# CALIFORNIA DEBT LIMIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

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

North City Affordable, located at 337 East Carmel Street in San Marcos on a 3.23 acre site, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$5,385,018 in annual federal tax credits and \$20,581,563 in total state tax credits and \$55,700,000 of tax-exempt bond cap to finance the new construction of 224 units of housing, consisting of 222 restricted rental units and 2 unrestricted manager's units. The project will have 16 studio units, 82 one-bedroom units, 66 two-bedroom units, and 60 three-bedroom units, serving families with rents affordable to households earning 30%-70% of area median income (AMI). The building will be a 4-story Type V wood-frame construction. Common amenities include a community room, co-work area, fitness, a large outdoor courtyard area with community pavilion, children's play equipment, seating areas, multiple laundry rooms, bicycle storage, a conference room, and parcel lockers. Each unit will have a refrigerator, oven, microwave, dishwasher, and sink with garbage disposal. The construction is expected to begin in January 2025 and be completed in January 2027. The project will be developed by Carmel Enterprise, LLC and will be located in Senate District 40 and Assembly District 76.

The project financing includes state funding from the Mixed-Income Program (MIP) through CalHFA.

Project Number CA-24-539

Project Name North City Affordable

Site Address: 337 East Carmel Street

San Marcos, CA 92078

County: San Diego Census Tract: 203.10

 Tax Credit Amounts
 Federal/Annual
 State/Total \*

 Requested:
 \$5,385,018
 \$20,581,563

 Recommended:
 \$5,385,018
 \$20,581,563

### **Tax-Exempt Bond Allocation**

Recommended: \$55,700,000

#### **CTCAC Applicant Information**

CTCAC Applicant/CDLAC Sponsor: Rise Carmel LP Contact: Rob Morgan

Address: 5550 Carmel Mountain Rd. #204

San Diego , CA 92130

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#### **Bond Financing Information**

CDLAC Applicant/Bond Issuer: California Housing Finance Agency Bond Counsel: Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

Private Placement Purchaser: Citi Community Capital

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<sup>\*</sup> The applicant made an election not to sell (Certificate) any portion of the state credits.

# **Development Team**

General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s): Rise Carmel LLC

AOF SD MGP, LLC

General Partner Type: Joint Venture Parent Company(ies): Trestle Build

AOF/Pacific Affordable Housing Corp.

Developer: Carmel Enterprise, LLC
Investor/Consultant: Red Stone Equity Partners
Management Agent: Aperto Property Management

#### **Project Information**

Construction Type: New Construction

Total # Residential Buildings: 1
Total # of Units: 224

No. / % of Low Income Units: 222 100.00%

Average Targeted Affordability: 55.23%

Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60% Average Income

Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt

#### Information

Housing Type: Large Family
Geographic Area: San Diego County
State Ceiling Pool: New Construction

Set Aside: Mixed Income Set Aside

CDLAC Project Analyst: Brandon Medina CTCAC Project Analyst: Cynthia Compton

# 55-Year Use / Affordability

Aggregate	Number of	Percentage of
Targeting	Units	Affordable Units
30% AMI:	30	14%
50% AMI:	86	39%
60% AMI:	36	16%
70% AMI*:	70	32%

<sup>\*</sup>CTCAC restricted only

#### **Unit Mix**

16 SRO/Studio Units

82 1-Bedroom Units

66 2-Bedroom Units

60 3-Bedroom Units

224 Total Units

	Unit Type	2023 Rents Targeted % of	Proposed Rent
	& Number	Area Median Income	(including utilities)
7	SRO/Studio	30%	\$723
9	SRO/Studio	50%	\$1,206
9	1 Bedroom	30%	\$775
63	1 Bedroom	50%	\$1,292
10	1 Bedroom	60%	\$1,551
7	2 Bedrooms	30%	\$930
7	2 Bedrooms	50%	\$1,551
17	2 Bedrooms	60%	\$1,861
33	2 Bedrooms	70%	\$2,171
7	3 Bedrooms	30%	\$1,075
7	3 Bedrooms	50%	\$1,791
9	3 Bedrooms	60%	\$2,150
37	3 Bedrooms	70%	\$2,508
2	2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	\$0

**Project Cost Summary at Application** 

Land and Acquisition	\$160,000
Construction Costs	\$80,349,380
Construction Hard Cost Contingency	\$4,001,219
Soft Cost Contingency	\$1,136,000
Architectural/Engineering	\$3,786,978
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$6,610,176
Legal Fees	\$215,000
Reserves	\$1,344,000
Other Costs	\$8,492,476
Developer Fee	\$14,775,000
Total	\$120.870.229

# Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$354
Per Unit Cost:	\$539,599
Estimated Hard Per Unit Cost:	\$321,942
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$476,707
Bond Allocation Per Unit:	\$248,661
Bond Allocation Per Restricted Rental Unit:	\$366,447

# **Construction Financing**

# **Permanent Financing**

Source	Amount	Source	Amount	
Citi: Tax-Exempt	\$55,700,000	CalHFA: Tax-Exempt	\$31,026,780	
Citi: Taxable	\$12,500,000	CalHFA: MIP	\$4,000,000	
CalHFA: Recycled Tax-Exempt	\$4,000,000	Carmel Enterprise, LLC	\$7,000,000	
Carmel Enterprise, LLC	\$7,000,000	Deferred Developer Fee	\$14,087,832	
Deferred Developer Fee	\$14,087,832	Tax Credit Equity	\$64,755,617	
Tax Credit Equity	\$27,582,397	TOTAL	\$120,870,229	

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

**Determination of Credit Amount(s)** 

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$103,558,035
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$134,625,446
Applicable Rate:	4.00%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$5,385,018
Total State Credit:	\$20,581,563
Approved Developer Fee in Project Cost:	\$14,775,000
Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Basis:	\$3,500,000
Investor/Consultant:	Red Stone Equity Partners
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.87000
State Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.87000

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:**

This Project's annual per unit operating expense total is below the CTCAC published per unit operating minimums of \$5,700. As allowed by CTCAC Regulation Section 10327(g)(1), CTCAC approves an annual per unit operating expense total of \$5,120 on agreement of the permanent lender and equity investor.

#### **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	10
Site Amenities	10	10	10
Service Amenities	10	10	10
Cost Containment	12	12	12
Negative Points	No Maximum		0
Total Points	120	110	120

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:** 89.166%