#### CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Project Staff Report 2016 Second Round September 21, 2016

Fullerton Family Housing, located at 336 East Santa Fe Avenue in Fullerton, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$1,536,840 in annual federal tax credits to finance the new construction of 54 units of housing serving large families with rents affordable to households earning 30-60% of area median income (AMI). The project will be developed by Related Development Company of California, LLC and will be located in Senate District 29 and Assembly District 65.

Project Number CA-16-111

**Project Name** Fullerton Family Housing

Site Address: 336 E. Santa Fe Avenue

Fullerton, CA 92832 County: Orange

Census Tract: 113.000

Tax Credit AmountsFederal/AnnualState/TotalRequested:\$1,536,840\$0Recommended:\$1,536,840\$0

**Applicant Information** 

Applicant: Fullerton Family Housing Partners, L.P.

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General Partner(s) / Principal Owner(s): Related/Fullerton Development Co., LLC

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General Partner Type: Joint Venture

Parent Company(ies): The Related Companies of CA

Foundation for Affordable Housing

Developer: Related Development Company of California, LLC

Investor/Consultant: Union Bank of California
Management Agent(s): Related Management

# **Project Information**

Construction Type: New Construction

Total # Residential Buildings: 1 Total # of Units: 55

No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 54 100% Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60% Federal Subsidy: N/A

Affordability Breakdown by Units and % (Lowest Income Points):

30% AMI: 6 10 % 40% AMI: 11 20 % 50% AMI: 22 40 %

## **Information**

Set Aside: N/A

Housing Type: Large Family
Geographic Area: Orange County
TCAC Project Analyst: DC Navarrette

## **Unit Mix**

5 SRO/Studio Units

22 1-Bedroom Units

14 2-Bedroom Units

14 3-Bedroom Units

55 Total Units

| <u>Uni</u> | t Type & Number | 2016 Rents Targeted<br>% of Area Median<br>Income | 2016 Rents Actual<br>% of Area Median<br>Income | Proposed<br>Rent<br>(including<br>utilities) |
|------------|-----------------|---|---|--|
| 1          | SRO/Studio      | 40%   | 40%   | \$683  |
| 3          | SRO/Studio      | 50%   | 50%   | \$853  |
| 1          | SRO/Studio      | 60%   | 60%   | \$1,024                                      |
| 2          | 1 Bedroom       | 30%   | 30%   | \$548  |
| 5          | 1 Bedroom       | 40%   | 40%   | \$731  |
| 9          | 1 Bedroom       | 50%   | 50%   | \$914  |
| 6          | 1 Bedroom       | 60%   | 60%   | \$1,097                                      |
| 2          | 2 Bedrooms      | 30%   | 30%   | \$658  |
| 2          | 2 Bedrooms      | 40%   | 40%   | \$878  |
| 5          | 2 Bedrooms      | 50%   | 50%   | \$1,097                                      |
| 4          | 2 Bedrooms      | 60%   | 60%   | \$1,317                                      |
| 2          | 3 Bedrooms      | 30%   | 30%   | \$760  |
| 3          | 3 Bedrooms      | 40%   | 40%   | \$1,014                                      |
| 5          | 3 Bedrooms      | 50%   | 50%   | \$1,267                                      |
| 4          | 3 Bedrooms      | 60%   | 60%   | \$1,521                                      |
| 1          | 2 Bedrooms      | Manager's Unit                                    | Manager's Unit                                  | \$0  |

**Project Cost Summary at Application** 

| Total                            | \$25,981,874 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Commercial Costs                 | \$0          |
| Developer Fee                    | \$2,000,000  |
| Other Costs                      | \$2,688,540  |
| Reserves                         | \$139,773    |
| Legal Fees, Appraisals           | \$260,000    |
| Const. Interest, Perm. Financing | \$933,000    |
| Architectural/Engineering        | \$1,845,000  |
| Relocation                       | \$0          |
| Construction Contingency         | \$707,884    |
| Rehabilitation Costs             | \$0          |
| Construction Costs               | \$13,404,977 |
| Land and Acquisition             | \$4,002,700  |

# **Project Financing**

#### Residential **Estimated Total Project Cost:** \$25,981,874 Construction Cost Per Square Foot: \$229 **Estimated Residential Project Cost:** Per Unit Cost: \$25,981,874 \$472,398 **Estimated Commercial Project Cost:** True Cash Per Unit Cost\*: \$472,398 \$0

# **Construction Financing**

# **Permanent Financing**

| Source                             | Amount       | Source            | Amount       |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Union Bank                         | \$14,384,326 | Union Bank        | \$2,493,000  |
| City of Fullerton                  | \$7,200,000  | City of Fullerton | \$7,200,000  |
| Deferred Operating Deficit Reserve | \$139,773    | Tax Credit Equity | \$16,288,874 |
| Deferred Developer Fee             | \$1,000,000  | TOTAL             | \$25,981,874 |
| Tax Credit Equity                  | \$3,257,775  |                   |              |

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

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

| Requested Eligible Basis:                 | \$13,135,384             |
|---|--------------------------|
| 130% High Cost Adjustment:                | Yes                      |
| Applicable Fraction:                      | 100.00%                  |
| Qualified Basis:                          | \$17,075,999             |
| Applicable Rate:                          | 9.00%                    |
| Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:      | \$1,536,840              |
| Approved Developer Fee in Project Cost:   | \$2,000,000              |
| Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Basis: | \$1,400,000              |
| Investor/Consultant:                      | Union Bank of California |
| Federal Tax Credit Factor:                | \$1.05989                |

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: \$13,135,384 Actual Eligible Basis: \$19,381,997 Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit: \$10,535,588 Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit: \$15,619,552

## **Adjustments to Basis Limit**

Parking Beneath Residential Units or On-Site Parking Structure of Two or More Levels One or More Energy Efficiency/Resource Conservation/Indoor Air Quality Features:

- New construction: project buildings are at least 15% more energy efficient that current CA Code Energy Efficiency Standards as indicated in TCAC Regulations.
- Install bamboo, stained concrete, cork, salvaged or FSC-Certified wood, ceramic tile, or natural linoleum in all common areas

**Environmental Mitigation** 

Local Development Impact Fees

95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced

#### **Tie-Breaker Information**

First: Large Family
Final: 35.765%

### **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 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 9.0% of the qualified basis, or, in the case of acquisition credit or credit combined with federal subsidies, 3.21%. 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**

The applicant's estimate of contractor profit, overhead and general requirement costs slightly exceeds TCAC limit of 14%. 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.

# **Legal Status**

Staff has reviewed the Applicant's responses to the questions contained in the Legal Status portion of the Application. No information was disclosed that raised any question regarding the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

## **Local Reviewing Agency**

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.

#### 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 \$1,536,840 State Tax Credits/Total \$0

### **Standard Conditions**

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Carryover Allocation and any Readiness to Proceed Requirements elected. Failure to provide the documentation at the time required may result in rescission of the Credit reservation and cancellation of a carryover allocation.

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 performance deposit and 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 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.

The applicant must ensure the project meets all Additional Threshold Requirements of the proposed project. If points were awarded for service amenities, the applicant will be required to provide such amenity or amenities identified in the application, for a minimum period of fifteen years and at no cost to the tenants. Applicants that received points for sustainable building methods (energy efficiency) must submit the certification required by Section 10325(c)(6) at project completion. Applicants that received increases (exceptions to limits) in the threshold basis limit under Section 10327(c)(5) must submit the certification required by Section 10322(i)(2) at project completion.

Additional Conditions: None.

| Points System   | Max. Possible<br>Points | Requested<br>Points | Points<br>Awarded |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Cost Efficiency / Credit Reduction / Public Funds                         | 20                      | 20                  | 20                |
| Public Funds  | 20                      | 20                  | 20                |
| Owner / Management Characteristics  | 9                       | 9                   | 9                 |
| General Partner Experience  | 6                       | 6                   | 6                 |
| Management Experience   | 3                       | 3                   | 3                 |
| Housing Needs   | 10                      | 10                  | 10                |
| Site Amenities  | 15                      | 15                  | 15                |
| Within ⅓ mile of transit, service every 30 min, 25 units/acre density     | 7                       | 7                   | 7                 |
| Within ½ mile of public park or community center open to general public   | 3                       | 3                   | 3                 |
| Within 1 mile of public library   | 2                       | 2                   | 2                 |
| Within 1 mile of a full-scale grocery/supermarket of at least 25,000 sf   | 4                       | 4                   | 4                 |
| Within 1 mile of a public high school                                     | 3                       | 3                   | 3                 |
| Within 1 mile of a pharmacy   | 1                       | 1                   | 1                 |
| Service Amenities   | 10                      | 10                  | 10                |
| LARGE FAMILY, SENIOR, AT-RISK HOUSING TYPES                               |                         |                     |                   |
| Adult ed/health & wellness/skill bldg classes, min. 84 hrs/yr instruction | 7                       | 7                   | 7                 |
| Health & wellness services and programs, minimum 60 hrs per 100 bdrms     | 3                       | 3                   | 3                 |
| Sustainable Building Methods  | 5                       | 5                   | 5                 |
| NEW CONSTRUCTION/ADAPTIVE REUSE   |                         |                     |                   |
| Energy efficiency beyond CA Building Code Title 24 requirements: 15%      | 5                       | 5                   | 5                 |
| Lowest Income   | 52                      | 52                  | 52                |
| Basic Targeting   | 50                      | 50                  | 50                |
| Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of units @ 30% AMI or less                | 2                       | 2                   | 2                 |
| Readiness to Proceed  | 15                      | 15                  | 15                |
| Miscellaneous Federal and State Policies                                  | 2                       | 2                   | 2                 |
| State Credit Substitution   | 2                       | 2                   | 2                 |
| Total Points  | 138                     | 138                 | 138               |

<u>Please Note:</u> If more than the maximum Site Amenity points were requested, not all amenities may have been scored and/or verified.

DO NOT RELY ON SCORING IN THIS COMPETITIVE CYCLE FOR FUTURE APPLICATIONS. ALL RE-APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED WITHOUT RELIANCE ON PAST SCORING.