

NHTF SCORING GUIDELINES

Category 1 – Targeted Populations (0 or 10 points)

Points will be awarded for projects targeting one of the populations below:

- Homeless persons, including homeless individuals, families, youth and/or veterans
- Persons with HIV/AIDS
- Persons with disabilities
- Persons with Substance Abuse Addiction
- Survivors of Domestic Violence

NOTE: Projects with fewer than 4 units are not eligible to receive these points

Category 2 – Great Places (0 or 5 points)

Points will be awarded if the project is located entirely in a community determined by the Department of Cultural Affairs to be a Great Place within the past three years prior to the application submission date.

Category 3 – HOME Base Iowa Community (0 or 5 points)

Points will be awarded if the application shows the project is located entirely in a HOME Base Iowa Community as shown at [Home Base Iowa Community List](#).

Category 4 – Fully Accessible Units (0 or 10 points)

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the NHTF-assisted units must be fully accessible (not adaptable) and shown as such in the plans submitted with the application. “Fully accessible unit” means a unit designed and constructed for full accessibility in accordance with Section 1002 of the International Code Council (ICC) A117.1.

Category 5 – Utilization of Project-Based Assistance (0 to 20 points – maximum allowed)

Points will be awarded to projects providing Exhibit H-30 that show it has Federal Project-Based Rental Assistance, HUD-VASH Voucher Assistance or Local Project-Based PHA (Public Housing Authority) Voucher Assistance.

Federal Project-Based Rental Assistance

At least seventy-five percent (75%) of the project units are covered by a project-based rental assistance contract.	15 points
At least fifty percent (50%) of the project units are covered by a project-based rental assistance contract.	10 points

HUD-VASH Voucher Assistance or Local Project-Based PHA Voucher Assistance

At least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total project units are covered by a written commitment.	15 points
At least fifteen percent (15%) of the total project units are covered by a written commitment.	10 points
At least five percent (5%) of the total project units are covered by a written commitment.	5 points

Category 6 – Iowa Opportunity Area (0, 5 or 10 points)

The project is located entirely in a census tract that is identified as a High or Very High Iowa Opportunity Area as shown on Appendix F.

High Opportunity Tracts	10 points
Very High Opportunity Tracts	5 points

Category 7 – Leverage (0, 3, 6, 9 or 15 points)

The total amount of local and non-federal funds designated as leverage (as approved by IFA) will be divided by the amount of total NHTF funds requested.

0 - 4% eligible NHTF leverage	0 points
5 - 9% eligible NHTF leverage	3 points
10 - 14% eligible NHTF leverage	6 points
15 - 20% eligible NHTF leverage	9 points
21% or more eligible NHTF leverage	15 points