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Affordable Housing Management, Inc. (AHM) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding the 2016 QAP first draft:

II. D. 2: Eliminate the cap on nonprofit sponsored awards. Projects should be selected based on the merits of the development, not the tax status of the developer.

IV.A.1.b.(ii): AHM agrees with many of the comments made to delete the change of not awarding points for pharmacy's if located within a grocery or shopping establishment that is receiving points. The same is applicable regarding the change made of not counting a restaurant, bank/credit union if located within a grocery, shopping or pharmacy that is receiving points.

Bus Stops: The change made to award two points by meeting all the criteria except the requirement there be a covered waiting area should be changed to award the full six points. Most cities do not provide covered waiting areas at every bus stop and are located selectively at high use stops. Many localities do not have enough funds to provide additional covered waiting areas and obtaining additional funds are prioritized for adding bus routes or additional bus stops to current routes. As an example, in Greensboro, there are 1,075 bus stops of which only 87 or 0.8% have covered waiting areas. The importance of having a bus stop should not be diminished if there is not a covered waiting area.

Thank you.

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