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A New Tool to Help You Comply with OHFA's LIHTC QAP Requirements...

With the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) embracing Enterprise Green Communities in their LIHTC QAP rules, *AEP Ohio/Columbia Gas ENERGY STAR New Homes Program not only can provide you with a vehicle for meeting QAP requirements, but it offers financial incentives to qualifying units to help offset the costs of compliance.*

Simply put, the AEP Ohio/Columbia Gas ENERGY STAR New Homes Program will enable you to comply with key elements of Enterprise Green Communities energy efficiency requirements (see below), which are a critical part of the QAP.

The objective of the AEP Ohio/Columbia Gas ENERGY STAR New Homes Program is to move the new homes market toward more efficient construction practices that exceed both the Ohio Residential Energy Code and current national EPA ENERGY STAR New Homes minimum standards.

The program employs an implementation strategy designed to maximize energy savings and overall building performance through a combination of market support mechanisms, including:

- Builder incentives for construction of homes meeting specific technical qualification thresholds;
- Energy rater incentives for driving initial participation by builders at each performance level;
- Outreach to the construction, design, sales and energy rating communities to promote program awareness and participation;
- Technical training for builders, trades, energy raters, design professionals and others engaged in delivering qualifying homes;
- Quality Assurance to monitor performance and identify training needs; and
- Marketing support and sales training for the promotion of qualifying homes to homebuyers.

These objectives dovetail with Enterprise Green Communities stated goal of “helping developers, investors, and residents make the transition to a greener future with affordable housing.” As you can see on the next page, **there is considerable overlap between the AEP Ohio/Columbia Gas ENERGY STAR New Homes Program and the Enterprise Green Communities criteria.**

Enterprise Green Communities	AEP Ohio/Columbia Gas ENERGY STAR New Homes
5.1a: Performance standard = ENERGY STAR®	Based on ENERGY STAR®, exceeds minimum ENERGY STAR®
5.1c: Performance standard, HERS 85 min.	Incentives beginning at HERS 80
5.2: Additional reductions in usage	Maximum of 5 ACH50
5.3: Sizing of heating/cooling equipment	Manuals J, S, & D are mandatory and checked during the QA process.
5.4: ES appliances	If supplied by builder, all appliances must be ENERGY STAR®
5.5a,b,c: Lighting	80% ENERGY STAR® bulbs required
7.6a: Ventilation	ASHRAE 62.2 compliant mechanical ventilation
7.8: Combustion Equipment	Direct or power-vented combustion appliances are required
8.2: Resident Manual	Free fact sheets and brochures to help explain energy efficiency features

Additionally, the AEP Ohio/Columbia Gas ENERGY STAR New Homes Program offers no-cost technical training throughout the year to further help builders succeed in the program.

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