

CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
Project Staff Report
2007 Second Round Cycle
September 26, 2007

Project Number CA-2007-186

Project Name Seven Maples
Site Address: 2530 – 2632 West 7th Street and 702 & 704 South Rampart Street
Los Angeles, CA 90057 County: Los Angeles Census Tract: 2094.01

Applicant Information

Applicant: Los Angeles Housing Partnership, Inc.
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General Partner Type: Nonprofit

Information

Set-Aside: Nonprofit
Housing Type: Seniors
Geographic Area: Los Angeles

Eligible Basis

Requested: \$10,832,943
Actual: \$15,046,897
Maximum Permitted: \$11,417,639

Adjustments to Threshold Basis Limit: Local Impact Fees Required to Pay Prevailing Wages
Utilizing New Energy Technologies Parking Beneath Residential Units
Region Where Development Costs Frequently Exceed Published Limit
3 or More Energy Efficiency/Resource Conservation/Indoor Air Quality Features

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$1,145,497	\$0
Recommended:	\$928,866	\$3,249,883

Project Information

Construction Type: New Construction
Federal Subsidy: HOME
Total # of Units: 57
Total # Residential Buildings: 5

Income/Rent Targeting

Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%
% & No. of Tax Credit Units: 100% - 56 units
Breakdown by %: 20% @ 30%, 15% @ 35%, 10% @ 40%, 15% @ 50%

Selection Criteria	Max. Possible Points	Requested Points	Points Awarded
Cost Efficiency/Credit Reduction/Public Funds Maximum of 20 points	20	20	20
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit Reduction	20	2	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Funds	18	18	18
Owner / Management Characteristics Maximum of 9 points	9	9	9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Partner Experience	6	6	6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Management Experience	3	3	3
Housing Needs Maximum of 10 points	10	10	10
Site Amenities Maximum of 15 points	15	15	15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ¼ mile of transit stop with service every 30 minutes & 25 units per acre density	7	7	7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ¼ mile of public park or community center open to general public	3	3	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ½ mile of public library	2	2	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ¼ mile of a full-scale grocery store with staples, fresh meat and fresh produce	4	4	4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senior project within ¼ mile of daily operated senior center or facility for seniors	3	3	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ½ mile of medical clinic or hospital	3	3	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ¼ mile of a pharmacy	2	2	2
Service Amenities Maximum of 10 points	10	10	10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High speed internet service provided in each unit	5	5	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bona fide service coordinator available	5	5	5
Neighborhood Revitalization Maximum of 9 points	9	9	9
Sustainable Building Methods Maximum of 8 points	8	8	8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flow restrictors for kitchen & bath faucets or water-saving fixtures	1	1	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formaldehyde free cabinets, countertops and shelving or fully sealed	1	1	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No-VOC interior paint	1	1	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRI Green-label, low-VOC carpet and pad	1	1	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bathroom fans in all bathrooms w/humidistat, timer and outdoor exhaust	2	2	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rainwater retention at ½ inch rainfall per 24-hour period	1	1	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project has nonsmoking buildings or contiguous sections within a building	1	1	1
Lowest Income Maximum of 52 points	52	52	52
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Targeting	50	50	50
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
Readiness to Proceed Maximum of 20 points	20	20	20
State credit substitution Maximum of 2 points	2	2	2
Total Points	155	155	155

Tie-Breaker Information

Tie-Breaker Categories Apply to this Project: **Yes**

First: Housing Type **Senior**

Second: Maximum Neighborhood Revitalization Points/Federal Designated Area **Yes**

Third: Calculated Ratio per Regulation 10325(c)(12) **64.942%**

<u>Unit Type & Number</u>	<u>2007 Rents % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
13 One-Bedroom	30%	\$416
10 One-Bedroom	35%	\$485
8 One-Bedroom	40%	\$554
11 One-Bedroom	50%	\$693
14 One-Bedroom	60%	\$832
1 One-Bedroom	Manager's Unit	\$0

The general partner or principal owner is Los Angeles Housing Partnership, Inc.

The project developer is Los Angeles Housing Partnership, Inc.

The management agent is the John Stewart Company.

The market analyst is M. E. Shay & Company.

The Local Reviewing Agency, the Los Angeles Housing Department, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

Project Financing

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$18,630,898 Per Unit Cost: \$326,858 Construction Cost Per Sq. Foot: \$221

Construction Financing		Permanent Financing	
Source	Amount	Source	Amount
CitiBank	\$9,768,514	Citibank	\$1,648,128
LAHD – HOME & AHTF	\$4,124,520	LAHD – HOME & AHTF	\$4,124,520
LA CRA	\$600,000	LA CRA	\$600,000
Green Communities – Grant	\$70,000	Green Communities – Grant	\$70,000
FHLB – AHP	\$798,000	FHLB – AHP	\$798,000
Deferred Fees and Costs	\$1,221,457	Deferred Developer Fee	\$220,214
Investor Equity	\$2,048,407	Investor Equity	\$11,170,036
		TOTAL	\$18,630,898

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$10,832,943
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100%
Qualified Basis Credit Reduction (2%)	\$281,657
Qualified Basis:	\$13,801,169
Applicable Rate:	8.30%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$928,866
Total State Credit:	\$3,249,883
Approved Developer Fee in Project Cost	\$1,950,000
Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Basis:	\$1,400,000
Tax Credit Factor: Hudson Housing Capital	\$.97512

Applicant requested annual federal credits of \$928,866 based on a qualified basis of \$13,801,169 and a funding shortfall of \$11,170,036. Staff recommends annual federal credits of \$928,866 and total state credit of \$3,249,883 based on a qualified basis of \$13,801,169 and a funding shortfall of \$11,170,036. Please see special issues section of this report.

Cost Analysis and Line Item Review

The requested eligible basis \$10,832,943 is below TCAC’s threshold basis limit \$11,417,639. The basis limit was increased by the following extraordinary features: projects that are located in regions where development costs frequently exceed the published limit, projects that are required to pay state or federal prevailing wages, projects that are required to pay local development impact fees, projects that include distributive energy technologies such as micro turbines and/or renewable energy sources such as solar, projects that are required to provide parking beneath the residential units, and the adjustment for projects with 3 or more energy efficiency/resource conservation/indoor air quality items for using a Minimum Efficiency Report Value (MERV) 8 or higher air filter for HVAC systems that introduce outside air, recycling at least 75% of construction and demolition waste (measured by weight or volume), and using vent kitchen range hoods to the exterior of the building in at least 80% of the units. Staff analysis of project

costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations.

Annual operating expenses are at 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 8.30% of the qualified basis. 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: TCAC requested and the applicant agreed to exchange \$216,631 in annual federal credit for \$3,249,883 in total state credit.

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.

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/Annual: \$928,866

State/Total: \$3,249,883

Standard Conditions

An application for a carryover allocation must be submitted by **October 31, 2007**, as required by regulation section 10328(d), together with the applicable allocation fee and all required documentation. The time for meeting the "10%" test and submitting related documentation will be no later than six (6) months after the date of the executed carryover allocation (as defined by IRC Section 42 and IRS Notices). The applicant must ensure the project meets all Additional Threshold Requirements for the housing type of the proposed project.

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Final Reservation no later than February 1 of the year that the building(s) must be placed in service pursuant to Section 42(h)(E)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The applicant shall provide the Committee a Final Reservation application providing the documentation for the project set forth in Section 10322(i)(1) of these regulations. 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. The performance deposit must be paid by cashier's check within 20 calendar days of any preliminary reservation. The allocation fee must be paid within a time period specified in the preliminary reservation letter. The allocation fee will be due prior to execution of a carryover allocation or issuance of tax forms, whichever comes first. 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 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.

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)(8) 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)(P) at project completion.

Additional Conditions:

Applicants that received 20 points for readiness to proceed must meet ALL of the following requirements. The applicant must be ready to begin construction within 150 days of the Credit Reservation which is February 22, 2008, as evidenced by submission, within that time of, recorded deeds of trust for all construction financing, payment of all construction lender fees, issuance of building permits and notice to proceed delivered to the contractor. Failure to meet this timeline will result in rescission of the Credit Reservation.

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