

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PROJECT BASED VOUCHERS IN 9% LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NH Housing) is seeking applications for financing from qualified developers in accordance with the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) dated March 12, 2024 for 2025 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). The NH Housing Financing Application submissions for 9% LIHTCs and the related competitive scores will be used to award project-based vouchers (reference 24 CFR Part 983). In order to request project-based vouchers (PBVs) through this RFP, applicants must include the number of PBVs requested in their 9% LIHTC Financing Application submitted in accordance with the 9% LIHTC program requirements. Scoring criteria and other information regarding the application process is available on NH Housing's website.

Approximately 40 project-based vouchers are available. Eligible projects may apply for no less than six and no more than 12 PBVs. NH Housing may require that the number of PBVs be increased or decreased based on availability and through the review process to align with program administration and underwriting requirements.

The following criteria will be used in conjunction with the 9% LIHTC application scores to make PBV allocation decisions.

- Commitment to provide supportive services to the PBV units with the following requirements:
 - Supportive services must be made available to residents through a qualified third-party provider, unless the Sponsor can provide documentation showing that they have the expertise within their organization to perform such services and that they are an existing supportive services provider. Supportive services must include at a minimum:
 - Identify the population to be served (households that include a member who has a disability, a veteran, or is homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness immediately prior to tenancy and be identified as needing services to maintain housing).
 - An initial assessment of each resident's housing stabilization needs prior to or within one week of move-in and a written service plan developed to address each need.
 - Regular case management, including ongoing assessments of residents' housing stability and the efficacy of the services being coordinated or provided in meeting the needs identified in their service plan.
 - Onsite services targeted to housing stabilization. Participation in services
 may be encouraged but must be optional for residents. If services cannot
 be provided onsite, the applicant must submit a letter justifying why
 services cannot be provided onsite, how services will be made accessible
 to residents, and how the property will encourage residents to engage in
 off-site services, and/or;



• PBVs shall be matched with units designated for households with incomes at or below 30% of area median income to support the financial feasibility of this deeper targeting.

All projects considered for PBVs through this RFP must be eligible for and receive a reservation of 9% LIHTCs (followed by a financing commitment) from NH Housing.

Additional Considerations:

- Projects with increased access to higher opportunity neighborhoods to enhance housing choices;
- Neighborhoods where greater demand is making rents rise.

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