# CALIFORNIA DEBT LIMIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

# **Project Staff Report Qualified Private Activity Tax-Exempt Bond Project** August 6, 2024

Costa Mesa M6, located at 2274 Newport Boulevard in Costa Mesa on a 1.17 acre site, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$1,904,479 in annual federal tax credits and \$23,185,979 of tax-exempt bond cap to finance the adaptive reuse of 87 units of housing, consisting of 86 restricted rental units, and 1 unrestricted manager's unit. The project has 86 studio units, and 1 two-bedroom unit, serving tenants with rents affordable to households earning 30%-50% of area median income (AMI). The building will be four 2-story buildings and Type V-A construction with wood frame and stucco exterior. Common amenities include laundry rooms, community TV lounge and game room, computer business center, dog park, community room with demonstration & warming kitchen, podium deck, fitness room, bicycle parking and storage, community garden, on-site property managment office and on-site supportive services providers. Each unit will have refrigerator, range/oven, microwave. The rehabilitation is expected to begin in December 2024 and be completed in January 2026. The project will be developed by Community Development Partners and is located in Senate District 37 and Assembly District 73.

The project will be receiving rental assistance in the form of HUD Section 8 Project-based Vouchers.

**Project Number** CA-24-511

**Project Name** Costa Mesa M6

Site Address: 2274 Newport Boulevard

Costa Mesa, CA 92627

County: Orange Census Tract: 632.01

Tax Credit Amounts Federal/Annual State/Total Requested: \$1,904,479 \$0 Recommended: \$1,904,479 \$0

Tax-Exempt Bond Allocation

Recommended: \$23,185,979

**CTCAC Applicant Information** 

CTCAC Applicant / CDLAC Sponsor: Costa Mesa M6 LP Contact: Teresa Pakalski

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**Bond Financing Information** 

CDLAC Applicant/Bond Issuer: California Statewide Communities Development Authority

Bond Counsel: Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

Private Placement Purchaser: Citibank, N.A.

# **Development Team**

General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s): CDP Costa Mesa M6 LLC

CM Mercy House CHDO LLC

General Partner Type: Joint Venture

Parent Company(ies): Community Development Partners

Mercy House CHDO, Inc.

Developer: Community Development Partners

Investor/Consultant: R4 Capital

Management Agent: FPI Management

#### **Project Information**

Construction Type: Adaptive Reuse

Total # Residential Buildings: 4
Total # of Units: 87

No. / % of Low Income Units: 86 100.00%

Average Targeted Affordability: 40.69% Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%

Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt / HUD Section 8 Project-based Vouchers (40 Units -

47%)

#### Information

Housing Type:

Geographic Area:

Set Aside:

Non-Targeted

Orange County

Homeless Set Aside

Homeless Set Aside Units: 40

CDLAC Project Analyst: Erin Deblaquiere CTCAC Project Analyst: Dylan Hervey

# 55-Year Use / Affordability

Aggregate Targeting	Number of Units	Percentage of Affordable Units
30% AMI:	40	47%
50% AMI:	46	53%

#### **Unit Mix**

86 SRO/Studio Units
1 2-Bedroom Units
87 Total Units

Unit Type		2023 Rents Targeted % of	Proposed Rent	
	& Number	Area Median Income	(including utilities)	
40	SRO/Studio	30%	\$753	
46	SRO/Studio	50%	\$1,256	
1	2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	\$0	

**Project Cost Summary at Application** 

Land and Acquisition	\$20,050,000
Construction Costs	\$12,310,804
Construction Hard Cost Contingency	\$1,270,813
Soft Cost Contingency	\$155,169
Architectural/Engineering	\$437,000
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$2,824,646
Legal Fees	\$250,000
Reserves	\$383,526
Other Costs	\$926,362
Developer Fee	\$5,459,521
Total	\$44,067,841

# Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$383
Per Unit Cost:	\$506,527
Estimated Hard Per Unit Cost:	\$124,126
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$386,746
Bond Allocation Per Unit:	\$266,506
Bond Allocation Per Restricted Rental Unit:	\$269,604

# **Construction Financing**

# **Permanent Financing**

Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Citibank: Tax-Exempt	\$23,185,979	Citibank: Tax-Exempt	\$5,870,000
City of Costa Mesa	\$2,350,000	City of Costa Mesa	\$2,350,000
County of Orange	\$5,350,000	County of Orange	\$5,350,000
Seller Carryback	\$7,432,200	Orange County: HFT¹	\$1,746,191
Cal Optima Grant	\$1,000,000	Seller Carryback	\$7,432,200
Deferred Costs	\$383,526	Cal Optima Grant	\$1,000,000
Deferred Developer Fee	\$2,633,073	Deferred Developer Fee	\$2,988,696
Tax Credit Equity	\$1,733,063	Tax Credit Equity	\$17,330,754
		TOTAL	\$44,067,841

<sup>\*</sup>Less Fee Waivers, Seller Carryback Loans, and Deferred Developer Fee

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

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$19,201,327
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Requested Eligible Basis (Acquisition):	\$22,655,000
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$24,961,725
Qualified Basis (Acquisition):	\$22,655,000
Applicable Rate:	4.00%
Maximum Annual Federal Credit, Rehabilitation:	\$998,279
Maximum Annual Federal Credit, Acquisition:	\$906,200
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,904,479
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	\$5,459,521
Investor/Consultant:	R4 Capital
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.91000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Orange County: Housing Finance Trust

Except as allowed for projects basing cost on assumed third party debt, the "as if vacant" land value and the existing improvement value established at application for all projects, as well as the eligible basis amount derived from those values, shall not increase during all subsequent reviews including the placed in service review, for the purpose of determining the final award of Tax Credits. The sum of the third party debt encumbering the property may increase during subsequent reviews to reflect the actual amount.

CTCAC Significant Information / Additional Conditions: None.

#### **CDLAC Analyst Comments**

None

Resyndication and Resyndication Transfer Event. None.

#### **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.

State tax credit recipients are limited to cash distributions from project operations pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 12206(d). By accepting the tax credit reservation, the applicant/owner is agreeing to comply with the statutory limitations and requirements.

CTCAC 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 CTCAC.

The applicant must pay CTCAC a reservation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. Additionally, CTCAC 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 CTCAC limitations. Fees in excess of these limitations will not be considered when determining the amount of credit when the project is placed-in-service.

If the applicant has requested the use of a CUAC utility allowance, CTCAC's Compliance staff will review the CUAC documentation for this project prior to placed in service. Until written approval is received from CTCAC, this project is not eligible to use a utility allowance based on the CUAC.

The applicant/owner shall be subject to underwriting criteria set forth in Section 10327 of the regulations through the final feasibility analysis performed by CTCAC 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 CTCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

#### **CDLAC Additional Conditions**

The applicant/owner is required to comply with the CDLAC Resolution. At the time of the CTCAC placed in service review, CTCAC staff will verify that the project is in compliance with all applicable items of CDLAC Resolution Exhibit A.

If points were awarded by CDLAC for housing type, the project shall comply with the housing type requirements at the time of CTCAC's Placed In Service review. The housing type requirement shall be conditioned in the CTCAC Regulatory Agreement and CTCAC Compliance staff shall verify the project is meeting those housing type requirements, consistent with California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 10322(i).

Point Criteria	New Const. Max. Points	Rehabilitation Max. Points	Points Scored
Preservation and Other Rehabilitation Project Priorities	0	20	0
New Construction Density and Local Incentives	10	0	10
Exceeding Minimum Income Restrictions	20	20	20
Exceeding Minimum Rent Restrictions	10	10	10
General Partner Experience	7	7	7
Management Company Experience	3	3	3
Housing Needs	10	0	10
Leveraged Soft Resources	8	8	8
Readiness to Proceed	10	10	10
Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing	10	0	9
Site Amenities	10	10	10
Service Amenities	10	10	10
Cost Containment	12	12	12
Negative Points	No Maximum		0
Total Points	120	110	119

The criteria for which points are awarded will also be incorporated into the Resolution transferring Allocation to the Applicant as well as the appropriate bond documents and loan and finance agreements.

**Tie Breaker:** 121.118%