

## Notice of Public Comment

The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) is soliciting comments for changes to the current allocation plan for the GOAL Program, referred to as the Rating Criteria and Award Plan (QAP). Any proposed changes will become effective for the FY 2015 GOAL Cycle which will start in May 2014. The plan covers the allocation of three funding sources, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, the HOME Investment Partnership Act, and the Senior Citizens Housing Development Fund. All three are designed to provide affordable housing for lower income households, seniors and special needs populations. **Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. March 28, 2014.**

AHFC is interested in comments on all aspects of the Plan. Comments AHFC has received over the last year include requests to:

1. Reduce the tax credit set-aside for projects that preserve rental assistance
2. Eliminate energy efficiency points for performance guarantees
3. Exclude acquisition costs from the scoring of rehab / preservation projects
4. Use the federal definition of rural to set rural project cost standards
5. Re-evaluate the appropriateness of the project cost standards
6. Establish project cost standards by region and construction type
7. Establish procedures for evaluating mixed-use developments

Other potential changes considered by AHFC:

1. Re-evaluation of scoring weights and ranges used to assign points
2. Refining incentives and standards for project cost containment
3. Refining incentives and standards for Fair Housing compliance
4. Establishing regional award caps to ensure geographic project diversity
5. Other changes to ranking criteria used in the FY 2015 round based on public comments and staff recommendations

To access a copy of the current Plan which will be used as the basis for the SFY 2015 Plan, please go to AHFC's website at <http://www.ahfc.us/pros/notices/requests-comment/>.

AHFC will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 20, 2014 to solicit comments regarding this notice. This hearing will be held from 3:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. (Anchorage time) at AHFC's headquarters in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor boardroom. Persons may attend the public hearing in person or via telephone. Persons attending the hearing via telephone will need to dial 1-877-873-8018 and enter access code 5288816 when prompted.

For those wishing to attend the public hearing in person, AHFC's physical address is:

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
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Anchorage, AK 99504

Comments must be submitted via e-mail to Daniel Delfino at [ddelfino@ahfc.us](mailto:ddelfino@ahfc.us) no later than 5:00 p.m. Anchorage time on March 28, 2014.

AHFC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or special modifications to participate in the public comment process should call Daniel Delfino at (907) 330-8273.