



# 2023 LIHTC Application Round FAQs

## *Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (updated 2/2/2023)*

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](mailto: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, but please submit a memo with your PPA stating 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."



### What should I submit as proof of project registration with Enterprise Green Communities?

- One of the following will be acceptable to provide proof of registration:
  1. A screenshot of the first page of the certification application in the green portal, the “Project Overview” tab. This view includes high level information about the project and team and some details of the proposed development.

Project Overview

Save Progress Save & Proceed

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: Shelby's test project NC

Name of Co-Sponsor or JV Partner: [Empty]

Street Address: [Empty]

City: [Empty]

State: --Please select one--

Type of Project: --Please select one--

Number of Buildings: 1

Total Project Square Feet: 0

2. A screen shot of the project’s status on the “Green Developments” tab available on a team member’s portal home screen. This shows the project name, type, and basic status information for the application, as well as the auto-assigned certification ID number that may be a useful reference moving forward.

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| Shelby's test project NC<br>2020-NC-003965<br>Certification Workbook 2020 | Shelby<br>O'Neill | Austin<br>Amandolia | In<br>Progress | 0/16 | No |
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### Project Application – Scoring Components Energy Efficiency and Sustainability

#### Which NGBS level is required for the 7 points?

- NGBS Emerald is required to earn 7 points.

#### 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.?

- Yes, if a project meets a low rise or midrise definition, IHDA expects a project to use the most updated version applicable.