2022 LIHTC Application Round FAQs
Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (updated 11/24/2021)

Below you will find Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the 2022-2023 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) round with a focus on **Mandatory and Scoring Requirements in Energy Efficiency and Sustainability.** The FAQs will be updated with new questions on an ongoing basis. Please submit any additional questions to multifamilyfin@ihda.org.

Project Application – Mandatory Components Enterprise Green Communities

Can you clarify what community charette / coordination meetings you require to be completed prior to the PPA?
- Please refer to the Enterprise Guide for Criterion 1.2. An integrative process could include green charette(s), preconstruction coordination planning meeting(s), construction coordination meeting(s), resident engagement/community meeting(s). A summary and documentation from any or all of these will be sufficient.

If you plan on doing more than the Enterprise Communities mandatory requirements for the application, do you still have to submit the items on the Enterprise Communities workbook that are identified on it as being required at PPA submission?
- No. It is encouraged to note in your PPA application which certification you will be pursuing. The PPA required criteria are not necessary to submit if you are pursuing third-party certification at Project Application.

Does Demand Responsive Transit meet the mandatory Enterprise Communities half mile public transportation requirement?
- Yes, DRT can meet the mandatory requirement if it is within 0.5 mile walking distance of the housing site and records or reports from the transit agency can show the service has the capacity to provide at least 45 or more transit services each weekday.

Under neighborhood assets, can you confirm that a project must first comply with EGC mandatory requirements for access to assets, and that in order to score points any assets listed would be in addition to the mandatory EGC assets. And also confirm that projects must first meet food access requirement, any scoring item related to food access would be in addition to mandatory food access item
- Once the mandatory criteria for EGC and food access are met, sites that have additional desirable neighborhood characteristics and amenities can score up to five points, depending on the proximity to the subject. Scoring is a maximum of one point per category: Food access, Health & Wellness, Education & Culture, Mobility, Civic & Culture Facilities, Retail, and Services.

Is the IHDA Green Community Workbook required to be submitted at PPA stage?
- This Workbook is required at PPA
- Please see the most current PPA checklist to confirm.

The Enterprise Mandatory IHDA checklist doesn't have a selection for a point that is not applicable. Do we leave it blank? Select 'no'?
- You may leave that section on the checklist blank; you can leave the submission box empty or state, for example, "N/A – Rehab project."

<u>Project Application – Scoring Components Energy Efficiency and Sustainability</u>

<u>Which NGBS level is required for the 10 points?</u>
- NGBS Emerald is required to earn 10 points.

<u>Do you accept LEED v4 instead of v4.1? LEED v4.1 is currently not available for LEED-Homes Low-rise or LEED Midrise in the U.S.?</u>
- Yes, if a project meets a low rise or midrise definition, IHDA expects a project to use the most updated version applicable**.**