Hi Alan,

Hope you are well! Please see our comment below on the 2026-2027 QAP draft.

Thank you!

Sarah

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Question – For a single project to qualify under this set-aside, does the proposed project need to include 50% or more of the original Federally-assisted project’s units as replacement units, or do 50% of the current project’s units need to be replacement units?

* If the project must include 50% of the original project’s count, consider reducing to 30%. Former public housing and federally assisted projects tend to be large, and a smaller requirement for replacement units per phase would allow for the replacement of these federally assisted units while encouraging mixed-income development and deconcentration of poverty.
* If the current project must include 50% replacement units, consider reducing to 30% to allow income mixing and deconcentration of poverty.

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