## CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Project Staff Report Tax-Exempt Bond Project August 20, 2008

**Project Number** CA-2008-890

**Project Name** Golden Age Garden Apartments

Site Address: 740 S. 36<sup>th</sup> Street

San Diego, CA 92113 County: San Diego

Census Tract: 35.02

**Applicant Information** 

Applicant: Golden Age Garden Housing Partners, LP

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Sponsors Type: Joint Venture

**Bond Information** 

Issuer: California Housing Finance Agency

Expected Date of Issuance: September 2008

Credit Enhancement: N/A

**Eligible Basis** 

 Actual:
 \$12,780,428

 Requested:
 \$12,780,428

 Maximum Permitted:
 \$21,693,562

Extra Feature Adjustments:

Required to Pay Prevailing Wages: 20%

95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced: 10%

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction - Each 1% of Low-Income Units are Income Targeted Between

50% AMI & 36% AMI: 30%

Tax Credit AmountsFederal/AnnualState/TotalRequested:\$484,185\$0Recommended:\$484,185\$0

**Project Information** 

Construction Type: Rehabilitation and Acquisition

Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt/HOME

HCD MHP Funding: No Total # of Units: 76 Total # Residential Buildings: 1

**Income/Rent Targeting** 

Federal Setaside Elected: 40%/60% 
% & No. of Targeted Units: 100% - 75 units

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction: Yes

Number of Units @ or below 50% of area median income: 23 Number of Units @ or below 60% of area median income: 52 August 20, 2008

2008 Rents							
<b>Unit Type &amp; Number</b>		% of Area Median Income	<b>Proposed Rent</b>				
			(including utilities)				
23	One-Bedroom	47%	\$702				
52	One-Bedroom	47%	\$702				
1	One-Bedroom	Manager's Unit	\$675				

The general partner(s) or principal owner(s) are Amerland/Golden Age, LLC and Pacific Housing, Inc.

The project developer is Islas Development, LLC.

The management services will be provided by Logan Property Management.

The market analysis was provided by Lea & Company.

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: \$13,865,017 Per Unit Cost: \$182,434 Construction Cost Per Sq. Foot: \$48

Construction Financing		Permanent Financing		
Source	Amount	Source	Amount	
CalHFA – Tax Exempt Bonds	\$7,655,000	CalHFA– Tax Exempt Bonds	\$5,000,000	
San Diego Housing Commission	\$3,662,000	San Diego Housing Commission	\$3,662,000	
Existing reserves	\$330,562	Deferred Developer Fee	\$893,771	
Deferred Developer Fee	\$893,771	Investor Equity	\$4,309,246	
Investor Equity	\$1,323,684	TOTAL	\$13,865,017	

# **Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

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Requested Rehabilitation Eligible Basis:	\$3,511,428
Requested Acquisition Eligible Basis:	\$9,269,000
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100%
Qualified Rehabilitation Basis:	\$4,564,856
Qualified Acquisition Basis:	\$9,269,000
Applicable Rate:	3.50%
Maximum Annual Federal Rehabilitation Credit:	\$159,770
Maximum Annual Federal Acquisition Credit:	\$324,415
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$484,185
Approved Developer Fee:	\$1,667,012
Tax Credit Factor: Red Capital Markets	\$0.89

Applicant requests and staff recommends annual federal credits of \$484,185, based on a qualified rehabilitation basis of \$4,564,856, a qualified acquisition basis of \$9,269,000, and a funding shortfall of \$4,309,246.

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### **Cost Analysis and Line Item Review**

The requested eligible basis \$12,780,428 is below TCAC's adjusted threshold basis limit \$21,693,562. The basis limit includes the adjustment for extraordinary features for: projects that are required to pay state or federal prevailing wages, projects that include 95% of upper floor units are elevator-serviced and 55-year use/affordability restriction for projects where each 1% of low-income units are income targeted between 50% AMI & 36% AMI. Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitation.

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 3.50% 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: None

**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 **\$484,185** 

State/Total **\$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.

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.

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.

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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 educational classes and contracted services 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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