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(c) In the case of Mortgage Credit Certificates, the full release or refund of a deposit will not be authorized unless the Allocation has been converted to Mortgage Credit Certificate authority by the date specified in the Committee Resolution.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to address the forfeiture of deposit relative to utilization of carry-forward Allocations pursuant to section 5132.

Note: Authority cited: Section 8869.94, Government Code. Reference: Section 8869.84(c), 8869.84(e) and 8869.90, Government Code.

**Section 5052. Forfeiture of Performance Deposit.** (a) For Projects receiving an allocation award on or after March 16, 2016, an extension of the expiration date for Qualified Residential Rental Bonds granted pursuant to Section 5101 or 5132 will result in forfeiture of the Project's performance deposit to the extent that the performance deposit has not previously been forfeited.

(b) If less than 80% of the Allocation is used to issue Bonds, a pro-rata portion of the deposit will be forfeited equal to the same percentage ratio as the amount of unused Allocation bears to the amount of awarded Allocation. If at least one (1) Mortgage Credit Certificate is not issued prior to the applicable expiration date, the entire performance deposit will be forfeited. If 80% or more of the Allocation is used to issue bonds prior to the expiration date, or at least one (1) Mortgage Credit Certificate is issued prior to the applicable expiration date, a full refund of the performance deposit will be authorized.

(c) Applicants bear the risk of forfeiting all or part of their performance deposit if the Allocation is not used in accordance with the conditions and/or timeframes set forth in the Committee Resolution.

(d) The Applicant shall remit all forfeited performance deposits to the Committee within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice issued by the Committee.

(e) An Applicant may request waiver of a performance deposit forfeiture by submitting a written request to the Executive Director within 30 days of the date of the Committee's Forfeiture Fee Invoice. The Committee shall grant a forfeiture waiver upon a showing that the circumstances prompting the forfeiture were unforeseen and entirely beyond the control of the Project's sponsor and development team. The granting of a waiver pursuant to this subsection will not preclude performance deposit forfeiture for subsequent extensions of the expiration date for Qualified Residential Rental Bonds granted pursuant to Section 5101 or 5132.

(f) If the awarded project is from a joint CDLAC/TCAC application and not awarded State Tax Credit and unable to fill the financing gap, the issuer may return the allocation to committee within 90 days without forfeiture of the performance deposit or assessment of negative points.

Note: Authority cited: Section 8869.94, Government Code. Reference: Section 8869.84(c), 8869.84(e), and 8869.86(c)(3) Government Code.

**Section 5053. Withdrawn or Denied Applications.** If the Applicant withdraws an Application prior to consideration by the Committee or if a Project fails to receive an award of Allocation, the performance deposit shall be automatically refunded or released with and no written authorization from the Committee shall be necessary.

Note: Authority cited: Section 8869.94, Government Code. Reference: Sections 8869.84(c) and 8869.84(e), Government Code.

**Section 5054. Filing Fees.** Each Applicant shall submit a filing fee in an amount equal to the product of the amount of Allocation actually used to issue Bonds, or Mortgage Credit Certificates multiplied by .00035. The payment of the fee shall be in two installments as follows:

(a) Initial filing fee. A check in the amount of \$1,200 payable to the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee shall accompany the filing of an Application to cover the Committee's costs associated with

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thereafter or sooner upon a termination of the Regulatory Period and/or Compliance Period.

(c) For all QRRP projects receiving allocations after December 31, 2016, Sponsors will be required to utilize TCAC's Compliance Manual specifically Section ~~VIII~~: **Qualify** Tenants for Low Income Housing Tax Credit Units, to verify tenant income in conjunction with initial occupancy. No less than every three years after the project is completed, the Sponsor must collect and retain the following income and verification documentation related to all the Federally Bond-Restricted units identified in the Committee Resolution or Restricted Rental Units as defined in Section 5000: TCAC Tax Income Calculation (TIC) or equivalent documentation, all associated source income documentation, and evidence of the verifying income computation. Additionally Project Sponsors will be required to prepare and forward a TCAC Project Status Report (PSR) or equivalent documentation to the Applicant annually in conjunction with the Annual Applicant Public Benefits and On-going Compliance Self Certification. Sponsors must retain information pertaining to the income verification process for 10 years.

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(d) For all QRRP projects receiving allocation after December 31, 2016, compliance with the income and rental requirements of the Federally Bond-Restricted Units identified in the Committee Resolution and the Bond Regulatory Agreement must be demonstrated by the Applicants initial review of 20% of all management files associated with the Federally Bond-Restricted units and subsequent review every three years of 20% of all management files associated with the Federally Bond-Restricted units. Federally Bond-Restricted units will include a distribution of unit locations, sizes and income levels (if applicable) and must be identified in the PSR. For this 20% of files, Applicants must review each initial or subsequent occupant/s and their associated TIC in conjunction with the supporting income verification documentation of each occupant's initial occupancy and make a determination if the project is complying with the income and affordability standards. Additionally, Applicants must ensure a lease is in place and executed. This review may be performed on-site or may be performed through an electronic file audit. Completion of this task in addition to a valid Certification of Compliance II or equivalent form will provide Issuers with the ability to report annually to CDLAC regarding compliance with the Federally Bond-Restricted unit restrictions. Information pertaining to the income verification process will be kept on file for 10 years. Applicants must retain documentation memorializing review and determination of income eligibility for 10 years. Source income documentation must be retained for 1 year. These guidelines rely on the compliance monitoring process and procedures in place for TCAC. To the extent TCAC is to alter their compliance policies and procedures, these guidelines shall be reviewed by CDLAC for consistency and changes made where appropriate.

(e) For all QRRP projects receiving allocation after December 31, 2016, Sponsors requesting an allocation of bonds absent the receipt of a TCAC reservation will be identified at the time of application and will have the following compliance options which will be represented in the Committee Resolution:

(1) Applicants that can demonstrate to the Executive Director's satisfaction experience and current capacity to conduct on-site physical and file inspections through their Compliance Policies will be required to conduct the 20% review of the Federally Bond-Restricted units files on-site and perform a site inspection consistent with their Bond Compliance Policy every 3 years after the Qualified Project Period has commenced.

(2) Applicants that cannot demonstrate to the Executive Director's satisfaction capacity to conduct on-site physical and file inspections through their Compliance Policies will be required to enter into an agreement with a private third party compliance firm, approved by CDLAC, who must conduct the 20% review of Federally Bond-Restricted units files on-site and perform a site inspection consistent with their current policies and procedures every 3 years after the Qualified Project Period has commenced.

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**Section 5154. Discovery of Erroneous Information.** It is the responsibility of each Applicant and each Project Sponsor to provide the Committee with complete and accurate information at the time the Application is filed. If the Applicant/Project Sponsor (or their attorneys, agents, employees, or other representatives) provides material that is incomplete, erroneous, inaccurate, misleading or false as to a fact to the Executive Director's decision-making process, the Application may be rejected. If incomplete, erroneous, inaccurate, misleading or false information is discovered by Committee staff after an Allocation has been made, the Allocation may be rescinded if Bonds have not been sold or an election to convert Bond authority to Mortgage Credit Certificates has not been filed with the Internal Revenue Service. If Bonds have been sold or converted to Mortgage Credit Certificates, the Committee may take other action as it deems appropriate.

Note: Authority cited: Section 8869.94, Government Code. Reference: Section 8869.84(c), 8869.85(a), and 8869.85(b), Government Code.

#### Chapter 2. Qualified Residential Rental Projects

##### Article 1. Definitions.

**Section 5170. Definitions.** In addition to the definitions set forth in Government Code section 8869.82 and unless otherwise required by the context, the following terms as used in this chapter are defined as follows:

"Adaptive Reuse" means the retrofitting and repurposing of existing buildings that create new Qualified Residential Rental Project units for the market, and expressly excludes any Project that involves rehabilitation or any construction affecting existing residential rental units.

"AMI" or "Area Median Income" means the median family income of a county as set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

"Capital Needs Assessment" means a document containing the information defined in section 5212.

"Community Revitalization Area" means a Distressed Community for which a comprehensive Community Revitalization Plan has been adopted and efforts specific to the plan have occurred.

"Community Revitalization Plan" means a comprehensive plan that details specific efforts being undertaken in a neighborhood or a community, that will result in the improvement of the economic conditions and the quality of life in that area.

"Energy Star" means the certification satisfying the requirements of 42 U.S.C. section 6294(a).

"Federal Promise Zone" means any area with a continuous boundary and a population of not more than 200,000 that is nominated by a local government or Indian tribe and designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive priority for Federal funding on the basis of its unemployment, poverty, vacancy, and crime rates.

"Federally Assisted At Risk Project" means a property that is at risk of conversion as defined by Revenue and Taxation Code section 17058(c)(4) and by section 10325(g)(5)(B)(i)-(v) of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations; or a property that otherwise meets all requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code section 17058(c)(4) and section 10325(g)(5)(B)(i) of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, except that the federal assistance due to expire within two five (25) calendar years of application to the Committee may include a tax-exempt private activity Bond regulatory agreement.

"FHA" means Federal Housing Administration.

"FHA Financed Project" means a project financed under 221(d)3, 221(d)4, 223(f) Federal Housing Administration insurance program, or the Section 202 or 811 Capital Advance program, or any HUD-sponsored capital financing pilot program.

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"Final and Conclusive Determination Letter" means a written confirmation from the Department of Finance (DOF) that its determination of an enforceable obligation as approved in a recognized obligation payment schedule is final and conclusive, and reflects DOF's approval of subsequent payments made pursuant to the enforceable obligation.

"Gross Rent" means gross rent as defined by 26 U.S.C. 42(g)(2)(B). Utility allowances, as provided by 26 U.S.C. section 42(g)(2)(B)(ii), will be included for purposes of this calculation. Projects that are Federally Assisted At Risk Projects or Projects that request low income housing tax credits are required to use Gross Rents for the calculation of restricted rents.

"Hard Costs" means the cost of the work specified in a construction contract, including site work, excluding contractor profit, general requirements and contractor overhead.

"High Quality Transit" means a transit line with service seven days per week that operates on a railway, dedicated right-of-way or contains at least one of the following characteristics for at least a portion of its route: use of a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane, middle of the road boarding alignment, signal prioritization, or use of limited stop service, including express service and skip-stopping.

"HUD" means the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"HUD Development Acknowledgement Letter" means HUD correspondence outlining that a project has submitted an application for FHA financing, that the application has been deemed complete, and that HUD is committed to providing the project with a Firm Commitment Letter prior to the issuance expiration date of the project's Allocation.

"HUD Firm Commitment Letter" means a HUD loan commitment for FHA financing.

"MAP Lender" means a HUD-qualified lender that prepares FHA forms and performs preliminary underwriting for certain FHA loan applications.

"Native American Lands" means real property located within the State of California that meets both the following criteria:

(a) is trust land for which the United States holds title to the tract or interest in trust for the benefit of one or more tribes or individual Indians, or is restricted Indian land for which one or more tribes or individual Indians holds fee title to the tract or interest but can alienate or encumber it only with the approval of the United States.

the land may be leased for housing development and residential purposes under federal law.

"New Construction Pool" – QRRP projects applying for an allocation of tax-exempt private activity bonds who meet at least one of the following: (1) fall under the definition of New Construction in section 5170 of CDLAC regulations, or (2) demolition of a residential building with fewer than 100 units that will produce at least 100% more units than the original, or (3) demolition of a residential building with 100 or more units that will produce at least 50% more units than the original, or (4) adaptive re-use of non-residential structures.

"Preservation Pool" – QRRP Projects applying for an allocation of tax-exempt private activity bonds preserving affordability through items such as but not limited to an existing HAP or other local, state, or federal rental or operating assistance contract. These projects shall meet the definition of a Federally Assisted At-Risk project as defined in section 5170 of CDLAC regulations.

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"Other Affordable Pool" – QRRP Projects applying for an allocation of tax-exempt private activity bonds from the General pool that are not eligible for New Construction or Preservation projects. This would include but not be limited to acquisition/rehabilitation projects, projects that involve both acquisition/rehabilitation and new construction, and projects approved by HUD pursuant to Section 18 demolition/disposition authorization.

~~(b) "New Construction" means a Qualified Residential Rental Project in which 100% of its units constitute~~

~~(c) new units to the market, and expressly excludes any Project that involves rehabilitation or any~~

~~(d) (b) construction-affecting-existing-residential-rental-units.~~

"Other Restricted Units" means units that are not Federally Bond-Restricted Units but are affordable and identified in the CDLAC resolution as being subject to the long-term rent and income restrictions

"Public Funds" means direct grants, below market rate or subsidized loans, loans where the repayment of the financing is deferred into the future or based on residual receipts from the Project's cash flow, direct funds from a public source including, but not limited to, waiver of fees or the value of land donated or leased by a public agency substantiated either by the actual purchase price of the land or by an appraisal whichever is lower, excluding a property tax exemption. Public Funds do not include any Allocation awarded by the Committee.

"Qualified Project Period" shall mean the same as defined in 26 U.S.C. section 142(d)(2)(A) and regulations promulgated thereunder, except that the minimum term shall be 30 years.

"Rent Comparability Matrix" means the form by which the third party that has completed the Market Study provides information comparing the Project to comparable properties in the Project's market area and evidences that each of the Project's unit types has met the requirements of Section 5191(b).

"Residential Rental Regulatory Agreement" means a covenant recorded against the title of a subject property by a government entity limiting the property's use to rental housing and restricting tenant incomes and rents to no more than 80% Area Median Income of the County in which the property is located.

"Scattered Site Project" means multiple location Projects that:

(a) except where a single existing project-based Section 8 contract is in effect that covers all locations, consist of no more than five (5) locations; and

(b) are not contiguous except for the interposition of a road, street, stream or similar property; and

(c) are proposed to be financed through a single pooled bond transaction; and

(d) all locations are:

(1) subject to a Residential Rental Regulatory Agreement or subject to a federal, state, or local rental or operating assistance agreement:

(A) within the boundaries of the same city, or

(B) within a 10-mile diameter circle within the same county, or

(C) within the same county if no location is within a city having a population of five-hundred thousand (500,000) or more; or

(2) All projects not described within (d)(1) must be within a one (1) mile diameter.

"Standard QRRP Application" means the Application for an Allocation of the Qualified Residential Rental Project Pool titled "Application for an Allocation of the State Ceiling on Qualified Private Activity Bonds

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to the discretion of local elected officials have been obtained. Additionally, if any land use approval is subject to public appeal, within no less than 5 calendar days prior to the first public posting of the Committee, the applicant must provide proof that either no appeals were received, or that any appeals received during that time period were resolved and the project is ready to proceed. Examples of such approvals include, but are not limited to, general plan amendments, re-zonings, and conditional use permits, but do not include design review approvals. The Applicant may include a completed Verification of Zoning and Local Approvals form signed by an appropriate local government planning official of the applicable local jurisdiction for the purpose of satisfying this requirement. Those Qualified Residential Rental Pool Projects with redevelopment-related project financing that is subject to the approval of the Department of Finance (DOF) are required to have obtained a Final and Conclusive Determination Letter, or other written communication from DOF stating that DOF does not issue, or concludes is unnecessary, a Final and Conclusive Determination for this form of redevelopment financing obligation, prior to submitting an application to the Committee.

**(c) Applicant must submit CDLAC form, INFORMATION ON PROJECT SPONSOR, that provides information pertaining to the Project Sponsor identified in the Application. Applicant must submit CDLAC form, COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT SPONSOR AND ALL PARTNERS, that provides information pertaining to the experience of the Project Sponsor (if different than the Developer). The Project Sponsor's CTCAC Certificate of Previous Participation and a CTCAC Schedule A form may be submitted as COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT SPONSOR AND ALL PARTNERS in lieu of the CDLAC form.** The Application must include CDLAC form, INFORMATION ON PROJECT DEVELOPER, that provides information pertaining to the Project Developer identified in the Application. The Application must include CDLAC form, EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT DEVELOPER, that provides information pertaining to the experience of the Project Developer. The Project Developer's CTCAC Certificate of Previous Participation and a CTCAC Schedule A form may be submitted as EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT DEVELOPER in lieu of the CDLAC form. Applicant must submit a list of California projects which the Developer and Project Sponsor (if different than the Developer) has developed or rehabilitated with tax-exempt bond financing. The list shall include the cities and counties in which the projects are located. The list shall be labeled as Attachment W-5. Applicant shall submit CDLAC form, INFORMATION ON PROPOSED MANAGEMENT COMPANY that provides information pertaining to the property management company that will manage the proposed Project.

(d) Legal Status of Project Sponsor and Developer. If a separate sheet is used to respond to the following questions, the sheet shall be labeled Attachment Y.

(1) Financial Viability. Disclose any legal or regulatory action or investigation that may have a material impact on the financial viability of the project or the Project Sponsor and Developer. The disclosure should be limited to actions or investigations in which the applicant or the applicant's parent, subsidiary, or affiliate involved in the management, operation, or development of the project has been named a party. Not Applicable is an unacceptable response.

(2) Fraud, Corruption, or Serious Harm. Disclose any legal or regulatory action or investigation involving fraud or corruption, or health and safety where there are allegations of serious harm to employees, the public, or the environment. The disclosure should be limited to actions or investigations in which the Project Sponsor and Developer or the Project Sponsor's and Developer's current board member (except for volunteer board members of non-profit entities), partner, limited liability corporation member, senior officer, or senior management personnel has been named a defendant within the past ten years. Not Applicable is an unacceptable response.

3) Disclosures should include civil or criminal cases filed in state or federal court; civil or criminal investigations by local, state, or federal law enforcement authorities; and enforcement proceedings or investigations by local, state or federal regulatory agencies. The information provided must include

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(5) Two (2) points will be awarded to Projects that commit to a parking ratio equivalent to or less than 1 parking stall per single room occupancy or one-bedroom restricted rental unit and 1.5 parking stalls per two-bedroom or larger restricted rental unit.

(6) New Construction and Adaptive Reuse Projects: Up to five (5) points will be awarded to projects that commit to developing the project in accordance with the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee's minimum requirements for energy efficient programs, Title 4, Division 17, Chapter 1, Section 10325 (c)(6)(A).

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(7) New Construction and Adaptive Reuse Projects: Points shall be awarded according to the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee's minimum requirements for energy efficiency programs, Title 4, Division 17, Chapter 1, Section 10325 (c)(6)(B).

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(8) Rehabilitation Projects: Points are awarded based on the energy efficiency criteria described for Rehabilitation Projects in The California Tax Credit Allocation Committee regulations, Title 4, Division 17, Chapter 1, Section 10325(c)(6)(C), (D) and (E).

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(9) Compliance and Verification. The form of evidence shall follow that described in Title 4, Division 17, Chapter 1, Section 10325(c)(6)(G). Projects that receive an award of low income housing tax credits (LIHTC) shall submit evidence of compliance to TCAC with the Placed in Service Application. Projects that receive a Qualified Residential Rental Bond allocation, and do not receive a LIHTC award, shall submit Evidence of Compliance to CDLAC.

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(I) Service Amenities (10 points maximum).

(1) Points will be awarded provided the Project Sponsor certifies the following:

(A) Service amenities must be appropriate to the tenant population served and committed to for a minimum of fifteen (15) years. Programs must be of a regular, ongoing nature and provided to tenants free of charge, except for day care services. Services must be designed to generate positive changes in the lives of tenants, such as increasing tenant knowledge of and access to available services, helping tenants maintain stability and prevent eviction, building life skills, increasing household income and assets, increasing health and well-being, or improving the educational success of children and youth.

(B) Services must be provided on-site except that Projects may use off-site services within a one-half (½) mile of the Project (one and one-half (1½) miles for Rural projects) provided that they have a written agreement with the service provider at the time of Application enabling the development's tenants to use the services free of charge (except for day care and any charges required by law) and that demonstrate that provision of on-site services would be duplicative. Projects may use off-site services located more than one-half (½) mile from the Project (one and one-half (1½) miles for Rural projects) provided that they have a written agreement with the service provider at the time of Application enabling the development's tenants to use the services free of charge (except for day care and any charges required by law) and that demonstrate that provision of on-site services would be duplicative, and a written agreement at the time of Application demonstrating that tenants will be provided with free of charge round-trip transportation between the development and the off-site services. Referral services will not be eligible for points.

(C) Contracts with service providers, service provider experience, and evidence that physical space will be provided on- or off-site must be documented within the Application. Documentation must be provided for each category of services for which the Applicant is claiming service amenity points and must state the name and address of the organization or entity that will provide the services; describe the services to be provided; state annual value of the services; commit that services will be provided for a period of at least one (1) year; and name the project to which the services are being committed. Evidence shall take the form of a contract for services, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or commitment letter on agency letterhead. Services delivered by the on-site Property Manager or other property management staff will not be eligible for points under any category. All organizations

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be ranked together. Applications receiving the greatest number of points shall be awarded an Allocation from the Qualified Residential Rental Project Pool.

(d) If two or more Applications are awarded the same total number of points, these Applications will be ranked according to the lowest amount of requested Allocation per Restricted Rental Unit (Allocation amount requested divided by number of Restricted Rental Units).

Note: Authority cited: Section 8869.94, Government Code. Reference: Sections 8869.84(c), 8869.85(a), and 8869.85(b), Government Code.

**Section 5232. Competitive Application Process Maximum Allocation Amount.** (a) For projects subject to the Competitive Application Process, the Committee will allocate no more than fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) for any proposed Qualified Residential Rental Project. Where a proposed Qualified Residential Rental Project is located within one-fourth (1/4) mile of another Qualified Residential Rental Project involving the same Project Sponsor or a Related Party to the Project Sponsor, the Allocation amounts for the Qualified Residential Rental Projects cannot, in the aggregate, exceed fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) within a calendar year.

(b) The Committee may waive this maximum allocation amount if the Committee determines that the demand for allocation for Qualified Residential Rental Projects is such that the maximum allocation amount is not warranted. An Applicant requesting an Allocation in excess of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) may seek a waiver from the Committee based on the following factors:

- (1) The Qualified Residential Rental Project qualifies as a Federally Assisted At-Risk Project; or
- (2) Documentation is provided in the Application indicating why a Qualified Residential Rental Project cannot be developed in phases at a fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) level. The documentation must be specific and may include, but is not limited to, a site plan detailing the layout of the subject property, unit mix per stage of the phase, any unique features of the property which inhibits phasing, a description of infrastructure costs, and a cost breakdown by phases.

Note: Authority cited: Section 8869.94, Government Code. Reference: Sections 8869.84(c), 8869.85(a), and 8869.85(b), Government Code.

**Section 5233. Allocation Limits.** (a) Limit CDLAC bond allocation on a per unit basis (adjusted by the number of bedrooms) in the General and Rural Multifamily Pools as follows:

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| Studio and SRO:       | \$522,000 |
| One-bedroom:          | \$544,000 |
| Two-bedroom:          | \$580,000 |
| Three-bedroom:        | \$638,000 |
| Four or more bedroom: | \$671,000 |

(b) Private Activity Bond allocation awards cannot exceed 60% of the aggregate depreciable basis plus land basis.

Note: Authority cited: Section 8869.94, Government Code. Reference: Sections 8869.84(c), 8869.85(a) and 8869.85(b), Government Code.

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#### Article 10. Scattered Site Applications

**Section 5250. Application Requirements.** (a) Applications for Scattered Site Projects shall provide all information required for each site. Additional stipulations are as follows:

(1) For acquisition and rehabilitation project aA Capital Needs Assessment report may combine information for all Project sites in one report.

(2) For new construction projects or acquisition/rehabilitation projects aA Market Study may combine information for all Project sites in one report; however the Market Study shall have separate Rent Comparability Matrices for each site.

(3) Acquisition/Rehabilitation Projects where each location is subject to an existing Residential Rental Regulatory Agreement or a federal, state, or local operating or rental assistance agreement may provide, as an alternative to providing a market study and affordability matrices consistent with Sections 5200(a) and 5250(a)(3), a comprehensive market study consistent with 26 U.S.C. Section 42(m)(1)(A)(iii). The study must be a written statement certified by a third party market analyst and the project must meet at least one of the following requirements:

(A) as certified by a third-party market analyst, the proposed tenant paid rents and income targeting will not exceed one hundred-five percent (105%) of the current rents and targeting and a vacancy rate of no more than five percent (5%); for single room occupancy and special needs housing a vacancy rate of no more than ten percent (10%); or

(B) as evidenced by copies of executed contracts, the project has been receiving federal, state, or local operating or rental assistance and will continue to receive such assistance for at least five (5) additional years. If a contract demonstrating operating or rental assistance for an additional five (5) years is not available, a letter signed by the contractor's senior official may be submitted that describes the efforts undertaken to effectuate an operating or rental assistance contract, the expected duration of the contract, and the expected contract execution date.

(4) Evidence of site control shall be required for each site.

(5) Any maps provided shall include each site.

(b) An Applicant may seek a waiver of the Scattered Site five (5) location limit. A written request describing how the project will benefit from waiver of the location limit must be submitted no later than the application due date for the allocation round in which the Project is seeking an allocation.

Note: Authority cited: Section 8869.94, Government Code. Reference: Sections 8869.84(c), 8869.85(a) and 8869.85(b), Government Code.

**Section 5251. Evaluation Criteria.** Each site within an Application for a Scattered Site shall be evaluated individually for points as provided in section 5230. The total points awarded to a Project in any category shall be based on the pro-rata share of total units each site represents. For instance, if only one site meets the threshold for an award of 5 points as provided in 5230(g), and the site represents 40% of total units, the Project shall be awarded two (2) points for this category (40% x 5 points).

Note: Authority cited: Section 8869.94, Government Code. Reference: Sections 8869.84(c), 8869.85(a), and 8869.85(b), Government Code.

Article 11. Application Process for projects assisted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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