
Re: Census Tracts Receiving 2026 LIHTC Awards

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To Mark Ciepiel <mciepiel@chnhousingpartners.org>

Hi Mark - See my responses below in **red**.

Hope this helps but let me know if you have any further questions.
Thanks,



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Hello,

Could you please confirm the language below is intended to exclude 2027 9% LIHTC Awards for any projects located in census tracts that had received 2026 9% Awards? **Correct, except for census tracts that received a preserved affordability award in 2026. Those five census tracts would be eligible for an award in 2027.**

County Limits and Census Tract Limiter

OHFA will limit the number of awards in each county based on the higher of the most recent 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) county population data or the Projected 2050 County Populations as determined by the [Ohio Department of Development's Office of Research](#), adjusted for the number of projects receiving a Conditional Qualification Letter (CQL) in the prior 9% LIHTC round.

County limits only apply to New Affordability – General Occupancy and New Affordability – Senior projects. Projects funded through the CHDO-Sponsor set aside are excluded and do not count toward the county limit.

County Limits:

- Four: Franklin
- Three: Cuyahoga
- Two: Hamilton
- One: All other counties

Further, to increase geographic distribution, census tracts will be limited to one award per program year QAP. Census tracts that received a 9% LIHTC award for Preserved Affordability in 2026, are eligible to receive an additional award in 2027. The remaining 20 census tracts that received a 2026 9% LIHTC award are ineligible to receive an award in 2027, unless it is awarded under the Community Impact Strategic Initiative.

Please note: Community Impact Strategic Initiative projects are exempt from both County Limits and Census Tract Limiters.

Could you also please provide the list of all of the census tracts where there was a 2026 9% LIHTC Award? **I plan to post the list of excluded census tracts in the FAQ once the QAP is approved since the policy is currently in draft format and could change. In the interim, [this workbook](#) lists the census tract for each project submitted at proposal that was used for scoring. You are then able to cross reference this list with those that were funded.**

If a project receives a 4% OLIHTC award/invitation in August 2026, will that have any impact or exclusionary effect on that project's census tract for the 2027 9% LIHTC Round? **The census tract would not be excluded, but an OLIHTC in August will impact the first tiebreaker.**

Thanks,

Mark

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