



2025-2026 qualified allocation plan (qap)

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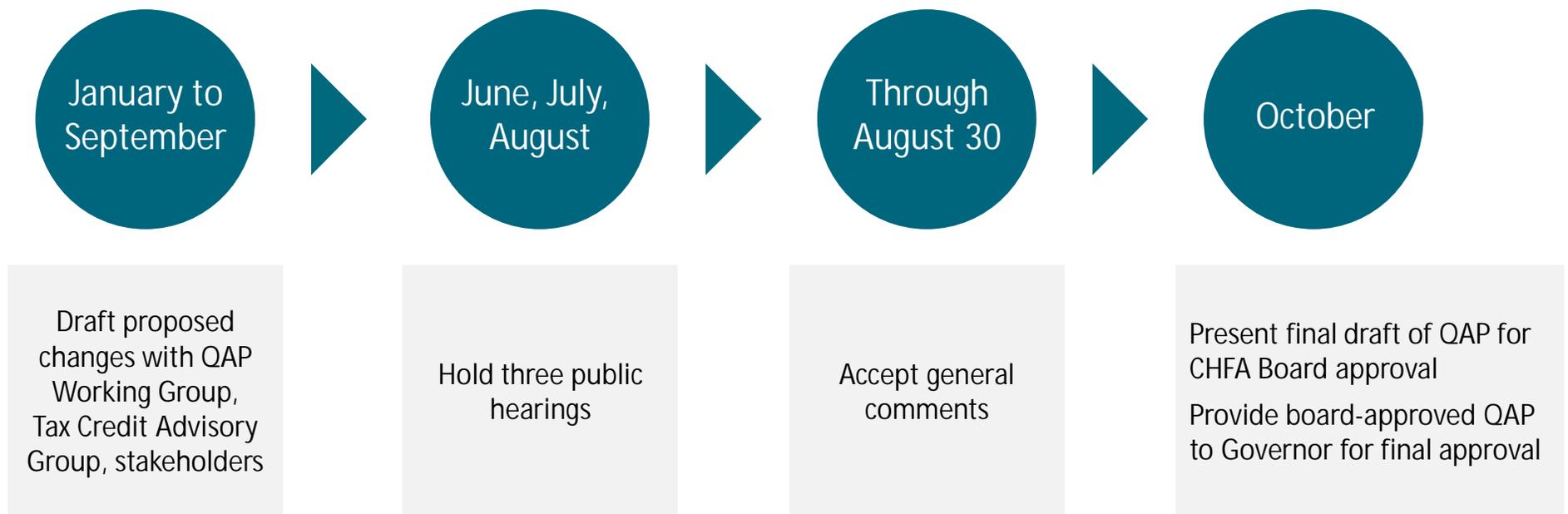
CHFA's plan that provides guidance on how to apply for housing tax credits and how projects are selected for awards of credit.



CHFA develops the QAP after considering public comment from:

- Public hearings
- Tax Credit Advisory Group and QAP Working Group
- Competitive applicant surveys
- Input received throughout the year from interested parties

2025-2026 qap timeline and process



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General

- Removed specific website links for documents that are available on CHFA's website
- Added sub-headers and other readability improvements



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Federal and State Credit Available :

- Estimated \$16 million in annual Federal 9 Percent Housing Tax Credit for Round One – 2025 and 2026
- \$10 million of annual standard State Credit for Round One – 2025 and 2026
- \$14 million of annual accelerated State Credit for Round Two – 2025
- \$2 million of annual accelerated State Credit for projects financed with Private Activity Bonds and Federal 4 Percent Housing Tax Credits in September, October, and November, as available - 2025
- \$12 million of annual accelerated State Credit for Round Two – 2026



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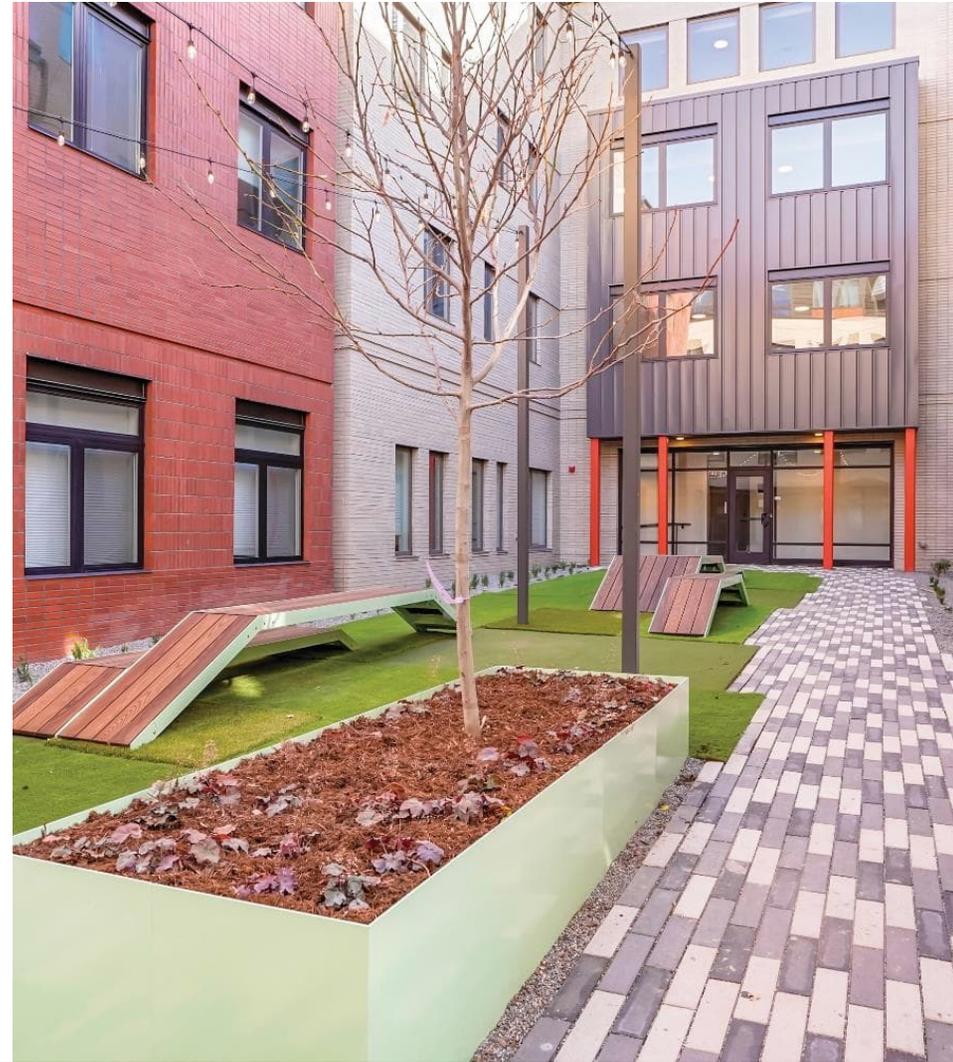
Maximum Credit per Application :

- \$1,600,000 maximum amount per application for Federal 9 Percent Housing Tax Credit
- \$650,000 fixed amount of standard State Credit paired, if requested, with Federal 9 Percent Housing Tax Credit applications, and twinned Federal 4 Percent applications
- Up to \$700,000 maximum amount of accelerated State Credit per application, as available, for projects applying for Private Activity Bonds and Federal 4 Percent Housing Tax Credits in September, October, and November 2025



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- Removed references to Assisted Living as applications will no longer be accepted



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Definitions

Clarifications and Updates:

- Affiliate of Applicant – included turn-key developers
- Consultant – clarified consultant services
- Senior/Older Adult – included the term, “older adult”
- Turn-key Project Developer – clarified definition



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Guiding Principles

- Amended language on housing density referenced in two Guiding Principles for clarity
- Updated terminology, “acquisition and rehabilitation” to “preservation” of existing affordable housing projects



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Criteria for Approval

- Project Readiness – specified that:
 - Applicants requesting competitive credits are required to have appropriate zoning in place
- Project Readiness – added additional metrics for project readiness:
 - Ability to complete planning and entitlement process
 - Ability to obtain financing sources
 - Ability to identify resident resources, if applicable, and community amenity space uses, commercial tenant use

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Criteria for Approval

- Overall Financial Feasibility and Viability - added and clarified:
 - Determination of whether a project would be feasible with resources proposed and without State Credits and/or Federal Housing Tax Credits
 - Include review of financing structure, deposit requirements, and timing for modular projects



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Criteria for Approval

- Experience and Track Record of the Development and Management Team – clarified and added:
 - Evaluate the “Applicant Track Record Certification” for applicant and all affiliates of the applicant
 - Track record of completing affordable housing projects within the required timeframes and within the established budget and with the material design originally approved



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Criteria for Approval

- Project Costs – added to evaluation of the cost reasonableness of a project:
 - Ability to deliver the proposed design
- Site Suitability – added new descriptions:
 - Proximity to childcare
 - Applicable amenities and access to services for the target population
 - Current land use patterns supporting residential development

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Letters of intent and engagement:

- Clarified limit for letter of intent
- Highlighted submission of engagement letters, as applicable



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Timing of Application Submittals:

- Added month of August to exception for accepting projects financed with PAB and Federal 4 percent Housing Tax Credits along with February and December



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Minimum Threshold Criteria for Preliminary Applications

- Clarified that all threshold items must be met to compete in a round or to proceed with review process
- Updated thresholds for which inadvertently omitted items or items needed for reconciliation will be allowed by next business day



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- Threshold #1 Minimum Score – new:
 - 115 points for Federal 4 Percent and State Credit projects
 - 95 points Federal 4 Percent Housing Tax Credit projects
- Threshold #3 Market and Parking Study – clarified parking study if applicable
- Threshold #7 Readiness-to-proceed – included information when parking not required, and decisions required to proceed with building permit(s)
- Threshold #9 Cost Estimate – added guidance for modular construction
- Threshold #11 Minimum Amenities – added requirement for laundry facilities at the project
- Threshold #12 Energy Efficiency – clarified narrative for Electrification-Ready of All-Electric
- Threshold #13 Narrative – included addressing Guiding Principles, and how the project will promote equity and economic mobility for residents and their communities
- Threshold #14 Extended-Use Election – renamed and clarified applicability to extended-use
- Threshold #18 Projects Financed with Tax-exempt Bonds applying for Federal 4 Percent Credits – clarified exemption Round Two applications

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Maximum Credit:

- Clarified competitive process, if necessary, for state credit applications in Sept, Oct, Nov 2025

Exemptions:

- Clarified exemptions for maximum credit award limitation



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Determination of Housing Tax Credit Amount:

- Increased minimum rehabilitation cost per unit to \$20,000



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Underwriting Criteria

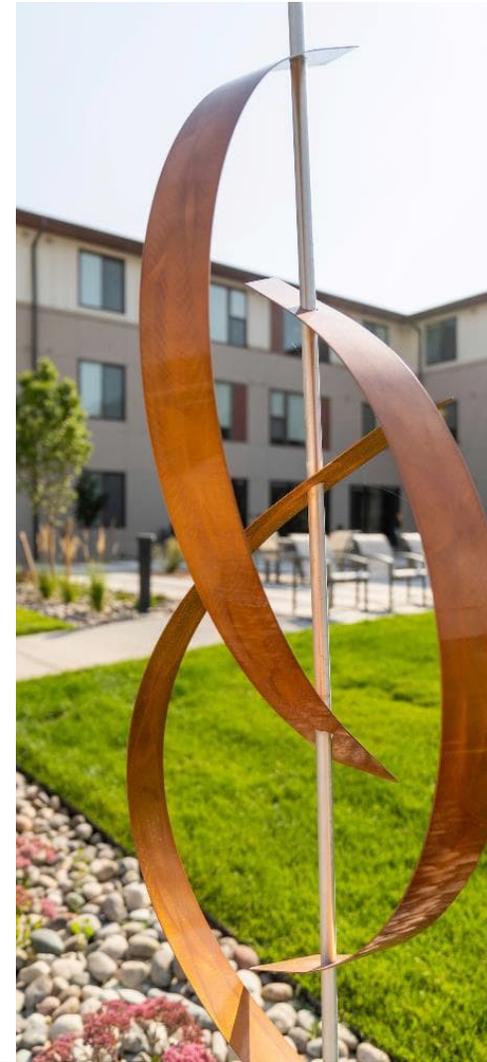
- Increased minimum replacement reserve requirements to \$300/unit for older adult projects and \$350/unit for family projects



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Scoring

- New minimum scores:
 - 115 points for Federal 4 Percent and State Credit projects
 - 95 points Federal 4 Percent Housing Tax Credit projects
- Removed at preliminary application the option to pursue homeownership conversion option at end of the 15-year compliance period
- Changed points for extended-use elections



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Scoring

- Project Location – Increased point options:
 - Three points may be earned for proposed projects to be located in a community that has an identified community affordable housing priority
 - Three points may be earned for proposed projects located at an existing or planned TOD site defined as within a half-mile walking distance of transit corridors with easy access to job center. Housing proposal should maximize allowable density at TOD site



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Scoring

- Project Characteristics
 - Updated minimum rehabilitation amount per unit
 - Clarified criteria for modular and factory-built construction
 - New addition of two points for Universal Design and additional accessible units



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Fees

- Increased preliminary application fee to \$15,000
- Eliminated recording fees



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Energy Efficiency and Sustainability

- Clarified requirement for latest version of Green Building Certification at preliminary application



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Market Study Guide

- Added bike score information, if available
- Emphasize the requirement for the full census tract number



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Parking Study Guide

- Changes to improve readability
- Include proximity to public transportation
- Align to market study guide for comparable properties
- No minimum parking requirement





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