

2019 Areas of Statistically Demonstrated Need Selection Methodology

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<p style="text-align: center;">Tier 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) County or MSA with a population greater than 10,000; and 2) Growth rate greater than State for last five years (0.14%); and 3) Vacancy rate below State average (4.86%). <p>Tier 1 Counties: Bernalillo*, Cibola*, Dona Ana, Eddy, Lea**, Los Alamos, Luna*, McKinley*, Otero, Rio Arriba*, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Taos*, and Valencia*.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tier 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) County or MSA with a population greater than 10,000; and 2) Growth rate greater than State average for last five years (0.14%); or 3) Vacancy rate below State average (4.86%). <p>Tier 2 Counties: Chaves, Colfax*, Curry*, Grant, Roosevelt*, San Miguel*, Sierra, and Socorro*.</p>

A county that loses its Tier 1 or Tier 2 status will retain their Tier status for a second year even though it did not meet the criteria in the current year. Additionally, if a Tier 1 county would drop to Tier 2 based on current data, it will remain Tier 1 for an additional year. Counties identified with an asterisk (*) in the table above will be removed from the list next year unless qualified by next year's data.

All Projects on Native American Trust Lands or Native American-owned lands within the tribe's jurisdictional boundaries are eligible for Tier 1 points.

In addition to the above Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties, any project located within a Tier 2 or non-qualifying county may petition MFA, through a narrative discussion attached in their Application, to include a particular town or municipality within one of the above Tier classifications or to re-classify a Tier 2 county to a Tier 1 county. Applicant will be required to provide MFA with specific verifiable and measurable data in support of their request, which data should address data for the particular town or municipality. MFA will consider measurable and verifiable data evidencing vacancy rates, population growth, waiting lists, and other applicable data regarding the market (e.g. market studies, PHA waiting lists) when making the determination whether to classify a town or municipality as a tier area.

** Following the submission of a petition for Lea County to move from Tier 2 to Tier 1, MFA reviewed submitted measurable and verifiable data and determined that Lea County would be classified as Tier 1.