

CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
Project Staff Report
2011 First Round
June 22, 2011

Project Number CA-2011-083

Project Name Ridgecrest Senior Apartments
Site Address: S.W. Corner of Church Avenue & Downs Street
Ridgecrest, CA 93555 County: Kern
Census Tract: 54.030

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$305,735	\$1,019,117
Recommended:	\$305,735	\$1,019,117

Applicant Information

Applicant: Ridgecrest Pacific Associates, a California Limited Partnership
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General partner(s) or principal owner(s): Valley Initiative for Affordable Housing
Roope, LLC
General Partner Type: Joint Venture
Developer: AMG & Associates, LLC
Investor/Consultant: Boston Capital
Management Agent: Infinity Management, Inc.

Project Information

Construction Type: New Construction
Total # Residential Buildings: 7
Total # of Units: 32
No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 31 100%
Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%
Federal Subsidy: N/A
Affordability Breakdown by % (Lowest Income Points):
30% AMI: 10 %
50% AMI: 35 %
55% AMI (Rural): 40 %

Information

Set-Aside: Rural
 Housing Type: Seniors
 Geographic Area: N/A
 TCAC Project Analyst: Jack Waegell

Unit Mix

26 1-Bedroom Units
 6 2-Bedroom Units

 32 Total Units

<u>Unit Type & Number</u>	<u>2010 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>2010 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
3 1 Bedroom	30%	30%	\$317
9 1 Bedroom	50%	50%	\$528
11 1 Bedroom	55%	52%	\$549
3 1 Bedroom	60%	52%	\$549
1 2 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$380
2 2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$633
2 2 Bedrooms	55%	50%	\$636
1 2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0

Project Financing

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$6,629,326
 Estimated Residential Project Cost: \$6,629,326

Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot: \$151
 Per Unit Cost: \$207,166

Construction Financing

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Boston Capital Finance	\$2,116,229
City of Ridgecrest - RDA Funds	\$3,000,000
Costs Deferred During Construction	\$81,964
Deferred Developer Fee	\$795,268
Tax Credit Equity	\$635,865

Permanent Financing

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Boston Capital Finance	\$450,000
City of Ridgecrest - RDA Funds	\$3,000,000
Tax Credit Equity	\$3,179,326
TOTAL	\$6,629,326

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$3,397,056
130% High Cost Adjustment:	No
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$3,397,056
Applicable Rate:	9.00%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$305,735
Total State Credit:	\$1,019,117
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	\$795,268
Investor/Consultant:	Boston Capital
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.83992
State Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.59994

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:	\$3,397,056
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$6,097,056
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$4,827,466
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$5,590,050

Adjustments to Basis Limit:

Local Development Impact Fees
95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced

Tie-Breaker Information

First:	Seniors
Second:	61.506%

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 were below the TCAC minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one, as explained in the Special Issues section of this report. Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 9.00% of the qualified basis, or, in the case of acquisition credit or credit combined with federal subsidies, 3.40%. 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 operating expenses shown in the application at \$3,153 per unit per year were below the TCAC required minimum operating expense figure of \$3,300 per unit per year for an elevator-served senior project in a rural area. Staff adjusted accordingly. The project meets the TCAC cash flow requirements at the higher operating expense figure.

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, the City of Ridgecrest, 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	State Tax Credits/Total
\$305,735	\$1,019,117

Standard Conditions

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Carryover Allocation, any Readiness 180-Day Requirements elected, and a Final Reservation. 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 ten 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 Points	Requested Points	Points 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
Dial-a-ride service for a rural set-aside project	4	4	4
Within ½ mile of public park or community center open to general public	3	3	3
Within 3 miles of a full-scale grocery/supermarket of at least 25,000 sf	3	3	3
Senior project within 1 mile of daily operated senior center/facility	2	2	2
Within 1.5 miles of medical clinic or hospital	2	2	2
Within 1 mile of a pharmacy	1	1	1
Service Amenities	10	10	10
SENIOR HOUSING TYPE			
Adult ed/health & wellness/skill bldg classes, minimum 84 hrs/yr instruction	7	7	7
Health & wellness services and programs, minimum 60 hrs per 100 bdrms	3	3	3
Sustainable Building Methods	10	10	10
NEW CONSTRUCTION			
Develop project in accordance w/ requirements of: GreenPoint Rated	5	5	5
Energy efficiency beyond CA Building Code Title 24 requirements: 17.5%	2	2	2
Develop project to requirements of: GreenPoint Rated 100	3	3	3
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	20	20	20
Miscellaneous Federal and State Policies	2	2	2
State Credit Substitution	2	2	2
Total Points	148	148	148

Please Note: 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.