CURRENT INCOME LIMITS BY COUNTY

To access the latest available Income Limits, click on this hyperlink.

HUD LOW/MODERATE-INCOME INFORMATION FOR AREA BENEFIT DETERMINATION

Determining Area Benefit:
1) Determine service area for the project or program activity. See Appendix J for guidance on how to determine service area.
2) Overlay the service area map on a census block group map (block group is the smallest geographic area that contains census information).
3) All census block groups that fall within the service area must be used in calculating the Low/Mod income percentage (even if the service area is a small part of the block group).
4) List each block group in the service area.
5) Go to the HUD website for listing of county census block groups and, next to the block group listing write down Low/Mod persons and total persons of each block group.
6) Add up total number of persons in the listed block groups, and then add up total Low/Mod persons in the block groups. Divide the total Low/Mod persons by the total persons to get the Low/Mod percentage for the service area.

To find HUD data needed for determining the Low/Mod Income percentage for a specific service area by Census Tract/Block Group, go to:
2017 HUD LOW-MOD DATA – ACS 5-YR FILE 2006-2010

Once on the HUD web page, click on the link for California. This will take you to an Excel Spreadsheet with all counties in California listed alphabetically. Across the top of the sheet are titles indicating the type of data listed in each column. Hold down the Control Key (Ctrl) and hit “F”. This will take to you the “find” function in Excel. Type in the county name you are looking for and hit enter. This will take you to the place in the spreadsheet where the county data is located. Search the county data for the block groups that fall within the program or project activity service area.

Percentages for individual census tracts/block groups are located at the far right side of the chart. If you are doing a number of different census tracts or block groups, you must add up the total number of low income persons in the service area and divide it by the total number of persons in the block groups/tracts in your service area.

Call a NOFA Award Representative if there are questions about this process. See NOFA for list of representatives.