



Tennessee Housing Development Agency

Andrew Jackson Building Third Floor
502 Deaderick St., Nashville, TN 37243
(615) 815-2200

Bill Haslam
Governor

Ralph M. Perrey
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM:

TO: 2016 LIHTC Awardees Seeking Enterprise Green Communities Certification

FROM: Donna Duarte
Director, Multifamily Division

DATE: November 17, 2016

SUBJECT: Enterprise Green Communities Certification Links and Information

The 2016 LIHTC Qualified Allocation Plan included for the first time, a point selection for developments fully certified with Enterprise Green Communities requirements. The Enterprise Green Communities Criteria was developed by Enterprise Community Partners as a way of achieving energy efficient housing in the affordable housing market. Information on the new 2015 Enterprise Green Communities Criteria can be found on their website: <http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/green>

Some 2016 LIHTC awardees have asked questions on the evaluation process conducted by Enterprise in order to satisfy the requirements of obtaining the PreBuild and PostBuild certifications. However, THDA is not able to provide policy clarifications or guidance around another entity's certification process. We are sensitive to your needs regarding the certification process. To address any questions you may have, we have arranged for Enterprise to host a webinar for 2016 LIHTC awardees on February 7, 2017. Enterprise has the 2016 LIHTC awardee information and will communicate directly with you about the webinar. There are also helpful resources and web-trainings located in the Green Communities section of their website at: <http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/green> Timing is a critical concern in the certification process. Enterprise advised THDA that the review of certification documentation will take up to 30 days. As noted in the 2016 Preliminary Award Checklists recently issued, THDA expects to receive your Enterprise Green Communities PreBuild Certification by August 4, 2017 and your Enterprise Green Communities PostBuild Certification by December 3, 2018. To help you manage these deadlines, Enterprise will provide you with quarterly updates on your certification progress and will share awardee progression information with THDA.

THDA has worked with Enterprise Community Partners to ensure questions and clarifications can be answered timely. Enterprise requests all awardees seeking the Green Communities Criteria and Certification direct

questions to their Certification Mailbox at certification@enterprisecommunity.org. Their staff makes every effort to respond to email queries within two (2) business days. If for some reason two (2) business days have passed without a response, please let THDA's Multifamily Development staff know by emailing Donna Duarte at dduarte@thda.org, and we will work to help you get your answer.

We look forward to a strong partnership between THDA, our LIHTC Program Participants and Enterprise Community Partners.