

CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Project Staff Report

2013 Second Round

September 25, 2013

REVISED

Project Number CA-13-148

Project Name Whittier Place Housing
Site Address: 4125-4131 Whittier Boulevard & 837 S. Bonnie Beach Place
Los Angeles, CA 90022 County: Los Angeles
Census Tract: 5312.020

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$764,973	\$0
Recommended:	\$764,973	\$0

Applicant Information

Applicant: Whittier PSH, LP
Contact: Maria Cabildo
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Los Angeles, CA 90033
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General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s): East LA Community Corporation
General Partner Type: Nonprofit
Parent Company(ies): East LA Community Corporation
Developer: East LA Community Corporation
Investor/Consultant: California Housing Partnership Corporation
Management Agent(s): John Stewart Company

Project Information

Construction Type: New Construction
Total # Residential Buildings: 1
Total # of Units: 25
No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 24 100%
Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%
Federal Subsidy: HOME
Average Targeted Affordability of Special Needs/SRO Project Units: 40.00%
Affordability Breakdown by Units and % (Lowest Income Points):
30% AMI: 12 50 %
50% AMI: 12 50 %

Information

Set-Aside: Nonprofit Homeless Assistance
 Housing Type: Special Needs
 Type of Special Needs: Homeless
 % of Special Need Units: 18 units 75%
 Geographic Area: Balance of Los Angeles County
 TCAC Project Analyst: Jack Waegell

Unit Mix

15 1-Bedroom Units
 10 2-Bedroom Units

 25 Total Units

<u>Unit Type & Number</u>	<u>2013 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>2013 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
7 1 Bedroom	30%	30%	\$466
4 1 Bedroom	50%	30%	\$466
4 1 Bedroom	50%	50%	\$776
5 2 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$559
2 2 Bedrooms	50%	30%	\$559
2 2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$932
1 2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0

Project Financing

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$13,437,348
 Estimated Residential Project Cost: \$13,437,348

Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot: \$231
 Per Unit Cost: \$537,494

Construction Financing

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
JPMorgan Chase	\$4,000,000
LA County CDC - County HPI-HS	\$945,000
LA County CDC-HOME & Other	\$1,850,000
First 5 LA (Capital & Rent Reserve)	\$2,400,000
Costs Deferred Until Completion	\$3,402,074
Tax Credit Equity	\$840,274

Permanent Financing

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
LA County CDC - County HPI-HS	\$945,000
LA County CDC - HOME & Other	\$1,850,000
First 5 LA (Capital & Rent Reserve)	\$2,900,000
G.P. Capital Contribution	\$100
Deferred Developer Fee	\$600,000
Tax Credit Equity	\$7,142,248
TOTAL	\$13,437,348

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$6,538,231
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$8,499,700
Applicable Rate:	9.00%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$764,973
Approved Developer Fee in Project Cost:	\$1,200,000
Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Basis:	\$600,000
Investor/Consultant:	California Housing Partnership Corporation
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.93366

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:	\$6,538,231
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$9,346,180
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$4,881,850
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$7,295,858

Adjustments to Basis Limit:

Required to Pay Prevailing Wages

Parking Beneath Residential Units

One or More Energy Efficiency/Resource Conservation/Indoor Air Quality Features:

- New construction: project buildings are at least 45% more energy efficient than current CA Code Energy Efficiency Standards as indicated in TCAC Regulations.
- Install bamboo, cork, salvaged or FSC-Certified wood, natural linoleum, natural rubber, or ceramic tile in all kitchens, living rooms, and bathrooms where no VOC adhesives or backing is used
- Install bamboo, stained concrete, cork, salvaged or FSC-Certified wood, ceramic tile, or natural linoleum in all common areas

Local Development Impact Fees

95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced

Tie-Breaker Information

First:	Special Needs
Second:	59.496%

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 9.00% of the qualified basis. 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 project has received a commitment of funds from First 5 LA to fund a capitalized reserve to allow the project to achieve its deeper rent targeting for these special needs tenants paying no more than 30% of their income as rent.

This special needs project's cost per unit is relatively high due in part to the sources and uses budget including a capitalized rent reserve of \$94,000 per unit that the project will draw on annually beginning in year 1 in order to achieve the project's very deep income targeting. In addition, the project's relative cost is increased due to constructing a small project (25 units) on a small site (0.56 acres) with an underground parking garage.

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 Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles, 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
\$764,973	\$0

Standard Conditions

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Carryover Allocation, any Readiness to Proceed 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
Within ¼ mile of transit stop, service every 30 min, 25 units/acre density	7	7	7
Within ½ mile of public park or community center open to general public	2	2	2
Within ¼ mile of public library	3	3	3
Within 1.5 miles of a full-scale grocery/supermarket of at least 25,000 sf	3	3	0
Within ¾ mile of a public elementary school project children may attend	2	2	0
Special Needs/SRO project within ½ mile of facility serving tenant pop.	3	3	3
Within ½ mile of medical clinic or hospital	3	3	3
Within ¼ mile of a pharmacy	2	2	2
Service Amenities	10	10	10
SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING TYPE			
Case Manager, minimum ratio of 1 FTE to 100 bedrooms	5	5	5
Service Coordinator/Other Services Specialist, min. ratio 1 FTE to 360 bdrms	5	5	5
Sustainable Building Methods	10	10	10
NEW CONSTRUCTION			
Develop project in accordance w/ requirements of: LEED	5	5	5
Energy efficiency beyond CA Building Code Title 24 requirements: 25.0%	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	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.