

Low Income Housing Tax Credit



2024-2025 Qualified Allocation Plan

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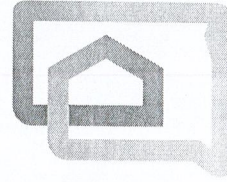
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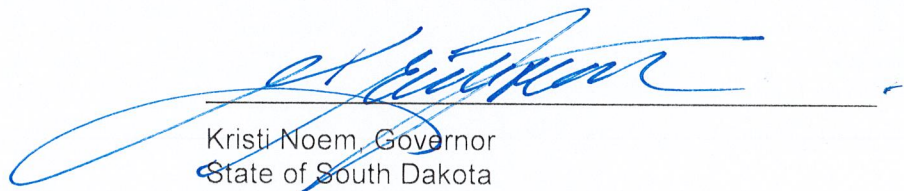


GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 2024-2025 HOUSING TAX CREDIT QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN

Pursuant to SDCL 11-11, the South Dakota Housing Development Authority is the designated housing credit agency in the State of South Dakota. Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, requires that no housing tax credits be allocated unless the credit agency has developed a "Qualified Allocation Plan."

In accordance with the requirement, I hereby certify that:

- The attached "South Dakota Housing Development Authority 2024-2025 Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plan" was adopted on April 9, 2024, by the Board of Commissioners of the South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) following a 30-day public comment period from February 14, 2024, to March 14, 2024.
- During the public comment period, SDHDA hosted a public comment meeting via Microsoft Teams on March 5, 2024, to gather input regarding the Qualified Allocation Plan.
- Notice of such meeting was placed in daily newspapers including Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Aberdeen, Huron, Pierre, Spearfish, and Watertown on February 14, 2024.
- There was one public comment submitted during the 30-day comment period for the SDHDA Board to considered prior to adoption of the Qualified Allocation Plan.
- As Governor of the State of South Dakota, my signature below shall constitute approval of the Qualified Allocation Plan.



Kristi Noem, Governor
State of South Dakota

Dated 5-24-24

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**SOUTH DAKOTA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
2020-2021 QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN FOR
HOUSING TAX CREDITS**

I. INTRODUCTION

THE SOUTH DAKOTA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (SDHDA) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM (PROGRAM) FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA. THIS FEDERAL PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING THE CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES BY OFFERING A REDUCTION IN TAX LIABILITY TO INVESTORS IN LOW-INCOME HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS. PARTIES INTERESTED IN PURSUING TAX CREDITS SHOULD REFERENCE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 42 (CODE) FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION AND SHOULD SEEK COMPETENT TAX COUNSEL FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE.

SDHDA IS REQUIRED TO DEVELOP AN ALLOCATION PLAN DEFINING THE PROCESS BY WHICH IT WILL ALLOCATE HOUSING TAX CREDITS TO LOW-INCOME HOUSING PROPERTIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA. THE SDHDA HOUSING TAX CREDIT QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN (PLAN) IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE THE SELECTION OF THOSE PROPERTIES THAT ADDRESS THE MOST CRUCIAL NEEDS OF THE STATE, WITHIN THE GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

II. SDHDA PURPOSES AND GOALS

SDHDA will use housing tax credits to the fullest extent possible each year to create and maintain housing for low and very low-income households in a manner that furthers the following goals:

- A. Assist in construction and preservation of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable units in the areas of greatest demonstrated housing need in the community and in the state, ensuring distribution, both urban and rural, where and when possible, taking into consideration the historical significance of the property, the current housing market, and the prospect for future demand.
- B. In those areas where greatest need is identified, give preference to those projects which provide the highest quality affordable units compared to the lowest amount of credit allocation while considering serving the lowest income tenants, and where appropriate, providing mixed income housing.
- C. Make such units affordable to households for the longest time period possible (Extended Use).
- D. Allocate only the amount of housing tax credits that SDHDA determines to be necessary for the financial feasibility of the project and its viability as a qualified affordable housing project throughout the credit period.
- E. Assist in the provision of housing to meet the needs and priorities outlined in the State Consolidated Plan and its corresponding Update(s).
- F. Provide opportunities to a wide variety of developers, both for profit and nonprofit, and for a variety of housing projects.

- G. Encourage innovative approaches which are cost effective in providing affordable housing, including planning, design, construction, quality, energy efficiency, and financing.
- H. Give preference to those applications which show a greater degree of readiness to proceed with the development.

III. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Tax credits will be made available through a two-stage process: conditional reservation and allocation.

A. APPLICATION CYCLE(S)

Annual Application Cycle: Applicants may apply using the SDHDA HOME/Housing Tax Credit application form to receive a tax credit reservation or to request an additional housing tax credit reservation. Complete applications (refer to Section VIII), including all fees, and must be received at SDHDA by 5:00 p.m. Central Time, the last working day of August. Electronic submission of applications is encouraged and may be accessed by following the instructions the SDHDA website at <https://www.sdhda.org/housing-development/application-submission>. Applications may also be hand delivered or delivered via postal or private mailing service. Applications via facsimile or email will not be accepted.

SDHDA may (i) hold back a portion of the unallocated tax credits for later use, (ii) issue an award for all or some portion of the future year's tax credits, (iii) hold another application cycle, or (iv) award tax credits for applications submitted to SDHDA under another program that need additional funds for feasibility.

B. BOND FINANCED DEVELOPMENTS WITH HOUSING TAX CREDITS

Projects that propose at least 50% tax-exempt bond financing are subject to a separate bond volume limitation and tax credits are not counted against South Dakota's tax credit volume limit (IRC42(h)(4)). SDHDA must apply to the Governor's Office on behalf of each project that proposes tax-exempt bond financing to secure an allocation under the bond volume limit. When competition exists for housing tax credits, multifamily projects may be directed toward tax-exempt bond financing. Applicants seeking tax-exempt bond financing should contact SDHDA early in the application process.

Applicants applying for tax-exempt bond financing must use the HOME/Housing Tax Credit Application and the Bond Financing Application. Applications for bond financing will be accepted annually November 1st through May 1st.

Projects financed with tax-exempt bonds are subject to the requirements of this Plan and must comply with the submission requirements set forth in Section VIII unless otherwise noted.

C. APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY (FORMATING)

SDHDA will only process applications that it determines are:

1. Consistent with the purposes and goals of this Plan,
2. Eligible activities under Section IV A, and
3. Financially feasible.

SDHDA may reject applications that are incomplete or that contain incomplete or inaccurate information.

D. SET-ADSIDES AND FUNDING LIMITATIONS

The following will apply to the total tax credits available for allocation.

1. Non-Profit Set-Aside:

IRC 42(h)(5) requires that a minimum of 10 percent of the total annual housing tax credits available be set aside for projects involving nonprofit organizations that have a Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(4) designation. The nonprofit organization must have as one of its exempt purposes the fostering of low-income housing, must own an interest in the project, and must materially participate in the development and operation of the project throughout the Extended Use Period. A nonprofit organization must not be affiliated with or controlled by a for profit entity.

The nonprofit entity must own at least 10 percent of all general partnership interests in the development (a 10 percent interest in both the income and profit allocated to all the general partners and in all items of cash flow distributed to general partners) and receive at least 10 percent of all fees paid or to be paid to all general partners. Finally, the nonprofit must not have been formed for the principal purpose of competition in the nonprofit pool.

All developments receiving an allocation of tax credits under the nonprofit set-aside will be monitored for continued nonprofit involvement, as detailed above, throughout the entire Extended Use Period. Supporting documentation of such involvement may be requested by SDHDA as deemed necessary.

2. Indian Reservation Set Aside:

Up to 20 percent of the total annual housing tax credits available in the Annual Application Cycle will be set aside for the highest scoring project located on tribal land, either held in trust or fee-simple, and within the exterior boundaries of an Indian Reservation. If applications are not received during the Annual Application Cycle, or the amount of tax credits requested is less than the amount available in the set-aside, the remaining tax credits will revert to the general pool and may be utilized for other eligible applications.

Applications for tax credits from the set-aside must meet all eligibility requirements of the Plan to be considered for an award of tax credits. Applications for tax credits from the set-asides and awards of such funds are subject to all other provisions of the Plan. Available tax credits under the set-asides do not guarantee funding for any applications.

3. Developer and Project Funding Limits:

During the Annual Application Cycle, no more than 20 percent of the total housing tax credits available will be awarded to any one project and no more than 25 percent of the total housing tax credits available will be awarded to any one developer, sponsor, or owner. Tax exempt bond projects are not subject to this limitation.

Applicants may submit multiple applications, however applicants that have related parties that have direct or indirect involvement in multiple projects will be limited to two awards per cycle. This does not apply to applicants acting in a consultant capacity.

If an application was awarded housing tax credits in the Annual Application Cycle but the amount of such tax credit award was limited due to the foregoing limitations, then if tax credits remain after the Annual Application Cycle, any such application may be eligible for additional credits per Section III. N.

E. DEVELOPMENT SELECTION PROCESS

Once SDHDA has reviewed all applications for completeness and eligibility based on federal requirements, proposed developments will be selected for reservations based on the criteria as outlined in this Plan.

In addition to the Development Standards and Selection Criteria outlined in this Plan, each proposal is analyzed on a comparative basis in a variety of categories to ensure the highest value for the tax credits is awarded.

SDHDA may contact the applicants, after the application deadline, for further clarification of the application or any submission items. SDHDA may request additional information and perform additional project evaluation as deemed necessary and appropriate to verify project costs, feasibility and need. SDHDA may exchange information with other state and federal allocating agencies and with other parties as deemed appropriate. By submitting an application for tax credits, the applicant is acknowledging and agreeing to this exchange of information.

When no competition exists for the housing tax credits, SDHDA may continue working with projects which, as a result of incomplete submission or lack of readiness, would be subject to rejection or denial if competition was present.

F. APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS

SDHDA must be satisfied that the owner and operator of the project are familiar with and prepared to comply with the requirements of this Plan. SDHDA may reject applications from previous housing tax credit program participants who have failed to demonstrate proficiency within the program or other government sponsored programs. SDHDA may also reject or discount applications from previous housing tax credits program participants who have failed to complete their projects in accordance with their applications and/or certified plans presented to SDHDA; who have failed to effectively utilize previously allocated tax credits or other government sponsored program resources; or who have failed to demonstrate proficiency or knowledge of the Housing Tax Credit Program. Such consideration will be made individually by SDHDA regarding the proposed property management company and each member of the development team.

Housing tax credit developments must comply with the requirements of this Plan and the Program throughout the agreed upon use period. Those entities involved with existing projects which are determined by SDHDA to be significantly out of compliance, at the sole discretion of SDHDA, will not receive consideration for new housing tax credit projects until the issues are resolved to the satisfaction of SDHDA.

SDHDA may require a compliance review of a SDHDA approved tax credit development that has been placed in service, but for which an IRS Form 8609 has not yet been issued, if the applicant and/or its general partner/managing member has applied for an additional tax credit project.

The applicant and all members of the development team as identified in Exhibit A of the HOME/Housing Tax Credit Application must be in Good Standing as defined in Section X. SDHDA may deem any applicant or member of the development team not to be in good standing if such applicant or development team member has an Identity of Interest, as defined in Section X. with any person or entity not in Good Standing. An attorney's opinion that the applicant and all members of the development team are in Good Standing is required in all cases. Such opinion must also identify any persons or entities with which the applicant or any member of the development team has an Identity of Interest.

If any applicant or member of the development team involved with a proposed project has serious and repeated non-compliance issues at the time of application, the application will be rejected. The prior performance considered may include, but is not limited to, progress made with previous credit reservations, project compliance and payment of monitoring fees.

G. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The applicant must disclose the names and addresses, including corporate officials where applicable, of all parties who have a significant role in the project. These parties include, but are not limited to: accountants, architects, attorneys, engineers, financial consultants, any other consultants, sponsors, management agents, the general contractor, and all subcontractors whose aggregate contract fees will exceed 10 percent of the cost of development (this cost will be calculated excluding the acquisition of land).

H. DETERMINATION OF CREDIT AMOUNT

IRC 42(m)(2) provides that SDHDA may not allocate more credit than it determines necessary for the financial feasibility and viability of the development as a qualified affordable housing project throughout the Compliance Period.

In making this determination, SDHDA will take into consideration:

1. Development costs, including developer fees;
2. All sources and uses of funds;
3. Projected income and expenses;
4. The historic nature/character of the project;
5. Proceeds expected to be generated from the sale of tax credits, including historic tax credits; and
6. The difference between total project costs and total available financing resources (including owner equity requirements), which is referred to as the gap. A calculation is made to determine the amount of tax credits needed by the project to fund the gap over a ten-year period, based on the estimated market value of the tax credits and the applicable tax credit rate for the month in which the housing tax credits would be reserved.

Based on this evaluation, SDHDA will determine the amount of housing tax credits to be reserved for each application. SDHDA's determination as to financial feasibility and viability is not a guarantee or recommendation with respect to the feasibility of the project.

An analysis to determine the tax credits necessary for the project to be financially feasible will be done at the time of application, at the time a carryover allocation is approved, and at the time the project is placed in service, provided all project costs are finalized and certified. At the applicant's request, current Fair Market Rents and housing tax credit rents, along with any known changes

in operating expenses, can be utilized at each underwriting stage. SDHDA may, in its sole discretion, to rescind or reduce previously awarded tax credits at any of the underwriting stages if SDHDA determines the proposed development is not financially feasible or does not need tax credits to be financially feasible.

IRC 42(d)(5)(B) permits SDHDA to use up to 130 percent of a project's Eligible Basis (Basis Boost) for purposes of calculating the amount of housing tax credits to be awarded to projects that meet one of the following criteria:

1. Projects located in a Qualified Census Tract.
2. Projects located in a Difficult Development Area.
3. Projects that SDHDA has determined require an increase in housing tax credits to be financially feasible, in which projects will be treated as located in a Difficult Development Area. SDHDA will treat projects meeting one of the following criteria as falling within this category:
 - a. Projects located within an area that is part of a Concerted Community Revitalization Plan.
 - b. Service Enriched Housing.
 - c. [Projects located in Zone 3 or 4 as defined under Section V \(A\) Project Finance Limits.](#)
 - d. Rehabilitation projects that qualify for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) as amended (16 U.S.C. 470) and utilize Historic Housing Tax Credits.
 - e. Projects that qualify for additional housing tax credits in connection with the declaration of an emergency in pursuant to Section III. N. 2.

Note: Number 3 above does not apply to tax exempt bond financed projects. SDHDA does not have the authority to apply the State designated Basis Boost to tax exempt bond projects.

Although federal law permits SDHDA to utilize the 30 percent basis boost to reserve a greater amount of housing tax credits for eligible projects, the increased amount is not automatic and will only be approved for projects when SDHDA determines the additional housing tax credits are needed for financial feasibility. SDHDA will make the basis boost award in five percent (5.00%) increments until the amount of additional basis needed for financial feasibility is reached.

At time of final allocation, only the amount of housing tax credits necessary will be allocated to the development. In order to meet the requirements of the IRS Form 8609, SDHDA may reduce the maximum Qualified Basis to arrive at the final allocation amount.

I. RESERVATIONS

Once SDHDA staff has reviewed the applications, the SDHDA Board of Commissioners will determine whether an application is awarded housing tax credits and the amount of such award. It is SDHDA's intent that Board action will take place within 75 days after the application submission deadline.

Each housing tax credit reservation will be conditioned upon receipt of written certification and evidence, acceptable to SDHDA, of timely progress toward completion of the project and compliance with federal housing tax credit requirements. SDHDA will forward to the applicant a reservation and notice to proceed letter upon receipt and approval of the required reservation documentation. Refer to Section VIII.B. for SDHDA Reservation Requirements.

SDHDA may reserve and allocate tax credits to any project or not reserve tax credits for any project, regardless of ranking under the project selection criteria if it determines in its sole discretion that a reservation for such project does not further the purposes and goals set forth in the CODE or in this Plan. For purposes of this determination, the information which may be taken into account by SDHDA includes, but is not limited to, comments of officials of local governmental jurisdictions, information regarding the fact that a particular market is saturated with affordable housing projects, the likelihood that the project will not comply with federal housing tax credit requirements in a timely manner, and the applicant's (including any related party's) prior experience and performance with any housing assistance programs. The prior performance considered may include, but is not limited to, progress made on previous tax credit reservations, construction quality of previous projects, the complete construction of all buildings and amenities identified in the application and final construction plans that have been approved by SDHDA regardless if points were awarded or taken, submission of monthly status reports, project compliance, and payment of monitoring fees. If SDHDA determines not to reserve tax credits on such basis, it will set forth the reasons for such determination.

SDHDA may place special conditions on reservations and reserve tax credits for lower ranking projects if the amount of credit available is insufficient to fund higher ranking projects.

SDHDA may award reservations of future year's housing tax credits (forward allocations). For example, an applicant may apply for housing tax credits in the August 2022 application round, but the tax credits reserved for the applicant's project may be from the 2023 allocation to South Dakota. Applicants that accept a forward allocation of housing tax credits understand that SDHDA is not liable for any loss or damages that may result from the IRS not providing South Dakota the amount of housing tax credits projected and reserved by SDHDA for the corresponding housing tax credit year.

SDHDA will make available to the public a listing of the housing tax credit applicants receiving a conditional reservation of tax credits. The listing will include the development name, address and contact person and will be posted on the SDHDA home page located at www.sdhda.org within 14 days of the awards being made.

SDHDA will make available to the general public a written explanation for any allocation of tax credits that is not made in accordance with established priorities and selection criteria of this Plan. The explanation may be obtained by request from SDHDA.

J. STATUS REPORTING

All sponsors/developers that receive a reservation of tax credits will be required to provide monthly status reports. Reports are due by the twentieth day of the following month, in a format prescribed by SDHDA outlining progress toward completion. The information provided must be project specific and must include, but not be limited to, such items as firm debt and/or equity financing commitments (conditioned only on receipt of tax credits), construction progress and costs. Monthly reports not submitted by the twentieth of the month will be considered late. A fine of \$250 will be imposed on the third late monthly report and on all subsequent late monthly reports. Fines must be paid before IRS Form(s) 8609 will be issued.

K. RECAPTURE OF RESERVATIONS

An applicant that receives a reservation of housing tax credits will be subject to recapture of the reservation if the applicant is unable to provide evidence satisfactory to SDHDA in its status report of progress toward the completion of the project as agreed to in writing in the appropriate documents.

L. CARRYOVER ALLOCATIONS

IRS Regulation 1.42-6 provides that SDHDA may give a carryover allocation to certain qualified buildings that will not be placed in service prior to December 31 of the Allocation Year. Allocation Year refers to the calendar year from which housing tax credits are awarded to South Dakota. For example, a reservation of 2022 tax credits made on November 1, 2022, will require a carryover allocation to be completed by December 31, 2022. A reservation of 2023 tax credits made on November 1, 2022, will be a forward allocation of 2023 housing tax credits and a carryover allocation would be required to be completed by December 31, 2023.

The carryover allocation requires, among other things, that the applicant provide evidence of ownership of the property and that more than ten percent of the expected basis in the project (including land) has been expended by December 31 of the Allocation Year. An independent CPA must attest that the 10 percent expenditure has been met. Such attestation must be made on SDHDA forms and submitted to SDHDA by November 15th of the Allocation Year. The 10 percent test must be completed, and the carryover allocation agreement must be signed by December 31 of the Allocation Year. Additional carryover requirements are given in Section VIII.C. A carryover allocation is for a specific amount of housing tax credits, which may be reduced but not increased at final cost certification and issuance of IRS Form(s) 8609.

For bond-financed developments, a carryover allocation is available for buildings that will not be placed in service prior to December 31 of the year in which the bonds were issued but the 10 percent expenditure requirement is satisfied by December 31st.

M. FINAL ALLOCATIONS

The final tax credit allocation can be made once the building or project is placed in service, construction is completed to required standards, and the proper documentation and fees have been received by SDHDA. The placed-in-service date for housing tax credit purposes for a newly constructed building, or for rehabilitation expenditures in an existing building, is the date when the first unit in the building is certified as available for occupancy. The placed-in-service date must occur within two years of issuing a Carryover Allocation Agreement.

A final allocation may be requested as soon as an eligible building is placed in service and all required documentation has been submitted to SDHDA. The allocation request must be submitted prior to November 1st for IRS Form(s) 8609 to be issued before the end of such year.

The credit amount which will be allocated is based on SDHDA's final determination of the Qualified Basis for the building or project and a review of the project costs as outlined in Section VIII.D.

At the time of allocation, the tax credit recipient must execute certain documents relating to commitments made to SDHDA in order to obtain points under the project selection criteria outlined in Section VII. Such commitments will be recorded as restrictive land use covenants with respect to the development.

N. ADDITIONAL TAX CREDITS

Additional housing tax credits may be awarded in certain circumstances as detailed below:

1. Non-emergency Application for Additional Tax Credits:

A developer that has a signed Reservation and Binding Commitment Agreement for an award of housing tax credits and has not been issued IRS Form(s) 8609 may be eligible to apply for an increase in tax credits if there is an increase in development costs which resulted in an increase in Eligible Basis. The increase must be a result of justified changes to the architectural plan that resulted in increased hard costs to the project (e.g., pre-approved project redesign, changes in applicable codes, or other unforeseeable events). To be considered eligible for additional tax credits under this provision, all change orders must be approved by SDHDA prior to initiating the change. Additional tax credits will not be awarded for increases in the developer's fee or consultant's fee. The request for additional tax credits must be made in accordance with Section III.A.

Projects which did not receive a full reservation of tax credits due to administrative action are eligible to apply for additional tax credits. The request for additional credits must be made in accordance with Section III.A.

A developer that has a signed Reservation and Binding Commitment Agreement for an award of housing tax credits but was not provided the full amount of tax credits due to an administrative error on the part of SDHDA may apply for the balance of the approved tax credits. The request for the balance of tax credits may be submitted by the developer and approved by SDHDA at any time following the initial award and need not be submitted in connection with a regular application cycle. The developer does not have to submit a new application in order to make the request.

If additional SDHDA funds are requested after the initial reservation due to increased costs or other changes, the applicant will be required to offset the additional funding request with non-SDHDA sources of funds. Options for other sources include, but are not limited to increased owner equity, deferred developer fee, other grant sources, or conventional financing. SDHDA may require the developer to utilize the procurement process when applying for additional credits due to project cost increases.

Be advised that ten points will be deducted for any project whose developer/owner applied for additional SDHDA funding after receiving an initial reservation of funds. The deduction will occur for two annual funding rounds following the additional funding request. Applicants receiving this deduction are still eligible to receive points for a demonstrated track record of quality experience.

2. Application for Additional Housing Tax Credits in Economic Emergencies:

In the event of unforeseen conditions, such as a natural disaster or a pandemic, that impact the feasibility of projects that previously received reservations of housing tax credits, the SDHDA Board of Commissioners may declare an emergency. If an emergency is declared, SDHDA may in its discretion forego a competitive application cycle in connection with the award of additional housing tax credits and adopt an expedited process regarding the application for, and reservation of, any available housing tax credits. Only projects that meet the following criteria will be eligible for such additional housing tax credits: (1) previously received a reservation of housing tax credits, (2) experienced a significant increase in the project's eligible basis due to those unforeseen

circumstances identified in SDHDA's emergency declaration, and (3) includes a building or buildings that have not been issued a certificate of occupancy (i.e., have not been placed in service). If an emergency is declared by SDHDA, SDHDA will notify all eligible applicants in writing of the available funding, the expedited application process, and the deadline for applications.

Any award of additional housing tax credits in connection with an emergency declaration may be made without regard to the finance limits in Section V.A or the applicant limitations in Section III.D.3.

An application for additional housing tax credits or other SDHDA funds in connection with an emergency declaration will not result in a point deduction in evaluating future projects of the developer/owner who applied for the additional funding.

O. EXCHANGE OF TAX CREDITS

There may be extremely rare and extenuating circumstances that delay or prevent a project from meeting the requirements of a ten percent test or being placed in service at the end of the second year after a carryover allocation agreement is issued. In these extremely unusual circumstances SDHDA may allow the tax credits to be returned and exchanged for an equal amount of the following year's tax credits without having to compete for the tax credits. The exchange of credits will only provide one additional year to meet the required action. An exchange of tax credits will be made solely at the discretion of SDHDA based on the facts and circumstances of the project.

The following conditions must be met to request an exchange of tax credits:

1. Applicant must submit a written request to the SDHDA and demonstrate the conditions that require an exchange of tax credits.
2. The request must be made no later than 30 days prior to the required action.
3. A fee equal to five percent (5.00%) of the tax credits to be exchanged will be assessed. A non-refundable fee of one percent (1.00%) of the tax credits to be exchanged must be submitted with the written request. The remaining four percent (4.00%) will be due if the exchange of credits is approved.

P. MONITORING FOR COMPLIANCE

IRC 42(m)(1)(B)(iii) requires that state housing credit agencies provide a procedure to be used in monitoring for compliance and of notifying the Internal Revenue Service of any noncompliance. SDHDA is required to apply the monitoring procedure to all tax credit projects developed since the inception of the Housing Tax Credit Program. SDHDA will perform such duties in accordance with its Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual, a copy of which is available on SDHDA's website www.sdhda.org or from SDHDA.

1. All tax credit recipients must submit an Annual Owner Certification, annual financial statement, quarterly occupancy reports and other pertinent documentation to SDHDA in a manner, form, and time established by SDHDA. The certifications will include, but are not limited to, the number of units set aside, tenant names, household composition and income, rents, utility allowance and any changes that may have occurred in the Eligible Basis or Applicable Fraction.

2. An on-site review of tenant files, habitability standards and general development appearance will be conducted in accordance with the Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual. All tax credit recipients must maintain, as part of the official development records, tenant applications, initial leases, tenant income certifications, and appropriate verifications.
3. SDHDA must be given access to all official development records, including annual financial statements and IRS reporting forms upon reasonable notification. All official development records or complete copies of such records must be maintained within the State of South Dakota and made available to SDHDA upon request.
4. To accomplish its compliance monitoring responsibilities, SDHDA will charge a monitoring fee as identified in Section IX – Fees/Fines for the entire Extended Use Period. SDHDA may adjust the annual fee to offset administrative costs.
5. SDHDA will promptly notify the IRS of any development noncompliance within its responsibility as contained in the CODE. SDHDA has no jurisdiction to interpret or administer the CODE, except in those instances where specific delegation has been authorized. All extended use elections, reduced rent elections and/or any other special use restriction elections made by the applicant which are made a part of the Declaration of Land Use Restrictive Covenant agreement will be monitored for compliance.
6. The owner and/or the management company must attend housing tax credit compliance training at a minimum of once every three years from the date of issuance of IRS Form(s) 8609.
7. A change in the ownership of a building or a partnership interest may be a recapture event during the Compliance Period. Owner must submit a written request to SDHDA for approval of the transfer. Please see the SDHDA website for the Notice of Intent to Transfer Ownership or Change Owner Name or Status.
8. The owner and/or the management company must attend Fair Housing training at a minimum of once every three years beginning prior to the issuance of IRS Form(s) 8609 through the Compliance Period.

Q. SDHDA DISCRETION / NO WARRANTY / LIMITATION ON LIABILITY

SDHDA may, in its sole discretion, modify or waive, on a case-by-case basis for good cause, any condition of this Plan that is not mandated by the Code. Amendments to this Plan will be made in accordance with Section III.S.

SDHDA is charged with allocating only that amount of tax credits as are necessary to make any given development financially feasible and viable as a qualified low-income housing project. This decision will be made solely at the discretion of SDHDA, and in no way represents or warrants to any applicant, investor, lender, or any other party that the development is, in fact, feasible or viable.

SDHDA's review of documents submitted in connection with this Plan is for its own purposes. In allocating tax credits, SDHDA makes no representations to any applicant, investor, lender or any other party regarding adherence to the CODE or any other laws or regulations governing the HTC Program.

With respect to the construction of projects, SDHDA may inspect the project at any time. However, SDHDA assumes no responsibility to make regular inspections during construction and assumes no liability for construction quality or code compliance. Applicant should notify SDHDA of any scheduled inspections with the architect, engineer, contractor, etc., including the final inspection. The standards set forth in Section V.G. are minimum standards for tax credit projects but do not imply that such minimum standards ensure minimum health or safety requirements are met.

No executive, employee, or agent of SDHDA or any other official of the State of South Dakota will be personally liable concerning any matters arising out of, or in relation to, the allocation of tax credits or the approval or administration of this Plan.

R. AMENDMENTS TO THE ALLOCATION PLAN

This Plan may be amended by the SDHDA Board of Commissioners for any one or more of the following purposes, and at any time or from time to time, and such amendments will be fully effective and incorporated herein upon the Board's adoption of such amendments:

1. To reflect any changes, additions, deletions, interpretations, or other matters necessary to comply with the CODE or regulations promulgated there under;
2. To cure any ambiguity, supply any omitted item, or cure or correct any defect or inconsistent provision in this Plan;
3. To insert such provisions clarifying matters or questions arising under this Plan as are necessary or desirable and are not contrary to or inconsistent with this Plan or the CODE;
4. To modify identified housing needs and selection criteria reflecting those needs, based upon SDHDA's continuing assessment of such needs, provided that no such amendment will retroactively affect a reservation of credit previously made under this Plan; and
5. To facilitate the award of tax credits that would not otherwise be awarded.

This Plan may be amended for substantive issues at any time following public notice and public meeting. Said meeting may be held at the main office of the South Dakota Housing Development Authority in Pierre, South Dakota. Any substantive amendments will require approval of the Board and the Governor. To the extent that anything contained in the Plan does not meet the minimum requirements of federal law or regulation, such law or regulation will take precedence over this Plan.

IV. GENERAL FEDERAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Eligible activities for tax credits include new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition with substantial rehabilitation. At a minimum, substantial rehabilitation costs must be \$10,000 per unit or twenty percent of the original basis, whichever is greater.

Acquisition is an eligible activity only if substantial rehabilitation is involved; reviewed management practices demonstrate that Disinvestment of the property has not occurred; the long-term needs of the project can be met; and the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an Extended Use Period can be maintained.

Acquisition credits will only be allowed if the property is purchased through an arms-length transaction (meaning there is no identify of interest between (i) the owners and the applicant.

If applying for the acquisition credit, the property may not have been acquired more than one year prior to the application due date and the project must not have been placed in service within the previous 10 years. An attorney's opinion stating that the project is eligible to receive acquisition tax credits as referenced in IRC 42(d)(2) of the CODE, must be submitted with the application.

Exceptions to the ten-year rule are provided for projects with federally assisted mortgages or other mortgages that are subject to prepayment provisions, buildings acquired from failed financial institutions, projects currently subsidized pursuant to HUD and USDA housing programs: HUD Section 8, Section 221(d)(3), Section 221(d)(4), Section 236, USDA Section 515, any other housing program administered by HUD or the Rural Housing Service of the Department of Agriculture or similar state assisted programs. Certain other situations are also exempt from the ten-year rule, such as:

1. A person who inherits a property through the death of another person;
2. A governmental unit or qualified nonprofit group if income from the property is exempt from federal tax;
3. A person who gains a property through foreclosure (or instrument in lieu of foreclosure) of any purchase money security interest, provided the person resells the building within 12 months after placing the building in service following foreclosure; or
4. Homeownership residences that have been owner-occupied principal residences for the prior ten-year period.

Although the ten-year rule may not apply, the property must still be substantially rehabilitated to claim the acquisition costs of such a property.

An analysis will be made to determine the risk of prepayment or opt out of any existing federal rental subsidy contract (e.g., HUD Section 8 contract) and therefore the risk of losing affordable housing supply. Those properties that are financially feasible, are located in a market with substantiated need, and indicate the greatest risk for converting to market-rate housing will be given priority for funding.

Rehabilitation projects: Any application involving acquisition and substantial rehabilitation of an existing residential rental project must submit a certification relating to the need for substantial rehabilitation of the project. The certification must include a rehabilitation inspection report and must discuss the need for replacing major systems such as roofs, heating systems and windows. This inspection must be performed by a third-party construction, engineering, architect or similar company. The inspection report will not be accepted if completed more than 6 months prior to the application submission.

After completion of the rehabilitation indicated, all major systems (roof, windows, heating, etc.) of the property must be in like new or new condition. If any such system is not in need of repair at the time of application, sufficient reserves must be established to allow for replacement of such system if the normal life span would require replacement prior to the end of the Extended Use Period. Consideration will be given to functional obsolescence of the property. If it is not cost effective to overcome structural problems, the property may not be eligible for financing. Modifications to allow a higher level of care to elderly residents of a property is an eligible activity if there is an identified need for such level of care and the property is financially feasible upon completion.

Community service facilities developed in a Qualified Census Tract are eligible activities. The adjusted basis of the facility will be determined by taking into account the adjusted basis of property used throughout the taxable year in providing any community service facility. The increase in adjusted basis of any building will not exceed the sum of: (i) 25 percent of so much of the Eligible Basis of the qualified low-income housing project of which the community service facility is a part and does not exceed \$15,000,000; and (ii) 10 percent of any excess over \$15,000,000 of the Eligible Basis of the qualified low-income housing project of which the community service facility is a part. For purposes of the preceding sentence, all community service facilities, which are part of the same qualified low-income housing project, will be treated as one facility. A community service facility is defined as any facility designed to serve primarily individuals whose income is 60 percent or less of Area Median Income (AMI).

B. OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS

A project must, for the entire Extended Use Period, have a minimum of:

1. 20-50 Test, where at least twenty percent of the residential units in the project are rent restricted and occupied by households with income less than 50 percent of the area median gross income (AMI); or
2. 40-60 Test, where at least forty percent of the residential units in the project are rent restricted and occupied by households with income less than 60 percent of the AMI; or
3. Average Income Test, where at least forty percent of the residential units in the project occupied by households whose incomes do not exceed the imputed income limitations designated by the taxpayer with respect to the respective unit. The average of the designated income limits of the respective units cannot be greater than 60 percent, which is called the "Average Test," and should not be confused with the "Average Income Test."
 - a. The designated income and rent limitation of the tax credit units under Average Income Test shall be designed in 10 percent increments: 20 percent, 30 percent, 40 percent, 50 percent, 60 percent, 70 percent, and 80 percent AMI.
 - b. Only available to projects with an applicable fraction of 100 percent and no units are unrestricted or designated above 80 percent AMI. Employee units are not included in the applicable fraction and are permitted in Average Income (AI) developments.
 - c. Up to 20 percent of the affordable units may have an income designation above 60 percent AMI.

- d. The rents for all units above 60 percent AMI are restricted to the 60 percent AMI rent limit and must be at the 60 percent AMI rent maximum, unless a market or rent comparison study justifies a different rent level and such rent is approved by SDHDA.
- e. The rents for the 70 and 80 percent AMI units must be 100 percent of the 60 percent AMI rent limit unless the market study or rent comp study justifies a different rent and that rent is approved by SDHDA.
- f. The market study, or a rent comp study must be provided to document the marketability of the all the units to include the 70 and 80 percent AMI units and associated proposed rents.
- g. Once the unit designations have been made, the owner will not be allowed to make additional changes and the unit designations will be disclosed in the Declaration of Land Use Restrictive Covenants.

Once made, the election of the 20-50 Test, the 40-60 Test, or the Average Income Test is irrevocable.

Income targeting must be spread evenly throughout the property and unit types to the fullest extent possible. For example, 80 percent AMI units should be distributed evenly among the one, two, and three bedroom units in each building. The same will apply to the 40 percent AMI units.

Units are not eligible for the tax credit if they are occupied entirely by full-time students. There are five exceptions to this rule as outlined in the HTC Compliance Manual.

C. ELIGIBLE BASIS – IRC 42(D)

The Eligible Basis for a new building equals the total project costs minus all costs which are not allowable under the CODE.

The Eligible Basis for an existing building equals the sum of the lesser of the acquisition cost or the appraised value, plus additions and improvements minus all costs which are not allowable under the CODE.

Eligible Basis is reduced by federal grants, residential rental units which are above the average quality standard of the low-income units, any historic rehabilitation tax credits, and commercial rental property. Areas designated as a Qualified Census Tract or Difficult Development Area may be eligible for an increase in allowable basis as defined under Section III.H. of this Plan.

Projects receiving a below-market-rate loan or other federal subsidies not considered grants may be included in Eligible Basis. Consult your tax attorney or accountant to determine if the federal funds obtained for the project may be included in Eligible Basis.

D. QUALIFIED BASIS – IRC 42(C)

The Qualified Basis is the portion of a project's Eligible Basis multiplied by the Applicable Fraction. The Applicable Fraction is the lesser of:

1. The unit fraction which is the number of low-income units in a building divided by the total units; or
2. The floor space fraction which is the total floor space of the low-income units divided by the total floor space of the residential rental units.

The Qualified Basis and the amount of the credit are based upon the amount of low-income housing within the building. An on-site manager's unit is considered common space and is not included in the calculation of the Applicable Fraction.

E. APPLICABLE TAX CREDIT PERCENTAGE

The tax credit is intended to provide, over a ten-year period, a "present value" credit of either of the following:

1. Thirty percent of the project's Qualified Basis for new construction with a federal subsidy or for the acquisition costs of eligible existing buildings.

A new building is treated as federally subsidized if there is tax-exempt bond financing, unless the balance of such loans is excluded from the Eligible Basis of the building.

2. Seventy percent of the project's Qualified Basis in the case of new construction or substantial rehabilitation.

The IRS publishes, on a monthly basis, the applicable percentages (applicable credit rate) to be used in calculating the actual maximum allowable annual tax credit amount for which the project will be eligible. Per IRC 42(b)(2), the 70 percent present value credit rate shall be no less than nine percent (9.00%) for all non-federally subsidized buildings (new construction or substantial rehabilitation). The 30 percent present value rate shall be no less than four percent (4.00%) for the acquisition tax credits and the tax credits associated with tax exempt bond projects.

F. ANNUAL CREDIT AMOUNT

The maximum allowable tax credit amount is the Qualified Basis multiplied by the Applicable Credit Rate. However, the actual amount of tax credit awarded could be less than the maximum allowable if the financial analysis reveals the project would still be feasible with fewer tax credits (gap method) or if the calculation exceeds the amount allowed under Section III, D, 3 (Developer and Project Funding Limits). The tax credits awarded are available each year for 10 years.

G. AFFORDABLE RENTS

Under IRC 42(g)(1), the rent on the low-income units, including utilities, cannot exceed 30 percent of qualifying monthly median income (i.e. not 30 percent of each individual household's income, but 30 percent of the designated area median income, as applicable). All charges for amenities, (e.g., laundry facilities, garages and carports, outdoor electrical outlets for cars, storage sheds, etc.) must be included in the maximum allowable tax credit rent if such amenities are included in the Eligible Basis for tax credits. The maximum rent for the housing tax credit units are limited to the housing tax credit rent limits. For purposes of applying the maximum rent limitation, the maximum "rent" includes the rent paid by the tenant including the utility allowance. An exception for exceeding the housing tax credit rent limit may be granted for USDA Rural Development 515 and HUD Section 8 project-based properties where it has been shown that additional rents are

necessary to make the project feasible and that the tenant's rent will not exceed 30 percent of the tenant's income.

Since tenants under the 515 and Section 8 project based rental assistance programs are required to pay 30 percent of their adjusted monthly income, the maximum rents may exceed the housing tax credit rent on an individual basis, so as not to exclude an income eligible household from the property.

To calculate rent, a certain number of occupants are assumed to occupy a unit, depending on the number of bedrooms in the unit (not actual occupants). The assumed family size is one person in an efficiency and one and one-half persons per bedroom (i.e., two bedroom unit rent is 30 percent of three person qualifying income). This restriction is in effect during the entire Extended Use Period. Note that since the qualifying rent is based on one and one-half persons per bedroom, it is possible for a tenant to pay more than 30 percent of his or her actual income. A link to the maximum rent limits is listed on the SDHDA website www.sdhda.org.

A maximum monthly allowance for utilities and services (excluding telephone and cable) must be calculated for tenants paying their own utilities. The calculation must be based upon the HUD Utility Schedule Model, a software calculation method, or the specific utilities used at the project. SDHDA will complete a utility allowance calculation for housing tax credit applicants if the request is made a minimum of 30 days prior to the tax credit application due date.

The initial net rents established at Reservation and recorded in the Declaration of Land Use Restrictive Covenants Agreement (DLURA) must be utilized until the earlier of one year measured from the date the unit is initially occupied or the period of initial tenant occupancy.

SDHDA will underwrite all projects located within the city limits of Sioux Falls and Rapid City at a minimum of 85 percent of the housing tax credit gross rent limits. SDHDA will underwrite all other projects at a minimum of 80 percent of the housing tax credit gross rent limits. If an applicant proposes rents lower than the minimum requirements, the applicant must submit, with the application, a comparable rent study that supports the lower rents.

H. HOUSING TAX CREDIT COMMITMENT PERIOD

Prior to an allocation of tax credits, the applicant must agree to and execute a recorded Declaration of Land Use Restrictive Covenant Agreement (DLURA). The DLURA is an extended use agreement pursuant to which the applicant, on behalf of itself and its successors, agrees to meet the applicable fraction of low-income occupancy for the entire Extended Use Period.

The applicant must have the DLURA recorded with the county Register of Deeds in the county in which the project is located. All Extended Use or other special use restrictions elected by the applicant and imposed on the development, which restrictions are material to the award of the tax credits and which may or may not give rise to points under Section VII, will be made part of the DLURA. The DLURA must also set forth the initial rents. **All mortgage liens on the property must be subject to the low-income use restrictions.**

Qualified Contract Option will not be allowed for any project receiving a reservation of housing tax credits. The owner/applicant waives the right to request SDHDA to find a buyer under IRC 42(h)(6)(E)(F) and (I) by accepting a reservation of housing tax credits through the execution of a Reservation and Binding Commitment Agreement. This also applies to tax credit projects financed with tax exempt bonds under IRC 142(d).

I. REVIEW OF FEDERALLY ASSISTED DEVELOPMENTS

In accordance with the HUD Reform Act of 1989, any project for which assistance is received in any form from HUD must comply with the Subsidy Layering Guidelines (RSLGs). For those projects which combine HOME, Housing Trust Funds (HTF), and any other governmental subsidies, SDHDA must perform a subsidy layering review in accordance with SDHDA HOME and HTF Subsidy Layering Policy, which incorporates the cost allocation requirements stated in HUD CPD Notice 15-11, dated December 22, 2015. A copy of this policy and notice is available from SDHDA upon request.

If any portion of a building receives a federal subsidy, the building is ineligible to receive the 70 percent housing tax credit. Under the Housing Assistance Tax Act of 2008, the definition of a federal subsidy is limited to any obligation the interest on which is exempt from tax under Section 103. Tax-exempt financing provided by state or local governments, the interest on which is exempt from federal taxation under the Code, is considered a federal subsidy. Consult your tax attorney or accountant to determine if the federal funds obtained for the project may be included in eligible basis.

HUD Section 8 rental "certificate" or "voucher" subsidy and funds received through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) are not considered a federal subsidy.

Under the Federal Home Finance Board (FHFB) Affordable Housing Program, established in 1989, Federal Home Loan Banks are able to make subsidized advances to member banks which are in turn to be used for affordable housing projects. The Treasury Department has ruled that for tax credit purposes, loans provided by the FHFB will not be considered federal loans. Therefore, a FHFB below-market-rate loan with an interest rate lower than the Applicable Federal Rate (AFR) will be eligible for the 70 percent tax credit percentage rate for new construction or rehabilitation expenditures rather than the 30 percent rate.

SDHDA will review those projects using USDA Rural Development Rural Rental Housing Loan funds in accordance with USDA Rural Development Instruction 1944-E Exhibit A-10. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide SDHDA with any additional information or clarification of funding sources as may be necessary. Prior to issuance of the IRS Form(s) 8609, the applicant must provide SDHDA with USDA Rural Development Form 3560-51, "Multiple Family Housing, Obligation-Fund Analysis." This form will be used in the determination of the final allocation of tax credits to a project.

J. INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

include (i) properties of four units or less which are occupied by the applicant or a relative of the applicant, unless owned by a 501(c) (3) entity, (ii) life care facilities, and (iii) trailer parks.

K. TENANT OWNERSHIP PROJECTS

Projects involving tenant ownership must submit to SDHDA a long-term management plan which must include home buyer counseling programs for the tenants.

L. TAX CONSIDERATIONS

There may be limits on the amount of tax credit an individual may effectively use due to passive loss restrictions and alternative minimum tax provisions. Individuals should consult their tax attorneys or accountants for clarification of this regulation.

M. DISCRIMINATION

All housing for which tax credits are received must be available to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, disability, or familial status.

N. VOLUME LIMITS

Each state is limited in the amount of tax credits it may allocate annually. South Dakota's volume limit is \$3,360,000 for 2024 and estimated to be \$3,430,000 for 2025. The 2024 Tax Exempt Bond volume limit is \$378,230,000.

O. RECAPTURE

Tax credits are subject to recapture by the Internal Revenue Service if it determines the Qualified Basis at the close of any year is less than the amount of such basis at the close of the preceding taxable year, or they may be recaptured for other compliance issues.

P. PROCUREMENT

All Housing Tax Credit, HOME, and Housing Trust Fund projects will follow federal procurement methods. Developers are not required to use the procurement process to obtain their general contractors. However, general contractors and subcontractors will need to be able to document a procurement process for the following:

1. Purchases of property or services over \$10,000 but less than \$250,000 will require price or rate quotations obtained from three qualified sources, prior to the purchase being made.
2. Purchase of property or services in excess of \$250,000 will utilize the proposal method utilizing the following standards:
 - a. Requests for proposals will be publicized and an email or letter will be forwarded to interested parties.
 - b. Review of proposals will be conducted in a consistent and documented manner.
 - c. Contracts will be offered to the entity whose proposal is most advantageous with price and other factors considered.

If awarded HOME or HTF funds, SDHDA will require general contractors to solicit bids from minority-owned (MBE) and female-owned (WBE) business to the extent practicable. Documentation and data on the steps taken to reach out to MBE/WBE businesses must be submitted to SDHDA.

SDHDA may require the use of the procurement process for Developers and or all contractors when Developers are applying for additional project funding, or when certain individual costs are not justified. Documentation of the procurement process must be provided to SDHDA at the time the carryover documentation is required to be submitted.

Q. HOME AND HOUSING TRUST FUNDS (HTF)

Applications that are also requesting HOME and HTFs must comply with federal regulations that govern those programs. Appropriate documentation must be submitted to SDHDA. Be sure to

review the HOME and or HTF plans for the rules that govern those programs and the appropriate time to submit required documentation.

V. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Projects funded under this Program will be evaluated according to the following standards. Those projects combining tax credits with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and other government assistance must comply with the development standards adopted under the Subsidy Layering Guidelines in Section VI. Where the development standards under the Subsidy Layering Guidelines are more restrictive than the ones established in Section V, the Subsidy Layering Guidelines will prevail.

A. UNIT SIZE REQUIREMENTS

The residential unit living square footage for rental new construction or reconstruction projects must meet the following minimum residential unit living square footage:

Unit Type	Unit Size
Group Home	130 square feet (per bedroom)
SRO	300 square feet
0 Bedroom (efficiency)	400 square feet
1 Bedroom	500 square feet
2 Bedroom	650 square feet
3 Bedroom	800 square feet
4 Bedroom	950 square feet

Acquisition and/or rehabilitation projects are not subject to the minimum square footage requirements.

SDHDA may allow exceptions to the above square footage minimums when deemed appropriate for the proposed development. At a minimum, SDHDA will review functionality of the unit layout, target tenant populations, and development costs when evaluating the proposed housing. The housing units must meet building code requirements for room and unit size.

B. DEVELOPER'S FEES

The developer of a housing tax credit project will be entitled to a developer fee not to exceed 15 percent of total development cost minus developer's fee and consultant's fee for projects of 16 units or less, not to exceed 12 percent of total development cost minus developer's fee and consultant's fee for projects of between 17 and 60 units and not to exceed 10 percent of total development cost minus developer's fee and consultant's fee for projects of 61 units or more. Developer Fees may not exceed \$1,000,000 for any 9.00 percent tax credit project. Any fees determined to be developer fees in excess of the corresponding 10, 12 or 15 percent maximum or in excess of the fee approved at the time the Board approves the reservation of housing tax credits will not be included in Total Project Cost when issuing Form 8609.

For acquisition rehabilitation projects, the amount of the acquisition may only be included in the calculation of the developer fee if the acquisition is part of an arm's-length transaction.

Developer fees in tax exempt bond financed projects are limited to 12 percent of the calculated Total Project Costs minus developer's fee and consultant's fees. Developer fees in tax exempt bond projects are not subject to the \$1,000,000 limitation.

Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) projects: Developer Fee will not be allowed for acquisition costs in RAD projects. Developer Fees determined to be calculated on acquisition cost in RAD projects will be removed from TPC at all underwritings.

Deferred Developer Fees: Developers may choose to defer their developer fee. The amount of deferred developer fee or owner equity presented in the application will be underwritten as a project financing source. The submitted pro-forma must evidence sufficient project cash flow after all project debt service is applied to repay the deferred developer fee within the first **12 years of operation**. The deferred developer fee is not part of debt service and should be removed from pre-tax cash flow after the calculation of the Debt Coverage Ratio (DCR).

C. CONSULTANT FEES

Consultant fees will be included in the developer fee limitation and cannot exceed two percent of the calculated Project Finance Limits minus the consultant fee. Syndication related consultant fees are not to be included in the Eligible Basis of the project. Any fees determined to be consultant fees in excess of the two percent maximum, or the amount approved at the time the Board approved the reservation of housing tax credits will not be included in Total Project Costs when issuing IRS Form(s) 8609. Consultants are expected to provide their services through project completion and issuance of IRS Form(s) 8609. The contract between the consultant and the applicant/owner must be submitted with the application.

D. BUILDER/GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S FEES

Builder/General Contractor fees may not exceed the following limits:

Builder/General Contractor's Profit	6% of hard construction costs
Builder/General Contractor's Overhead	2% of hard construction costs
General Requirements	6% of hard construction costs

Any fees determined to be builder/general contractor's fees in excess of the corresponding maximums or in excess of the percentage approved at the time the Board approved the reservation of housing tax credits will not be included in Eligible Basis when issuing IRS Form(s) 8609.

E. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Notwithstanding these development standards and the selection criteria within this Plan, each proposed project is analyzed on a comparative basis in a variety of categories to ensure the highest value for the tax credits awarded.

F. PROPERTY STANDARDS

All newly constructed properties must meet the most current version of the International Building Code, the National Standard Plumbing Code, and the National Electrical Code Handbook. These codes will be superseded if the State of South Dakota or local governing body has adopted an alternative code, in which case such alternative code will apply. Rehabilitation projects should strive to meet these codes when reasonable and replace major components when necessary. All

rehabilitation projects must meet the SDHDA Housing Rehabilitation Standards which can be found on the SDHDA website.

The housing project must meet the accessibility requirements of 24 CFR part 8, which implements Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and covered multifamily dwellings, as defined at 24 CFR 100.201, and must also meet the design and construction requirements at 24 CFR 100.205, which implements the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619). All units must be considered decent, safe, and sanitary throughout the Extended Use Period.

Projects containing facilities that are available to the general public must meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. All projects must comply with HUD Section 504 requirements. Projects that have more than four units must include five percent of the total units or one unit minimum for individuals with mobility impairments and two percent of the total units or one unit minimum for individuals with sensory impairments (i.e., hearing or vision impairments). The above units may not be consolidated so as to provide only one unit. Roll in showers must be installed in one-half of the handicap-adapted units for persons with mobility impairments. These units may not all be in one building of a multi-building project. The architect must certify on the final working plans that these standards have been incorporated into the plans.

All project sites must be surveyed and platted. All single family homes and all residential buildings in lease purchase projects must be individually surveyed, platted, and have a physical address.

It is the owner's responsibility to be aware of and comply with Fair Housing and all non-discrimination provisions relating to the race, color, religion, creed, sex, disability, familial status, and national origin. This includes design requirements for construction or rehabilitation, Equal Opportunity in regard to marketing and tenant selection and reasonable accommodation and modification. The owner and/or the management company must attend Fair Housing compliance training prior to Project Completion and lease-up and then a minimum of once every three years from the date of issuance of IRS Form(s) 8609 through the Compliance Period.

G. SITE SUITABILITY

The proposed site must be suitable for the proposed project. If the site includes any detrimental characteristics, the applicant must provide a remediation plan and budget to make the site suitable for the project. If any detrimental site characteristic exists on, or adjacent to the site, SDHDA may reject the application. Detrimental characteristics may include but are not limited to: location within one mile of pipelines, storage areas for explosive materials, hazardous or noxious materials, sewage treatment plant, or sanitary landfill; location within 2,500 feet of an airport runway clear zone; 3,000 feet of a railroad, 1,000 feet of a major roadway, commercial property, or 15,000 feet of military clear zone; physical barriers; unsuitable slope or terrain; location within 1,000 feet of registered historic property; or location in flood hazard area.

H. MULTIFAMILY HOUSING COMPLIANCE TRAINING

All property managers must have compliance training for all funding sources associated with the project to include Housing Tax Credit, HOME, and Housing Trust Fund compliance training. In addition, they must attend Fair Housing Training and the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program training administered through the South Dakota Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission. Training must be renewed at least once every three years.

SDHDA recommends a membership certification in the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program be acquired and maintained for the housing projects if it is available in the community.

I. REPLACEMENT RESERVES

All properties must establish and maintain a minimum replacement reserve account of \$400 per unit per year for the entire Extended Use Period. Replacement reserve funds may only be used for Capital Improvement expenditures and may not be used for ongoing maintenance expenses unless prior authorization is provided in writing by SDHDA. In rehabilitation projects, if the major systems are not all replaced or repaired, sufficient reserves, which could exceed \$400 per unit, must be established to allow for replacement of such components if the normal life span would require such replacement prior to the end of the Extended Use Period. The annual replacement reserves will be trended at three percent per year.

The replacement reserve account must remain with the property throughout the entire Extended Use Period. It must also remain with a property with a transfer of ownership. Transfer of ownership must be approved by SDHDA. At such time SDHDA is reviewing the request for transfer of ownership, SDHDA may negotiate with existing owner regarding the dollar amount that must be maintained in the replacement reserve account, taking into consideration, but not limited to, the physical condition of the development, demand in the housing market, and experience of the proposed owner.

J. OPERATING RESERVES

All properties must establish and maintain an operating reserve account for the entire Extended Use Period. The operating reserve should be established by a written agreement with the syndicator and or mortgage lender. If no such agreement exists, SDHDA will require an operating reserve to be established with SDHDA in the amount of a minimum of six months of operating expenses plus debt service payments. The operating reserve may be held by SDHDA and will be governed by an operating reserve agreement.

The operating reserve account must remain in place throughout the entire Extended Use Period. It must also remain in place with the transfer of ownership. Transfer of ownership must be approved by SDHDA. At such time SDHDA is reviewing the request for transfer of ownership, SDHDA may negotiate with existing owner regarding the dollar amount that must be maintained in the operating reserve account, taking into consideration, but not limited to, the physical condition of the development, demand in the housing market, and experience of the proposed owner.

K. DEBT COVERAGE RATIO

Pro-formas submitted must reflect a debt coverage ratio of not less than 1.20 in the first year that full expenses are in effect (i.e., after tax abatements have expired) and annually thereafter for the first 15 years or the term of the first mortgage financing, whichever is greater. The project must maintain a minimum 0.95 debt coverage ratio for the remainder of the Extended Use Period. Compensating factors such as developer's experience, types of financing utilized and financial strength of the applicant/owner may allow this requirement to vary. The debt coverage ratio is the ratio of net operating income to the total annual debt service. Further, the application shall reflect that rental income, any subsidies and reserve funds are sufficient to cover the property's debt and operating expenses for the entire Extended Use Period.

Pro-formas submitted must reflect the following underwriting standards: Project income shall be increased at an annual rate of two percent (2%); expenses and replacement reserves shall increase at an annual rate of three percent (3%); and assume a vacancy rate of seven percent (7%).

L. CHANGES TO PROJECT

The award of tax credits is based upon information provided in the application and the preliminary plans submitted with the application. A significant change to a project, once it has been ranked and awarded tax credits, may jeopardize the reservation/allocation of tax credits and the Board may require the tax credits to be returned. A significant change will include, but is not limited to, any reduction in the number of bedrooms per unit or square footage of the units, decrease in number of total units, any change to financial feasibility, any increase in overall density, any change in unit or project amenities, and any change that, had it been in the original project application, might have resulted in the project receiving a different ranking, or may have influenced the reservation of housing tax credits. SDHDA may determine, at its sole discretion, if any change constitutes a significant change to the project. Any change to the project must be pre-approved by SDHDA prior to implementation.

VI. SUBSIDY LAYERING GUIDELINES

For those projects which combine tax credits and other HUD assistance, SDHDA must perform a subsidy layering review in accordance with HUD Notice CPD-15-11 Requirements for the Development and Implementation of HOME Underwriting and Subsidy Layering Guidelines issued December 22, 2015.

	Safe Harbor	Ceiling	
Standard 1 – Profit and Overhead			
Builder Profit	6% construction costs	HUD processing	
Builder Overhead	2% construction costs	HUD processing	
General Requirement	6% construction costs	HUD processing	
Standard 2 – Developer Fee			
Developer Fee	15% total project costs with 16 units or less	12% total development cost with 17 to 60 units	10% total development cost with 61 units more
9.00% HTC Projects the Developer Fee is limited to \$1,000,000			
Standard 3 – Syndication Expenses			
Private Offer	10% gross proceeds	15% gross proceeds	
Public Offer	15% gross proceeds	24% gross proceeds	
Standard 4 – Syndication Proceeds			
SDHDA will establish a base market rate expressed in cents netted per dollar of credit allocation. The Market Rate will be set for each individual project based on the variables of that project. In addition, the Market Rate will be adjusted to reflect increased value if higher than typical ownership interests are retained, as follows:			
	0-5 % ownership	Market Rate value	
	5-50% ownership	Market Rate plus 10 cents	
	Over 50% ownership	Market Rate plus 20 cents	

In addition, when determining the amount of credit necessary to fill the unfunded financing gap, SDHDA must include the value of all syndication installments received. Therefore, applicants affected by this part must calculate and report the effects of compounding and discounting syndication installment payments.

VII. PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Maximum Possible Points 1,000

Applications must obtain a minimum of 400 points to be considered for funding. Applications that do not receive this cumulative total will be denied and the applicant will be notified of such denial. Applications for additional tax credits will not be re-scored and will only be considered if they meet the criteria established in Section III.O.

A. LOCAL HOUSING NEED

(150 points maximum)

All applicants must submit a complete market analysis addressing the local housing needs that is no more than six months old (See Section VIII.A.1. regarding submission requirements and Exhibit 2). The applicants considered to be facing the highest overall need will receive the highest score. All other applications will be ranked against the highest scoring applicant. Each applicant will receive from 0 to 150 points depending upon identified need. When determining the need, SDHDA may take into consideration including but not limited to the need for additional housing units in the community, the physical condition of the proposed project, the need of SDHDA funding sources to retain the proposed project, retention of existing project based rental subsidies, and the degree of rehabilitation necessary depending on the proposed project activity. All communities with two or more low-income housing projects under construction or in the process of rent-up (less than 90 percent occupied) may receive zero points in this category.

B. PRIMARY SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Deep Income Targeting

(100 points maximum)

Within the 20/50, 40/60, or 40/60 Average Income election:

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To receive points for deep income targeting, a project must set the following income and rent limits for each target Area Median Income (AMI). Each point category must be in addition to the preceding point category:

- a. A proposal which elects to set aside 20 percent of the rent restricted units at 50 percent of the AMI and rents will be limited to the lesser of the Fair Market Rent (FMR) or the 50 percent AMI will receive 25 points
- b. A proposal which elects to set aside 10 percent of the rent restricted units for households not exceeding 50 percent of area median income will receive 25 points.
- c. A proposal which elects to set aside seven percent of the rent restricted units for households not exceeding 40 percent of the area median income will receive 25 points.

- d. A proposal which elects to set aside three percent of the rent restricted units for households not exceeding 30 percent of the area median income will receive 25 points.

Note: Units used to meet point requirements may also be used in the Average Income Test. However, if units are designated at 30 percent AMI using the Housing Trust Fund (HTF), the Housing Trust Fund units are in addition to the Deep Income Targeting units designated for the above category. **HTF income and rents are based on the poverty level which is not the same as the 30 percent AMI limits so be cautious if using HTF units in the Average Income process.**

Rents for these units must be set at 30 percent or less of adjusted annual incomes for households at the corresponding income levels to receive the above points.

For multi-family projects: if tax credits are allocated on a building basis, each building should maintain the percentage of targeted units elected above to the most reasonable extent possible.

2. Extended Use Commitment (30 points maximum)

Although the required Extended Use Period is 30 years, applicants that make a commitment to increase the Extended Use Period an additional 10 years (to 40 years) will receive 30 points.

An applicant electing to increase the Extended Use Period for 10 years will be restricting the property for 40 years. Applicants claiming points for the Extended Use Period may not claim points for Tenant Ownership.

3. Construction Type (60 points maximum)

- a. A rehabilitation project that remodels existing affordable rental housing to like new rental units will receive 40 points.
- b. A rehabilitation project that uses buildings of historic nature will receive 20 points.
- c. A rehabilitation project that remodels existing buildings and converts them to new rental units will receive 20 points.
- d. Projects designated for senior housing (55 and over and 62 and over) will receive 20 points.
- e. Projects that create rental units for assisted living or congregate care will receive 20 points.
- f. A new construction project creating buildings that contain 16 rental units or less per building will receive 10 points.

4. Concerted Community Revitalization Plans (20 points maximum)

Projects that are located within a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) and that contribute to a Concerted Community Revitalization Plan that is documented at the time of application will receive 20 points. Refer to Section X, Definitions and Exhibit 1 for QCT information.

**5. Mixed Income Use
(30 points maximum)**

Developments consisting of low-income and market-rate units will be eligible for up to 30 points. Points awarded will be based on the ratio of market-rate units to total project units, according to the following scale. Mixed income projects are not eligible to use the Average Income Test.

Points	Number of Market Rate Units
30	20.01% - 49.99% Market Rate
20	10.01% - 20.00% Market Rate
10	5.00% - 10% Market Rate (requires a minimum of 2 units)

**6. Financial Support
(20 points maximum)**

Proposals containing documentation of financing or incentives from third party individuals, entities, foundations, etc. that assist in reducing the development costs or enhancing the project feasibility may receive up to 20 points.

Points	Amount of Local Financial Support
20	\$10,001 and over
15	\$7,501 to \$10,000
10	\$5,001 to \$7,500
5	\$1,000 to \$5,000

**7. Applicant Characteristics
(40 points maximum)**

Projects which include the following will be awarded the points indicated for each documented characteristic (maximum 40 points):

- a. 20 points: Participation by an entity with a demonstrated track record of quality experience in development or management of subsidized housing, or a new developer that contracts with a developer or consultant with a demonstrated record of quality experience in development or management of subsidized housing.
- b. 10 points: Participation by a minority or woman owned or operated business enterprise; to be considered a minority or woman owned or operated business enterprise, at least 51 percent of the sponsorship must be owned or operated by either a minority individual or a woman and documentation must be provided at time of the application.
- c. 10 points: Owner equity in excess of 10 percent of the total development cost, but cannot be in the form of a deferred developer fee.

Twenty-five points will be deducted from any project with respect to which the applicant or any member of the development team has any of the following characteristics:

- a. Within two years prior to the HOME/HTC application date, the applicant has made a significant change to another HTC, HOME or other SDHDA administered project without the prior approval of SDHDA; or
- b. Has unresolved compliance issues on other housing tax credit, HOME, HTF or other SDHDA administered projects.

Ten points will be deducted for any project whose developer/owner applied for additional SDHDA funding after receiving an initial reservation of funds. The deduction will occur for two annual funding rounds following the additional funding request. Applicants receiving this deduction are still eligible to receive points for a demonstrated track record of quality experience.

Further, for any project with these characteristics, the applicant shall not be eligible to receive points for a demonstrated track record of quality experience. The foregoing shall not limit the right of SDHDA to reject an application pursuant to Section III.F. APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS

**8. Service Enriched Housing
(40 points maximum)**

Projects providing verifiable on-site services to the tenants, which includes but is not limited to the following, may receive up to 40 points depending upon the extent of the services. Refer to Section X, Definitions for more information.

- a. Homeless
- b. Persons with physical disabilities
- c. Persons with mental disabilities
- d. Persons with developmental disabilities
- e. Housing for Older Persons 62 or older (Assisted Living or Congregate Care Facilities as defined under Definitions)

Families with children (Limited to projects providing full-time onsite daycare services and facilities).

9. Percentage of Soft Costs Used for Project Costs (30 points maximum)

Projects which provide the highest percentage of the credit dollar amount to be used for project costs other than the cost of intermediaries ("soft costs") will receive a maximum of 30 points. Soft costs include but are not limited to developers', attorneys', consultants', architects', engineers', accountants' and related professional fees, housing tax credit fees, reserve accounts, permanent loan fees, etc. Builder's profit will not be included in soft costs for this calculation.

Points	% of Soft Costs
30	0.00% - 9.99%
20	10.00% - 14.99%
10	15.00% - 19.00%
0	19.01% +

**10. Project Location
(40 points maximum)**

Projects located in close proximity of community services and areas of opportunity will be eligible for up to 40 points. Five points will be awarded for each category item. Close proximity will be defined as within one half mile of the property.

a. (20 Points) Community services include but are not limited to:

- Grocery/Retail Stores (5 points)
- Hospital/Medical Clinics (5 points)
- Schools for MF / Senior Center for Senior 55+ or 62+ (5 points)
- Special Service Offices (5 points)

A project that has a bus stop within one city block or provides free transportation to the tenants on a regularly scheduled (minimum 4 times per week) or on-call basis will receive 20 points. Projects that have on-call transportation services provided to tenants at reduced rates may receive 10 points.

b. (20 Points) Area of Opportunity (5 points for each achieved):

- Low Poverty Census Tracts – less than 10% poverty rate
- High Ratio of Jobs to Population – above the state average ratio
- Below Average Unemployment – less than the state unemployment rate
- High Scoring Schools – above average school performance index posted by South Dakota Department of Education

11. Individuals with Children

(10 points maximum)

Projects that will be serving tenant populations of individuals with children and provide written documentation at time of application will receive 10 points.

12. Public Housing Notification

(10 points maximum)

A proposal which provides a written commitment to notify local public housing agencies of vacancies and give priority to households on waiting lists of those agencies will receive 10 points.

C. READINESS TO PROCEED

SDHDA will allow up to 150 points to projects which, in its opinion, most clearly demonstrate readiness to proceed. The determination of readiness to proceed will be based on the following factors:

1. Plans and Specifications

(25 points maximum)

Applications containing architectural plans/working drawings that are at least 50 percent complete or a physical needs assessment that is completed by an independent or third party provider will receive 25 points.

2. Site Control

(25 points maximum)

Applications containing documentation that the applicant has a recorded warranty deed, a recorded long term lease, or an approval of Transfer of Physical Assets (TPA) from the appropriate HUD, Rural Development, or SDHDA office for existing projects, which is in the name of the applicant will receive 25 points. Applications containing documentation that the applicant has an enforceable, signed and accepted purchase agreement or option to buy will receive 15 points.

3. Financing

(60 points maximum)

a. Construction Financing (20 points maximum)

(Executed by Applicant and Lender)

Applications containing documentation of an enforceable construction or interim financing commitment for the project that is executed by the applicant and lender will receive up to 20 points.

b. Permanent Financing (20 points maximum)

(Executed by Applicant and Lender)

Applications containing documentation of enforceable permanent financing commitments with a fixed rate, a term of 15 years or more, and disclosure of all conditions will receive up to 20 points. Generally, an enforceable financing commitment is a written approval of a loan or grant from a lender which is subject only to conditions of which are within the applicant's control (other than the award of other funding). The loan commitment must contain a representation and acknowledgement from the lender that such lender has reviewed the housing tax credit application submitted by the applicant to SDHDA in support of the housing tax credit funds for the project to which such commitment relates and that such lender acknowledges that the project will be subject to rent restrictions, tenant income restrictions, and other special use restrictions agreed to by the applicant may receive up to 20 points.

A commitment with a fixed rate and term of less than 15 years will receive up to 10 points.

c. Equity Commitment (20 points maximum)

(Executed by Applicant and Equity Investor)

Applications containing documentation of an equity commitment disclosing all conditions may receive up to 20 points. The equity commitment must contain a representation and acknowledgement from the equity investor that such investor has reviewed the application submitted by the applicant to SDHDA in support of the credits for the project to which such commitment relates and that such investor acknowledges that the project will be subject to rent restrictions, tenant income restrictions, and other special use restrictions agreed to by the applicant.

4. Utilities (i.e. water, sewer, electric, heat (natural gas, electric, fuel oil)

(20 points maximum)

Applications containing documentation from utility providers stating utilities are currently at or immediately adjacent to the project site and have the capacity to support the proposed project. Documentation from the providers must be specific to the utility being provided and that the utility is at or adjacent to the project site and with sufficient capacity to serve the proposed project. Close proximity or that the utility can be extended to the site does not meet the requirement for points. A maximum of 5 points can be awarded for each category of water, sewer, electricity, and heat (electric, natural gas, or fuel oil).

5. Zoning

(10 points maximum)

Applications containing documentation that the project site is properly zoned or that zoning is not required within the jurisdiction for its proposed use will receive 10 points.

6. Platting

(10 points maximum)

Applications containing documentation that the final plat of the land has been recorded and includes reference to the plat book and number will receive 10 points.

D. PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

(200 points maximum)

Points will be awarded to proposed projects based on the points as detailed in Exhibit 4. A completed Exhibit 4 must be signed by the applicant and the architect and submitted with the application. Characteristics indicated by the applicant and the architect will be verified by SDHDA staff prior to issuance of IRS Form(s) 8609. A maximum of 200 points may be obtained.

E. INDIAN RESERVATION PROJECTS

(50 points maximum)

Projects located within the exterior boundaries of a designated Indian Reservation will receive 50 points.

F. TENANT OWNERSHIP – LEASE PURCHASE

(20 points maximum)

Projects intended for eventual tenant ownership will receive 20 points. Applicants must submit with their application the proposed management plan, including information on homebuyer counseling, calculation of future purchase price, and other information requested by SDHDA to evaluate the feasibility of the development.

**Applicants claiming points for Tenant Ownership are not allowed to claim points for Extended Use Commitment.

VIII. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applications must be submitted on the SDHDA HOME/Housing Tax Credit Application Form. Electronic submission of applications is encouraged and may be accessed by following the instructions the SDHDA website at <https://www.sdhda.org/housing-development/application-submission>. Applications may also be hand delivered or delivered via postal or private mailing service. Applications via facsimile or email will not be accepted.

If applying for funding under both the HOME and Housing Tax Credit Programs, an original and a copy of the complete application must be submitted. SDHDA may reject applications that are incomplete or that contain inaccurate information.

Applications for additional tax credits must also consist of a complete application with revised project information and the following submission items, as necessary to reflect all changes in the project.

The following items must accompany the completed HTC/HOME Application: All applications submitted must be signed by at least one general partner involved with the project.

1. Required Application Fee. Refer to Section IX.A. This fee is non-refundable.
2. A comprehensive market study of the housing needs of low-income individuals in the area to be served by the project. The market study must have been completed within six months of submission by a market analyst who is a disinterested party, has experience with multifamily rental housing and is approved by SDHDA. A South Dakota licensed appraiser who is currently MAI certified and meets the above criteria may also complete the market study. The minimum includable items to be addressed in the market study are listed in Exhibit 2. (A market study is not required for an application for additional tax credits)
3. A project narrative outlining the development characteristics (tenants being served, amenities provided, financing in place, etc.). The narrative is intended as a summary of the proposed project to assist SDHDA in reviewing the information in the application and exhibits.
4. Copy of letter sent to the chief executive officer of the local governing body, in the format prescribed in Exhibit 3. The letter must identify the number of units proposed, the type of units proposed and the exact location of the proposed project. All developers are encouraged to contact the city in which they intend to develop housing tax credit properties early in the development process.
5. Copy of utility allowance calculation and supporting documentation.
6. Pro forma for the Extended Use Period. The pro formas submitted must reflect a debt coverage ratio of not less than 1.20 in the first year that full expenses are in effect (i.e., after tax abatements have expired) and annually thereafter for the first 15 years or the term of the first mortgage financing, whichever is greater. The project must maintain no less than a 0.95 debt coverage ratio through the entire Extended Use Period. Compensating factors such as developer's experience, types of financing utilized, and financial strength of the applicant/owner may vary this requirement. Furthermore, the application must reflect that rental income, any subsidies and reserve funds are sufficient to cover the property's debt and operating expenses for the Extended Use Period. Annually, income must be trended at two percent, expenses and replacement reserves must be trended at three percent and vacancy must be projected at seven percent. A higher vacancy rate may initially be used for an acquisition/rehabilitation project if the project is currently sustaining higher vacancy and it is not reasonable to expect the project to achieve a seven percent vacancy within the first year.
7. Calculation and supporting documentation of all annual development expenses evidencing how the applicant arrived at the submitted amounts (e.g., calculation of real estate taxes from county assessor, insurance quotes). Applications requesting acquisition/rehabilitation or just rehabilitation tax credits may meet this requirement with the submission of historical financial statements.

Note: A property insurance quote must be submitted with the application detailing the insurance coverages and associated deductibles.

8. Applicant information, under Section VII.B.7., written evidence of applicant including but not limited to, the applicant's experience with housing and evidence of capacity to perform, based on other federal, state, and local programs and the ability to carry out the activities and requirements associated with this application. **Note:** If HOME or Housing Trust Fund funds are being requested, three years of annual financial statements of the applicant and the general partner or managing member must be included.
9. Site control, which may be evidenced by any of the following in the applicant's name:
 - a. Purchase agreement or option to purchase, signed by both the buyer and seller;
 - b. Warranty deed or title (please include a copy of the purchase agreement);
 - c. Long-term lease equal to or greater than the term of the Extended Use Period;
 - d. Contract for deed.

Prior to housing tax credit allocation, the applicant must provide an attorney's opinion that the applicant has ownership of the property as required and in accordance with Code Section 42.

Applicants are cautioned that **the reservation of tax credits are site specific**, therefore any changes to site may require a reevaluation of the application and reconsideration by the Board.

10. Drawing of proposed development site plan showing the general build-up of the site including the location of all proposed buildings, streets, parking areas, service areas, playgrounds, and any other significant details of the site.
11. The project floor plans and the layout of each individual type of apartment unit, office, and community room and other common areas or space.
12. Written evidence that the project site is properly zoned, that zoning is not required at the time of application, or that site is in the zoning process. Documentation must reflect the current status of the project's plat. The zoning should be confirmed or acquisition and/or rehabilitation applications.
13. A copy of the recorded plat or documentation that the site in the process of being platted.
14. Certification from the applicant that the local Public Housing Authority (PHA) has been notified of the proposed project in their service area. The certification must also give priority to households on the PHA waiting list in order to obtain points under Section VII.B.16.
15. If the applicant is a nonprofit, a description of the organization and its activities and completion of the Nonprofit Eligibility Questionnaire, Exhibit 5. The Nonprofit Eligibility Questionnaire must be completed to compete for funds in the Nonprofit Set-Aside.
16. Local area map indicating the location of the proposed development other affordable housing, assisted living facilities and proximity to services (hospitals/clinics,

schools/senior centers, grocery and retail stores, and special-services offices, etc.). Services must be indicated on the map to obtain points under Section VII.B.14.

17. Completed Exhibit 4 (Project Characteristics) and signed by the applicant and the architect to obtain points under Section VII.D.
18. Letter of intent evidencing preliminary arrangements for construction, interim, and permanent financing. Interim financing (bridge loan) fees will not be allowable project costs if financing is provided by an entity having an identity of interest with the developer, builder, syndicator, or applicant. Only interest costs at or below market rate will be allowed. To obtain points under Section VII.C. a letter of commitment (not intent), signed by both parties must be provided.
19. Letter of intent or documentation from equity provider evidencing preliminary arrangement for the purchase or syndication of the housing tax credits. To obtain points under Section VII. C. a letter of commitment, not intent, signed by both parties must be provided.
20. If the proposed permanent financing has repayment based on the availability of development cash flow, the applicant must submit a letter from a third party tax attorney or accountant addressing validity of the loan and ability of the owner to meet repayment terms of the loan.
21. Attorney's opinion stating that to the best of his or her knowledge, the applicant and all members of the development team (See Exhibit A of the HOME/Housing Tax Credit Application Form) are in good standing as described in Section III.F.
22. A copy of the contract between the Owner and the Consultant if applicable.
23. If the project underwriting requires the use of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) or an Operational Deficit Guarantee (ODG), the applicant must provide financial statements from the provider of the HAP/ODG documenting it has the financial capacity to provide the HAP/ODG.
24. Community Revitalization Plan: under Section VII.B.4., applicant must provide a copy of the Concerted Community Revitalization Plan, evidence that the proposed housing is a part of such plan, and documentation that the project site is located within a Qualified Census Tract.
25. Documentation of local financial support: under Section VII.B.6, written evidence of financial and local support must be provided.
26. Tenant Ownership (Lease Purchase): under Section VII.B.8., applicant must provide a copy of the proposed management plan including information on homebuyer counseling, calculation of future purchase price, and other information requested by SDHDA to evaluate the feasibility of the development.
27. Services to the Project: under Section VII.B.9., a letter of intent from the service provider detailing the services that will be provided to the tenants must be included. Homebuyer counseling services for a lease-purchase project will not be considered eligible for points under this category.

28. Individuals with Children: under Section VII.B.15., a written statement by the applicant, stating applicant's intention to serve individuals with children must be submitted.
29. Documentation that utility services: water, sewer, electricity, and heat (natural gas, electricity, or fuel oil) are currently or will be available at the project site and have capacity to serve the project.
30. If the applicant is proposing rehabilitation, or an acquisition and rehabilitation, of an existing property, the following items must be submitted.
 - a. Detailed description of the rehabilitation to be completed on the project site, on the exterior of the building, in the interior of each apartment unit, in all common areas, and the corresponding cost of such rehabilitation. The description of the rehabilitation must be detailed or the application may not be selected for an award of tax credits.

NOTE: If there are large variances between the original application, the appraisal, and physical needs assessment submitted for the reservation of tax credits, the award of tax credits may be withdrawn.

- b. Three years of historical financial information of the project being acquired and/or rehabbed. If the proposed transaction is an arms-length transaction the applicant may submit the last three years' income statement and balance sheet. If the proposed transaction is not an arms-length transaction, the applicant must submit three years audited financial statements. SDHDA may request additional years of financials or supporting documentation if necessary.
- c. Current (within 30 days of submission) tenant rent roll listing tenants, addresses, rent paid, subsidies received, etc.
- d. Properties with preexisting subsidy (any building substantially assisted, financed, or operated under the HUD Multifamily programs, SDHDA, or USDA Rural Development Program) must submit documentation to SDHDA of the following:
 - i. Balance of mortgage amount to be assumed or prepaid
 - ii. Copy of current project based rental assistance contract
- e. Attorney's Opinion stating that the project is eligible to receive acquisition tax credits as referenced in IRC 42(d)(2).
- f. If the applicant is claiming project with Historic Character, documentation must be provided that applicable buildings within a project qualify under the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C 470).
- g. A relocation plan must be submitted if tenants are currently occupying the property.

- h. Acquisition and rehab applications that include funding for HOME and or HTFs will have additional submission requirements for relocation. Please refer to those plans for the requirements.

31. HOME, HTF, and HOF Applications will have additional documents to submit. **HOME and HTF applications must submit a completed HOME and or a HTF Cost Allocation Tool for each funding program requested.**

32. Any other information requested by SDHDA.

B. RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants accepting a reservation of housing tax credits must execute and return the following documents by the date mandated by SDHDA in the Reservation and Binding Commitment Agreement:

1. Housing Tax Credit Conditional Reservation and Binding Commitment Agreement.
2. Affidavit executed by the appropriate party or parties, as authorized in the ownership entity's governing documents, stating that under penalties of perjury all facts and statements contained in all documents and exhibits submitted are true to the best of their knowledge.

Reservation Requirements Phase 1. Applicant must provide SDHDA with satisfactory evidence of the following by **January 31st** of the year following the notification of an award of tax credits:

1. Required Reservation Fee. Refer to Section IX.B. This fee is non-refundable.
2. Pro-forma provided to the applicant by SDHDA for the Extended Use Period signed by the applicant and lending institution to confirm status at reservation underwriting.
3. Information on the ownership entity, including an executed copy of the partnership agreement or articles of incorporation, and a copy of the certificate of registration from the Secretary of State in the State of South Dakota.
4. Copy of the Federal Employment Identification Number.
5. Any other information requested by SDHDA.

Reservation Requirements Phase 2. Applicant must provide SDHDA with satisfactory evidence of the following by **June 1st** of the year following the notification of an award of tax credits:

1. Signed documentation evidencing construction, interim, and permanent financing arrangements if not provided with the application or if changes have been made since the application was submitted.
2. Copy of the executed syndication agreement.
3. Description of any governmental assistance or rental assistance. This includes copies of any contracts or agreements executed or any applications made for rental assistance grants for the project.

4. Attorney's opinion indicating that the applicant is the owner of the property as required by and in compliance with the Code.
5. Copy of the owners and lenders title commitment or a copy of the owner's recorded warranty deed. For projects on tribally leased land a BIA Title Status Report must be provided.
6. Documentation that all buildings within the project have been individually surveyed and platted.
7. Physical Address of each building for which tax credits are issued.
8. Final project plans to include: site, engineer, mechanical, architectural, and civil plans and specifications stamped by the project architect and engineer.
9. Executed Owner's and Architect's Certification certifying that the development incorporates the design characteristics originally detailed in the application and that the project meets the Fair Housing and Section 504 Accessibility requirements. (This document is provided by SDHDA).
10. Copy of the executed construction contract.
11. Copy of the proposed management plan for the proposed development including a copy of the tenant lease to be utilized for the project. If the project is a lease-purchase, the management plan must include counseling programs for the homebuyers.
12. If new construction, an appraisal meeting USPAP standards evidencing the value of the land.
13. If the project involves acquisition and rehabilitation or Reconstruction of an existing property, the following documents must be submitted:
 - a. Appraisal meeting Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) completed by an independent, South Dakota certified appraiser and evidencing the value of the property as is and evidencing the value of the property upon completion.
 - b. A Physical or Capital Needs Assessment that provides a complete rehabilitation breakdown by each building and each individual unit. To include a specific listing of the following:
 - i. Project Site Work
 - ii. Building Exterior Work
 - iii. Building Interior Common Space
 - iv. Building Utilities
 - v. Individual Units – a detailed description of the work that will be completed in each individual unit.

SDHDA must approve the appraiser and inspector. (All appraisers must be registered with the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation. Registration information

can be found at: <https://dlr.sd.gov/appraisers/default.aspx>. All costs for appraisal and inspection will be paid by the applicant and may be included in total projects cost.

C. CARRYOVER REQUIREMENTS

In addition to meeting requirements of federal law, the owner must provide SDHDA with satisfactory evidence of the following no later than November 15th of the Allocation Year.

1. Written certification from the owner regarding the following Federal Housing Tax Credit Program eligibility requirements:
 - a. Date building is expected to be placed in service.
 - b. Intent to reserve applicable percentage of units for the entire Extended Use Period.
 - c. Intent to charge rents of no more than those allowable under the Code and IRS Revenue Procedures 94-57.
2. Written certification from an independent CPA, of the determined “reasonably expected basis” regarding the Federal Tax Credit Program eligibility requirements on which the reservation is given:
 - a. Eligible Basis (per building)
 - b. Qualified Basis (per building)
 - c. Applicable Fraction
 - d. Credit Amount Reserved for Project
 - e. Credit Percentage
 - f. Qualified Rents by Unit Size
3. If the project is an acquisition of a USDA Rural Development or HUD property, a letter from USDA or HUD must be received documenting its approval of the transfer of property ownership, the rental assistance contract, and the outstanding debt, if applicable.
4. If the development was funded under USDA Rural Development Rural Rental Housing Program, the applicant must submit a completed copy of USDA Form 3560-51 “Multiple Family Housing Obligation-Fund Analysis.”
5. 10 Percent Test Requirements:
 - a. Owner Cost Certification. A certified line-item expenditure of more than ten percent of the total project costs by the owner. The cost certification must be submitted on approved SDHDA forms.
 - b. CPA’s Cost Certification. Audited line-item expenditures of more than 10 percent of the total project costs by an independent CPA and/or tax attorney with a statement of non-affiliation with the developer and owner. If the developer’s fee is included in the carryover basis, the developer must be able to document to their CPA that the amount of the fee included has been earned, it has been paid, and it cannot exceed 20 percent of the carryover basis amount. The cost certification must be submitted on approved SDHDA forms.

A project which receives a reservation of housing tax credits after June 30th of the Allocation Year will have until November 15th of the following year, to meet the requirements of the 10 percent test.

6. Any other information requested by SDHDA:

D. FINAL COST CERTIFICATION/PLACED IN SERVICE

To verify the placed in-service dates, complete the final underwriting for the project, and issue IRS Form(s) 8609, the following documents are required to be submitted to SDHDA no later than 180 days after Project Completion.

1. Executed Declaration of Land Use Restrictive Covenants, which has been recorded with the Register of Deeds in the county in which the project is located. (This document will be prepared and mailed to the applicant after the applicant/owner has received a reservation of tax credits and taken ownership of the property).
2. Certificate of Occupancy issued by the appropriate government authority or temporary Certificate of Occupancy, if approved. If there is no issuing entity, a certification must be issued by a third-party architect, engineer, or other qualified party approved by SDHDA.
3. Certified line-item expenditures of the total project costs by the owner. Final cost certification must be submitted on approved SDHDA forms.
4. Owner's certification evidencing final amount of permanent financing and full amount of proceeds received from the syndication of tax credits.
5. Audited line-item expenditures of the total project costs by an independent CPA with a statement of non-affiliation with the developer and applicant. Final cost certification must be submitted on approved SDHDA forms.
6. The owner must obtain and provide to SDHDA, in accordance with the requirements of the Declaration of Land Use Restrictive Covenants agreement, the consent of any present or prior recorded lien holder on the development. The lien holder must acknowledge and consent to the restrictions filed on the development as covenants that run with the land. Such consent is a condition precedent to the issuance of Form 8609 and must be evidenced by copy of a title insurance policy.
7. Tenant listing for units occupied to date. The listing must include the tenant's name, unit occupied, rent charged, initial occupancy dates, and income levels.
8. Copy of most recent and approved Housing Assistance Payment contract or USDA Rural Development budget outlining the rents and utility allowances.
9. Copy of all final permanent finance documents to include but not limited to: bank loans, grants, federal or state finance programs, internal loans, deferred developer fee terms, other tax credits, and any other funding.
10. For rehabilitation projects, a final listing of rehabilitation completed by each unit and building. An executed Owner's and Architect's Certification certifying that the development incorporates the design characteristics originally detailed in the application and that the project meets the Fair Housing and 504 Accessibility requirements.

11. Certificate of Substantial Completion AIA Document G704 or similar document
12. A copy of the final architect field report evidencing project completion
13. A copy of the contractor's final draw request evidencing 100% project completion.
14. Documentation evidencing satisfactory completion of a housing tax credit compliance training by the property manager within the past three years. If the project is also financed with HOME and or HTFs, documenting satisfactory completing of a HOME and or HTF compliance training by the property manager within the past three years.
15. Documentation evidencing the owner and/or the property manager attendance at the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program administered through the South Dakota Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission.

Documentation evidencing satisfactory completion of fair housing training by the property manager within the past three years.
16. Required Allocation Fee. The allocation fee will be calculated by SDHDA after reviewing the final cost certification and making the determination of the actual amount of housing tax credits that will be allocated to the project. Refer to Section IX.C. This fee is non-refundable.
17. Any other information required but not submitted at time of Reservation, Carryover, or as requested by SDHDA.

Within 30 days of filing the initial tax return with the IRS, a copy of the completed IRS Form(s) 8609 must be submitted to SDHDA's Rental Housing Management division. Failure to return the completed form to SDHDA within the required timeframe is a form of noncompliance that will be reported by SDHDA to the IRS.

IX. FEES/FINES

The following fees are non-refundable.

A. APPLICATION UNDERWRITING

An application/underwriting fee of \$1,000 is due with the application for HTCs, HOME and HTF funds. If applying for HOME or HTF or both and no HTCs, a \$500 application fee is due.

B. RESERVATION

A reservation fee of three percent (3%) of the annual housing tax credit amount reserved is due within 60 days of notification from SDHDA of reservation of tax credits.

C. ALLOCATION

An allocation fee of seven percent (7%) of the annual housing tax credit allocation amount is payable at the time of final allocation. For those housing tax credit projects financed with bonds not issued by SDHDA, an allocation fee of 10 percent of the annual credit allocation is payable at the time of final allocation.

D. MONITORING

Annual fees of \$50 per development and \$30 per low-income unit, including all projects financed with bonds, are payable each year throughout the Extended Use Period. Annual fees will be imposed after the first full year in service, which is measured from the month the last building in the project is placed in service. The Housing Tax Credit Compliance Manual is available from SDHDA.

E. FINES

A fine of \$500 will be imposed if the Final Cost Certification/Placed in Service documentation (to include all required documents) is not submitted within 180 days of Project Completion. An additional fine of \$25 will be assessed each business day the documents are not submitted.

A fine of \$250 will be imposed on the third late monthly status report and on all subsequent late monthly status reports per Section III.K. Fines must be paid before IRS Form(s) 8609 will be issued.

X. DEFINITIONS

A. ALLOCATION YEAR

Allocation year refers to the calendar year from which housing tax credits are awarded to South Dakota.

B. AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)

The income determined by HUD on which household income and rent limits are based.

C. ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

Housing units that offer assistance with activities of daily living, including eating, bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene; three meals per day, every day of the week; supervision of self-administration of medication; laundry service; housekeeping; 24-hour staffing; and activities. Transportation to and from doctor's appointments and personal errands, counseling services, and companion services are optional.

D. COMMUNITY SERVICE FACILITY

Any facility designed to serve primarily individuals whose income is 60 percent or less of area median income.

E. COMPLIANCE PERIOD

To qualify for the tax credit, the taxpayer must provide low-income housing for 15 years, which means, with respect to any building, the period of 15 taxable years beginning with the first taxable year of the credit period with respect thereto (IRC 42(i)(1)).

F. CONCERTED COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PLAN

Locally approved revitalization plan targeting specified areas or neighborhoods within the community for housing and economic development through the new construction or rehabilitation

of existing housing. To qualify, the plan must be officially adopted by the local governing body, identify a specific time period, target a specific area within the community, identify plans for improved economic development and or infrastructure, and call for new construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing within the boundaries identified in the plan. Local housing need surveys, consolidated housing and/or economic development plans, annual NAHASDA report, plans created specifically to apply for economic development or housing loans and grants, short term work plans, municipal zoning, or land use plans do not qualify as Concerted Community Revitalization Plans.

G. CONGREGATE CARE FACILITY

Housing units that provide a semi-independent living environment offering residential accommodations, central dining facilities (where at least one meal a day is provided seven days a week), related facilities, and supporting staff and services to persons of at least 62 years of age or with disabilities.

H. CREDIT PERIOD

With respect to any building, the period of 10 taxable years beginning with the first taxable year in which the building is first placed in service or at the election of the taxpayer, the succeeding taxable year. These are the years the investor(s) are eligible to claim the tax credits. IRC 42(f)(1).

I. DISINVESTMENT

Withdrawal of capital that otherwise could have been utilized to sustain the viability of a project.

J. EXTENDED USE PERIOD

The period of time that an extended low-income housing commitment is in effect, beginning on the first day in the Compliance Period and ending on the later of the date specified by the state agency in the commitment or the date which is 15 years after the close of the Compliance Period or 30 years. An owner may increase the Extended Use Period 10 years to obtain points during the application process thus making the date 25 years after the close of the Compliance Period or a total of 40 years.

K. FAIR MARKET RENTS

Rents for existing housing for comparable units in the area established by HUD under 24 CFR Part 888.111. Rent determined by HUD to be the cost of modest, non-luxury rental units in a specific market area.

L. GOOD STANDING

Shall mean that the individual has not been (i) convicted of, entered into an agreement for immunity from prosecution for, or plead guilty, including a plea of nolo contendere, to: a crime of dishonesty, moral turpitude, fraud, bribery, payment of illegal gratuities, perjury, false statement, racketeering, blackmail, extortion, falsification or destruction of records or (ii) debarred from any South Dakota program, other state program, or any federal program.

M. GROSS RENT FLOOR

A provision that protects a property from having its maximum rents reduced to a level below the maximum rent level that was initially established for the property under the tax credit program. The initial maximum rent levels are those that are in effect when either (i) the credit allocation is

made or (ii) the building is placed in service and ready for use. The selection is made by the owner.

N. GROUP HOME

A congregate residential facility, other than a supervised apartment that provides residential services, training in skills needed for independent living, recreational activities, and basic supervision for individuals.

O. HISTORIC CHARACTER

Any project consisting of one or more buildings that qualify under the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C 470).

P. HOUSING FOR OLDER PERSONS

Housing intended and operated for occupancy by persons age 62 and older per 24 CFR Section 100.303 or age 55 and older per 24 CFR Section 100.304.

Q. IDENTITY OF INTEREST

An Identity of Interest means any relationship, including any financial, business, or family relationship, that the applicant or any member of the development team has with others involved in the project.

R. LEASE/PURCHASE PROJECT

A lease-to-own housing option. See definition of Tenant Ownership Project.

S. PROJECT COMPLETION

A project is considered complete when construction of all buildings within the project have been completed and all units are ready for occupancy as verified by the certificate(s) of occupancy.

T. QUALIFIED CENSUS TRACT

A census tract in which either 50 percent or more of the households have an income of less than 60 percent of the area median gross income for such year or there is a poverty rate of at least 25 percent. Refer to Exhibit 1.

U. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

A project that replaces an existing building's floor plan with an overall new floor plan for residential living units or that replaces an existing building's residential living unit plans with new residential living unit plans.

V. SERVICE ENRICHED HOUSING

Affordable rental housing projects that provide services and assistance directly to residents upon request. The services must be unique to the property, verifiable, provided on-site, long-term, and provided on a daily or continuous basis. The services may be provided by the owner, the management company, or a third-party organization but must be tailored to individual residents and managed by the property. There must be a definable increase in project development costs and or operating cost to the owner to be able to provide the services. The application must include a letter of intent from the service provider detailing the services to be provided, the tenants that will receive the services, the method of delivering the services, and the staffing for the service. Housing can be designated for, but not limited to the following;

- a. Homeless
- b. Persons with physical disabilities
- c. Persons with mental disabilities
- d. Persons with developmental disabilities
- e. Housing for Older Persons 62 or older (Assisted Living or Congregate Care Facilities as defined under Definitions)
- f. Assisted Living or Congregate Care Facilities as defined under Definitions

Services and assistance are not a requirement for tenancy but there must be a mechanism for immediate support and assistance when requested by any resident.

W. SINGLE FAMILY PROJECT

Project consisting of individual single-family dwellings or a project with one or more buildings containing four or less units per building.

X. SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY

Housing (consisting of single room dwelling units) that is the primary residence of its occupant or occupants. The unit must contain either food preparation or sanitary facilities (and may contain both) if the project consists of new construction, conversion of non-residential space, or Reconstruction. For acquisition or rehabilitation of an existing residential structure or hotel, neither food preparation nor sanitary facilities are required to be in the unit. If the units do not contain sanitary facilities, the building must contain sanitary facilities that are shared by tenants.

Y. SMALL PROJECT

Project of 16 units or less.

Z. TENANT OWNERSHIP PROJECT

A housing option designed to bring home ownership within reach of low and very low-income households while assisting local governments in addressing the need for more affordable homeownership. Residents must assume most of the property maintenance responsibilities, although a reserve fund will be established to cover major expenses. The residents sign a lease and a letter of understanding describing their opportunity to purchase the home upon expiration of the tax credit minimum rental period (15 years).

AA. TOWNHOUSE PROJECT

A multifamily housing project where each unit has no more than two common walls.

EXHIBIT 1
Qualified Census Tracts and
Difficult Development Areas

Reference: Federal Register / 9-21-23, Docket # FR-6421-N-01

IRC 42(d)(5)(B)(ii) Qualified Census Tracts: Effective January 1, 2024

Metropolitan Areas:

Rapid City	Tracts: 102.02, 103.00, 104.00, 105.00, 107.00
Sioux Falls	Tracts: 5.00, 11.09, 11.10

Nonmetropolitan Areas

Beadle County	Tract: 9569.00
Bennett County	Tracts: 9410.00, 9412.00
Brookings County	Tracts: 9589.00
Brown County	Tract: 9515.00
Buffalo County	Tract: 9402.00
Charles Mix County	Tract: 9402.00
Clay County	Tract: 9659.00
Corson County	Tracts: 9410.00, 9411.00
Dewey County	Tracts: 9415.00, 9417.00
Hughes County	Tract: 9779.00
Jackson County	Tract: 9412.00, 9611.00
Lyman County	Tract: 9401.00
Mellette County	Tract: 9403.00
Oglala Lakota County	Tracts: 9410.00, 9411.00, 9412.00
Roberts County	Tract: 9407.00
Todd County	Tracts: 9401.00, 9402.00
Ziebach County	Tract: 9416.00

IRC 42(d)(5)(B)(iii) Difficult Development Areas:

Metropolitan Areas:

None

Nonmetropolitan Areas

None

THIS EXHIBIT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON UPDATES FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

EXHIBIT 2
Market Analysis Requirements
for the Housing Tax Credit Program

In order to be accepted with an application, a complete comprehensive market study of the housing needs of low-income individuals in the area to be served by the project must be submitted. The market study must have been completed within six months of submission by a market analyst who is a disinterested party, has experience with multifamily rental housing, and is approved by SDHDA. A South Dakota licensed appraiser who is currently MAI certified and who meets the listed criteria, may also complete the market study. The market study must address in depth and include the following:

1. Review of proposed site including color photos of the site and adjoining property; definition of the primary and secondary market areas including a map that clearly marks the areas and an explanation of the basis for the boundaries; description of site characteristics including size, shape and general topography; and evaluation of the accessibility and visibility of the site.
2. Review of proposed development including the number of units by number of bedrooms and bathrooms, income levels to be served, rent to be charged, calculated utility allowances and amenities to be provided.
3. Review of existing community services and their proximity to the proposed development including a site map of such services.
4. Review and listing of existing multifamily developments in the market areas categorized by affordable housing (Section 8, HOME and Rural Development), housing tax credit and market rate units. The information must include the type of housing, location, number of bedrooms, number of bathrooms, size of units, condition of buildings, vacancy rates, waiting lists, amenities, utility allowances (whether included in rent or not), and rental rates.
5. Review of the total number of income eligible* individuals in the market area (include breakdown for households (both renters and owners) for the next five-year period, at 50 percent, 60 percent, and 80 percent of area median income) and projections of the same.
6. Review of projected new multifamily developments (affordable housing, housing tax credit and market rate) including number and type of building permits issued in the past three years.
7. Review of current population characteristics (such as total population, income levels, age breakdown and migration trends) and projection, for the next five-year period, of future changes to the population and its characteristics.
8. Review of the type of employment opportunities and entry-level wages including economic changes proposed that could potentially affect the number of jobs or wages.
9. Review of existing and projected renter- and owner-occupied households, including the total number of households, average number of persons per household, and number of

households that are rent burdened (tenants paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing).

10. Review of existing housing conditions and projected rental housing demands, including the breakdown of the number, size and rent level of units necessary to fill the demands of the community.
11. Review of meeting/correspondence with the local Public Housing Authority highlighting the utilization of Section 8 vouchers and the affordable rental housing in the corresponding effective market area.
12. Review of meeting correspondence with local planners, housing and community development officials and market participants to evaluate the local perception of the need for additional housing.
13. Executive Summary with a precise statement of key conclusions reached by the analyst. The statement must include the analyst's opinion of (i) market feasibility, (ii) the prospect for long-term performance of the property given housing and demographic trends and economic factors, (iii) recommended modifications to the proposed project, (iv) market related strengths and weaknesses, (v) positive and negative attributes and issues that will affect the property's lease up and performance, and (vi) the impact the subject property will have on the existing multifamily developments.

Income eligible tenants are defined as those tenants whose incomes are at or below the percent of median income option chosen by the applicant.

The following issues must be considered for each potential market before the development of additional units is pursued:

1. Whether the community experienced growth in recent years and is projected to continue to grow.
2. Whether there have been any significant changes in the economic arena for the area, such as major employers leaving or moving into the area or are expected to leave or move in. Note that the definition of "major" will vary by community.
3. A determination as to whether vacancies that may have existed prior to the population growth have been absorbed, or whether there are vacancies in the market area now. If there are the vacant units, they need to be evaluated to determine if they are obsolete, have deferred maintenance, have deep rental subsidies, or qualify for Section 8 Vouchers (if available).
4. Determine if the need is for housing for families, young professionals, retirees, or the elderly, and what the most suitable housing would be for the identified population; such as whether there is a need for single family homes, townhouse or condominium type housing units with lower maintenance requirements, independent apartments, congregate housing, or assisted living units. Also, determine if there are existing vacant units or structures in the community or region that could be rehabilitated or moved in to address the demand for housing in a more affordable manner than new construction.

5. A determination must be made as to whether there is a need for market rate housing or housing targeted to lower income households.

**EXHIBIT 3
LOCAL GOVERNING BODY NOTICE**

Applicant: Use this template for a letter to be submitted to the local governing body informing them of your application for this project. This will be the evidence of local notice. This letter must be submitted to the chief executive officer of the local governing body.

(Applicants Letterhead)

Date

To:
Address
Address

Re: (Project Name)

Dear Mayor,

I _____, [Insert name and title] am writing on behalf of the _____
_____ [Insert name of applicant] to notify you of the following proposed project:

_____ (Project Name)

_____ (Street Address)

_____ (Number of Units)

The project will be [Insert newly constructed or existing] units targeted to [Insert family or elderly].

The market study provided by the applicant which was undertaken by _____ and completed on _____ is available for your review. _____ (Applicant) will be applying to South Dakota Housing Development Authority for funding to assist in financing the development of the project described above.

If you wish to provide comments on this project, please provide them in writing by August 31st to:
South Dakota Housing Development Authority
Attn.: Chas Olson, Executive Director
PO Box 1237
Pierre, SD 57501

Name

Title

Signature

Date

**EXHIBIT 4
MULTIFAMILY PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS**

PROJECT NAME: _____

APPLICANTS ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UP TO 200 POINTS.

INDICATE IF THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE EACH CHARACTERISTIC BY PLACING AN X IN THE BOX TO THE LEFT OF EACH APPLICABLE LINE ITEM. NOTE: NO POINTS ARE ALLOWED FOR CHARACTERISTICS ASSOCIATED WITH PREVIOUS PHASES.

MINIMUM STANDARDS APPLY TO ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; HOWEVER, REHABILITATION OR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS SHOULD STRIVE TO MEET THESE MINIMUM STANDARDS.

Site Exterior		
Parking:		
	Minimum Standards	At a minimum, the parking lot will be engineered asphalt, having concrete curb and gutter where required. For multifamily developments, each unit shall have 1-1/2 parking spaces regardless of number of bedrooms. The number of handicap designated spaces must equal the amount of handicap units. In the event that local jurisdiction codes exceed this total then the local code supersedes these requirements. Garage counts as parking space(s).
	5 points	Increase number of parking spaces so each efficiency, 1 and 2 bedrooms units have 1-1/2 parking spaces and each 3 and 4 bedroom units have 2 parking spaces.
	10 points	Multi-family project that includes carports capable of parking at least 1 vehicle per unit or a garage for at least 50% of the units. At a minimum the carports are to be constructed of weather resistant steel, attached to footings or a thickened concrete slab, contain a concrete slab and meet minimum code design requirements.
	15 points	Multi-family project with off-street concrete parking lot that meets above requirements.
	25 points	Multi-family project that includes a garage capable of parking at least 1 vehicle for all units.
Sidewalks:		
	Minimum Standards	A concrete sidewalk will be provided from the primary entrance door and any accessible entry door to a public right of way.
Exterior Landscaping:		
	Minimum Standards	New Construction should have a minimum of a live landscaped area of no less than 5% of the hard surfaced area of the project site. Hard surface includes building pad as well as all sidewalks, parking lots and other hard finish areas.
	Minimum Standards	A minimum of a 4 foot downspout extension or 3 foot concrete splash block that positively discharges water away from the foundation at all downspout locations.

	5 points	Use of drought resistant live plants or Xeriscaping design principals or use of rain sensor irrigation for landscaped areas.
	10 points	Downspouts that are attached to a storm sewer system.
Building(s) Exterior		
Exterior Siding/Finish:		
	Minimum Standards	Minimum of 15-year pre-finish warranty 30-year substrate warranty solid cementitious or composite prefinished siding. If vinyl siding is used, it must be a minimum of 0.44 mil thick and have a lifetime warranty. Prefinished soffits, fascia, gutters and downspouts are required.
	10 points	At least 25% of building exterior finished in brick, stone, EIFS or stucco.
	25 points	At least 80% of building exterior finished in brick, stone, EIFS or stucco.
Roofing:		
	Minimum Standards	Minimum of 30-year warranty asphalt or composite shingle, 29ga metal roofing with a 40-year film and 30-year chalk/fade warranty or a rubberized roof system with a 30-year warranty for flat roofs.
	15 points	Use of UL 2218 Class 4 impact resistant shingles or 26ga UL 2218 Class 4 impact resistant metal roofing.
Windows/Doors:		
	Minimum Standards	Exterior prefinished windows constructed of vinyl, wood, composite or fiberglass with a 0.30 or lower U-factor.
	10 points	Windows scored with a 0.22 U-Factor or lower and a SHGC of 0.17 or greater.
	Minimum Standards	Window coverings or blinds shall be provided and installed.
	Minimum Standards	Exterior doors shall be insulated steel or composite in a metal clad or composite frame/brickmould. Unit entry doors without windows shall have a peephole installed with 180-degree view. Two peepholes are required on accessible units, one at 43" and one at standard height. All unit entry doors must be equipped with a deadbolt with 1" inch throw and strike plate installed with 2-1/2" or longer screws.
	Minimum Standards	Main entrances for projects containing interior accessed units must be equipped with an ADA/ABA compliant automatic door opener.
	20 points	Main entrances for projects containing interior accessed units designed with a foyer and equipped with a security access system.
	20 points	Townhomes that have exterior entrances with zero step entry for all units.
Construction and Energy Efficient Design Features		
Wall/Roof Assembly:		
	Minimum Standards	Slab on grade construction to have a minimum R-10 vertical foundation and horizontal perimeter under slab insulation per 2018 IECC. A minimum 6 mil or greater vapor barrier to be required under slab.

	Minimum Standards	2x6 exterior wall assemblies insulated to a minimum of R-20. Roof assembly to have minimum 12" energy heel trusses and insulated to a minimum of R-49 if attic space is present. If no attic space is present an R-30 is required in the roof. Rim/band joists to be insulated to the same R-value as the exterior walls. All assemblies must be constructed to the higher of the SDHDA minimum, local adopted code or the current state adopted IRC/IBC if no local code exists.
	10 points	All party walls and common walls containing at least 3.5" of sound attenuation
	10 points	Light weight concrete or Gypcrete surfacing on floors.
Special and Accessible Design Features:		
	15 points	Incorporation of the 7 Universal Design Principles in at least 25% of all units, not including Section 504 units. Universal design is the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design. Minimum universal design principals can be found on SDHDA website.
	35 points	Multi-family projects that have either a stand-alone Community Building or a Community Room, the room shall be 15 square feet per occupant, assuming 1-1/2 occupants per unit. The room shall include a fully functioning kitchen and a minimum of one unisex ADA compliant restroom. For calculation of the square footage of the space, only areas usable by occupants are to be included. The square footage of the kitchen, restroom, hallways, offices or storage cannot be used to meet minimum square footage requirement. At the discretion of SDHDA, partial points may be awarded for existing community buildings which meet the capacity requirements of the existing units served, plus the new proposed units in the application.
Energy Efficient Design Features:		
	20 points	HERS: Project scoring a HERS index of 60 or better as verified by a RESnet certified Rater. Lower is better.
	35 points	Energy Star: Whole project certification to the latest version of Energy Star for New Homes or Energy Star for Multifamily High Rise as verified by a 3rd party Energy Star certified rater. Project cannot take points for both HERS and Energy Star certifications.
	10 points	Installation of LED lights throughout interior and exterior of project.
Building Interior		
Unit Entry Doors:		
	Minimum Standards	The unit entry doors must meet the code requirement of the wall assembly containing it. It must include a peephole with 180-degree viewer or have a window and also a deadbolt with a 1" throw and strike plate installed with 2-1/2" or longer screws. Two peepholes are required on accessible units, one at 43" and one at standard height.
Unit Interior Doors:		
	10 points	Installation of solid core interior doors throughout units.

	5 points	Installation of metal jambs for interior doors throughout units. This option is only available if points are taken for solid core doors.
Floor Covering:		
	Minimum Standards	Roll carpet must meet the standards of HUD use of material bulletin 44D. VCT, Vinyl Plank, LVT, sheet vinyl, carpet squares, and other floor coverings must meet or exceed the ASTM standards for Resilient Floor Covering and carry a minimum of a 10-year Manufacturer Warranty. An aluminum or vinyl "J" trim must be installed at the tub/shower transition when sheet vinyl flooring is installed and sealed with a silicone sealant.
Laundry:		
	Minimum Standards	A common laundry room must be located in each building of a project and contain a window within or near the door. The laundry room must also include a continuous or humidistat-controlled ventilation system. Projects with townhomes or apartments without common laundry space must provide washer and dryer hook-ups within each unit.
	5 points	A common laundry room for each building floor and must meet above minimum standards.
	15 points	A washer and dryer provided for each unit.
Unit Bathrooms:		
	Minimum Standards	Minimum of one-half bath per floor for multi-story townhomes 2 or more bedrooms.
	Minimum Standards	Primary bath light and bathroom ventilation fan must be switched together.
	5 points	Installation of Energy Star qualified bathroom ventilation fan equipped with a humidistat. Humidistat must be incorporated within the fan and not at a wall switch.
	15 points	Installation of HVI certified HRV or ERV.
Appliances and Fixtures:		
	Minimum Standards	A minimum of a 14 cu. Ft. frost free refrigerator/freezer for all 0 or 1 bedroom units. A minimum of 18 cu. Ft. refrigerator/freezer for all 2 or more bedroom units. Dishwashers to be a minimum of 24" in width.
	Minimum Standards	Water Sense qualified faucets, toilets/urinals, showerheads. Kitchen faucets are required to meet the same Water Sense GPM standards as bathroom faucets.
	5 points	Range hood vented to the exterior of the building or an additional exhaust fan within 10' of range hood.
Mechanical		
Heating and Cooling:		

	Minimum Standards	At a minimum high efficiency cove heat. PTAC's are NOT allowed for new construction. Electric baseboard heat is allowed in new construction as back up heat only. 92% AFUE minimum gas furnace, VTAC's with 11.9 SEER2 or greater, Heat Pumps rated at HSPF of 8 or greater with a 14.3 SEER2 rating or higher (packaged or split). Programmable thermostats are required.
	Minimum Standards	All units must have Energy Star qualified through the wall air conditioning or central air conditioning rated at 14.3 SEER2 or better sized to properly cool the unit.
	5 points	Energy Star qualified central air conditioning or verified AHRI certificate with matching coil and condenser 15.2 SEER2 or better. Split systems must be Energy Star matched.
	20 points	Forced air furnace 96% or greater AFUE or Energy Star qualified Air-source or Ground Source heat pump capable of providing heat to -12 F. Split systems must be Energy Star matched.
NOTE: Proposed heat pump systems used for primary heat must be submitted for approval.		
Water Heating:		
	Minimum Standards	A minimum of a 0.92 UEF electric water heater in each unit. Atmospheric vented gas water heaters will not be allowed. Any central hot water systems must be submitted for approval.
	10 points	A gas condensing (close combustion, two-vent pipe system) or electric heat pump water heater provided for each unit.
Healthy Homes		
	Minimum Standards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low VOC paints, stains, adhesives and sealants. 2. Formaldehyde free insulation. 3. Formaldehyde free or sealed particle board products such as shelving, cabinets and countertops. 4. Lead detection and abatement. Only applies to rehabilitation projects. 5. Install a passive radon system. Test for radon near completion and if 4pCi/L or higher the system must be made active and re-tested until results are below 4pCi/L. 6. State of SD DANR asbestos requirements must be followed on rehabilitation
Electrical Standards		
	Minimum Standards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hardwired CO2 sensors required with installation of gas appliances. 2. The use of incandescent light bulbs is not allowed. 3. New construction or substantial rehabilitation of rental housing with more than four (4) units must incorporate the installation of broadband infrastructure.
Projects utilizing HOME, HTF or LIHTC funding will also be required to comply with the below requirements, unless noted otherwise. These do not apply to HOF and CHDP.		

	Minimum Standards	Multifamily rental project of 16-47 units must have at least one Section 504 compliant playground area. Projects of 48 or more units must have at least two Section 504 compliant playground areas. A basketball court, skate park or other like area approved by SDHDA would also qualify as a second playground. Three play components are required per playground area with a minimum of one ground level play component on an accessible route. If additional types of ground level play components are incorporated each type must be on an accessible route. This requirement does not apply to senior units or projects with only zero and 1 bedroom units.
	Minimum Standards	The project must have permanent signage installed with Equal Housing Opportunity and ADA logos and the identification of the developer and South Dakota Housing Development Authority. This requirement does not apply to single family housing.

	Minimum Standards	All projects containing more than 4 units must be compliant with Section 504 under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. All other housing must meet the requirements of the Fair Housing Act. Rehabilitation of multifamily housing containing 15 or more units and costing at least 75% of replacement cost must also meet Section 504. If the rehabilitation involves fewer than 15 units or the cost is less than 75% of the replacement cost of the completed facility and the recipient has not made 5% of its units in the development accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, then the requirements of 24 C.F.R. 8.23(b) – Other Alterations apply. Under this section, alterations to dwelling units shall, to the maximum extent feasible, be made readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. If alterations to single elements or spaces of a dwelling unit, when considered together, amount to an alteration of a dwelling unit, the entire unit shall be made accessible. Alteration of an entire unit is considered to be when at least all of the following individual elements are replaced: renovation of whole kitchens, or at least replacement of kitchen cabinets; and renovation of the bathroom, if at least bathtub or shower is replaced or added, or a toilet and flooring are replaced; and replacement of entrance door jams.
	5 points	Up to 15 points will be awarded for projects that create additional accessible units for individuals with mobility and/or sensory impairments. Mobility units must be added at a 2:1 ratio to the sensory units. A minimum of one additional unit must be added above the federal minimum requirements. Accessible units shall to the maximum extent feasible and subject to reasonable health and safety requirements, be distributed throughout projects and sites and shall be available in a sufficient range of sizes and amenities so that a qualified individual with handicaps' choice of living arrangements is, as a whole, comparable to that of other persons eligible for housing assistance under the same program. This shall not be construed to require provision of an elevator in any multifamily housing project solely for the purpose of permitting location of accessible units above or below the accessible grade level.
	10 points	

	15 points	Total Percent of Accessible Units 5 points - Above minimum requirements to 10.00% 10 points - 10.01% to 15.00% 15 points - 15.01% to 20.00%
	Minimum Standards	For new construction projects that must comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a UFAS or ADA compliant roll-in shower must be provided in at least 50% of the Section 504 mobility impaired accessible units or at least one.
	Minimum Standards	For projects utilizing \$250,000 or more of CPD funds combined (CDBG, HOME or HTF funds) the Build American Buy American Act will apply.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INDICATED CHARACTERISTICS WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE FINAL WORKING DRAWINGS AND THAT THEY MUST BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY OF THE PROJECT.

I CERTIFY THAT THE HOUSING WILL MEET THE ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF 24 CFR PART 8, WHICH IMPLEMENTS SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) AND COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS, AS DEFINED AT 24 CFR PART 100.201, MUST ALSO MEET THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS AT 24 CFR PART 100.205, WHICH IMPLEMENT THE FAIR HOUSING ACT (42 U.S.C. 3601- 3619).

APPLICANT DATE

ARCHITECT DATE

**EXHIBIT 4
SINGLE FAMILY PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS**

PROJECT NAME: _____

APPLICANTS ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UP TO 200 POINTS.

INDICATE IF THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE EACH CHARACTERISTIC BY PLACING AN X IN THE BOX TO THE LEFT OF EACH APPLICABLE LINE ITEM. NOTE: NO POINTS ARE ALLOWED FOR CHARACTERISTICS ASSOCIATED WITH PREVIOUS PHASES.

MINIMUM STANDARDS APPLY TO ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; HOWEVER, REHABILITATION OR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS SHOULD STRIVE TO MEET THESE MINIMUM STANDARDS.

General Project Scope		
	Minimum Standards	Single Family Project must include individual exterior storage units at a minimum of 8'x12' or a garage.
	10 points	Single Family project that includes a carport capable of parking at least 1 vehicle. At a minimum a carport is to be constructed of weather resistant steel, attached to footings or a thickened concrete slab, contain a concrete slab and meet minimum code design requirements. An 8'x12' shed is still required.
	25 points	Single Family Project that includes an attached or detached garage capable of parking at least 1 vehicle.
Site Exterior		
Parking:		
	Minimum Standards	Single family home developments must contain off-street parking for two vehicles. Garage counts as parking space(s).
Sidewalks:		
	Minimum Standards	A concrete sidewalk will be provided from the primary entrance door and any accessible entry door to a public right of way.
Exterior Landscaping:		
	Minimum Standards	New Construction should have a minimum of a live landscaped area of no less than 5% of the hard surfaced area of the project site. Hard surface includes building pad as well as all sidewalks, parking lots and other hard finish areas.
	Minimum Standards	A minimum of a 4 foot downspout extension or 3 foot concrete splash block that positively discharges water away from the foundation at all downspout locations.
	5 points	Use of drought resistant live plants or Xeriscaping design principals or use of rain sensor irrigation for landscaped areas.

Building(s) Exterior		
Exterior Siding/Finish:		
	Minimum Standards	Minimum of 15-year pre-finish warranty 30-year substrate warranty solid cementitious or composite prefinished siding. If vinyl siding is used, it must be a minimum of 0.44 mil thick and have a lifetime warranty. Prefinished soffits, fascia, gutters and downspouts are required.
	10 points	At least 25% of building exterior finished in brick, stone, EIFS or stucco.
	25 points	At least 80% of building exterior finished in brick, stone, EIFS or stucco.
Roofing:		
	Minimum Standards	Minimum of 30-year warranty asphalt or composite shingle, 29ga metal roofing with a 40-year film and 30-year chalk/fade warranty or a rubberized roof system with a 30-year warranty for flat roofs.
	15 points	Use of UL 2218 Class 4 impact resistant shingles or 26ga UL 2218 Class 4 impact resistant metal roofing.
Windows/Doors:		
	Minimum Standards	Exterior prefinished windows constructed of vinyl, wood, composite or fiberglass with a 0.30 or lower U-factor.
	10 points	Windows scored with a 0.22 U-Factor or lower and a SHGC of 0.17 or greater.
	Minimum Standards	Window coverings or blinds shall be provided and installed.
	Minimum Standards	Exterior doors shall be insulated steel or composite in a metal clad or composite frame/brickmould. Unit entry doors without windows shall have a peephole installed with 180-degree view. Two peepholes are required on accessible units, one at 43" and one at standard height. All unit entry doors must be equipped with a deadbolt with 1" inch throw and strike plate installed with 2-1/2" or longer screws.
	5 points	Installation of storm doors with a minimum 10-year structural warranty at all exterior entry doors. Not required at entry doors between garage and home with attached garages.
Entry:		
	Minimum Standards	Exterior entry landings to be a minimum 5'-0" x 5'-0" with stairs and railing constructed out of an exterior grade wood.
	10 points	Exterior entry landings and stairs with composite decking and railing with a minimum 25-year warranty that meets the above size requirements.
	15 points	Minimum of an 80 square foot deck with stairs and railing constructed out of an exterior grade wood at one exterior entry. Additional entries to meet the minimum standards in size and construction.
	20 points	Minimum of an 80 square foot deck with composite decking and railing with a minimum 25-year warranty at one exterior entry. Additional entries to meet the minimum standards in size above and have composite decking and railing.

Construction and Energy Efficient Design Features		
Wall/Roof Assembly:		
	Minimum Standards	Slab on grade construction to have a minimum R-10 vertical foundation and horizontal perimeter under slab insulation per 2018 IECC. Crawl spaces are to be sealed, insulated (min R-10) and conditioned.
	Minimum Standards	A minimum of a 6 mil or greater vapor barrier to be required under slab on grade, basement slab or crawlspace floor.
	Minimum Standards	2x6 exterior wall assemblies insulated to a minimum of R-20. Roof assembly to have minimum 12" energy heel trusses and insulated to a minimum of R-49. Rim/band joists to be insulated to the same R-value as the exterior walls. All assemblies must be constructed to the higher of the SDHDA minimum, local adopted code or the current state adopted IRC/IBC if no local code exists.
	15 points	2x6 exterior wall assemblies insulated to a minimum of R-20 cavity insulation and an R-5 continuous insulation or a 2x4 exterior wall assembly insulated to a minimum of R-13 cavity insulation and an R-10 continuous insulation.
Special and Accessible Design Features:		
	15 points	Incorporation of the 7 Universal Design Principles in at least 25% of all units, not including Section 504 units. Universal design is the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design. Minimum universal design principals can be found on SDHDA website.
	35 points	Multi-family projects that have either a stand-alone Community Building or a Community Room, the room shall be 15 square feet per occupant, assuming 1-1/2 occupants per unit. The room shall include a fully functioning kitchen and a minimum of one unisex ADA compliant restroom. For calculation of the square footage of the space, only areas usable by occupants are to be included. The square footage of the kitchen, restroom, hallways, offices or storage cannot be used to meet minimum square footage requirement. At the discretion of SDHDA, partial points may be awarded for existing community buildings which meet the capacity requirements of the existing units served, plus the new proposed units in the application.
Energy Efficient Design Features:		
	20 points	HERS: Project scoring a HERS index of 60 or better as verified by a RESnet certified Rater. Lower is better.
	35 points	Energy Star: Whole project certification to the latest version of Energy Star for New Homes or Energy Star for Multifamily High Rise as verified by a 3rd party Energy Star certified rater. Project cannot take points for both HERS and Energy Star certifications.
	10 points	Installation of LED lights throughout interior and exterior of project.

Building Interior		
Unit Interior Doors:		
	10 points	Installation of solid core interior doors throughout units.
	5 points	Installation of metal jambs for interior doors throughout units. This option is only available if points are taken for solid core doors.
Floor Covering:		
	Minimum Standards	Roll carpet must meet the standards of HUD use of material bulletin 44D. VCT, Vinyl Plank, LVT, sheet vinyl, carpet squares, and other floor coverings must meet or exceed the ASTM standards for Resilient Floor Covering and carry a minimum of a 10-year Manufacturer Warranty. An aluminum or vinyl "J" trim must be installed at the tub/shower transition when sheet vinyl flooring is installed and sealed with a silicone sealant.
Laundry:		
	Minimum Standards	Laundry space/room must be provided with washer and dryer hook-ups and dryer venting to the exterior.
	15 points	A washer and dryer provided for each unit.
Unit Bathrooms:		
	Minimum Standards	Minimum of one-half bath per floor for single family dwellings containing 2 or more bedrooms.
	Minimum Standards	Primary bath light and bathroom ventilation fan must be switched together.
	5 points	Installation of Energy Star qualified bathroom ventilation fan equipped with a humidistat. Humidistat must be incorporated within the fan and not at a wall switch.
	15 points	Installation of HVI certified HRV or ERV.
Appliances and Fixtures:		
	Minimum Standards	A minimum of a 14 cu. Ft. frost free refrigerator/freezer for all 0 or 1 bedroom units. A minimum of 18 cu. Ft. refrigerator/freezer for all 2 or more bedroom units. Dishwashers to be a minimum of 24" in width.
	Minimum Standards	Water Sense qualified faucets, toilets/urinals, showerheads. Kitchen faucets are required to meet the same Water Sense GPM standards as bathroom faucets.
	5 points	Range hood vented to the exterior of the building or an additional exhaust fan within 10' of range hood.
Mechanical		
Heating and Cooling:		
	Minimum Standards	At a minimum high efficiency cove heat. PTAC's are NOT allowed for new construction. Electric baseboard heat is allowed in new construction as back up heat only. 92% AFUE minimum gas furnace, VTAC's with 11.9 SEER2 or greater, Heat Pumps rated at HSPF of 8 or greater with a 14.3 SEER2 rating or higher (packaged or split). Programmable thermostats are required.

	Minimum Standards	All units must have Energy Star qualified through the wall air conditioning or central air conditioning rated at 14.3 SEER2 or better sized to properly cool the unit.
	5 points	Energy Star qualified central air conditioning or verified AHRI certificate with matching coil and condenser 15.2 SEER2 or better. Split systems must be Energy Star matched.
	20 points	Forced air furnace 96% or greater AFUE or Energy Star qualified Air-source or Ground Source heat pump capable of providing heat to -12 F. Split systems must be Energy Star matched.
NOTE: Proposed heat pump systems used for primary heat must be submitted for approval.		
Water Heating:		
	Minimum Standards	A minimum of a 0.92 UEF electric water heater in each unit. Atmospheric vented gas water heaters will not be allowed. Any central hot water systems must be submitted for approval.
Healthy Homes		
	Minimum Standards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low VOC paints, stains, adhesives and sealants. 2. Formaldehyde free insulation. 3. Formaldehyde free or sealed particle board products such as shelving, cabinets and countertops. 4. Lead detection and abatement. Only applies to rehabilitation projects. 5. Install a passive radon system. Test for radon near completion and if 4pCi/L or higher the system must be made active and re-tested until results are below 4pCi/L. 6. State of SD DANR asbestos requirements must be followed on rehabilitation
Electrical Standards		
	Minimum Standards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hardwired CO2 sensors required with installation of gas appliances. 2. The use of incandescent light bulbs is not allowed. 3. New construction or substantial rehabilitation of rental housing with more than four (4) units must incorporate the installation of broadband infrastructure.
Projects utilizing HOME, HTF or LIHTC funding will also be required to comply with the below requirements, unless noted otherwise. These do not apply to HOF and CHDP.		

	Minimum Standards	All projects containing more than 4 units must be compliant with Section 504 under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. All other housing must meet the requirements of the Fair Housing Act. Rehabilitation of multifamily housing containing 15 or more units and costing at least 75% of replacement cost must also meet Section 504. If the rehabilitation involves fewer than 15 units or the cost is less than 75% of the replacement cost of the completed facility and the recipient has not made 5% of its units in the development accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, then the requirements of 24 C.F.R. 8.23(b) – Other Alterations apply. Under this section, alterations to dwelling units shall, to the maximum extent feasible, be made readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. If alterations to single elements or spaces of a dwelling unit, when considered together, amount to an alteration of a dwelling unit, the entire unit shall be made accessible. Alteration of an entire unit is considered to be when at least all of the following individual elements are replaced: renovation of whole kitchens, or at least replacement of kitchen cabinets; and renovation of the bathroom, if at least bathtub or shower is replaced or added, or a toilet and flooring are replaced; and replacement of entrance door jambs.
	10 points	A gas condensing (close combustion, two-vent pipe system) or electric heat pump water heater provided for each unit.
	5 points	Up to 15 points will be awarded for projects that create additional accessible units for individuals with mobility and/or sensory impairments. Mobility units must be added at a 2:1 ratio to the sensory units. A minimum of one additional unit must be added above the federal minimum requirements. Accessible units shall to the maximum extent feasible and subject to reasonable health and safety requirements, be distributed throughout projects and sites and shall be available in a sufficient range of sizes and amenities so that a qualified individual with handicaps' choice of living arrangements is, as a whole, comparable to that of other persons eligible for housing assistance under the same program. This shall not be construed to require provision of an elevator in any multifamily housing project solely for the purpose of permitting location of accessible units above or below the accessible grade level.
	10 points	
	15 points	Total Percent of Accessible Units 5 points - Above minimum requirements to 10.00% 10 points - 10.01% to 15.00% 15 points - 15.01% to 20.00%
	Minimum Standards	For new construction projects that must comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a UFAS or ADA compliant roll-in shower must be provided in at least 50% of the Section 504 mobility impaired accessible units or at least one.
	Minimum Standards	For projects utilizing \$250,000 or more of HOME or HTF funds the Build American Buy American Act will apply.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INDICATED CHARACTERISTICS WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE FINAL WORKING DRAWINGS AND THAT THEY MUST BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY OF THE PROJECT.

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APPLICANT

DATE

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DATE

EXHIBIT 5
Nonprofit Eligibility Questionnaire

Part III, Section C, of this Plan and Section §42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the "Code") set-asides tax credits for participation of a nonprofit organization in the development of qualified low-income housing. The following questionnaire must be completed in order to qualify for the set-aside.

A. General Information.

Name of Project: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Nonprofit Entity: _____

Principal Place of Business of Nonprofit Entity: _____

_____ 501 (c) (3)

_____ 501 (c) (4)

_____ Exempt from taxation under 501 (a)

1. Date of legal formation of Nonprofit: _____

_____ Evidenced by the following documentation (include Articles of Incorporation): ____

2. Date of IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determination letter: _____

Copy attached: Yes _____ No _____ If no, why: _____

(Note: If the information requested in a. and b. above are not yet available because the Nonprofit is not yet formed, such information must be submitted prior to an allocation of tax credits.)

3. Expected life (in years) of Nonprofit: _____

Charitable Purposes (must include provision of low-income housing): _____

4. Is the Nonprofit assured of owning an interest in the Project (either directly or through a wholly owned subsidiary) throughout the Compliance Period (as defined in §42(i) (1) of the Code)? Yes _____ No _____.

If yes, describe the Nonprofit's ownership interests with particularity: _____

5. Is the Nonprofit participating in the construction or rehabilitation, operation or management at the proposed Development? Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, (i) describe the nature and extent of the Nonprofit's proposed involvement in the construction or rehabilitation of the project: _____

(ii) Describe the nature and extent of the Nonprofit's involvement in the operation of the project throughout the Extended Use Period (the entire time period of occupancy restrictions on the low-income units in the project): _____

B. Additional Information

Answers to the following questions will be used in the evaluation of whether or not an applicant meets such requirements to receive tax credits from the Nonprofit Pool (attach additional sheets as necessary to complete each question).

1. Substantial Nonprofit Ownership Interest.

The Nonprofit must have a substantial ownership interest in the project.

a. Does the Nonprofit own an interest in the project, which constitutes not less than 10 percent interest in both the income and profit allocated to all of the general partners and in all items of cash flow distributed to the general partners of the Development (or will it own such an interest prior to allocation of tax credits)? Yes _____ No _____

a. Is the Nonprofit assured of receiving not less than 10 percent of all fees paid to all of the general partners in connection with the project? Yes _____ No _____

2. Affiliation with or Control by a For-Profit Entity.

The Nonprofit may not be affiliated with or controlled by any for-profit organization.

a. Has any for-profit organization (including the Owner of the project or any individual or entity directly or indirectly related to such Owner) appointed any directors to the governing board of the Nonprofit? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, explain: _____

b. Does any for-profit organization have the right to make such appointments? Yes _____ No _____

b. Does any for-profit organization have any other affiliation with the Nonprofit or have any other relationship with the Nonprofit in which it exercises or has the right to exercise any other type of control?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, explain: _____

3. Purpose of Formation of the Nonprofit.

The Nonprofit may not be or have been formed by any individual(s) or for-profit entity for the principal purpose of being included in the Nonprofit Pool. (The answers to these questions may also be relevant to #2 above.)

a. Past experience of the Nonprofit including, if applicable, the past experience of any other nonprofit organization(s) ("Related Nonprofit(s)") of which the Nonprofit is a subsidiary or to which the Nonprofit is otherwise related (by shared directors, staff, etc.): _____

b. If you included in your answer to the previous question information concerning any Related Nonprofit, describe the date of legal formation thereof, the date of IRC 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) status, its expected life, its charitable purposes and its relationship to the Nonprofit _____

c. Anticipated future activities of the Nonprofit: _____

d. Number of full-time staff members of the Nonprofit and, if applicable, any Related Nonprofit (please specify): _____
Describe their duties: _____

e. Number of volunteers of the Nonprofit and, if applicable, any Related Nonprofit (please specify): _____
Describe the type and extent of their activities: _____

f. Sources and manner of funding of the Nonprofit (you must disclose all financial arrangements with any individual(s) or for-profit entity, including anyone or any entity related, directly or indirectly, to the Owner of the *project*): _____

g. List all general partners of the Owner of the project (one must be the Nonprofit) and the relative percentages of their interests: _____

h. List all directors of the Nonprofit and their occupations: _____

i. Disclose any business or personal (including family) relationships that any of the staff members, directors or other principals involved in the formation or operation of the Nonprofit have, either directly or indirectly, with any persons or entities involved or to be involved in the project on a for-profit basis including, but not limited to, the Owner of the project, any of its for-profit general partners, employees, limited partners or any other parties directly or indirectly related to such Owner: _____

The undersigned Owner and Nonprofit hereby each certify that, to the best of its knowledge, all of the foregoing information is correct, complete and accurate.

Date

Applicant

By: _____

Its: _____

Date

Nonprofit

By: _____

Its: _____

Note: If the Nonprofit is not yet formed at the time this questionnaire is submitted, this questionnaire must accompany the Application with the information requested in A.1. (a) and (b) and signed by the Nonprofit.

**Exhibit 6
Self-Scoring Worksheet**

		Sub Points	Points Available	Project Points
A	LOCAL HOUSING NEED			
	Need		150	
B	PRIMARY SELECTION CRITERIA			
1	Deep Income Targeting		100	
	a. 20% of at 50% AMI and rents at FMR	25		
	b. 10% of Units at 50% AMI	25		
	c. 7% of Units at 40% AMI	25		
	d. 3% of units at 30% AMI	25		
2	Extended Use Commitment (10 years)		30	
3	Construction Type		60	
	a. Rehabilitation	40		
	b. Reconstruction	20		
	c. Rehabilitation or Reconstruction with Historic Nature	20		
	d. New Construction or Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Senior Housing 55+ and 62+	20		
	e. New Construction Assisted Living Facility	20		
	f. New Construction Congregate Care Facility	20		
	g. New Construction with 16 units or less per building	10		
4	Concerted Community Revitalization Plan		20	
	a. And in a Qualified Census Tract	20		
5	Mixed Income		30	
	a. 20.01 to 49.99%	30		
	b. 10.01% to 20.00%	20		
	b. 5.00% to 10.00%	10		
6	Financial Support from Local Sources		20	
	a. \$10,001 and over	20		
	b. \$7,501 to \$10,000	15		
	c. \$5,001 to \$7,500	10		
	e \$1,000 to \$5,000	5		
7	Applicant Characteristics		40	
	a. Developer Experience - Track Record	20		
	b. Minority or Woman Owned/Operated	10		
	c. Owner Equity of 10.00% or more	10		
	d. Deduction if not in "Good Standing"	-25		
	e. Deduction for additional SDHDA funding request after reservation	-10		

9	Service Enriched Housing			40
	a. Homeless			
	b. Physically Disabled			
	c. Mentally Disabled			
	d. Developmentally Disabled			
	e. Frail Elderly (congregate care)			
	f. Families with Children with Daycare			
13	Soft Cost Ratio			30
	a. 0.00% to 9.99%	30		
	b. 10.00% to 14.99%	20		
	c. 15.00% to 19.00%	10		
14	Project Location			40
	Community Services			
	Grocery or Retail	5		
	Hospitals or Medical Clinics	5		
	Schools or Senior Centers as per project	5		
	Special or Social Services Offices	5		
	Area of Opportunity			
	Low Poverty	5		
	High Job Ratio	5		
	Low Unemployment	5		
	Good Schools	5		
15	Individuals with Children			10
16	Public Housing Authority Notification			10
C	READINESS TO PROCEED			
1	Plans and Specifications			25
2	Site Control			25
3	Financing Commitments			60
	a. Construction Financing Commitment	20		
	b. Permanent Financing Commitment	20		
	c. Equity Commitment	20		
4	Utilities			20
5	Zoning			10
6	Platting			10
D	PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS			
	Design Characteristics			200
E	TRIBAL PROJECTS			
	Projects located within reservation boundaries			50
F	TENANT OWNERSHIP			
	Lease purchase projects			20

	TOTAL		1000	
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Exhibit 7 Application Checklist

The following items must be submitted with the completed application form to ensure a complete application is received by SDHDA. Please refer to the QAP and application for clarification of any submission items.

Submission Item	Enclosed	Meet SDHDA requirements
1. HTC/HOME Completed & Signed Application	_____	_____
2. Application Fee of \$1,000 or \$500	_____	_____
3. Market Study	_____	_____
4. Project Narrative	_____	_____
5. Chief Executive Officer Notification	_____	_____
6. Utility Allowance Calculation	_____	_____
7. Pro-forma	_____	_____
8. Documentation of Operating Expenses	_____	_____
9. Evidence of Applicant's Characteristics	_____	_____
10. Site Control	_____	_____
11. Architectural Site Plan	_____	_____
12. Architectural Floor and Unit Plan	_____	_____
13. Zoning Letter	_____	_____
14. Project Plat	_____	_____
15. PHA Notification	_____	_____
16. Nonprofit Questionnaire	_____	_____
17. Local Area Map – Project Location	_____	_____
18. Local Area Map – Areas of Opportunity	_____	_____
19. Executed Project Characteristics (Exhibit 4)	_____	_____
20. Evidence of Construction Financing	_____	_____
21. Evidence of Permanent Financing	_____	_____
22. Evidence of Equity Commitment	_____	_____
23. Legal Opinion of Cash Flow Mortgage	_____	_____
24. Legal Opinion of Good Standing	_____	_____
25. Consultant Contract	_____	_____
26. Documentation of HAP/ODG if necessary	_____	_____
27. Copy of Community Revitalization Plan	_____	_____
28. Documentation of Qualified Census Tract	_____	_____
29. Evidence of Local Financial Support	_____	_____
30. Lease Purchase Management Plan	_____	_____
31. Service Provider Letters	_____	_____
32. Intent to Serve Families with Children	_____	_____
33. Availability of Utility Service	_____	_____
34. Acquisition Rehab Projects	_____	_____
a. Detailed Rehabilitation Listing	_____	_____
b. Three Years Historical Financials	_____	_____
c. Current Tenant Rent Roll	_____	_____
d. Documentation of Federal Subsidy	_____	_____
e. Legal Opinion for Acquisition Credits	_____	_____

- f. Documentation of Historical Character _____
- g. Tenant Questionnaire _____
- h. Tenant Relocation Plan _____
- i. Lead Based Paint Disclosure _____

- 35. HOME Match Exhibit 7 _____
- 36. HOME Cost Allocation Tool _____
- 37. HTF Supplemental Application _____
- 38. HTF Cost Allocation Tool _____
- 39. CHDO Supplemental Application _____
- 40. HOF Supplemental Application _____

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