#### CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

# Project Staff Report Tax-Exempt Bond Project December 10, 2014

**Project Number** CA-14-919

**Project Name** 700 Block

Site Address: 700 K Street

Sacramento, CA 95814 County: Sacramento

Census Tract: 11.010

Tax Credit AmountsFederal/AnnualState/TotalRequested:\$897,908\$0Recommended:\$897,908\$0

**Applicant Information** 

Applicant: 700 Block Investors, L.P.

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General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s): Community Revitalization and Development Corp.

700 Block, LLC

General Partner Type: Joint Venture

Parent Company(ies): Community Revitalization and Development Corp.

CFY Development, Inc.

Developer: 700 Block Developers, LLC

Investor/Consultant: RBC Capital Markets
Management Agent: CFY Development, Inc.

**Project Information** 

Construction Type: New Construction

Total # Residential Buildings: 1 Total # of Units: 137

No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 84 61.76%
Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%
Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt
Utility Allowance: CUAC
55-Year Use/Affordability: Yes

Number of Units @ or below 50% of area median income: 14 Number of Units @ or below 60% of area median income: 70

## **Bond Information**

Issuer: Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento

Expected Date of Issuance: December 15, 2014

Credit Enhancement: N/A

## Information

Housing Type: Non-Targeted

Geographic Area: Capital and Northern Region

TCAC Project Analyst: Mayra Lozano

## **Unit Mix**

42 SRO/Studio Units

83 1-Bedroom Units

12 2-Bedroom Units

137 Total Units

		2014 Rents Targeted % of Area Median	2014 Rents Actual % of Area Median	Proposed Rent (including
Unit Type & Number		Income	Income	utilities)
4	SRO/Studio	50%	50%	\$601
21	SRO/Studio	60%	60%	\$721
8	1 Bedroom	50%	50%	\$644
46	1 Bedroom	60%	60%	\$773
2	2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$773
3	2 Bedrooms	60%	60%	\$928
1	1 Bedroom	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0
17	SRO/Studio	Market Rate Unit	Market Rate Unit	\$1,185
28	1 Bedroom	Market Rate Unit	Market Rate Unit	\$1,536
7	2 Bedrooms	Market Rate Unit	Market Rate Unit	\$2,064

## **Project Financing**

### Residential

Estimated Total Project Cost:	\$37,748,616	Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$189
Estimated Residential Project Cost:	\$37,748,616	Per Unit Cost:	\$275,537

### **Construction Financing**

## **Permanent Financing**

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Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Chase Bank	\$22,186,052	Cornerstone Real Estate Advisors	\$12,726,317
SHRA	\$6,280,262	SHRA	\$6,280,262
City of Sacramento - DSRC <sup>1</sup>	\$1,760,000	SHRA / DSRC	\$3,159,738
City Land Donation	\$1,372,801	City of Sacramento - DSRC	\$1,760,000
Grant to General Partner	\$900,000	City Land Donation	\$1,372,801
Deferred Reserves	\$369,551	Grant to General Partner	\$900,000
General Partner Loan	\$1,500,000	General Partner Loan	\$1,500,000
Deferred Developer Fee	\$2,500,000	Deferred Developer Fee	\$1,250,000
Tax Credit Equity	\$879,950	Tax Credit Equity	\$8,799,498
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>DSRC: Downtown Sacramento Revitalization Corporation

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

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$35,168,519
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	61.76%
Qualified Basis:	\$28,236,842
Applicable Rate:	3.36%
Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$897,908
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Ba	sis): \$2,500,000
Investor/Consultant:	RBC Capital Markets
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.98000

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: \$35,168,519 Actual Eligible Basis: \$35,168,519 Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit: \$25,220,361 Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit: \$35,793,898

## **Adjustments to Basis Limit:**

Required to Pay Prevailing Wages Parking Beneath Residential Units Local Development Impact Fees

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 1% for Each 1% of Low-Income Units are Income Targeted between 50% AMI & 36% AMI: 10%

## **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 are below the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations (see "Special Issues/Other Significant Information" section), and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one. Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 3.36% 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 staff calculated the minimum operating expense to be \$4,500 per unit per year. This project's operating expense minimum has been reduced to \$4,077 per unit per year as allowed by regulation on agreement of the permanent lender and equity investor.

The applicant's estimate of contractor profit, overhead and general requirement costs slightly exceed TCAC limits. The applicant is cautioned that at final review, prior to the issuance of the IRS 8609 forms, any costs or eligible basis that exceeds the limits will not be allowed.

The income from the parking/storage will be generated from the market rate units and the cost of the structures will be excluded from eligible basis. The cost to build the parking/storage structures for the affordable units will be included in eligible basis and therefore residents will not be charged for use. Applicant is instructed to provide a cost breakdown for the structures to ensure costs are allocated accurately in eligible basis.

#### **Local Reviewing Agency:**

The Local Reviewing Agency, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, 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 \$897,908 State Tax Credits/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 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 reservation 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.

**Additional Conditions:** The applicant/owner is required to provide the tenants with the following service amenities free of charge 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:

- After school program on-site for a minimum of 10 hours per week
- Instructor-led educational classes, health and wellness or skill-building classes on-site for a minimum of 84 hours per year

The applicant/owner is required to complete the following sustainable building methods in accordance with the bond allocation from CDLAC and provide the applicable certifications and documentation when the TCAC placed-in-service application is submitted:

- The project commits to becoming certified under any one of the following programs: Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED); Green Communities; or the GreenPoint Rated Multifamily Guidelines
- The project will be developed beyond the minimum requirements of the green building program by meeting the GreenPoint Rated 100/125 standard.