

**CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE**

**Project Staff Report**

**Tax-Exempt Bond Project**

**May 18, 2016**

**REVISED**

Pensione K, located at 1100 17th Street in Sacramento, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$230,704 in annual federal tax credits to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of 127 units of housing serving tenants with rents affordable to households earning 30-60% of area median income (AMI). The project will be developed by Barone Galasso and Associates, Inc. and is located in Senate District 6 and Assembly District 7.

Pensione K is a re-syndication of an existing Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) project, Pensione K (CA-94-079). See **Special Issues/Other Significant Information** below for additional re-syndication information.

**Project Number** CA-16-880

**Project Name** Pensione K

Site Address: 1100 17th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811 County: Sacramento

Census Tract: 11.010

<b>Tax Credit Amounts</b>	<b>Federal/Annual</b>	<b>State/Total</b>
Requested:	\$230,704	\$0
Recommended:	\$230,704	\$0

**Applicant Information**

Applicant: 1702 Studio Housing Partners L.P.

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General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s): Barone Galasso and Associates, Inc.  
Pacific Housing, Inc.

General Partner Type: Joint Venture

Parent Company(ies): Barone Galasso and Associates, Inc.  
Pacific Housing, Inc.

Developer: Barone Galasso and Associates, Inc.

Investor/Consultant: RBC Capital Markets

Management Agent: Barone Galasso and Associates, Inc.

**Project Information**

Construction Type: Acquisition and Rehabilitation  
 Total # Residential Buildings: 1  
 Total # of Units: 129  
 No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 127 100.00%  
 Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%  
 Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt / HOME  
 HCD MHP Funding: No  
 55-Year Use/Affordability: Yes  
 Number of Units @ or below 35% of area median income: 20  
 Number of Units @ or below 50% of area median income: 103  
 Number of Units @ or below 60% of area median income: 4

**Bond Information**

Issuer: Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento  
 Expected Date of Issuance: June 1, 2016  
 Credit Enhancement: Citi Community Capital

**Information**

Housing Type: Non-Targeted  
 Geographic Area: Capital and Northern Region  
 TCAC Project Analyst: Mayra Lozano

**Unit Mix**

129 SRO/Studio Units  
 129 Total Units

<u>Unit Type &amp; Number</u>	<u>2015 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>2015 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
20 SRO/Studio	30%	30%	\$375
92 SRO/Studio	40%	40%	\$501
11 SRO/Studio	50%	50%	\$626
4 SRO/Studio	60%	60%	\$751
2 SRO/Studio	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$751

**Project Cost Summary at Application**

Land and Acquisition	\$3,708,800
Construction Costs	\$0
Rehabilitation Costs	\$2,398,340
Construction Contingency	\$239,834
Relocation	\$437,485
Architectural/Engineering	\$75,000
Construction Interest, Perm Financing	\$281,185
Legal Fees, Appraisals	\$161,500
Reserves	\$257,338
Other Costs	\$271,103
Developer Fee	\$792,153
Commercial Costs	\$91,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,713,938</b>

**Project Financing**

Estimated Total Project Cost:	\$8,713,938
Estimated Residential Project Cost:	\$8,622,738
Estimated Commercial Project Cost:	\$91,200

**Residential**

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$47
Per Unit Cost:	\$66,843
Effective Per Unit Cost:	\$65,253

**Construction Financing**

Source	Amount
Citi Community Capital	\$4,500,000
SHRA Assumed Loan	\$1,752,628
SHRA - HOME	\$1,190,000
Deferred Developer Fee	\$792,153
Tax Credit Equity	\$479,157

**Permanent Financing**

Source	Amount
Citi Community Capital	\$3,000,000
SHRA Assumed Loan	\$1,752,628
SHRA - HOME	\$1,190,000
NOI during construction	\$141,636
Deferred Developer Fee	\$207,282
Tax Credit Equity	\$2,422,392
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,713,938</b>

**Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

Requested Eligible Basis (Rehabilitation):	\$3,418,057
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Requested Eligible Basis (Acquisition):	\$2,655,120
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis (Rehabilitation):	\$4,443,474
Qualified Basis (Acquisition):	\$2,655,120
Applicable Rate:	3.25%
Maximum Annual Federal Credit, Rehabilitation:	\$144,413
Maximum Annual Federal Credit, Acquisition:	\$86,291
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$230,704
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	\$792,153
Investor/Consultant:	RBC Capital Markets
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$1.05000

Per Regulation Section 10322(h)(9)(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:	\$6,073,177
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$6,073,177
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$23,299,077
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$51,490,960

**Adjustments to Basis Limit**

95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 1% for Each 1% of Low-Income Units are Income Targeted between 50% AMI & 36% AMI: 81%

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 2% for Each 1% of Low-Income Units are Income Targeted at 35% AMI or Below: 30%

**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 are slightly below the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, but shall meet the minimum at placed in service, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one. Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 3.25% 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**

To be eligible for a new award of tax credits, the owner must provide documentation with the Form 8609 request (the placed in service submission) that the acquisition date and the placed in service date both occurred after the existing federal 15 year compliance period was completed. The initial 15 year compliance period is from January 1 of the owner’s elected first year of credit through December 31 of the 15th year. The existing regulatory agreement expires 12/31/2050. The existing regulatory agreement income targeting is 129 units at or below 40% AMI.

The project is a re-syndication that is subject to the hold harmless rent provisions of the federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA). The applicant requested and is approved to underwrite the project at the hold harmless rent limits. The new regulatory agreement shall reflect the current tax credit rent limits, while the project may continue to charge hold harmless rents (specifically, for 123 units targeted at below 60% AMI) only until such time as the current tax credit rent limits equal or exceed the hold harmless rents.

The project is a re-syndication occurring concurrently with a Transfer Event. The project set aside a Short Term Work Capitalized Replacement Reserve in the amount of \$53,975, in accordance to TCAC regulatory requirements. The Short Term Work Reserve Amount of \$53,975 is excluded from eligible basis.

The proposed rent does not include a utility allowance. The owner will pay for all utilities.

**Local Reviewing Agency**

The Local Reviewing Agency, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, 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:

<b>Federal Tax Credits/Annual</b>	<b>State Tax Credits/Total</b>
<b>\$230,704</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**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.

The IRS has advised TCAC that the amount of tax-exempt bonds issued, equivalent to at least 50% of aggregate basis, must remain in place through the first year of the credit period or until eligible basis is finally determined.

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 reservation 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.

**Additional Conditions**

The applicant/owner is required to provide the tenants with the following service amenities free of charge for a minimum of fifteen (15) years in accordance with the bond allocation from CDLAC. These services may be changed to meet the needs of the tenants upon prior approval from CDLAC and written notification to

- Instructor-led educational classes, health and wellness or skill-building classes off-site within 1/2 mile for a minimum of 84 hours per year

The applicant/owner is required to complete the following sustainable building methods in accordance with the bond allocation from CDLAC and provide the applicable certifications and documentation when the TCAC placed-in-service application is submitted:

- The project will commit to having at least one (1) nonsmoking building. If the project only has one (1) building, it will be subject to a policy developed by the Sponsor that prohibits smoking in contiguous designated units. These restrictions will be incorporated into the lease agreements for the appropriate units.
- The project commits to a parking ratio equivalent of 1 parking stall or less per SRO.