

THE CALIFORNIA DEBT LIMIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
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Staff Report
REQUEST FOR A QUALIFIED PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION FOR A
MORTGAGE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Allocation Amount Requested: \$18,721,101 **Converted MCC Authority:** \$4,680,275

Applicant's Fair Share Amount: \$13,721,101 **Converted MCC Authority:** \$3,430,275

Participating Jurisdictions:

Cities of Beaumont, Blythe, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Cathedral City, Coachella, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Hemet, Indio, Lake Elsinore, La Quinta, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Springs, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar and the County of Riverside.

Allocation Information:

Date MCCs will be advertised: October 26, 2009
Expected issue date of first MCC: February 1, 2010
Program Status: Existing
Certificate tax credit rate: 15%

Type of housing units to be assisted/average mortgage amount:

New construction units: 26 units (15%) with an average mortgage amount of \$200,000
Existing resale units: 149 units (85%) with an average mortgage amount of \$174,000
Rehabilitated units: 0 units (0%) with an average mortgage amount of \$000,000
Total units: 175 units with an average mortgage amount of \$177,900

The above numbers of units are: Estimates
 Actual requirements imposed by the Issuer

Past Performance:

The application indicates the applicant met the 2008 minimum performance requirement that at least **40%** of the program participants are lower-income households or located in a Qualified Census Tract.

The application indicates the applicant expects to meet the 2009 minimum performance requirement that at least **40%** of program participants will be lower-income households.

Recommendation:

Because there is sufficient allocation available to fund all December 16 allocation requests, staff recommends that the Committee waive the fairshare allocation cap.

Staff recommends that the Committee approve an amount of \$18,721,101 in tax-exempt bond allocation to the County of Riverside for the Mortgage Credit Certificate Program on a carryforward basis.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM:

- **Population to be served by the proposed Program (family size, income levels, etc.):**
According to the Applicant, the proposed Program expects to serve all ethnic groups and family sizes with a minimum of 40% of the households at or below 80% of the median income adjusted by household size. The average household size served, based upon program averages will be 2.6. Approximately 50% of the households will have 1 or more children.

- **Estimated number of first-time homebuyers to be assisted:** 175

- **Housing stock to be purchased (types, unit sizes, etc):**
According to the Applicant, the housing stock to be purchased will consist of approximately 15% of new homes, and 85% of resale homes. In addition, it is expected that approximately 95% of the units will be single family homes and 5% condominiums. The average unit size is expected to be 4 bedrooms/2 baths with an average purchase price of \$189,000.

- **Specific reservations of MCCs for purposes such as low-income targeting, new construction, etc.:**
According to the Applicant, the program will reserve 20% of the certificates for federally designated target areas and 40% of the MCCs for families with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income adjusted for family size. The program does not reserve funds for new construction.

- **Expected duration MCCs will be available and anticipated monthly rate of issuance.:**
According to the Applicant, MCCs are expected to be available for 18 months and the anticipated monthly rate of issuance is approximately 10 MCCs per month.

- **Other homebuyers assistance programs offered by participating jurisdiction(s):**
According to the Applicant, in addition to the MCC program, the county and several cities offer assistance programs for first time homebuyers (FTHB). The County of Riverside offers three downpayment assistance programs that include a silent 2nd loan up to 20% of the purchase price. In addition, 9 of the 22 participating jurisdictions have one or more FTHB programs that feature a combination of low deferred interest loans, non-repayable grants, silent 2nds liens and other gap financing.

- **Additional features unique to the proposed Program:**
None indicated.

PURCHASE PRICE INFORMATION:

The proposed maximum limits are:

Unit Type	Average Area Purchase Price*	Non-Target Area Max Purchase Price	Target Area Max Purchase Price
New Units	\$ 376,829	\$ 339,146	\$ 414,512
Existing Units	\$ 376,829	\$ 339,146	\$ 414,512

*This is established by (check one):
 IRS Safe Harbor limitations
 As determined by special survey
 Cal HFA Sales Price limits (High Cost Area only)

Expected average sales prices of the estimated units to be assisted:

New Units	\$ 230,000
Existing Units	\$ 189,000
Rehabilitated Units	\$ N/A

MAXIMUM INCOME LIMITATIONS:

Area median income on which maximum program limits are based: \$70,400

Applicable standard that defines the area median income:

HUD statewide median HUD county MSA median

Local median as determined by a special study

Percent of MCCs reserved for IRS-designated target areas in the jurisdiction(s): 20%

Proposed maximum income limits:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Non-Target Area</u>	<u>Target Area</u>
1-2 persons	\$ 70,400	\$ 84,480
3+ persons	\$ 80,960	\$ 98,560

DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC BENEFITS:

Past Program Performance:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Allocation</u>	<u>Amount of Allocation Used</u>	<u>Number of MCCs Issued</u>	<u>Outstanding MCC Authority</u>
2006	\$ 12,747,771	\$ 12,672,084	98	\$ 18,922
2007	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0
2008*	\$ 13,485,722	\$ 7,734,182	74	\$ 1,437,885

*According to the Applicant, an average of 10 MCC applications per month have been received since the beginning of 2008. It is projected that the remaining balance will be committed by no later than February 2010.

Pursuant to CDLAC Procedures Section 18.I.E.1.,2., the Applicant has:

- 1 Demonstrated that no Mortgage Credit Certificate authority from the year two years prior to the current year has been unused (other than minor amounts not to exceed \$1 million); and
- 2 Certified that any Mortgage Credit Certificate authority remaining from the year prior to the current year will be used before the use of new Mortgage Credit Certificate Authority.