

## **Exhibit C**

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Projects will be evaluated based on the following preferences:

1. Projects proposed by applicants with demonstrated capacity to implement within the statutory time frame of 18 months.
2. Projects with a focused strategy for effective neighborhood stabilization, including addressing the factors that make the area vulnerable to future foreclosures.
3. Projects proposed by applicants with experience administering and delivering the specific activities for which the NSP funds would be used. If significant administrative responsibilities will be assigned to another entity via subcontract, the experience of that entity will be considered as well.
4. Projects that achieve the longest possible affordability period, especially those in which the local applicant provides ongoing monitoring.
5. Projects that provide supportive housing units.
6. Projects that help to meet the mandated program set-aside for serving households at or below 50% of area median income.

Mandatory Requirements:

1. Projects must detail how high quality pre-purchase counseling will be provided to new homebuyers, as required by the Notice.
2. Projects must provide sustained affordability by incorporating green building and energy efficiency improvements.