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Jean,

I would like to add that RFA 2023-304 provides an opportunity for many areas in Large Counties that cannot compete for Housing Credits due to the mandatory transit service points; however, they have a strong need for affordable housing. For example, Hillsborough County is a Large County that has good transit options in the Tampa metro area as well as along County Rd 60 and US 41 (Brandon/Riverview). A majority of the County does not have transit that meets the requirements for scoring in the RFA process. Under this RFA, transit is not mandatory even for the Large Counties included as Tier 1 (Orange) and Tier 2 (Hillsborough), thus allowing areas in these two counties that otherwise would be excluded from competing for Housing Credits to have a chance to secure them.

Thank you.

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