



City of Tucson Affordable Housing Checklist – DRAFT August 2021

Affordable Housing has been identified as a high priority area by the Tucson Mayor and Council. As such, it is important that investment in affordable housing is strategic and aligns with other important priority areas such as climate resiliency and advancing social equity. The checklist below is designed to help prioritize city investment for affordable housing.

Factors Considered by the City of Tucson in Selecting Affordable Housing Projects

The following list show factors that the City of Tucson considers before acquiring properties or investing in affordable housing projects. This list will be turned into a point-based system and will be used to prioritize locations for acquisition, asset disposition (as part of the asset repositioning strategy), the HOME funds application process, project-based vouchers application process, and more. This scoring criteria could also be integrated into policies such as the impact fee waiver or lowering permit fees for affordable housing projects.

Site Considerations

- Access to Public Transportation
- Proximity to Employment Opportunities
- Retail Amenities, especially a grocery store
- Quality Schools
- School Transportation for Children
- Proximity to Libraries and community centers
- Zoning: higher density residential zoning scores higher
- Additional Site Considerations such as flood plains, size, and whether there is an existing building that can be rehabilitated or would need to be demolished
- Access to health facilities: health care facilities within 1-mile scores higher
- De-concentration of subsidized housing
- De-concentration of low-income households
- De-concentration of communities of color (reducing housing segregation)

Other factors to be included in application processes

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Veteran Housing
- Persons with Disabilities / Older Adults
- Lower Affordability Limits (projects with lower AMI score higher)
- Longer Affordability periods (projects with longer affordability requirements score higher)