



LIHTC Advocacy

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Who is allocating LIHTCs?

- Housing credit agencies
- 54 across the country
 - All but 5 have boards of directors ranging in size from 5-19
 - Appointed/confirmed by some combination of the government and legislatures (limited exceptions)
 - Many have ex officio members

Who is allocating LIHTCs?

- Get to know the board members!
- Get to know the legal staff at the crediting agencies!
 - Invite them to participate at CLE and Bar activities
 - Recognize them for good work
- ***Working relationships with the agency board and staff is key to success.***

So you really want to allocate LIHTCs?

- Qualified Allocation Plan
 - Uses selection criteria to determine housing priorities appropriate to local conditions
 - Gives preference among projects
 - Serving lowest income tenants
 - Serving qualified tenants for the longest periods
 - Located in a qualified census tract and contributing to a **concentrated community revitalization plan**
- [Pennsylvania's QAP](#)

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Additional selection criteria:

- Project location
- Housing needs characteristics
- Part of a community revitalization plan or uses existing housing
- Sponsor characteristics
- Special housing needs
- Public housing wait lists
- Tenant populations of individuals w/ children
- Projects intended for eventual tenant ownership
- Energy efficiency
- Historic Nature

LIHTC is the “Go To” Program

- Ending Street Homelessness: Permanent Supportive Housing
- Transition out of Institutions
- Restructure traditional public housing, i.e. Hope 6 and RAD
- Develop housing for youth aging out of foster care
- Preserve affordable housing developments
- Create lease/purchase opportunities
- Create housing for victims of domestic violence
- Create housing in areas of opportunity
- Create housing for young adults w/ autism
- Create supportive housing for seniors
- Create housing for veterans
- Create housing for LGBT youth
- Create housing for large families
- Use affordable housing as a part of community revitalization efforts
- Create housing choices for people w/ disabilities
- Re-entry housing
- Rural housing
- And more!



Thank you