



Multifamily Housing Notice 12-10

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To: Developers, Sponsors and Local Housing Contacts
From: Patricia Rynn Sylvester, Director, Multifamily Housing
Re: ***September 2012 Competitive Funding Round Update:
Development Quality Scoring
Fast Track Processing Initiative through Maryland Department
of Business and Economic Development***

September 2012 Competitive Funding Round Update: Development Quality Scoring

On July 1, 2012, the State of Maryland adopted the 2012 version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and the 2010 version of ASHRAE 90.1. DHCD has received a number of requests for clarification of the impact these code changes will have on the rating criteria outlined in the Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide (the "Guide") adopted on January 24, 2011. Please note the following impacts of this change on scoring per Section 4.6: Development Quality of the Guide:

Exhibit 4A: Development Quality Criteria

Criteria 3: Design features provide comfort and energy efficiency over the extended period of the project life.

In scoring for this criteria (maximum of 5 points), all references and comparisons to code will be to the 2012 version of the IECC and the 2010 version of ASHRAE 90.1, as referenced in the note included in this section: "Code is defined as the current IECC, or ASHRAE 90.1 as applicable to the type of building".

Exhibit 4B: Development Quality Base Level Energy Standards

DHCD will recognize minimum standards in comparison to code prescriptive requirements as meaning the 2009 version of the IECC and the 2007 version of ASHRAE 90.1. Energy Star performance levels that are based on these codes will also be recognized.

Applications for the September 2012 Competitive Funding Round are due by Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 5:00 PM. Applications must be delivered to the mailroom on the ground floor of 100 Community Place, Crownsville Maryland 21032. The September 2012 Competitive Funding Round will be governed by the 2011 Qualified Allocation Plan and the 2011 Multifamily Rental Financing Guide (the "Guide") both of which are dated January 24, 2011 and available on the DHCD website.

Fast Track Processing Initiative by the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development

DHCD is sharing the following initiative regarding the newest tool of Governor O'Malley's Maryland Made Easy initiative. **FastTrack** is designed to expedite state review of qualifying development projects to promote economic development, job creation, and smart growth.

Projects approved for **FastTrack** will have the benefit of a concurrent and coordinated review by all relevant state agencies for any necessary state permits, allowing for the identification of any possible permitting or approval issues early in the development process. Additionally, FastTrack projects will be assigned a contact person to help guide them through the permit application process.

Note: *FastTrack cannot expedite federal or local permits or approvals. Local jurisdictions with approval authority over the project will be invited to participate in a FastTrack review, but the local jurisdiction cannot be required to take part in any state coordinated review.*

<http://easy.maryland.gov/wordpress/fasttrack/>

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 rentalhousing@mdhousing.org as soon as possible.

Notices are posted to the DHCD website at the following locations:

<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/rhf/Default.aspx#Notices>

<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/lihtc/Default.aspx>

Click on the link below to learn more about the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development's (DBED) "Fast Track" initiative:

<http://easy.maryland.gov/wordpress/fasttrack/>

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

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