

CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Project Staff Report

2011 Second Round

September 28, 2011

Project Number CA-2011-163

Project Name The Ambassador
Site Address: 1168 36th Street
Emeryville, CA 94608 County: Alameda
Census Tract: 4015.000

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$827,582	\$2,758,606
Recommended:	\$827,582	\$2,758,606

Applicant Information

Applicant: Resources for Community Development
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General partner(s) or principal owner(s): RCD Housing LLC
General Partner Type: Nonprofit
Developer: Resources for Community Development
Investor/Consultant: California Housing Partnership Corporation
Management Agent: The John Stewart Company

Project Information

Construction Type: New Construction
Total # Residential Buildings: 3
Total # of Units: 69
No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 68 100%
Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%
Federal Subsidy: HOME / HOPWA
Affordability Breakdown by Units and % (Lowest Income Points):
30% AMI: 8 10 %
40% AMI: 8 10 %
45% AMI: 7 10 %
50% AMI: 45 40 %

Information

Set-Aside: Nonprofit
 Housing Type: Large Family
 Geographic Area: North and East Bay Region
 TCAC Project Analyst: Gina Ferguson

Unit Mix

4 SRO/Studio Units
 17 1-Bedroom Units
 23 2-Bedroom Units
 25 3-Bedroom Units

 69 Total Units

<u>Unit Type & Number</u>	<u>2011 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>2011 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
1 SRO/Studio	30%	20%	\$323
1 1 Bedroom	30%	20%	\$346
3 2 Bedrooms	30%	20%	\$415
3 3 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$720
3 SRO/Studio	40%	40%	\$646
2 2 Bedrooms	40%	40%	\$830
3 3 Bedrooms	40%	40%	\$960
7 1 Bedroom	45%	45%	\$779
9 1 Bedroom	50%	50%	\$866
18 2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$1,038
18 3 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$1,197
1 3 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0

Project Financing

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$30,017,545

Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot: \$195
 Per Unit Cost: \$435,037

Construction Financing

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wells Fargo Bank	\$10,115,989
Emeryville Redevelopment Agency (RDA)	\$13,219,221
Emeryville RDA Land Donation	\$2,299,999
Alameda County HOME	\$1,054,576
Alameda County HOPWA	\$500,000
Deferred Developer Fee	\$259,339
Tax Credit Equity	\$1,510,337

Permanent Financing

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CA Community Reinvestment Corp.	\$2,058,000
Emeryville RDA	\$13,219,221
Emeryville RDA Land Donation	\$2,299,999
Alameda County HOME	\$1,054,576
Alameda County HOPWA	\$500,000
AHP	\$680,000
Deferred Developer Fee	\$259,339
Tax Credit Equity	\$9,946,410
TOTAL	\$30,017,545

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$9,195,353
130% High Cost Adjustment:	No
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$9,195,353
Applicable Rate:	9.00%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$827,582
Total State Credit:	\$2,758,606
Approved Developer Fee in Project Cost:	\$1,459,339
Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Basis:	\$1,400,000
Investor/Consultant:	California Housing Partnership Corporation
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.98783
State Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.64209

Per Regulation Section 10322(i)(4)(A), The “as if vacant” land value and the existing improvement value established at application, as well as the eligible basis amount derived from those values, will be used during all subsequent reviews including the placed in service review, for the purpose of determining the final award of Tax Credits.

Per Regulation Section 10327(c)(2)(C), Once established at the initial funded application, the developer fee cannot be increased, but may be decreased, in the event of a modification in basis.

Eligible Basis and Basis Limit

Requested Unadjusted Eligible Basis:	\$9,195,353
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$26,090,425
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$19,230,121
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$26,345,265

Adjustments to Basis Limit:

Required to Pay Prevailing Wages
 Parking Beneath Residential Units
 95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced

Tie-Breaker Information

First:	Large Family
Second:	82.267%

Cost Analysis and Line Item Review

Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC’s underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations. Annual operating expenses exceed the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one. Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 9.00% of the qualified basis, or, in the case of acquisition credit or credit combined with federal subsidies, 3.40%. Applicants are cautioned to consider the expected federal rate when negotiating with investors. TCAC's financial evaluation at project completion will determine the final allocation.

Special Issues/Other Significant Information:

This project has 5 units set aside for households with individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Legal Status: Staff has reviewed the Applicant's responses to the questions contained in the Legal Status portion of the Application. No information was disclosed that raised any question regarding the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

Local Reviewing Agency:

The Local Reviewing Agency, the City of Emeryville, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Committee make a preliminary reservation of tax credits in the following amount(s) contingent upon standard conditions and any additional conditions imposed by the Committee:

Federal Tax Credits/Annual	State Tax Credits/Total
\$827,582	\$2,758,606

Standard Conditions

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Carryover Allocation, any Readiness 180-Day Requirements elected, and a Final Reservation. Failure to provide the documentation at the time required may result in rescission of the Credit reservation and cancellation of a carryover allocation.

TCAC makes the preliminary reservation only for the project specified above in the form presented, and involving the parties referred to in the application. No changes in the development team or the project as presented will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC a performance deposit and allocation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. Additionally, TCAC requires the project owner to pay a monitoring fee before issuance of tax forms.

As project costs are preliminary estimates only, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit and state credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs and certified costs after the buildings are placed in service.

All unexpended funds in reserve accounts established for the project must remain with the project to be used for the benefit of the property and/or its residents, except for the portion of any accounts funded with deferred developer fees.

All fees charged to the project must be within TCAC limitations. Fees in excess of these limitations will not be considered when determining the amount of credit when the project is placed-in-service.

The applicant/owner shall be subject to underwriting criteria set forth in Section 10327 of the regulations through the final feasibility analysis performed by TCAC at placed-in-service.

Credit awards are contingent upon applicant's acceptance of any revised total project cost, qualified basis and tax credit amount determined by TCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

The applicant must ensure the project meets all Additional Threshold Requirements of the proposed project. If points were awarded for service amenities, the applicant will be required to provide such amenity or amenities identified in the application, for a minimum period of ten years and at no cost to the tenants. Applicants that received points for sustainable building methods (energy efficiency) must submit the certification required by Section 10325(c)(6) at project completion. Applicants that received increases (exceptions to limits) in the threshold basis limit under Section 10327(c)(5) must submit the certification required by Section 10322(i)(2) at project completion.

Additional Conditions: None

Points System	Max. Possible Points	Requested Points	Points Awarded
Cost Efficiency / Credit Reduction / Public Funds	20	20	20
Public Funds	20	20	20
Owner / Management Characteristics	9	9	9
General Partner Experience	6	6	6
Management Experience	3	3	3
Housing Needs	10	10	10
Site Amenities	15	15	15
Within ¼ mile of transit stop, service every 30 min, 25 units/acre density	7	7	7
Within ¼ mile of public park or community center open to general public	3	3	0
Within ¼ mile of a full-scale grocery/supermarket of at least 25,000 sf	5	5	5
Large Family proj. w/i ½ mile of public school project children may attend	2	2	2
Within ½ mile of a pharmacy	1	1	1
Service Amenities	10	10	10
LARGE FAMILY, SENIOR, AT-RISK HOUSING TYPES			
Service Coordinator, minimum ratio of 1 FTE to 1,000 bedrooms	3	3	3
Adult ed/health & wellness/skill bldg classes, minimum 84 hrs/yr instruction	7	7	7
Sustainable Building Methods	10	10	10
NEW CONSTRUCTION/ADAPTIVE REUSE			
Develop project in accordance w/ requirements of: GreenPoint Rated Multifamily	5	5	5
Develop project to requirements of: GreenPoint Rated Multifamily 125	5	5	5
Lowest Income	52	52	52
Basic Targeting	50	50	50
Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
Readiness to Proceed	20	20	20
Miscellaneous Federal and State Policies	2	2	2
State Credit Substitution	2	2	2
Total Points	148	148	148

Please Note: If more than the maximum Site Amenity points were requested, not all amenities may have been scored and/or verified.

DO NOT RELY ON SCORING IN THIS COMPETITIVE CYCLE FOR FUTURE APPLICATIONS. ALL REAPPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED WITHOUT RELIANCE ON PAST SCORING.