Completed and executed Form K must be submitted with the project's request for the issuance of Form 8609.

### Part 5.6 | Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plans

All developments that receive IHCD HOME or Housing Trust Fund awards will be required to create an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan (AFHMP) using HUD Form 935.2A. The initial AFHMP must be in place prior to initial lease-up. The AFHMP must be updated at least once every five years. Additional information about AFHMPs may be found in IHCD's [Rental Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual](#).

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A. Completed Form 935.2A must be submitted at the time of Final Application, if applicable.

### Part 5.7 | Waiver Requests

IHCD will consider a waiver request from any Applicant, Owner, and/or Developer regarding IHCD Threshold Requirements including Underwriting Guidelines, User Eligibility and Limitations, and Minimum Development Standards except for those listed below. For competitive applications, the Applicant must submit the waiver request no later than 30 days prior to the application deadline. For noncompetitive applications, the Applicant must submit the waiver request and receive IHCD's response prior to submitting the application.

The waiver request must include the following:

- The specific Threshold Requirement for which the Development is requesting a waiver
- A detailed description as to why the Development cannot meet the Threshold Requirement
- Any additional pertinent information
- Payment of the \$500 waiver request fee for each Threshold Requirement requested to be waived

After review, IHCD will provide a written response approving or denying the waiver.

IHCD will not grant waivers for set-aside requirements, scoring, or the following Threshold Requirements:

- Part 5.3(A): Maximum Credit Request
- Part 5.1(F): Multiple Applications Prior to 8609 Issuance
- Part 5.1(U): Irrevocable Waiver of Right to Request Qualified Contract Release

For a non-competitive 4% LIHTC/bond application, the Applicant may not request a waiver to submit the Application without zoning documentation or an inducement resolution.



## Part 5.8| Threshold Deficiencies, Corrections, and Application Disqualification

IHCDA will classify application issues as one of the following:

- **Threshold Deficiency:** A specific requirement of Section 5 of this QAP was not met. This could include, but is not limited to, missing required documentation, underwriting that is outside of the established underwriting guidelines, errors in Form A, etc.
- **Clarification:** A specific requirement of Section 5 of this QAP has been met, but additional information is needed for review. For example, the Applicant submitted all required documentation but something within the documentation is unclear.

Applicants will be provided an opportunity to submit additional information through the following correction process:

- 1) IHCDA will send a letter to the Applicant identifying all threshold deficiencies and clarifications.
- 2) The Applicant will be allowed 14 calendar days (the “Correction Period”) to provide additional information to IHCDA per the instructions provided in the correction letter. If threshold deficiencies were identified, the Applicant must submit a \$500 resubmission fee by the end of the Correction Period, even if the Applicant is contesting the threshold deficiency. Additional threshold documentation submitted during the Correction Period will not be considered during scoring.
- 3) IHCDA may overturn its assessment of a threshold deficiency if it is determined that the necessary documents were in fact included in the initial application submission or if the Applicant’s response proves there was no deficiency. If all threshold deficiencies are overturned, IHCDA will refund the \$500 resubmission fee.
- 4) IHCDA will determine if the additional documentation submitted during the Correction Period is sufficient to resolve any threshold deficiencies. A resolved threshold deficiency still counts against the total number of deficiencies allowed to pass threshold.

This correction process will apply to threshold deficiencies identified in supplemental applications for HOME, Development Fund, Housing Trust Fund, or any other IHCDA gap funding source. However, errors specifically related to a supplemental application will not count as threshold deficiencies for purposes of disqualification, with the following exceptions:

- Failure to submit the supplemental application fee will be considered a threshold deficiency.
- Failure to submit the Development Fund historic review items per Section 5.1 L of the QAP will be considered a threshold deficiency.

If IHCDA staff are unable to open or view submitted electronic documentation due to file corruption, incompatible file types, etc., staff will enlist IT support to remedy the issue. If the issue cannot be resolved, the Applicant will receive a threshold deficiency for each affected item but will be allowed to

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submit replacement documents. Replacement documentation cannot be submitted for scoring items. This may result in the application failing threshold and/or not receiving points in a scoring category.

Applications with five or more threshold deficiencies (including resolved deficiencies) will fail threshold and be removed from consideration. Applicants who fail to respond during the Correction Period will be automatically disqualified from further consideration.

- Applications for competitive resources may be resubmitted in the next funding round.
- Applications for non-competitive resources may be resubmitted after 90 days as a new complete application, including applicable fees.



## Section 6 - Scoring Criteria

An Application that satisfies all applicable threshold requirements will be evaluated based on the scoring criteria defined in this Section.

Scoring Section	Total Number of Points
1. Affordability	23 Points
2. Development Characteristics	52 Points
3. Market Characteristics	42 Points
4. Financing	14 Points
5. Other Scoring	30 Points
6. Bond Experience	4 Points
<b>Total Number of Points Possible</b>	<b>165 Points</b>

Applicants seeking a 9% LIHTC allocation must score 85 or more points to meet threshold. Applicants seeking 4% LIHTC and tax-exempt bonds must meet a minimum score established by IHCD on a case-by-case basis, but in no case lower than 50 points.

**To qualify for points, all required documentation (e.g., certifications, letters, etc.) must be dated within six months prior to the application deadline. For non-competitive 4%/tax-exempt bond applications, all documentation must be dated within six months prior to the application submission date.**

If two or more applications receive an equal total score and there are insufficient credits to fund both, the following tie breakers will be used to determine which receives an allocation:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tie Breaker: priority will be given to the application for a Development located in a community that has not received an LIHTC award (4% or 9%) within the past three years.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tie Breaker: if a tie still remains, priority will be given to the application that requests the lowest number of tax credits per unit (for 9% applications) or lowest bond volume per unit (for 4% applications).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tie Breaker: if a tie still remains, priority will be given to the application with the lowest average rent restriction across all units.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tie Breaker: if a tie still remains, priority will be given to the application that competes under the highest number of set-asides.

### Part 6.1 | Affordability

#### 6.1(A): Rent Restrictions

All Developments must meet the minimum set-aside requirement of Section 42 through the election of the 40/60, 20/50, or Average Income minimum set-aside. If the proposed Development is the rehabilitation of an existing tax credit project, IHCD will not allow a change to the minimum set-aside election currently applicable to the project.





An application will receive points as follows if the Applicant commits to lower rent targeting.

Points	% of LIHTC units at or below 30% AMI Rent	TOTAL % of LIHTC units at or below 50% AMI Rent (including units at or below 30%)
16	20%	50%
12	20%	40%
8	20%	33%
4	Less than 20%	33%

IHCDA encourages owners to distribute low-income units evenly among buildings in a mixed-income, multiple building Development.

Note: Per Section 42(g)(7), scattered site Developments may not contain market rate units.

Competitive 4%/bond/AWHTC applications will not be scored in this category.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>16</b>
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#### 6.1(B): Income Restrictions

An application will receive three points if the Applicant commits to income restrictions that match the rent restrictions selected.

The following requirements apply:

- An Applicant selecting the Average Income minimum set-aside is required to make this election.
- If an Applicant selects the 20/50 minimum set-aside and does not elect to match income and rent restrictions, then all units are income restricted at 50% AMI. Such an application would receive zero points in this scoring category.
- If an Applicant selects the 40/60 minimum set-aside and does not elect to match income and rent restrictions, then all units are income restricted at 60% AMI. Such an application would receive zero points in this scoring category.

Competitive 4%/bond/AWHTC applications will not be scored in this category.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A (Application)

<b>Maximum Points</b>	<b>3</b>
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### 6.1(C): Additional Years of Affordability

An application will receive up to four points if the Applicant commits to a longer period of affordability:

- Two points for a 35-year Extended Use Period (initial 15-year Compliance Period plus 20 additional years); or
- Four points for a 40-year Extended Use Period (initial 15-year Compliance Period plus 25 additional years).

This commitment to a longer Extended Use Period will not be waived in the future and will be codified in the recorded Extended Use Agreement. Committing to a longer Extended Use Period will not affect the maturity date or amortization of any IHCD loan.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A

<b>Maximum Points</b>	<b>4</b>
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## Part 6.2 | Development Characteristics

### 6.2(A): Amenities

An application will receive up to six points for selecting amenities from the charts below:

- Two points for selecting ten or more amenities from Chart 1, with a minimum of two amenities from each column
- Two points for selecting five or more amenities from Chart 2, with a minimum of two amenities from each column
- Two points for selecting three or more amenities from Chart 3, with a minimum of one amenity from each column

All amenities selected by the Applicant should conform to the needs of the Development and its residents. Development amenities will be viewed as interchangeable within a column, provided that the total number of amenities selected in each column remains the same and is verified at time of Final Application. Points are only awarded for amenities if inclusion of that selected amenity is not required by any code or regulation.

NOTE: Specific requirements may apply for each amenity per the definitions in Appendix G.



<b>Chart 1: Common Area Total of 10 Amenities</b>		
<b>(A) Tenant Entertainment: Minimum of 2 Amenities</b>	<b>(B) Common Area Convenience Minimum of 2 Amenities</b>	<b>(C) Architectural Minimum of 2 Amenities</b>
Playground constructed of cedar, Trex, or other long-lasting material with a minimum of three types of play equipment of appropriate type for the type and size of development.	Designated car wash facility with a water hose and vacuum, located away from vehicular traffic.	Multiple building designs (more than one architectural design for buildings at the development)
Bike racks, bike storage lockers, or secure interior bike storage room. If bike racks, at least one rack must be placed at each individual building.	Garage or covered carport for each unit	Multiple floor plans (more than one floor plan per unit size)
Designated garden area to include an area for the growing of vegetables	Enclosed bus stop shelter located on property, reasonable in size for the development, and designed to meet ADA accessibility	Buildings constructed of steel frame
Fenced-in dog walking area with a waste disposal container	Onsite beauty salon/barber shop with at least one beauty bowl and hair care equipment.	Three-dimensional architectural roofing shingles with a 30-year warranty
Community room of reasonable size, complete with seating and table(s)	Common area laundry facility of reasonable size in each building of a multifamily development OR in a community building in a development consisting of single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes, or townhomes	Exterior made 100% of brick, stone, cement board, or insulated metal panels
Designated walking/jogging path at least ¼ mile long. Must be a separate path from required sidewalks or other required ADA accessible routes. Must be ADA accessible.	Onsite property manager (full or half-time) available during normal business hours.	Metal roof covering material or other long-lasting roof material with a minimum 40-year warranty
Billiards, ping pong, or foosball table placed in a room compatible in size to play without obstruction. Must provide appropriate equipment such as cue sticks, pool balls, chalk, and a rack / paddles and balls, etc. for use by tenants.	Pet washing area- indoor facility containing a pet washing bay with a hose sprayer	Slate roof covering materials with proper roofing support system
Basketball court- permanent half or full court with goal and net located on an accessible path with accessible playing surfaces	Hands-free features in common area bathrooms and kitchens and hand-sanitizer stations in common areas	Soundproofing of demising floors, ceilings, and walls. For airborne sound the demising walls and floors must have no less than a 55 STC in accordance with ASTM E 90, and for structural borne sound no less than a 55 IIC in accordance with ASTM E 492
Fenced-in tennis court of regulation size with net	Indoor air purification system in common areas	All electric heating, water heating, and cooking



Gazebo- permanent structure with weather resistant roof and seating. (Does not qualify if the gazebo is the designated smoking area for the property)		Geothermal heating system
Picnic area with picnic tables, seating, and permanently installed cast iron grill(s)		Active solar photovoltaic array that provides at least 25% of the electricity for the development
Sand volleyball court of regulation size with net		
Computer center with high-speed internet and printer and ample equipment in correlation to the size of the development		
Exercise room- reasonably sized, designated room with exercise equipment for more than one type of exercise, appropriate to the tenants		
Theater room- reasonably sized, designated room with large screen, reclining chairs, and variable lighting suitable for watching movies		
Rooftop deck with tables and chairs and a walking surface raised above the protective membrane, with 4' high guardrails surrounding the deck that have no openings large enough for a 4" sphere to pass. Guardrail must also be provided around the entire access pathway to the deck.		
Pickleball court measuring 20' by 44' that includes a net and clearly marked lines		
Planting trees to form a canopy or maintaining existing tree canopy that will provide shade for the property including roads and parking lots		
Native plants used in landscaping		
Property allows pets without size/weight restrictions and does not charge pet fees (upfront pet deposit allowed)		
Library/reading room		
Game room		
Indoor playroom		
Arts and crafts room		



Chart 2: Apartment Unit Total of 5 Amenities	
(A) Unit Interior Architectural: Minimum of 2 Amenities	(B) Unit Convenience: Minimum of 2 Amenities
Quality window blinds or curtains for all windows and sliding glass doors in each unit. Excludes vinyl blinds.	Garbage disposal for each unit's kitchen sink
Hardwood, tile, or luxury vinyl or plank flooring in at least all rooms that are not bedrooms	Hard-wired doorbell for each unit's main entry
Individual porch, patio, or balcony for each unit. At a minimum, the areas shall be no less than 64 ft <sup>2</sup> .	CATV cable hook-ups in each unit for the living room and all bedrooms
A minimum of one walk-in clothes closet in each unit with a clear floor space of 16 ft <sup>2</sup> excluding storage space (storage space being defined as a vertical plan parallel with the walls, measured 12" out horizontally from the face of the clothes hanging rods and extending to the floor)	Clothes washer and dryer in each unit
External individual attached storage room for each unit, or a separate secure central location of storage spaces for all units	Built-in dishwasher in each unit
Kitchen pantry of reasonable size in each unit	Ceiling fan (minimum one in each unit)
At least 5% of the units have 3 bedrooms	Charging outlets with USB ports in the kitchen, bedroom, or main living area
At least 5% of the units have 4 or more bedrooms	Microhoods or microwaves provided in each unit
Attached garage adjacent to living structure with a garage door that opens directly into the living area or staircase to the living area	Sliding pocket or barn doors for all interior, in unit doors
Ceiling lights in each bedroom controlled by a light switch located next to the bedroom door	Programmable, smart thermostats (app controlled) with four time/temperature options for seven days per week
Coat or linen closet located near the entryway or bedrooms	
Kitchen cabinets with pull out shelves in lower cabinets and Lazy Susans in corner cabinets	

Chart 3: Safety & Security Total of 3 Amenities	
(A) Security: Minimum of 1 Amenity	(B) Life Safety Minimum of 1 Amenity
Restricted access to property/gated community. Must include the boundary of the parking areas and buildings.	Emergency pull cord/call button in each unit
Security cameras at all building entrances. Must be monitored or recorded.	ABC or kitchen-type fire extinguishers in all units. Must be quickly accessible near the kitchen but located away from the range top
Exterior site and parking area lighting. Lighting must be glare-free and around 0.5 watts per square meter of the parking areas and walkways at the development.	Fire sprinkler system installed according to the latest NFPA requirements adopted by the State of Indiana. Points only available for one or two-family dwellings only. Multifamily dwellings must install per code.
Monitored security cameras at all onsite bus stops. Must be designated to specifically monitor bus stop activities and in addition to any other security cameras onsite.	Kitchen fire blanket in each unit in a location that is quickly accessible near the kitchen but located away from the range top
Intercom system for each building with installed call system in all units	Emergency escape ladders compliant with ASTM F2175-07 located in all sleeping rooms above the 1 <sup>st</sup> story and below the 7 <sup>th</sup> story



Peep holes on unit entry doors	Speed limit & "Caution Children Playing" signs posted around the development. Speed limit signs must reflect a safe driving speed to enhance safety for children.
Keyless door locks (ex: proximity sensor, keyless keypad, or fingerprint scanner)	Fenced-in retaining ponds with danger signs
Bump-proof entry door locks on each unit's entry doors	Emergency lighting installed in the hallways and corridors
Steel entry doors & frames for each unit's entry doors	Showers with a minimum area of 9 ft <sup>2</sup>
Security alarm (doors)- hard-wired security alarm system with offsite monitoring capability for all exterior doors	Automated External Defibrillator (AED) onsite and staff trained on usage
Security alarm (windows)- hard-wired security alarm system with offsite monitoring capability for all windows less than 25' to grade	
All exterior lighting on buildings to be LED wall pack lighting	

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A (Application)

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>6</b>
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## 6.2(B): Accessible or Adaptable Units

IHCDA encourages the inclusion of additional accessible and adaptable units. Applications exceeding the minimum threshold requirements (5% of total units in rehabilitation/adaptive reuse projects, 6% of total units in new construction projects, or the requirements of Section 5.4C for age-restricted or Supportive Housing set-aside Developments) will receive additional points.

The terms accessible and adaptable are defined as follows:

- An accessible unit is a "Type A" unit per the International Code Council's Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities Standard (ICC A117.1-2009 Section 1003).
- An adaptable unit is a "Type B" unit per the International Code Council's Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities Standard (ICC A117.1-2009 Section 1004).

Points will be awarded per the table below.



Accessible and Adaptable Unit Points			
	1 Point	3 Points	5 Points
Non-Age-Restricted Developments			
The percentages below are the percentage of total proposed units classified as accessible or adaptable.			
Rehab of existing housing or Adaptive Reuse	7.00 - 7.99%	8.00 - 9.99%	10.00% or greater
New Construction	8.00 - 10.99%	11.00 - 14.99%	15.00% or greater
Age-Restricted Developments or Supportive Housing Set-aside			
The percentages below are the percentage of total proposed units classified as accessible or adaptable.			
Adaptive Reuse (without existing elevator)	8.00 - 10.99%	11.00 - 14.99%	15.00% or greater
Rehab of existing housing	11.00 - 12.99%	13.00 - 14.99%	15.00% or greater
New Construction or Adaptive Reuse (with existing elevator)			100%

Percentage of accessible and adaptable units is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Total Accessible and Adaptable Units in Proposed Development}}{\text{Total Units in Proposed Development}} = \%$$

**Requirement for Developments of 16 units or less:** Applicants proposing Developments of 16 units or less must include at least two accessible or adaptable units to be eligible for points.

<b>Maximum Number of Points 5</b>
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## 6.2(C): Universal Design Features

Applicants are encouraged to adopt universal design features beyond the minimum threshold requirement in Part 5.4(F). Applications will receive points as follows:

- Three points will be awarded to Applications proposing to adopt a minimum of 8 universal design features from each Universal Design Column.
- Four points will be awarded to Applications proposing to adopt a minimum of 9 universal design features from each Universal Design Column.



- Five points will be awarded to Applications proposing to adopt a minimum of 10 universal design features from each Universal Design Column.

Refer to the Part 5.4(E) for a list of universal design options.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A (Application)

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>5</b>
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#### **6.2(D): Redevelopment of Vacant Structure**

An application will receive six points if the proposed Development redevelops space in a vacant structure(s). The structure(s) must be 100% vacant at the time of application submission and 100% of the structure(s) must be redeveloped and utilized for housing, commercial space, and/or common areas.

For Developments with multiple buildings, at least 50% of the total development units must be in structures that qualify as vacant.

\*NOTE: Applications claiming points in this category are not eligible for points under scoring category 6.2F Preservation of Existing Affordable Housing or 6.2G Infill New Construction.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A (Application). Certification of vacancy must be included in either the capital needs assessment or the structural conditions report.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>6</b>
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#### **6.2(E): Preservation of Existing Rental Housing**

An application will receive up to six points for preserving existing rental housing as follows. If a Development contains multiple buildings or construction types, at least 50% of the units must qualify as preservation units.

- Six points will be awarded for an application that proposes the preservation of an existing LIHTC project where the 15-year Compliance Period has expired or will expire in the current calendar year. The extended use agreement must still be in effect. IHCD will not allow a change to the minimum set-aside election currently applicable to the project or release the current recorded extended use agreement.

**Required Documentation:** Submit in Tab P. A statement from the Applicant that includes the following information:

- The Building Identification Number (BIN) for each building in the project
- The address of each building in the project

**OR**





- b. Six points will be awarded for an application that proposes the preservation of a previous LIHTC project where the extended use period has expired or the extended use agreement was released.

**Required Documentation:** Submit in Tab P. A statement from the Applicant that includes the following information:

- The Building Identification Number (BIN) for each building in the project
- The address of each building in the project

**OR**

- c. Six points will be awarded for an application that proposes the preservation of HUD- or USDA-assisted affordable housing, including but not limited to Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance, Section 8 Project Based Vouchers, HUD 202 or 811, public housing, or Rural Development 515 properties.

**Required Documentation:** Submit in Tab P. Third-party documentation (such as a restrictive covenant, award agreement, or rental assistance contract) from the entity enforcing the affordable housing restrictions applicable to such property and the term of such restrictions.

**OR**

- d. Four points will be awarded for an application that proposes the preservation of any other affordable housing project.

**OR**

- e. Four points will be awarded for an application that proposes the preservation of existing market rate housing that will be converted to affordable housing through the LIHTC program.

**Required Documentation:** Submit in Tab P. For options a-d above, submit third-party documentation from the entity enforcing the affordable housing restrictions applicable to such property and the term of such restrictions.

\*NOTE: Applications claiming points in this category are **not** eligible for points under scoring category 6.2D Vacant Structure or 6.2G Infill New Construction.

Maximum Number of Points	6
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**Bonus points for number of units preserved:** An application that qualifies for Preservation of Affordable Housing points will receive additional points based on the number of units preserved, according to the chart below.



Points	# Units for 9% Applications	# Units for 4% Applications
1	50-74	100-124
2	75-99	125-149
3	100+	150+

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>3</b>
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#### 6.2(F): Infill New Construction

An application will receive six points for meeting the criteria for infill new construction. This category includes new construction and demolition/new construction projects that meet the attributes below.

The proposed Development must meet each of the following infill attributes:

- At least two sides of the site must be adjacent to occupied residential development, existing commercial development, or active public or community space. Parks and green space may qualify as active public or community space if they are part of a master plan or covered by a recorded instrument.
- The site has or can connect to existing utilities and infrastructure.
- For Developments with multiple buildings, at least 50% of the total units must qualify as infill.

The following activities will **not** qualify as infill new construction:

- Rehabilitation of existing structures

\*NOTE: Applications claiming points in this category are **not** eligible for points under scoring category 6.2D Vacant Structure or 6.2F Preservation of Existing Affordable Housing.

**Required Documentation:** Submit in Tab P.

- Architect or engineer certification that the site has or can connect to existing utilities and infrastructure
- Aerial photos of the proposed site
- If qualifying adjacent site is an established park or green space, documentation of such must be submitted with the application

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>6</b>
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## 6.2(G): Development is Historic in Nature

1) An application will receive two points if at least 50% of the total units or one point if at least 25% of the total units are in a building that meets one of the classifications below. Meeting multiple classifications will not result in additional points.

- Individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- Classified as a contributing resource to a district that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- Individually listed on the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures
- Classified as a contributing resource to a district that is listed on the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures
- Designated as a local landmark through an ordinance by a local historic preservation commission
- Classified as a contributing resource to a district that received a local landmark designation through an ordinance by a local historic preservation commission
- Not already listed on the National Register of Historic Places but with an approved Part 1 application for Federal Historic Tax Credits and a recommendation for approval by the Indiana Department of National Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

**Required Documentation:** Evidence for meeting one of the above classifications must be provided in Tab P.

- For a building individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provide a PDF printout from the [National Park Service's searchable online database](#) verifying the building is listed on the Register.
- For a building that is a contributing resource to a district listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provide a PDF printout from the [National Park Service's searchable online database](#) verifying the building contributes to a district that is listed on the Register.
- For a building individually listed on the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures, provide a PDF printout from the [Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Indiana Buildings, Bridges, and Cemeteries Map](#) verifying the building is listed on the State Register.
- For a building that is a contributing resource to a district listed on the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures, provide a PDF printout from the [Indiana Department of](#)



[Natural Resources' Indiana Buildings, Bridges, and Cemeteries Map](#) verifying the building contributes to a district that is listed on the State Register.

- For a building designated as a local landmark, provide a copy of the local designation ordinance passed by the local historic preservation commission or the board of a Certified Local Government as designated by the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.
- For a building that is a contributing resource to a district designated as a local landmark, provide the following:
  - A copy of a local designation ordinance passed by the local historic preservation commission or the board of a Certified Local Government as designated by the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
  - A copy of the district map from the nomination clearly identifying the property as a contributing structure or a letter from the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology or local historic preservation commission stating that the property is contributing to the district
- For buildings not listed on the National Register but with an approved Part 1 application, provide a copy of the historic application and the approved Part 1 application signed by the Indiana Department of National Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

Documentation from a county interim report or a Sites and Structures Survey is not sufficient documentation of historic designation status and will not be accepted.

- 2) An application that will utilize Federal or State historic tax credits on the residential portion of the building and that has received a conditional acceptance of a Part 2 application will receive an additional one point.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab P.

The preliminary acceptance of the Part 2 historic tax credit application by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology or from the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>3</b>
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## 6.2(H): Foreclosed and Condemned Properties

An application will receive three points if the proposed Development demolishes and redevelops or rehabilitates buildings that have been foreclosed or condemned. At least 50% of the total Development units must be located on the property that was foreclosed or condemned to receive points in this category.



- I. A property will be considered foreclosed upon at the point when the mortgage or tax foreclosure is complete. The title for the property must be transferred from the most recent property owner under a foreclosure proceeding or transfer in lieu of foreclosure in accordance with state or local law.

Properties that were acquired for redevelopment purposes by a government entity, land bank, or the Applicant that were foreclosed when acquired will be considered eligible properties.

**OR**

- II. A property will be considered condemned if it contains a structure that has been officially condemned by the appropriate authority.

**Required Documentation:** Submit applicable documentation in Tab P:

- i. If foreclosed, copy of applicable foreclosure documents
- ii. If condemned, copy of applicable condemnation documents from the appropriate authority

<b>Maximum Number of Points      3</b>
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## 6.2(I): Internet Access

An application will receive up to four points for providing internet access to residents.

- Three points if the Applicant commits to providing free high-speed internet service for each unit; or
- Three points if the Applicant commits to including internet as part of the project's utility allowance calculation for purposes of determining maximum tenant paid rent. If elected, the Applicant must use the internet utility allowance to be published annually by IHCD or calculate their own internet utility allowance annually in accordance with the utility allowance options in the [Rental Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual](#).
- An application will receive one additional point if the Applicant commits to one of the options above and to provide free Wi-Fi access in a common area, such as a clubhouse or community room. Outdoor common areas, such as dog parks or gazebos, are not eligible.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A. If free internet service is provided to the tenants, then the operating budget must include a line item for internet expenses incurred by the Owner.

Submit the following in Tab T if providing free high-speed internet for each unit (two- or three-point option above):

- Documentation from the identified internet service provider establishing the total cost of internet service for the Development, either as a whole or on a per-unit basis; or



- If Applicant is unable to obtain such documentation from the provider, submit a narrative establishing how the amount budgeted for internet service was calculated.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>4</b>
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#### 6.2(J): Lease-Purchase

An application will receive two points if the proposed Development will offer homeownership opportunities to qualified tenants after the initial 15-year Compliance Period (per IRS Rev. Ruling 95-49). These points will be available only for single-family, townhouse, or duplex units.

To qualify for these points:

- 100% of the units in the proposed Development must be made available as lease-purchase units.
- At least 50% of the units must be three-bedroom units or larger.
- Applicants must have a homeownership strategy and offer appropriate services to residents who inhabit the units during the Compliance Period. Please refer to Part 6.8(D) of IHCD's [Rental Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual](#) for additional lease-purchase requirements.

Note: Developments that are electing to be age-restricted or that are competing in the Supportive Housing set-aside are not eligible for these points.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab R

- A detailed plan for the lease-purchase program that includes a limited partnership ownership exit strategy, homeownership counseling and other appropriate services for tenants, and a minimum amount of funds set aside by the owner to assist the resident in the purchase
- An executed agreement with the nonprofit organization that will implement the lease-purchase program

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>2</b>
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#### 6.2(K): Building Certification

An application will receive one point if the Applicant commits to meeting energy efficiency standards and all buildings register for and receive one of the following certifications.

- LEED Certified
- Bronze Rating National Green Building Standard



- Equivalent certifications that are accredited by the American National Standards Institute may qualify for points. Applicants wishing to use an alternative to those listed above must consult with IHCD prior to submission.

Alternatively, an application will receive two points if the Applicant commits to meeting energy efficiency standards and all buildings register for and receive one of the following certifications.

- LEED Silver
- Silver Rating National Green Building Standard
- Enterprise Green Communities
- Passive House
- Equivalent certifications that are accredited by the American National Standards Institute may qualify for points. Applicants wishing to use an alternative to those listed above must consult with IHCD prior to application submission.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A. The Green Professional selected for the project must be part of the design team (but a separate person from the project architect or engineer) and that person must acknowledge all building certifications that are committed to in the team member's affidavit. Place in Tab J.

<b>Maximum Number of Points    2</b>
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#### **6.2(L): Onsite Recycling**

An application will receive one point for offering onsite recycling at no cost to residents.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A.

<b>Maximum Number of Points    1</b>
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## Part 6.3 | Market Characteristics

### 6.3(A): Desirable Sites

An application will receive points if the proposed Development will be in close proximity and accessible to desirable facilities. For scattered site projects, points will be calculated by taking the average score of all units.

<b>Access to Fresh Produce</b>	2 Points
<b>Proximity to Positive Land Uses</b>	2 Points
<b>Transit Access</b>	2 Points
<b>Undesirable Sites</b>	-1 Point per undesirable feature
<b>Total Points Possible</b>	6 Points

#### Access to Fresh Produce (2 Points)

Points will be awarded for Developments located within a mile of a store with fresh produce, such as a supermarket or grocery store.

Stores with fresh produce must:

- Be currently established at the time of application
- Be a physical location that offers in-person transactions
- Have regular business hours throughout the year

**For the purposes of this scoring category, farmer's markets, produce stands, gas stations, convenience stores, food pantries, and drug stores do not qualify as stores with fresh produce.**

#### Proximity to Positive Land Uses (2 Points)

This scoring category promotes Developments located near civic or community facilities, services, and healthcare.

An application will receive two points if the proposed Development is located within a half-mile radius of at least three facilities from the chart below (from a minimum of two columns) or within a one-mile radius of at least five facilities from the chart below (from a minimum of two columns).





COLUMN A Civic or Community Facilities	COLUMN B Services/Retail	COLUMN C Healthcare
Community or recreation center	Bank	Pharmacy
Education facility (including K-12, college or university, adult education, vocational school, or community college)	Gym, health club, exercise studio	Primary care physician (Doctor's or nurse practitioner's office)
Cultural arts facility (museum, performing arts theater, etc.)	Licensed adult or senior care	Optometrist
Police or fire station	Licensed childcare	Dentist
Public library	Entertainment venue	Physical therapy office
Public park, green space, or trail	Hair salon or barber shop	Clinic
Post office	Restaurant, café, or diner	Hospital
Government office with onsite public services (e.g., town hall or trustee's office)	Clothing store	Immediate care facility
Social services center	Dollar store (if not already counted as a store with fresh produce for "access to fresh produce" points)	Federally qualified health center (FQHC)
		Community mental health center (CMHC)

### Transit Access (2 Points)

An application will receive two points if the proposed Development is located within a half-mile radius of fixed transit infrastructure.

- "Fixed transit infrastructure" is defined as light rail stations, commuter rail stations, ferry terminals, bus rapid transit stations, bus stops, major bus transit centers, or streetcar stops.
- If the fixed transit infrastructure does not yet exist, the transit investment must be planned, approved, and funded at the time of application. Verification of approval and funding must be provided.
- Small City and Rural set-aside Developments may qualify for points if the Applicant provides documentation of an established point-to-point transit service within a quarter-mile radius of the site. The point-to-point service must (1) be available to all residents, (2) be available at least three days a week with either regular service hours or on-demand pick-up, and (3) be provided by a public or not-for-profit organization. Rideshare apps or taxi service do not qualify.

**Required Documentation:** Point-to-point service provider must provide a letter attesting to the requirements above.



## Undesirable Sites

If the proposed Development is found to be within a quarter-mile radius of sites that may pose a public or environmental health risk, then one point will be deducted for each undesirable site. However, points may be preserved if the Development includes the remediation of these issues (including brownfield or greyfield redevelopment).

Undesirable sites are defined as any sites that produce objectionable noise, smells, excessive traffic, hazardous activity, etc., such as junkyards, hazardous chemical factories, heavy manufacturing factories, power plants or stations, water or sewage treatment facilities, petroleum or other chemical storage, and active railroads with frequent traffic or excessive noise (based on the market study and/or environmental review). Other undesirable sites not specifically listed above but noted in the market study may also result in negative points.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A and a site map indicating all desirable or undesirable sites. Place in Tab Q.

The Applicant **must submit a separate map for each site** of the Development. Each map must contain a key stating the type of facility/activity identified, and must include the following:

- Location of site including an indication of major access roads
- Indication of a half-mile and one-mile radius from the site
- Areas of residential, industrial, or commercial development within the one-mile radius.
- All desirable facilities or activities, including locations of employers and educational facilities to claim opportunity index points if applicable
- All undesirable sites

The market study must contain current interior and exterior photos of grocery stores that are being claimed for fresh produce points. Stock photos will not be accepted. Interior photos are not required if the store is part of a recognized grocery chain.

NOTE: If maps meeting the above requirements are located within the market study, no additional maps are required. However, the Applicant must place a narrative in Tab Q that indicates the page numbers where the information can be found within the market study. See additional market study requirements in Schedule C.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>6</b>
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### 6.3(B): Unit Production in Areas Underserved by the 9% LIHTC Program

An application will receive points as follows based on the city, town, or unincorporated area in which the proposed development is located:



- One point if the proposed development site falls within the boundaries of a local unit of government (LUG) or unincorporated area in which there has not been a 9% LIHTC allocation within the last five allocation years.
- Two points if the proposed development site falls within the boundaries of a local unit of government (LUG) or unincorporated area in which there has not been an 9% LIHTC allocation within the last 10 allocation years.
- Three points if the proposed development site falls within the boundaries of a local unit of government (LUG) or unincorporated area in which there has not been an 9% LIHTC allocation within the last 15 allocation years.

An application will receive points as follows based on the county in which the proposed development is located:

- One point if the proposed development site falls within the boundaries of a county in which there has not been a 9% LIHTC allocation within the last five allocation years.
- Two points if the proposed development site falls within the boundaries of a county in which there has not been an 9% LIHTC allocation within the last 10 allocation years.
- Three points if the proposed development site falls within the boundaries of a county in which there has not been an 9% LIHTC allocation within the last 15 allocation years.

For Developments with sites within the boundaries of multiple LUGs or counties, points will be calculated by taking the average score of all units.

4%/bond applications will **not** be scored in this category.

Maximum Number of Points	6
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### 6.3(C): Census Tract without Active Tax Credit Projects

An application will receive three points if the proposed Development is in a census tract that does not contain any active LIHTC projects of the same occupancy type (family, age-restricted, assisted living, or supportive housing) as defined below.

An application will receive 1.5 points if the proposed Development is in a census tract that contains exactly one other active LIHTC project of the same occupancy type.

If the proposed Development qualifies under the Preservation set-aside and the project being preserved is the only active tax credit project currently in the census tract, then the Application will receive three points. In this way, IHCD rewards applications that seek to preserve the only existing tax credit project in the area.



For purposes of this scoring category, an active tax credit project is defined as a 9% or 4% tax credit project that is in its 15-year Compliance Period or that has received a reservation of credits but has not yet been placed in service.

The following definitions apply to occupancy type:

- Family refers to any project that is not age-restricted, assisted living, or supportive housing.
- Age-restricted refers to a project that has elected to serve persons age 55+ or 62+ based on the Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995 definitions, if that project is not assisted living. If a project contains both independent senior and assisted living, that project will be classified as the type that has the most units. If there are an equal number of independent and assisted living units, the project will be classified as assisted living.
- Assisted living refers to an age-restricted project that provides assisted living services.
- Supportive housing refers only to supportive housing for persons experiencing homelessness. Integrated supportive housing projects will be counted as supportive housing.

Note: Community Integration set-aside projects providing supportive housing for persons with I/DD are treated as either age-restricted or family projects.

For Developments with units in multiple census tracts, points will be calculated by taking the average score of all units.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A (Application)

Maximum Number of Points	3
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### 6.3(D): Opportunity Index

An application may earn up to four points, with one point for each factor, if, as of the application due date, the proposed Development is located within an area that meets the qualifications below. When more current data becomes available, IHCD will utilize that data for this scoring category and will announce to partners via RED Notice.

- High income: A census tract at the top quartile for highest median household income in the state based on the [most recent data from the US Census Bureau Table B19013](#), if the Development is not within a QCT.
- Low poverty: A census tract at the bottom quartile for poverty rate in the state based on the [most recent data from the US Census Bureau in Table S1701](#), if the Development is not within a QCT.
- Low unemployment rate: A county that has an unemployment rate below the State average as shown on the [county unemployment rate maps at Stats Indiana](#) per data from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.



- Access to primary care: A county with a ratio of population to primary care physicians of 2,000:1 or lower. <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/health-data/indiana?year=2025&measure=Primary+Care+Physicians>
- One point will be deducted if the proposed site falls within a census tract that is defined as a [Racially/Ethnically Concentrated Area of Poverty \(“R/ECAP”\) by HUD](#).
  - This deduction will not apply to applications competing in the Preservation set-aside.

This deduction may result in a total score of -1 under the opportunity index scoring category if an application does not receive any of the opportunity index points above.

Maximum Number of Points	4
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### 6.3(E): Housing Need Index

An application will earn up to eight points with one point for each item below. When more current data becomes available, IHCD will utilize that data for this scoring category and will announce to partners via RED Notice.

Points will be awarded if, as of the application due date, the Development is located within:

- A county experiencing population growth, based on [data from STATS Indiana](#). A county is included in this list if it experienced positive net growth above the state average of 2.0% between 2020 and 2024.
- A city or town in which 41% or more of renter households are considered rent burdened, based on [HUD’s Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy](#) data. Rent burdened is defined as paying greater than 30% of household income on housing.
- A city or town in which 25% or more of renter households are considered to have at least one severe housing problem, based on [HUD’s Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy](#) data. A severe housing problem is defined as incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1.5 persons per room, or cost burden greater than 50%.
- A city or town in which 25% or more of renter households are at or below 30% of Area Median Income, based on [HUD’s Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy](#) data.
- A city or town in which the ratio of existing LIHTC units (4% and 9% projects, including those past the initial 15-year compliance period that are still in their extended use periods) to renter households below 80% AMI is below the state level ratio. IHCD will provide a schedule.



- A county in which the highest category on the “Units by Decade Built” data within the [Indiana Housing Dashboard](#) is units built before 1940.
- A county in which the percent of “vacant and available units” per the [Indiana Housing Dashboard](#) is below the state average percent of vacant and available units. IHCD A will provide a schedule.
- A county that has been designated in the [State of Indiana Analysis of Age-Restricted Housing Supply and Demand](#) as an Age-Restricted Rental Housing Desert, defined as a county which has fewer than one age-restricted rental unit for every 10 renter households age 55 or older. To qualify for the point, the proposed development must elect a 55+ or 62+ age restriction. The following 19 counties qualify:

Benton	Jasper	Posey
Boone	Jefferson	Pulaski
Clay	Johnson	Putnam
Daviess	LaGrange	Spencer
Elkhart	Miami	Warren
Floyd	Owen	
Hamilton	Porter	

If a Development is in an unincorporated area or other area that is not listed as a “Place” in the HUD CHAS data set, the Applicant should contact IHCD A to determine how to score in this category.

For scattered site projects, points will be calculated using the city/town and county with the greatest number of proposed units. If units are equally spread between multiple cities/towns, IHCD A will award points for whichever location scores the highest aggregate score in this category.

See Schedule L for lists of qualifying areas and additional instructions on using the links above to determine if a county or city/town qualifies for these points.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>8</b>
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### 6.3(F): 10-Year Projected Job Growth by Economic Growth Region

An application will receive up to five points based on the Indiana Department of Workforce Development’s Indiana Employment Outlook Projections using the [Employment Projections 2022-2032](#) dataset. When more current data becomes available, IHCD A will utilize that data for this scoring category and will announce to partners via RED Notice.



An application will be scored based on the Economic Growth Region in which the proposed Development will be located. If a Development contains sites across multiple Economic Growth Regions, points will be calculated by taking the average score of all units.

Projected Job Growth by Region	Points
10,000+	5
9,000-9,999	4.5
8,000-8,999	4
7,000-7,999	3.5
6,000-6,999	3
5,000-5,999	2.5
4,000-4,999	2
3,000-3,999	1.5
2,000-2,999	1
1,000-1,999	0.5
Less than 1,000	0

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>5</b>
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### 6.3(G): Five-Year Actual Job Growth Percentage by County

An application will receive up to five points based on [actual five-year job growth percentage](#) (2019-2023) data. When more current data becomes available, IHCD will utilize that data for this scoring category and will announce to partners via RED Notice.

An application will be scored for the county in which the proposed Development will be located. If a Development contains sites across multiple counties, points will be calculated by taking the average score of all units.

Job Growth Percentage for County	Points
10.00%+	5
9.00-9.99%	4.5
8.00-8.99%	4
7.00-7.99%	3.5
6.00-6.99%	3
5.00-5.99%	2.5
4.00-4.99%	2
3.00-3.99%	1.5
2.00-2.99%	1
1.00-1.99%	0.5
Less than 1.00%	0

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>5</b>
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### 6.3(H): Ratio of New Jobs to Housing Permits

If an application receives points under Scoring Category 6.4H “Five-Year Actual Job Growth Percentage by County,” the application may receive additional points as follows. An application that receives zero points under Scoring Category 6.4H “Five-Year Actual Job Growth Percentage by County” is not eligible for points in this category.

An application will receive up to three points based on the number of net jobs added per new housing permit issued based on 2014-2023 data from the [Indiana Housing Dashboard](#). When more current data becomes available, IHCD will utilize that data for this scoring category and will announce to partners via RED Notice.

An application will be scored for the county in which the proposed Development will be located. If a Development contains sites across multiple counties, points will be calculated by taking the average score of all units.

Net Jobs Added Per Housing Permit Issued	Points
20+	3
15-19	2.5
10-14	2
5-9	1.5
2-4	1

**Maximum Number of Points**

**3**

### 6.3(I): Community Revitalization Plan for Developments Located in a QCT

Per Section 42(m) and IRS Notice 16-77, allocating agencies must give preference to a proposed development located within a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) if that development is part of a concerted community revitalization plan. Therefore, an application will receive two points if the plan meets all the requirements below and the site is located within a QCT. To be considered a Development located within a QCT at least 50% of the total units must be located within a QCT.

A community revitalization plan may include, but is not limited to, a comprehensive plan, downtown master plan, neighborhood plan, or economic development plan.

The Applicant may submit only one community revitalization plan per community. If more than one plan is submitted for the same community, the Application is not eligible for points in this category.

The plan must meet all the following criteria:

- Be dated, updated, or amended within 15 years prior to the application deadline





- Include a map clearly identifying the target area. The proposed project site must fall within the plan's target area.
- Outline detailed policy goals which include the rehabilitation or production of rental housing
- Include an assessment of the existing conditions of the community

The following are not eligible:

- Short-term work plans, including Stellar Communities Strategic Investment Plans
- Consolidated plans, municipal zoning plans, or land use plans
- Plans that do not reflect the current neighborhood conditions
- Planned Unit Developments (PUDs)
- Transit/transportation plans

For scattered site projects, all units to be located within the QCT must be covered by a qualifying plan.

**Required Documentation:** Submit all documentation in Tab P:

- Documentation of the process used to develop and adopt the plan
- A copy of the entire plan
- A map of the area targeted by the plan identifying the location of the project
- A narrative listing the location and page number of all required items within the plan

<b>Maximum Number of Points    2</b>
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## Part 6.4 | Financing

### 6.4(A): Leveraging Capital Resources

An application will receive points for a firm commitment of non-IHCDA public or private funds to be used as capital funding for the Development. A firm commitment must not require any further approvals. However, the commitment may be conditional based on a successful LIHTC application.

This may include federal, state, or local government funds or private funds, including but not limited to the following examples:

- The outstanding principal balance of existing direct federal debt or subsidized debt that has been or will be assumed as part of an acquisition transaction
- Funds from a local community foundation
- Funds already committed under programs such as local HOME and CDBG or the Federal Home Loan Bank's Affordable Housing Program (AHP)
- Waivers, such as tax abatement, tax exemption, or a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), resulting in quantifiable cost savings
- The value of donated land or property
- Public or private funds structured as permanent loans with below market interest rates. Predevelopment, acquisition, construction, or bridge loans will not qualify.

Points will be awarded based on amount of leveraged resources as a percentage of total development cost:

% of Total Development Cost	Points
1.00-2.49%	1
2.50-3.99%	1.5
4.00- 5.49%	2
5.50-6.99%	2.5
7.00-8.49%	3
8.50-9.99%	3.5
10.00% or greater	4

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab B

- A narrative identifying all sources being counted as leveraging and showing the applicant's calculation of leveraging percentage



- A letter from the appropriate authorized official approving the funds. The letter must identify the source and amount of funding specific to the proposed Development. In the case of tax abatement, tax exemption, or PILOT, the local unit of government must estimate the monetary amount.
- If the principal balance of any existing publicly funded or subsidized loan is to be assumed as part of a proposed acquisition, the Applicant must submit approval of the loan assumption by the lender.
- Land and building values must be supported by an independent, third-party appraisal.
- For loans with below market interest rates, the lender letter must acknowledge that the rate offered is below its current market interest rate without any added fees or charges. The letter must disclose the current market interest rate and the proposed below market interest rate.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>4</b>
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#### **6.4(B): Leveraging the READI Program**

An application will receive up to four points if it is part of a regional plan and leveraging funding through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (“READI”)

The proposed Development must be a specific component of the approved regional development plan and the Development must receive and be enhanced by READI designated funds.

A Development is considered to be enhanced by READI funds if leveraging such funds allows the Applicant to request less IHCD resources as follows:

- 2 points if the Applicant does not request additional IHCD resources beyond the tax credits or bonds; and
- 2 points if the Applicant requests a basis boost of no more than 20% in determining the credit request.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A and submit the following documentation in Tab B:

- Commitment letter from IEDC-designated participating region confirming that the Development is part of an approved READI regional development plan and is receiving dedicated funds through the initiative. Receipt of funds may be conditioned upon receiving an allocation of LIHTC.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>4</b>
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#### 6.4(C): Non-IHCDA Project-Based Rental Assistance

An application will receive up to two points if the proposed Development has received a commitment of non-IHCDA-funded project-based rental assistance from a federal or state program or already has an existing non-IHCDA rental assistance contract in place through a federal or state program.

The commitment can be conditional based on receipt of the tax credits, and in the case of Project Based Vouchers can be conditional on approval of environmental review and subsidy layering review. However, the PHA or other awarding entity must have already completed their selection process in order to make the conditional commitment.

The rental assistance must meet the following criteria:

- Must be part of a federal or state rental assistance program
- Must be project-based rental assistance
- The term of the rental assistance agreement must cover at least the 15-year Compliance Period or have options for annual renewals.
- The rental assistance agreement must cover at least 20% of the units to receive two points or at least 10% of the units to receive one point.

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab B. Commitment or conditional commitment letter from the funding agency, or in the case of an existing contract a copy of that agreement. The letter must:

- Demonstrate that the rental assistance will meet all the requirements outlined above; and
- Must identify the payment standard used for setting rents- for example, identify if rents are based on a percentage of Fair Market Rent

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>2</b>
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#### 6.4(D): Tax Credit Per Unit / Bond Volume Per Unit

All 9% applications that pass threshold will be ranked based on tax credit request per program unit (not including market rate units). Points will be based on the following distribution.

Lowest Tax Credit Per Unit	80 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	60 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	40 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	20 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Below 20 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Points	4	3	2	1	0

All competitive 4%/bond/AWHTC applications that pass threshold will be ranked based on bond volume request per program unit (not including market rate units). Points will be based on the following distribution.



Lowest Bond Volume Per Unit	80 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	60 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	40 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	20 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Below 20 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Points	4	3	2	1	0

NOTE: Noncompetitive 4%/tax-exempt bond applications will not be scored in this category.

**Maximum Number of Points 4**

## Part 6.5 | Other Scoring

### 6.5(A): Certified Tax Credit Compliance Specialist

- 1) Management: An Application will receive up to two points if the Management Entity contact person identified in the Development Team Information page in Form A has been certified through one of the designations listed in the chart below. A property management consultant or subcontractor does not qualify as an eligible Management Entity. The Management Entity contact must serve in a supervisory capacity and must be a different person than the designated Owner or Developer contact person.

One point will be awarded for the first certification and an additional point will be awarded for a second certification for a maximum of two points. To obtain two points, the certifications must be held by the same person who is the designated contact person in Form A.

- 2) Owner or Developer: An Application will receive one point if the Owner or Developer contact person identified in the Development Team Information page in Form A has been certified through one of the designations listed in the chart below. An Owner is defined as a principal of each general partner identified in the Owner Information chart within Form A. For nonprofit organizations, the executive director/president will be considered the Owner.

Certification	Sponsoring Organization	Website
Certified Credit Compliance Specialist (C3P)	Spectrum	<a href="http://www.spectrumseminars.com">www.spectrumseminars.com</a>
Housing Credit Certified Professional (HCCP)	National Association of Home Builders	<a href="http://www.nahb.org">www.nahb.org</a>
LIHTC + Blended Compliance or Tax Credit Compliance Specialist (TaCCs)	Quadel	<a href="http://www.quadel.com">www.quadel.com</a>
Novogradac Property Compliance Certification (NPCC)	Novogradac	<a href="http://www.novoco.com">www.novoco.com</a>
Specialist in Housing Credit Management (SHCM)	National Affordable Housing Management Association	<a href="http://www.nahma.org">www.nahma.org</a>
Tax Credit Specialist (TCS or eTCS) or Tax Credit Specialist Advanced (TCSA)	National Center for Housing Management (NCHM)	<a href="http://www.nchm.org">www.nchm.org</a>



**Required Documentation:** Provide copies of the certifications in Tab S.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>3</b>
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#### 6.5(B): Unique Features

An application will receive up to three points for proposing unique features that contribute to the Development and benefit the residents, and that are not already considered as part of another scoring category.

Unique feature points are awarded at IHCD's sole discretion using the distribution in the chart below.

Ranking	Unique	Average	Below Average	Unique Features Form Not Submitted
Points	3	2	1	0

**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab A. Unique Features Form R.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>3</b>
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#### 6.5(C): Resident Services

An application will receive up to five points for a commitment to provide resident services. Qualifying services must be provided onsite at the Development and must be offered with regular occurrence. For scattered site Developments, services may be offered in a community building that is part of the Development.

CATEGORY	Level 1 Services 0.5 Points per Service	Level 2 Services 1 Point per Service
Health, Wellness, & Nutrition	Music Therapy	Physical Therapy
	Animal Therapy	Medication Delivery / Medication
	Exercise Classes / Yoga Classes / Other Fitness Programs	Home Healthcare Services
	Nutrition Classes	Dental Services
	Food Cultivation or Preparation	Assisted Living Services
	Meals on Wheels	Alzheimer's Care
	HIV Counseling, Testing, & Education	Substance Abuse Treatment
	Vaccination clinics	Behavioral and Mental Health
	Family Caregiver Support Program	Peer Recovery Specialists
	Symptom Management	Peer Support Groups
	Smoking Cessation	Development Classes



	Food pantry / free food access	Light Housekeeping Services
	Stress Management Classes	Narcan kept onsite with staff trained on how to administer
	Family Planning and/or Pregnancy Support	Onsite staff receive and maintain CPR certification
	Safe Needle Disposal	
<b>Financial Capability</b>	Financial Literacy Classes / Budgeting Workshops	Utility Assistance
	Tax Preparation Assistance	Matched savings accounts- must provide match, not just assist residents in applying for other match programs
	Individual financial counseling for savings goals, debt reduction, credit counseling, assistance opening bank accounts, etc.	Owner will offer to report positive rent payments to at least one of the three credit bureaus to help tenants build credit. Tenants may opt in or out of this service, but it must be offered to all tenants.
	Housing Counseling for Renters (renter's rights, budgeting, understanding your lease, etc.)	
	Fraud Prevention Workshops	
	Assistance applying for benefits (Social Security, Disability, SNAP, TANF, rental assistance, etc.)	
<b>Workforce Development and Adult Education</b>	Resume Building	Vocational Rehab Services
	GED and/or Adult Basic Education classes	
	Computer Training	
	Employment Search Services / Job Fairs	
	Job training	
	English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes	
<b>Resident Engagement, Leisure, and Connection to Community</b>	Art Classes	Transportation Services
	Sports League	
	Residents' Association	
	Book club, card game club, and/or board game club	
<b>Children &amp; Youth Support</b>	Tutoring	Parenting Classes/ Early Childhood
	Early education enrollment support	



	School to college support	
	Youth leadership program	

All services chosen by the Applicant should conform to the needs of the Development and its residents. Services will be viewed as interchangeable within a column, provided the total number of services selected in each column remains the same.

The Applicant must commit to tracking resident participation and outcomes related to services provided. In addition, the owner must survey residents at least annually to determine if services offered are appropriate and meeting the needs of the residents. IHCD may ask for proof of tracking and surveys as part of its monitoring efforts.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A. Operating budget must reflect any services paid from project cash flow.

The Applicant must submit a narrative describing how services will be funded. Place in Tab T.

Evidence of the specific services selected, including copies of service agreements and an updated service budget with sources, must be submitted with the project's request for the issuance of Form 8609.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>5</b>
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**6.5(D): Resident Service Coordinator for Supportive Housing:** An application that is eligible for the Supportive Housing Set-aside or the Integrated Supportive Housing scoring category will receive two points if the owner or management company commits to one of the following:

- Providing a dedicated Resident Service Coordinator to work at least 20 hours a week onsite. The coordinator must have a dedicated office space at the Development; or
- Entering into a contract or Memorandum of Understanding with a third-party service provider for at least 20 hours a week of onsite resident services. The third-party provider must have a dedicated office space at the Development.

**Required Documentation:** Form A. Operating budget must reflect the costs of the Resident Service Coordinator.

If using a third-party provider, submit a copy of the MOU for a dedicated Resident Service Coordinator in Tab T.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>2</b>
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## 6.5(E): Integrated Supportive Housing for Persons Experiencing Homelessness

An application will receive three points if the proposed Development is integrated supportive housing that was not designed through the Indiana Supportive Housing Institute (“Institute”), but which will be developed and operated by a team that previously completed the Institute. For this scoring category, integrated supportive housing is defined as housing in which between 20-25% of the total development units are designated as supportive housing for persons experiencing homelessness. Applications proposing that 100% of the units will be supportive housing are not eligible for points in this scoring category.

If the proposed development was developed through the Institute, the application is not eligible for this scoring category but is eligible to compete under the Supportive Housing set-aside. The intent of this scoring category is to reward previous Institute teams that wish to develop additional supportive housing without going back through the Institute process.

To qualify for points:

1. The Applicant must obtain a letter from CSH certifying that:
    - i. The primary team members (developer entity, management agent, and supportive service provider) have all completed a previous Institute together as a team.
    - ii. The project concept is aligned with Institute goals and the CSH Dimensions of Quality, including target population to be served and use of the Housing First model.
    - iii. CSH has reviewed and approved the proposed development, operating, and service budgets, tenant selection plan, property management plan, eviction prevention plan, supportive service plan, and MOUs between team members. The Applicant must submit their draft budgets and plans to CSH 60-90 calendar days prior to the tax credit application deadline in order to allow time for review and comments.
  2. Applicant must enter into an MOU with CSH for ongoing technical assistance to be provided through at least the end of the first year of occupancy.
  3. Applicant must enter into an MOU with each applicable supportive service provider.
  4. Applicant must identify all subsidy sources for project-based rental assistance and funding commitments must be provided with the LIHTC application. If the funding has not yet been committed, Applicant must provide proof of application, a narrative describing the selection process, and a narrative plan on how the Development will move forward if the application is denied. Applicants that have not completed the Institute for the specific project for which they are applying are NOT eligible to request IHCD Project Based Vouchers but may request IHCD Section 811 Project Rental Assistance by submitting Form O2 along with the tax credit application.
  5. Utilities must be owner-paid for all PSH units.
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**Required Documentation:** Place in Tab O

- CSH letter as described above
- Copy of executed CSH MOU
- Copy of MOU with each applicable supportive service provider
- Documentation of commitment of subsidy sources for project-based rental assistance or narratives as described above, or Form O2 to request IHCD Section 811 PRA

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>3</b>
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**6.5(F): Developments from Previous Supportive Housing Institutes**

Three points will be awarded for an application proposing a development that was part of the Indiana Permanent Supportive Housing Institute in 2024 or earlier. The application must be competing in the Supportive Housing set-aside.

**Required documentation**

Letter from CSH attesting that the proposed development was part of the Institute in 2024 or earlier. Place in Tab O.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>3</b>
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**6.5(G): Eviction Prevention Plan**

An application will receive two points if the Applicant commits to implementing strategies that prevent eviction. Additional guidance is available on [IHCD's Eviction Prevention and Low-barrier Screening webpage](#).

- An application will receive two points if the Applicant commits to creating an Eviction Prevention Plan for the property. A qualifying Eviction Prevention Plan must be drafted prior to initial lease-up and submitted to IHCD for review and approval. The plan must address how the property will implement management practices that utilize eviction only as a last resort and must describe strategies that will be taken with tenants on an individualized basis to attempt to prevent evictions when issues arise. The plan will be reviewed as part of IHCD ongoing compliance monitoring to ensure it remains in place. In addition, the Applicant must agree to submit data on evictions as part of the Annual Owner Certification of Compliance reporting.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A and an affidavit from the Management Agent. The affidavit must have specific language acknowledging that the Management Agent is aware that the Applicant has committed to implementing eviction prevention strategies. Place affidavit in Tab J.



Prior to lease-up and issuance of Form 8609, the owner must receive a letter from IHCD A approving the eviction prevention plan. This approval letter must be submitted with the Final Application. IHCD A will not issue 8609s until the eviction prevention plan has been approved.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>2</b>
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#### **6.5(H): Low-barrier Tenant Screening**

An application will receive up to four points if the Applicant commits to implementing low-barrier tenant screening. Additional guidance is available on [IHCD A’s Eviction Prevention and Low-barrier Screening webpage](#).

- An application will receive up to two points if the Applicant commits to implementing low-barrier tenant screening to minimize the impact of criminal background on a household’s ability to secure housing. Management must implement case-by-case criminal screening in accordance with IHCD A best practice recommendations.
  - One point if the tenant selection plan does not screen applicants based on misdemeanors; and
  - One point if the tenant selection plan does not screen applicants for felonies older than five years. Felonies within the past five years may be considered only for offenses related to violent crimes, arson, or manufacturing methamphetamine. Exceptions: Plan may screen out individuals with an active requirement to register as a sex offender under a state sex offender registration program, regardless of the date of conviction. Projects receiving Project Based Vouchers must screen out, without the opportunity for case-by-case review, applicants with convictions related to manufacturing methamphetamine in federally assisted housing or subject to lifetime sex offender registration.
- An application will receive up to two points if the Applicant commits to implementing low-barrier tenant screening to minimize the impact of previous evictions on a household’s ability to secure housing. A qualifying Tenant Selection Plan must be drafted prior to initial lease-up and submitted to IHCD A for review and approval. The plan will be reviewed as part of IHCD A ongoing compliance monitoring to ensure this requirement remains in place.
  - One point if the Applicant commits to not screen out applicants for evictions that occurred more than 12 months prior to the date the household applies for a unit; or
  - Two points if the Applicant commits to not screening out applicants for evictions that occurred more than six months prior to the date the household applies for a unit.



**Required Documentation:** Completed Form A and an affidavit from the Management Agent. The affidavit must have specific language acknowledging that the Management Agent is aware that the Applicant has committed to implementing low-barrier tenant screening. Place affidavit in Tab J.

Prior to lease-up and issuance of Form 8609, the owner must receive a letter from IHCD A approving the tenant selection plan. This approval letter must be submitted with the Final Application. IHCD A will not issue 8609s until the tenant selection plan has been approved.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>4</b>
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#### **6.5(I): Readiness to Proceed**

An application will receive up to five points for demonstrating readiness to proceed by selecting from the options below:

- The Phase I Environmental Site Assessment does not identify any Recognized Environmental Conditions. (1 point)
- A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment has already been completed and is submitted with the application. (1 point)
- The combined value of all uncommitted, non-IHCD A sources does not exceed 10% of the total development sources. For purposes of this test, a conditional commitment letter from the appropriate funder qualifies. (1 point)
- The combined value of all uncommitted, non-IHCD A sources does not exceed 5% of the total development sources. For purposes of this test, a conditional commitment letter from the appropriate funder qualifies. (2 points)
- For a rehabilitation development subject to a HUD PCNA, the PCNA submitted with the application is a final version, not a signed draft. (1 point)
- The Applicant commits to closing within six months of IHCD A funding approval, defined as the date the funding recommendation is approved by IHCD A's Board of Directors. Failure to close within six months will result in the loss of this point and penalties if the overall score cannot be maintained per Part 7.6 of this QAP. (1 point)

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>5</b>
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#### **6.5(J): Owners Who Have Requested Release Through Qualified Contract**

To incentivize the preservation of affordable housing and protect the tax credit program by ensuring that owners are completing the 30-year extended use period for all tax credit projects, negative points will be assessed if the Applicant, Owner, and/or Developer has terminated the extended use period on an existing project.

Negative points will be assessed as follows:



- -2 points if the Applicant, Owner, Developer, or principal thereof has requested a Qualified Contract release for any one project in Indiana after January 25, 2021
- -4 points if the Applicant, Owner, Developer, or principal thereof has requested a Qualified Contract release on more than one project in Indiana after January 25, 2021
- -4 points if the Applicant, Owner, Developer, or principal thereof has experienced a foreclosure that resulted in the release of an extended use period on a tax credit project in Indiana after January 25, 2021

<b>Maximum Penalty</b>	<b>-4</b>
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## Part 6.6 | Bond Experience

Applications requesting 4% credits and bonds (competitive or noncompetitive) will be scored using the following additional scoring category in addition to those categories outlined in Parts 6.1-6.5 above.

### 6.6(A): Indiana Bond Experience

Applications will be scored based on the development entity's experience using 4% LIHTC/tax-exempt bonds in Indiana.

- An application will receive 4 points if the development entity identified as the Developer on the tax credit application has been issued IRS Form 8609 for at least one development in Indiana that utilized tax-exempt bonds and 4% LIHTC and for which the placed-in-service date is no more than 5 years prior to the application due date; or
- An application will receive 2 points if the development entity identified as the Developer on the tax credit application has been issued IRS Form 8609 for at least one development in Indiana that utilized tax-exempt bonds and 4% LIHTC and for which the placed-in-service date is more than 5 years, but no more than 10 years, prior to the application due date.

If a development consists of multiple buildings with multiple placed-in-service dates, scoring will be based on the last placed-in-service date.

<b>Maximum Number of Points</b>	<b>4</b>
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## Section 7 - Miscellaneous

IHCDA will make reasonable attempts to reserve all available Low Income Housing Tax Credits in one scheduled application cycle. A waitlist may be formed from those applications that did not receive a reservation of credits in the round. If additional credits become available, IHCDA may reserve credits for applications on the waitlist based on ranking on the waitlist and available funding.

### Part 7.1 | Application Dates

All dates below are subject to change with an announcement via RED Notice.

<b>2026 Annual 9% LIHTC Competitive Round</b>	
Application Deadline	Anticipated Reservation Date
July 28, 2025 by 5:00 PM Eastern Time	November 20, 2025
<b>2027 Annual 9% LIHTC Competitive Round</b>	
Application Deadline	Anticipated Reservation Date
July 27, 2026 by 5:00 PM Eastern Time	November 19, 2026
<b>2026 4% LIHTC and Private Activity Bond with 2026 AWHTC Competitive Round</b>	
Application Deadline	Anticipated Reservation Date
July 28, 2025 by 5:00 PM Eastern Time	November 20, 2025
<b>2027 4% LIHTC and Private Activity Bond with 2027 AWHTC Competitive Round</b>	
Application Deadline	Anticipated Reservation Date
July 27, 2026 by 5:00 PM Eastern Time	November 19, 2026
<b>2026 4% LIHTC and Private Activity Bond Noncompetitive Round</b>	
Application Window	Anticipated Reservation Date
<p>1<sup>st</sup> Window: Open application round. Opens on April 14, 2025 and closes July 31, 2025 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Window: If volume is still available, opens November 1, 2025 and closes December 31, 2025 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time.</p>	90-120 days from the application submission, with possible delays during competitive application rounds
<b>2027 4% LIHTC and Private Activity Bond Noncompetitive Round</b>	
Application Window	Anticipated Reservation Date
<p>1<sup>st</sup> Window: Open application round. Opens by March 2, 2026 (IHCDA may open earlier via RED notice) and closes July 31, 2026 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Window: If volume is still available, opens November 3, 2026 and closes December 31, 2025 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time.</p>	90-120 days from the application submission, with possible delays during competitive application rounds



Note: Applications for 501(c)(3) bonds in accordance with Schedule D2 are accepted on a rolling basis with no application deadlines or rounds.

## **Part 7.2 | Fees**

All fees must be paid through [IHCD's online payment portal](#). IHCD will not accept checks for application fees. If a payment is returned for insufficient funds, the application will be immediately denied.

### **A. Application Fee**

Applicants must submit a non-refundable \$3500 application fee with each application. Additional fees may apply as follows:

- If the proposed Development contains sites in multiple jurisdictions, the Applicant must submit a \$500 fee for each additional jurisdiction.
- If the Application requests IHCD supplemental funding including HOME, Development Fund, Housing Trust Fund, Affordable and Workforce Housing Tax Credits ("AWHTC"), Project Based Vouchers, or Section 811 PRA, the Applicant must submit a \$1000 supplemental application fee for each source requested.

### **B. Conditional Commitment Reservation Fee**

Applicants receiving a reservation of LIHTC for a proposed Development must pay a non-refundable reservation fee within 30 days after the date of a Conditional Commitment. This fee equals the greater of 6.5% of the annual LIHTC amount for the Development or \$15,000.

### **C. Additional Fees**

IHCD will impose a fee for any costs incurred for additional services requested by or required of the Applicant, Owner, or Developer. Each fee must be paid at the time of request and must be received before IHCD will proceed.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of fees for typical services.



Amount	Description of Fee
\$500	Fee to request the waiver of a threshold requirement prior to application submission
\$500	Resubmission fee to remedy technical deficiencies identified during threshold review
\$1,000	Modification fee to request changes in the characteristics of the Development, such as unit type, income and rent limit distribution, etc.  Note: Additional \$1500 fee will apply if the modification requires legal documents to be amended
\$1,000	Loan modification fee to request changes to IHCDCA loan terms after execution of a Letter of Interest (LOI)  Note: Additional \$1500 fee will apply if the modification requires legal documents to be amended
\$1,500	Legal modification fee if an approved modification requires IHCDCA to amend legal documents, including but not limited to the Extended Use Agreement (lien) and any loan documents
\$1,000	Re-underwriting fee if changes to the sources and uses or pro forma require IHCDCA to re-underwrite prior to loan closing. This fee does not apply if the re-underwriting is part of another modification request and a \$1000 modification fee has already been submitted.
\$1,000*	Fee to request an extension to any deadline established in the QAP, Schedules, or Appendices  *The amount of the fee will increase by \$500 for each subsequent extension request. For example, the second extension request for the same deadline would be \$1500.
\$1,500	Fee to request an amended IRS Form 8609 due to an error in the Final Application documentation
\$1,500	Fee to request an amended Carryover Agreement resulting from a change in the Building Identification Numbers, errors in the legal description, etc.
\$1,500	Fee to request changes in the ownership structure prior to issuance of Form 8609
Varies	Reinspection fee if inspector must return to a site (1) to follow-up on issues identified in the initial inspection, (2) because the owner agent was not available at the designated time for the initial inspection, or (3) due to other reasons that limited the inspector's access during the initial inspection. See Part 7.8(C) of the <a href="#">Rental Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual</a> .





## **Part 7.3 | Use of Forms**

IHCDA requires the use of the forms published as part of this QAP, as amended from time to time. Any deviations from or changes to such forms must have prior written approval from IHCDA.

## **Part 7.4 | Progress Inspections**

IHCDA's inspector must be notified in writing via Form P: Construction Notification Form when construction begins. The inspector will conduct periodic progress inspections throughout the construction period, and the Developer agrees to comply with all such inspections. Furthermore, the developer must notify IHCDA's inspector as the development moves into the next phase of construction.

As part of a progress inspection, IHCDA's inspector may request proof that Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs) are being properly mitigated.

## **Part 7.5 | Changes in Ownership**

### **A. General Requirement**

If a change in ownership occurs, a detailed description of the change must be provided in writing to IHCDA via the Property Ownership Change Form (IHCDA Compliance Form #29).

If the change in ownership or transfer request is made prior to issuance of IRS Form 8609:

- IHCDA must approve the change
- A \$1500 ownership change fee must be paid
- Failure to notify IHCDA of changes in ownership prior to issuance of IRS Form 8609 could result in the allocation being rescinded and/or other penalties.

If the change in ownership or transfer request is made after issuance of IRS Form 8609:

- IHCDA must be notified of the change
- IHCDA must approve the change if the Development has other IHCDA financing (including any grants, loans, or project-based rental assistance) or is subject to the nonprofit material participation requirements of the Qualified Nonprofit set-aside.

See Schedule B for IHCDA's Ownership Change procedures.

### **B. Nonprofit Right of First Refusal**

IRC Section 42(i)(7) provides nonprofit general partners a Right of First Refusal (ROFR). The ROFR can be used to obtain eventual ownership of the property at a minimum purchase price equivalent to the



outstanding debt plus exit taxes. The provision allows nonprofit general partners to gain ownership of LIHTC properties as their investors exit after Year 15 of the compliance period.

To ensure that nonprofit general partners have this ROFR, either the Limited Partnership Agreement (LPA) or a separate ROFR Agreement must include specific language acknowledging the nonprofit general partner's ability to exercise the ROFR. The ROFR Purchase Price should be the minimum purchase price permissible under Section 42(i)(7)(B). IHCDCA will review the LPA or ROFR agreement prior to issuance of Form 8609 to ensure this requirement has been met.

## **Part 7.6 | Modifications**

Modifications to the Development that affect threshold requirements, scoring items, or IHCDCA financing terms without prior written approval from IHCDCA may result in a reduction or rescission of IHCDCA funding.

To request a modification, the following documentation must be submitted to IHCDCA:

- a. Formal written request, signed by the Applicant, Owner, and Developer if different entities, detailing (1) the specific request, (2) the reason the modification is needed, and (3) the impact to the project in the event the modification is not approved.
- b. Modification fee of \$1,000. \*Note: Additional fees will apply if legal documents must be amended or the modification requires IHCDCA to re-underwrite the application, per the fee chart in Part 7.2.
- c. Updated Form A that reflects changes to the original application based on the proposed modification.
- d. Additional supporting documentation, including proof that the equity investor has approved the modification, may be requested by IHCDCA.

IHCDCA will only consider modification requests to change the Development site in the case of a scattered site Development where the site to be modified contains two or less units.

A reduction in the number of tax credit units produced will result in a fine to the Applicant, Owner, Developer, and/or other applicable Development Team members equal to \$10,000 per unit reduced.

Failure to maintain the application's final score from initial application to final application will result in the following penalties to the Applicant, Owner, Developer, and other applicable Development Team members at the sole discretion of IHCDCA.

- A one-year suspension of the Applicant, Owner, Developer, and/or other applicable Development Team members. During this time, the suspended entity cannot serve as an Applicant, Owner, Developer, or Co-Developer on a funding application for any IHCDCA capital funding sources. The suspension begins on the date IHCDCA approves the reduction in points.



- A fine to the Applicant, Owner, Developer, and/or other applicable Development Team members equal to \$5,000 per point lost.

### **Part 7.7 | Carryover Allocations**

The Carryover Agreement along with all supporting documentation must be submitted by the IHCD A established deadline. IHCD A requires the use of the Carryover and 10% Cost Certification forms provided with this QAP.

### **Part 7.8 | Issuance of IRS Form 8609**

The Final Application and Final Cost Certification package to request IRS Form 8609 may be submitted to IHCD A any time after the Development has been placed in service, but no later than six months thereafter. Certain documents must be submitted sooner, if noted below. The owner must submit, at a minimum, the following documentation:

- Pre-8609 Physical Inspection Request Form (Form H): This form must be submitted within 30 days after the Development is placed in service. IHCD A will then conduct a physical inspection (the “Pre-8609 Inspection”) of the property to inspect for compliance with all QAP requirements and scoring commitments and NSPIRE standards. All deficiencies noted during the physical inspection must be addressed before IHCD A will issue IRS Form 8609.
- If Recognized Environmental Conditions which affect air quality were identified in the Phase I ESA, an air quality test must be completed prior to lease-up of any units and the results of the test must be submitted to IHCD A along with Form H. The air quality test must demonstrate that Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are not present.
- Completed Final Rental Housing Finance Application (Excel and PDF) and Cost Certification (PDF)
- Copy of Final Score Sheet demonstrating that the Applicant has maintained the score from the Initial Application. Failure to maintain the project’s final score from initial application to final application may result in penalties, including but not limited to a fine and/or suspension. The penalty will apply to the Applicant, Owner, Developer, and other applicable Development Team members at the sole discretion of IHCD A.
- A Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Substantial Completion (if rehabilitation) for each building in the Development (PDF)
- Copies of all construction financing documents (PDF)
- Recorded copies of all permanent financing closing documents (PDF)
- Current Limited Partnership Agreement or limited liability company operating agreement, including all exhibits and schedules executed by the limited and general partners or managing members. If the general partner is a nonprofit organization, the partnership agreement must



include the Right of First Refusal language per Section 7.5B of the QAP or must include a separate ROFR Agreement. (PDF)

- i. Recorded Lien and Extended Use Agreement executed by Owner, lender, and IHCD. IHCD will prepare a copy of the lien for review and execution. This lien must be recorded before the Final Application is submitted and before the end of the first year of the credit period. When possible, IHCD prefers that the lien is recorded at the time of construction loan closing.
- j. Executed Development Agreement (PDF)
- k. Copy of deed showing partnership as owner (PDF)
- l. Executed Management Agreement (PDF). The agreement between the owner and the management agent must be for a minimum of two years effective from the placed-in-service date. If replacement of the management agent is warranted prior to the expiration of the two-year period and the Development received points for utilizing a MBE/WBE/DBE/VOSB/SDVOSB management company, then the replacement management company must also satisfy these criteria.
- m. Photographs of the completed Development (exterior and interior)
- n. Documentation of MBE/WBE/DBE/VOSB/SDVOSB participants including a copy of the signed contract/agreement and a copy of the entity's applicable certification (PDF)
- o. Owner affidavit of resident services being provided by the Development
- p. If applicable based on scoring, copies of the eviction prevention plan and low-barrier tenant selection plan along with IHCD letters approving such plans
- q. Any other documents that IHCD may require in determining the final amount of LIHTC to be allocated to the Development and the Development's conformance with the requirements of Section 42 (PDF)

IHCD anticipates issuing IRS Form 8609 within 90 business days after the requested materials have been submitted. Incomplete or insufficient documentation will result in a delay of issuance.

## **Part 7.9 | Dissemination of Information**

Any application and supporting documentation submitted to IHCD for an allocation of LIHTC or Private Activity Tax-exempt Bonds is available for dissemination to the general public via the [IHCD public records request process](#). Copies of all applications (Form A) will be posted on IHCD's tax credit webpage upon the completion of the round.



## Part 7.10| Exchange of Credits

An Applicant may return previously reserved credits to IHCD in exchange for a reservation of current year credits in an amount not to exceed the amount of the returned credits. The Applicant must establish that, despite its timely and diligent efforts, it is in jeopardy of failing to meet the placed-in-service deadline for the building with respect to which the prior credits were reserved. Such a delay must be the result of either:

- Litigation brought by parties other than the Applicant that the Applicant could not have anticipated; or
- Catastrophic events that the Applicant could not reasonably have anticipated or controlled.

To qualify for an exchange of credits, the Applicant must provide supporting documentation with evidence of:

- Due diligence performed by the Applicant in attempting to meet the placed-in-service deadline
- The specific circumstances causing the delay
- The measures taken by the Applicant in order to mitigate the delay
- Any other information that may be requested by IHCD.

No more than one exchange of credits may be approved with respect to a given Development. To request an exchange of credits an Applicant must submit the following to IHCD, no earlier than January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the Development is required to be placed in service (based on the original reservation) but no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the Development is required to be placed in service (based on the original reservation)

- A narrative describing the need for the exchange of credits and all attempts by the Applicant to meet the original placed-in-service deadline.
- A new Form A
- The application fee set forth in Part 7.2
- Payment of a nonrefundable reservation fee of 4.0% of the annual amount of LIHTC for the Development
- Supporting documentation of the Development's continued eligibility under the requirements of the QAP as in effect at the time of the original reservation, including proof of continued financial feasibility



To complete the exchange, the original carryover allocation must be returned under Section 42 Treasury Regulation 1.42-14 and a new carryover allocation must be completed. However, the development will remain subject to the threshold and scoring requirements of the QAP it was originally funded under.

### **Part 7.11 | Requesting Additional IHCDCA Resources after a Credit Reservation**

Developments that request additional IHCDCA capital resources after receiving a tax credit reservation will be subject to the following sanctions if the funding request is approved by IHCDCA's Board of Directors.

- A one-year suspension of the Applicant, Owner, Developer, and/or other applicable Development Team members. During this time, the suspended entity cannot serve as an Applicant, Owner, Developer, or Co-Developer on a funding application for any IHCDCA capital funding sources. The suspension begins on the date that the additional IHCDCA funding is approved.
- A fine to the Applicant, Owner, Developer, and/or other applicable Development Team members equal to 6.5% of the additional funds awarded.
- IHCDCA will not entertain additional requests for more funding on this development.
- For developments that have not closed on all financing, the closing must occur within 60 days of securing a commitment of additional IHCDCA resources.

### **Part 7.12 | Performance Violation**

IHCDCA, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to impose the following sanctions upon Applicants, Developers, Owners, consultants, management agents, contractors, or any other applicable Development Team member for failure to perform or comply with the commitments made in the initial or final application or with the policies and procedures of the QAP.

- Fines
- Reduction or Rescission of Credits
- Suspension and/or Debarment: IHCDCA may suspend a Development Team member who is suspected of misusing, abusing, or otherwise failing to use IHCDCA resources properly, pending completion of an investigation. IHCDCA may debar a Development Team member on reasonable evidence that the Development Team member has behaved or is behaving improperly with regard to IHCDCA resources, whether intentionally or unintentionally. The difference between suspension and debarment is that a suspension is used to allow IHCDCA to determine whether a debarment or other action is warranted pending completion of an investigation. Therefore, a suspension is intended to be an indefinite but temporary measure until IHCDCA determines whether debarment is appropriate. Upon determination that a Development Team member will be suspended, IHCDCA will issue a written notice of the suspension. Following completion of the



investigation, IHCD A will send the Development Team member a written notice of its final decision. IHCD A's full suspension and debarment policy is included in the [\*Rental Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual\*](#).

### **Part 7.13 | Ongoing Reporting and Compliance**

All Applicants that receive a LIHTC allocation must comply with the Code and all requirements of IHCD A's [\*Rental Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual\*](#), as amended from time to time.

Owner and Management Agents must list all IHCD A-funded properties in the housing locator tool at [www.indianahousingnow.org](http://www.indianahousingnow.org) and must submit Annual Owner Certifications and tenant events through the [IHCD A Online reporting system](#).

