



November 9, 2023

Greetings,

We appreciate the time the Agency has put in to the 2024 QAP.

We are a nonprofit that operates solely in the Western NC region. The fact that all developers are not given a point as it relates to DHHS counties continues to hinder any development outside of those counties and we see the same DHHS counties again and again.

Frankly, the development pipeline in Burke is already packed as developers have been forced to go back to the 'DHHS point well' repeatedly. The Metro's receive a point. It is only right that WNC region developers also receive a point.

The lack of a point does not allow developers, who want to receive an award outside of the DHHS counties, the ability to even be competitive and leaves the majority of the WNC counties without any housing development. We are leaving behind a trail of communities that are underserved and overlooked due to the lack of a point for developers in the west.

We respectfully ask that the Agency consider providing all developers with an automatic DHHS point in WNC that will then allow us to pursue housing needs throughout the region.

Thank you for your consideration.

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