

CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
Project Staff Report
Tax-Exempt Bond Project
February 21, 2007

Project Number CA-2007-813

Project Name Lexington Green Apartments
Address: 1415 E. Lexington Avenue
El Cajon, CA 92019 County: San Diego

Applicant Information

Applicant: Steadfast Lexington Green, L.P.
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Sponsors Type: For Profit

Bond Information

Issuer: CSCDA
Expected Date of Issuance: April 2007
Credit Enhancement: N/A

Eligible Basis

Actual: \$19,612,871
Requested: \$19,612,871
Maximum Permitted: \$41,679,374

Extra Feature Adjustments:
55-Year Use/Rent Restriction Adjustment: 80%

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$747,954	\$0
Recommended:	\$747,954	\$0

Project Information

Construction Type: Acquisition and Rehabilitation
Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt
HCD MHP Funding: No
Total # of Units: 144
Total # Residential Buildings: 18

Income/Rent Targeting

Federal Setaside Elected: 40%/60%
% & No. of Targeted Units: 100% - 142 units
55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction: Yes
Number of Units @ or below 50% of area median income: 15
Number of Units @ or below 60% of area median income: 127

<u>Unit Type & Number</u>	<u>2007 Rents % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
14 One-Bedroom	60%	\$776
2 One-Bedroom	50%	\$646
77 Two-Bedroom	60%	\$931
9 Two-Bedroom	50%	\$776
36 Three-Bedroom	60%	\$1,076
4 Three-Bedroom	50%	\$896
2 Two-Bedroom	Manager's Unit	\$931

The general partner(s) or principal owner(s) are Western Community Housing, Inc., and Steadfast LGA, LLC.

The project developer is Steadfast Residential Development II, LLC.

The management services will be provided by Steadfast Management Company, Inc.

The market analysis was provided by Goldrush Realty Advisors.

The Local Reviewing Agency has not yet completed a site review of this project. Any negative comments in the LRA report will cause this staff report to be revised to reflect such comments.

Project Financing

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$25,088,780 Per Unit Cost: \$174,228 Construction Cost Per Sq. Foot: \$21

<u>Construction Financing</u>		<u>Permanent Financing</u>	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Citibank – Tax Exempt Bonds	\$17,879,200	Citibank – Tax Exempt Bonds	\$14,829,136
GP Loan	\$785,258	GP Loan	\$336,939
Deferred Developer Fee	\$2,500,000	Deferred Developer Fee	\$2,500,000
Investor Equity	\$3,924,322	Investor Equity	\$7,422,705
		TOTAL	\$25,088,780

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Rehabilitation Eligible Basis:	\$3,878,802
Requested Acquisition Eligible Basis:	\$15,734,069
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100%
Qualified Rehabilitation Basis:	\$5,042,443
Qualified Acquisition Basis:	\$15,734,069
Applicable Rate:	3.60%
Maximum Annual Federal Rehabilitation Credit:	\$181,528
Maximum Annual Federal Acquisition Credit:	\$566,426
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$747,954
Approved Developer Fee:	\$2,500,000
Tax Credit Factor:	\$.99240

Applicant requests and staff recommends annual federal credits of \$747,954, based on a qualified rehabilitation basis of \$5,042,443, a qualified acquisition basis of \$15,734,069, and a funding shortfall of \$7,422,705.

Cost Analysis and Line Item Review

The requested eligible basis \$19,612,871 is below TCAC's adjusted threshold basis limit \$41,679,874. The basis limit includes the 80% adjustment for the 55-year use/affordability restriction for projects that have more than 50% tax-credit units and are located in a DDA/QCT. Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found most fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitation. The applicant's estimate of contractor profit, overhead, and general requirement costs and basis exceed the limitation set by regulation. The applicant is cautioned that costs, fees, or basis in excess of the limits set by regulations will not be allowed at final review.

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 3.60% of the qualified basis. Unless the applicant fixed the rate at bond issuance, the Federal Rate applicable to the month the project is placed-in-service will be used to determine the final allocation.

Special Issues/Other Significant Information: The applicant anticipates financing more than 50% of the project aggregate basis with tax-exempt bond proceeds as calculated by the project tax professional. Therefore, the federal credit reserved for this project will not count against the annual ceiling.

The IRS has advised TCAC that the amount of tax-exempt bonds issued, equivalent to at least 50% of aggregate basis, must remain in place through the first year of the credit period or until eligible basis is finally determined.

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

Federal/Annual	State/Total
\$747,954	\$0

Standard Conditions

If applicant is receiving tax-exempt bond financing from other than CalHFA, the applicant shall apply for a bond allocation from the California Debt Limit allocation Committee's next scheduled meeting, if not previously granted an allocation; shall have received an allocation from CDLAC; and, shall issue bonds within time limits specified by CDLAC.

TCAC makes the 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 will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC an 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 anticipated to be the final project costs, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs, and certified costs of the buildings as completed.

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 credits 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.

Additional Conditions: The applicant/owner is required to provide the tenants with **free internet service** for a minimum of ten (10) years in accordance with the bond allocation from CDLAC. These services may be changed to meet the needs of the tenants upon prior approval from CDLAC and written notification to TCAC.

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