



Multifamily Housing Notice 10-12

November 22, 2010

To: Developers, Sponsors and Local Housing Contacts
From: Patricia Rynn Sylvester, Director, Multifamily Housing
Re: *Notice of December 16, 2010 Public Hearing - 2011 QAP and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide*

The Public Hearing on proposed 2011 QAP and Guide changes is scheduled for December 16, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032. Please see below for the text of the Public Notice.

Note that comments or notice of intent to present oral comments should be e-mailed no later than 5:00 p.m., December 15, 2010 to taxcredits@mdhousing.org.

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Community Development Administration

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 16, 2010
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
100 Community Place
Crownsville, Maryland 21032-2033

Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits

The Community Development Administration, an agency in the Division of Development Finance of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department"), will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, December 16, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the offices of the Department at 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public on the proposed amendments to the **Maryland Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program Qualified Allocation Plan** (the "QAP"), which incorporates by reference the Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide. The QAP specifies the procedures, standards, and policies that the Department follows in

administering the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program and in making awards of LIHTCs and Rental Housing Funds.

Amendments to the QAP are proposed that affect both threshold and scoring criteria including scoring for development team financial capacity, non-profit, public housing authority and minority and women-owned business involvement, income targeting, and tenant services. Other proposed amendments include changing the definition of elderly housing, adding an income restriction for the housing for individuals with disabilities incentive, increasing fees, and expanding incentives for family projects in areas of opportunity. In addition, LEED Neighborhood Development is proposed to be added as a project type under sustainable development, and energy audits are proposed to be mandatory for existing buildings except for some substantial rehabilitation projects. These changes include responses to suggestions solicited from interested members of the affordable housing development and advocacy community.

Comments or notice of intent to present oral comments should be e-mailed no later than 5:00 p.m., December 15, 2010 to taxcredits@mdhousing.org. Oral comments will be limited to 10 minutes per person. A copy of the QAP is posted on the Department's website at <http://mdhousing.org/website/programs/rhf/default.aspx#Notices>. If further assistance or information is required, please contact Diane Melton at 410-514-7461.

Please remember that we are announcing future round deadlines, significant application changes, bond program amendments, and other key dates and facts on our web site and by email only. Please make sure that we have your current email address. Please send any additions or corrections to taxcredits@mdhousing.org or rentalhousing@mdhousing.org as soon as possible.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the multifamily housing programs in Maryland.

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