



MAYOR JUSTIN M. BIBB
City of Cleveland, Ohio

July 31, 2026

Cody Price
9% Tax Credit Section Chief
Ohio Housing Finance Agency
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Columbus, OH 43231

RE: 9% LIHTC Qualified Allocation Plan Program Years 2026-2027 -- 2027 Technical Amendments

Dear Dr. Price,

The City of Cleveland appreciates OHFA's history of contributing to the development and provision of low-income housing in our community, resulting in homes that support safety, health, and good quality of life for our residents. As you finalize the 2027 Technical Amendments to the 2026-27 QAP for 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits, we respectfully submit the following input for your consideration:

- **Add an exemption for Community Impact Strategic Initiative projects from both County Limits and Census Tract Limiters.** The current approach disadvantages high-impact projects in urban communities. This change will allow OHFA to support more projects that deliver the greatest benefits.
- **Increase the number of projects awarded via the Community Impact Strategic Initiative set aside.** Community Impact Strategic Initiative projects have strong municipal support, allowing OHFA resources to be more responsive to local assessment of affordable housing needs, and maximizes the impact of OHFA funds in delivering projects.
- **Establish alternative scoring criteria for the Concerted Community Revitalization Plan set aside.** By making committed matching funds and project inclusion in a local, state, or federal signature initiative part of the evaluation criteria, OHFA resources can be better targeted to contribute to transformative neighborhood revitalization.
- **Allocate a fixed percent of the annual 9% credit ceiling to statewide set asides** to provide predictability for applicants and align resources with impact.

We look forward to developing a deeper and more meaningful partnership with OHFA in the coming years, and would appreciate the opportunity to host you in Cleveland to showcase our transformative neighborhood revitalization work. My staff will be in touch in the coming weeks



to extend an invitation. Should you wish to discuss further before that outreach, please contact my Chief of Government Affairs, Mike Culp, at mculp@clevelandohio.gov.

Sincerely,



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