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### Updated Information for Renewal Community (RC) Applicants On Calculating the Local Crime Index (LCI) October 2001

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) wishes to notify prospective Renewal Community (RC) applicants of updated information regarding calculating the **Local Crime Index** [LCI] for their nominated area. Applicants interested in submitting an application for the RC competition can include **optional** Certification Form 2, the **Local Crime Index Certification**, with their application, to receive up to four bonus points. The Department advises applicants to note the following pertinent **updated information** regarding calculating their LCI:

1. The national Crime Index total is the sum of selected offenses used to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime reported to law enforcement. The **offenses that the FBI includes in the Crime Index total are** :
  - Violent crimes of murder and non-negligent manslaughter,
  - Forcible rape,
  - Robbery and aggravated assault; and
  - Property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.

The FBI does not include arson figures in the Crime Index total because these figures are not consistently available. RC applicants should not, therefore, include arson figures when calculating the LCI for their nominated areas.

1. If it is impossible to determine the LCI for the nominated area because the boundaries of the crime reporting sectors do not correspond to the boundaries of the census-tract based nominated areas, then the nominating governments should use data from the smallest-sized sectors that most closely approximate and include the nominated area.

Please contact HUD's Office for the RC Initiative at (202) 708-6339 if you have any questions. In addition, please visit the office's website at [www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/ezec](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/ezec) for more information on the RC or Empowerment Zone Round III competitions.

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