

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: \$150,008,330 **Converted MCC Authority:** \$37,502,083

Applicant's Fair Share Amount: \$150,008,330 **Converted MCC Authority:** \$37,502,083

Participating Jurisdictions:

Counties of Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Yolo, Yuba and the Cities of Redding and Vacaville

Allocation Information:

Date MCCs will be advertised: October 1, 2012
Expected issue date of first MCC: February 1, 2013
Program Status: Existing
Certificate tax credit rate: 20%

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

New construction units: 89 units (8%) with an average mortgage amount of \$209,171
Existing resale units: 995 units (92%) with an average mortgage amount of \$169,733
Rehabilitated units: 0 units (0%) with an average mortgage amount of \$000,000
Total units: 1084 units with an average mortgage amount of \$172,974

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

Past Performance:

The application indicates the applicant met the 2011 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 2012 minimum performance requirement that at least **40%** of program participants will be lower-income households.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Committee approve an amount of \$150,008,330 in 2009 tax-exempt bond allocation to the CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund for the Mortgage Credit Certificate Program. This amount is the remaining balance of the 2009 allocation previously awarded for a Mortgage Revenue Bond Program.

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.
- **Estimated number of first-time homebuyers to be assisted:** 1084
- **Housing stock to be purchased (types, unit sizes, etc.):**
According to the Applicant, the housing stock to be purchased will consist of single family detached homes and condominiums will be the primary stock purchased under the program. Home size is expected to range from 2-4 bedrooms and 1-2.5 baths with square footage ranging from 1,000-2,200 square feet.
- **Specific reservations of MCCs for purposes such as low-income targeting, new construction, etc.:**
According to the Applicant, the program will reserve at least 20% of the certificates for federally designated target areas and at least 40% of the MCCs for families with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income adjusted for family size.
- **Expected duration MCCs will be available and anticipated monthly rate of issuance.:**
According to the Applicant, MCCs are expected to be available for 18-24 months and the anticipated monthly rate of issuance is 35-40 MCCs per month.
- **Other homebuyers assistance programs offered by participating jurisdiction(s):**
According to the Applicant, CHF MCC Program may be used in connection with other local grant and/or subordinate loan programs. The Applicant states that homebuyers may be offered a second mortgage up to 3% of the purchase price bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 9% per annum (subject to change). The second mortgage may have a 15-year term. Other CHF homebuyers assistance programs are also under discussion, however, plans for these programs have not been finalized at this time according to the Applicant.
- **Additional features unique to the proposed Program:**
None indicated.

PURCHASE PRICE INFORMATION:

The proposed maximum limits are: Maximum purchase prices will vary from county to county and are based on the IRS safe-harbor limitations for single-family residences. Please see the attached table of Maximum Purchase Prices for the participating counties.

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

New Units	\$216,814
Existing Units	\$174,031
Rehabilitated Units	N/A

MAXIMUM INCOME LIMITATIONS:

Area median income on which maximum program limits are based: Various

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	Various	Various
3+ persons	Various	Various

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>
2009	\$6,753,597	\$6,204,620	48	\$137,244
2010	\$53,667,867	\$53,547,655	380	\$30,053
2011	Did Not Apply	N/A	N/A	N/A

Pursuant to Section 5269 of the CDLAC Regulations, 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.