The NSP Needs mapping tool now provides an average score for all newly added NSP project areas drawn. Click on “View Projects” to see all projects (target areas) for which data has been calculated. This screen will show the NSP needs score for each target area along with the total estimated housing units in that area.

At the bottom of the list is a sum of housing units in all target areas and the average NSP needs score for all target areas drawn. The change in methodology has resulted in a change in the state minimum. Grantees are advised to look up their new state minimum. If the average score is less than 17 or the state minimum, then the grantee should delete, add, or revise target areas. Note that the tool only recalculates deletions or additions after closing the “View Projects” box and then reopening it. HUD also advises grantees to think carefully about the size of target areas. If target areas have a very large number of total housing units relative to the dollars available, HUD will likely ask that the grantee reduce the number and/or size of their target areas. HUD requires all NSP2 and NSP3 grantees to use the mapping tool for new areas; NSP1 grantees are encouraged to use the tool to identify new target areas.