

Geographic Pool Allocation Revision

Geographic pools were revised to ensure competitiveness among like projects. The criteria for pool areas are based on renter density and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) designation of the project's Primary Market Area (PMA) as identified in the market study section of the application. In order for a project to be considered for inclusion in a different pool than determined by the established criteria, applicants must provide additional information about the area and be granted OHFA approval. For definition of pool areas refer to Exhibit X.

Pool Areas:

- Rural and Appalachian
- Semi-Rural
- Semi-Urban
- Urban

Exhibit X. Pool Areas

Projects will compete in one of the following pools :

Rural and Appalachian:

- PMA renter density of less than 100 renters per square mile

Semi-Rural:

- PMA renter density of 100 to 300 renters per square mile
- And, location not within an MSA

Semi-Urban:

- PMA renter density of 100 to 300 renters per square mile
- And, location within an MSA

Urban:

- PMA renter density of more than 300 renters per square mile

Applicants may submit a request, through the Market Analysis, to compete in a different pool than the data would indicate. OHFA staff will evaluate such request on a proposal by proposal basis.

The following is a list of Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs):

A. Akron MSA: Portage & Summit Counties

B. Canton-Massillon MSA: Carroll & Stark Counties

C. Cincinnati-Middletown MSA: Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton & Warren Counties in Ohio; Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton & Pendleton Counties in Kentucky; and Dearborn, Franklin & Ohio Counties in Indiana

D. Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor MSA: Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain & Medina Counties

E. Columbus MSA: Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway & Union Counties

F. Dayton MSA: Greene, Miami, Montgomery & Preble Counties

G. * Huntington-Ashland WV MSA: Lawrence County in Ohio; Cabell & Wayne Counties in West Virginia; and Boyd & Greenup Counties in Kentucky

H. Lima MSA: Allen County

I. Mansfield MSA: Richland County

J. * Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna WV MSA: Washington County in Ohio and Pleasants, Wirt & Wood Counties in West Virginia

K. Sandusky MSA: Erie County

L. Springfield MSA: Clark County

M. Toledo MSA: Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa & Wood Counties

N. Weirton-Steubenville MSA: Jefferson County in Ohio and Brooke & Hancock Counties in West Virginia

O. * Wheeling WV MSA: Belmont County in Ohio and Marshall & Ohio Counties in West Virginia

P. Youngstown-Warren-Boardman MSA: Mahoning & Trumbull Counties in Ohio and Mercer County in Pennsylvania

