## CALIFORNIA DEBT LIMIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

# **Project Staff Report Qualified Private Activity Tax-Exempt Bond Project December 11, 2024**

Lake Isabella Senior Apartments I & II, located at 2701 Eskine Creek Road in Lake Isabella on a 2.95 acre site, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$716,565 in annual federal tax credits and \$7,750,000 of tax-exempt bond cap to finance the acquisition & rehabilitation of 86 units of housing, consisting of 85 restricted rental units and 1 unrestricted manager's unit. The project has 84 one-bedroom units, and 2 twobedroom units, serving seniors with rents affordable to households earning 30%-60% of area median income (AMI). The construction is expected to begin in March 2025 and be completed in December 2025. The project will be developed by Community Preservation Partners and is located in Senate District 12 and Assembly District 32.

Lake Isabella Senior Apartments I & II is a re-syndication of two existing Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects, Lake Isabella Senior Apartments (CA-1990-109) and Lake Isabella Senior II Apartments (CA-1994-093). See Resyndication and Resyndication Transfer Event below for additional information. The project will be receiving rental assistance in the form of USDA RHS 521 Rental Assistance.

CA-24-787 **Project Number** 

**Project Name** Lake Isabella Senior Apartments I & II

Site Address: 2701 Eskine Creek Road

Lake Isabella, CA 93240

County: Kern Census Tract: 52.05

**Tax Credit Amounts** Federal/Annual State/Total Requested: \$716,565 \$0 Recommended: \$716,565 \$0

Tax-Exempt Bond Allocation

Recommended: \$7,750,000

**CTCAC Applicant Information** 

CTCAC Applicant/CDLAC Sponsor: Lake Isabella Investment Group, LP

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**Bond Financing Information** 

CDLAC Applicant/Bond Issuer: **CMFA** 

Bond Counsel: Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

Public Sale: Credit Enhanced

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated Underwriter:

Credit Enhancement Provider: Bonneville Mortgage Company

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## **Development Team**

General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s): Edward Mackay Enterprises, LLC

The Beneficial Housing Foundation

General Partner Type: Joint Venture

Parent Company(ies): Edward Mackay Enterprises, LLC

The Beneficial Housing Foundation

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Developer: Community Preservation Partners

Investor/Consultant: WNC

Management Agent: AWI Management Corporation

#### **Project Information**

Construction Type: Acquisition & Rehabilitation

Total # Residential Buildings: 22 Total # of Units: 86

No. / % of Low Income Units: 85 100.00%

Average Targeted Affordability: 53.60% Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%

Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt / USDA Section 515

#### Information

Housing Type: Seniors

Geographic Area: Central Valley Region State Ceiling Pool: Other Rehabilitation

Set Aside: N/A

CDLAC Project Analyst: Amit Sarang CTCAC Project Analyst: Jacob Paixao

## 55-Year Use / Affordability

Aggregate Targeting	Number of Units	Affordable Units	
30% AMI:	17	20%	
60% AMI:	68	80%	

#### **Unit Mix**

84 1-Bedroom Units 2 2-Bedroom Units 86 Total Units

Unit Type		2024 Rents Targeted % of	Proposed Rent	
	& Number	Area Median Income	(including utilities)	
9	1 Bedroom	30%	\$495	
36	1 Bedroom	60%	\$990	
8	1 Bedroom	30%	\$495	
31	1 Bedroom	60%	\$990	
1	2 Bedrooms	60%	\$1,184	
1	2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	\$0	

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**Project Cost Summary at Application** 

\$3,155,217
\$0
\$6,546,170
\$650,117
\$150,000
\$358,000
\$339,500
\$1,975,054
\$150,000
\$602,400
\$789,702
\$1,631,622
\$0
\$16,347,782

# Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$114
Per Unit Cost:	\$190,090
Estimated Hard Per Unit Cost:	\$65,407
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$188,670
Bond Allocation Per Unit:	\$90,116
Bond Allocation Per Restricted Rental Unit:	\$91,176

Construction Financing Permanent Financing

Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Bonneville: Tax-Exempt	\$7,750,000	Bonneville: Tax-Exempt	\$6,158,000
USDA RD 515	\$3,105,217	USDA RD 515	\$3,105,217
Existing Reserves	\$544,499	Existing Reserves	\$544,499
Net Operating Income	\$183,773	Net Operating Income	\$183,773
Deferred Developer Fee	\$1,292,135	Deferred Developer Fee	\$122,177
Tax Credit Equity	\$3,472,158	Tax Credit Equity	\$6,234,116
		TOTAL	\$16.347.782

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

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

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Requested Eligible Basis (Rehabilitation):	\$11,360,998
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Requested Eligible Basis (Acquisition):	\$3,144,820
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis (Rehabilitation):	\$14,769,297
Qualified Basis (Acquisition):	\$3,144,820
Applicable Rate:	4.00%
Maximum Annual Federal Credit, Rehabilitation:	\$590,772
Maximum Annual Federal Credit, Acquisition:	\$125,793
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$716,565
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	\$1,631,622
Federal 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: None.

CDLAC Analyst Comments: None.

#### **Resyndication and Resyndication Transfer Event**

As required by the IRS, the newly resyndicated project will continue to use the originally assigned Building Identification Numbers (BINs).

The newly resyndicated project shall continue to meet the rents and income targeting levels in the existing regulatory agreement and any deeper targeting levels in the new regulatory agreement for the duration of the new regulatory agreement. Existing households determined to be income-qualified for purposes of IRC §42 credit during the 15-year compliance period are concurrently income-qualified households for purposes of the extended use agreement. As a result, any household determined to be income qualified at the time of move-in under the existing regulatory agreements (CA-1990-109) and (CA-1994-93) is a qualified low-income household for the subsequent allocation (existing household eligibility is "grandfathered").

The project is a re-syndication occurring concurrently with a Transfer Event without distribution of Net Project Equity, and thus is waived from setting aside a Short Term Work Capitalized Replacement Reserve that is otherwise required.

#### **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.

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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	20
New Construction Density and Local Incentives	10	0	0
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	0
Leveraged Soft Resources	8	8	8
Readiness to Proceed	10	10	10
Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing	10	0	0
Site Amenities	10	10	10
Service Amenities	10	10	10
Cost Containment	12	12	12
Negative Points	No Maximum		0
Total Points	120	110	110

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:** 176.872%