

# LMI Area-wide Benefit - Documentation Form for Use of Block Group Information

\*If a community believes their project's compliance with this national objective can be based upon the statistics for the Block Group in which the project will occur and is considering the use of American Community Survey data to substantiate a low and moderate income (LMI) area, please contact Massachusetts CDBG program staff for further discussion. The use of Block Group statistics to support compliance with national objective must be approved by EOHLC prior to submission of an application.

## 1) Nature of the activity:

Provide a brief description of the project.

## 2) Location of the activity. Please note, an area must be predominantly residential in order to qualify under the LMA national objective.

a. What street/streets is the project located on?

b. Attach a parcel map of the service area, showing: the dominant land uses; and if applicable, current and proposed sewer or water lines, direction of flow, storage tanks, pump stations, treatment plants and well fields.

c. If actual use differs from the parcel/zoning map, please explain – for instance, if an area is zoned for business/commercial but primarily contains residential by use you must elaborate.

d. If the residential target area contains vacant land, applicants must:

i) Show each vacant parcel of land on a parcel map attachment; and

ii) describe the potential future use of the land for the next five to seven years. Consider current zoning, subdivision plans, planning documents etc.; and describe how potential future use could have an impact upon the national objective.

iii) If no vacant land, type n/a.

**3) Methodology for establishing geographical boundaries of the service area. Please note, the area that will be served by an activity need not be coterminous with census tracts, block groups, or other officially recognized boundaries. It is critical, however, that the service area be the *entire area* served by the activity.**

**a. Description of the service area:**

i) Describe the service area of the project. For example: What streets are included. Is this a town/city-wide service area?

ii) Is the area primarily residential? (y/n)

iii) How does the project benefit all residents of this area? How did you determine who would most likely benefit from this project? If you collected any demographic information, please include.

iv) For infrastructure projects that have multiple streets in the service area, provide an explanation of how these are used, whether the project street(s) are used as cut-throughs by surrounding residents to such things as schools, public transit etc.

v) Describe buildings/facilities/major roads in and around the service area.

vi) Are there any buildings/features that could have a wider draw beyond the service area?

vii) Could this project potentially involve a tourist or regional draw?

viii) Explanation of choice to use block group information listed below under #4.

**b. Access to the site or the benefit of the activity:**

i) Explain whether there are any features within the service area that may block access to the site or interfere with the benefit of the activity.

ii) For public facilities/parks projects, include information about whether and how residents will drive, walk, use public transportation to travel to project. Describe available parking facilities, accessible sidewalks/paths of travel or public transportation options.

**c. Boundaries:**

i) Explain how you determined the boundaries of the service area.

ii) Are there any features such bodies of water, major highways etc. that serve as natural boundaries?

iii) If this is an infrastructure project that will result in increased water flows, how did you arrive at the boundaries of this benefit. Is there a potential benefit for a commercial area and/or block group not identified under #4?

**d. Availability of comparable facilities or services in the jurisdiction:**

i) For public facilities/parks projects, describe whether there are other facilities/parks that serve a similar purpose within the city/town.

ii) Does the facility/park receiving CDBG funding offer amenities not available at other parks/facilities (or will it once the project is completed).

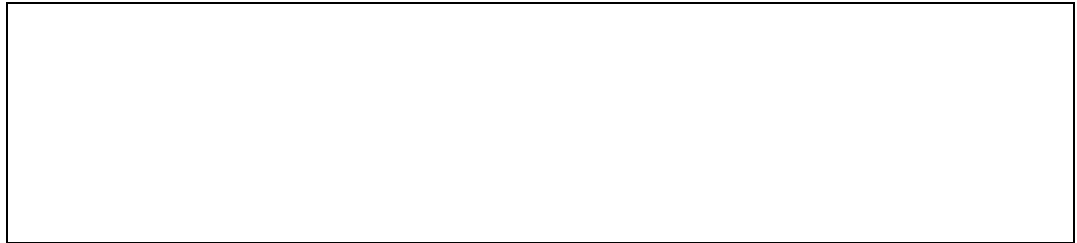
iii) Are there any amenities/services offered at the public facility/park that will result in a draw of end users beyond the identified service area?

**4) Block Group(s) to be used:**

- a. Provide a table showing block group(s) and percentages of LMI persons within the block group(s).

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- b. Attach map of the Census Block Groups and the corresponding LMI statistics. Identify project location on this map.



- 5)** If there is anything additional you would like EOHLC to know about the project/service area, please feel free to enter comments below: