#### CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

# Project Staff Report Tax-Exempt Bond Project July 18, 2018

Kensington Campus, located at Avenue I & 32nd Street West in Lancaster, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$782,160 in annual federal tax credits to finance the new construction of 50 units of housing serving special needs tenants with rents affordable to households earning 30% of area median income (AMI). The project will be developed by Insight Development, LLC and will be located in Senate District 21 and Assembly District 36.

The project will be receiving rental assistance in the form of HUD Section 8 Project-based Vouchers.

Project Number CA-18-712

**Project Name** Kensington Campus

Site Address: Avenue I & 32nd Street West

Lancaster, CA 93536 County: Los Angeles

Census Tract: 9009.00

Tax Credit AmountsFederal/AnnualState/TotalRequested:\$782,160\$0Recommended:\$782,160\$0

**Applicant Information** 

Applicant: When Life Hands You Lemons, LP

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General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s): InSite Development, LLC

Ocean Park Community Center

General Partner Type: Joint Venture

Parent Company(ies): InSite Development, LLC

Ocean Park Community Center

Developer: InSite Development, LLC

Investor/Consultant: Alliant Capital

Management Agent: Ironwood Management

## **Project Information**

Construction Type: New Construction

Total # Residential Buildings: 4 Total # of Units: 51

No. / % of Low Income Units: 50 100.00% Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%

Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt / HUD Section 8 Project-based Vouchers (50 Units -100%)

## **Bond Information**

Issuer: CA Municipal Finance Authority

Expected Date of Issuance: July 19, 2018

### **Information**

Housing Type: Special Needs

Geographic Area: Balance of Los Angeles County

TCAC Project Analyst: Carmen Doonan

## 55-Year Use / Affordability

	Percentage of	
Aggregate Targeting	Affordable	
<b>Number of Units</b>	Units	
At or Below 35% AMI: 50	100%	

### **Unit Mix**

51 1-Bedroom Units
51 Total Units

		<b>2018 Rents</b>		
		Targeted % of	2018 Rents Actual	<b>Proposed Rent</b>
	<b>Unit Type</b>	Area Median	% of Area Median	(including
	& Number	Income	Income	utilities)
50	1 Bedroom	30%	30%	\$545

TCAC-confirmed Projected Lifetime Rent Benefit: \$24,552,000

**Project Cost Summary at Application** 

Total	\$19,282,019
Commercial Costs	\$0
Developer Fee	\$2,415,232
Other Costs	\$1,763,918
Reserves	\$490,126
Legal Fees, Appraisals	\$82,200
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$1,055,543
Architectural/Engineering	\$575,000
Relocation	\$0
Construction Contingency	\$655,000
Rehabilitation Costs	\$0
Construction Costs	\$12,245,000
Land and Acquisition	\$0

## Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$345
Per Unit Cost:	\$378,079
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$330,721

# **Construction Financing**

# **Permanent Financing**

Source	Amount	Source	Amount
California Bank & Trust	\$9,300,000	California Bank & Trust	\$1,550,000
CDC of County of LA <sup>1</sup>	\$6,800,000	CDC of County of LA1	\$7,000,000
General Partner Loan	\$27,010	City of Lancaster	\$2,449,999
Deferred Developer Fee	\$2,415,232	Deferred Developer Fee	\$835,708
Tax Credit Equity	\$150,397	Tax Credit Equity	\$7,446,312
		TOTAL	\$19,282,019

<sup>\*</sup>Less Fee Waivers, Seller Carryback Loans, and Deferred Developer Fee <sup>1</sup>Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles

## **Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$18,579,739
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$24,153,661
Applicable Rate:	3.27%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$782,160
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	: \$2,415,232
Investor/Consultant:	Alliant Capital
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.95202

Except as allowed for projects basing cost on assumed third party debt, the "as if vacant" land value and the existing improvement value established at application for all projects, as well as the eligible basis amount derived from those values, shall not increase during all subsequent reviews including the placed in service review, for the purpose of determining the final award of Tax Credits. The sum of the third party debt encumbering the property may increase during subsequent reviews to reflect the actual amount.

#### **Eligible Basis and Basis Limit**

Requested Unadjusted Eligible Basis:	\$18,579,739
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$18,579,739
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$13,089,558
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$39,268,674

#### **Adjustments to Basis Limit**

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 2% for Each 1% of Low-Income and Market Rate Units are Income Targeted at 35% AMI or Below: 200%

## **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 3.27% 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.

## **Significant Information / Additional Conditions:**

This project is the first phase of a concurrent four percent (4%) application, Kensington II (CA-18-611). Kensington II and Kensington Campus are being developed as multiple simultaneous phases using the same credit type pursuant to TCAC Regulation Section 10327(c)(2)(C). The developer fees for Kensington Campus I and Kensington Campus II comply with the requirements for simultaneous phases.

The current legal description is part of a larger site and the project site's parcel (legal description and APN) have not yet been finalized. The legal description and APN for CA-18-712 must be completed as part of the placed in service package.

## Resyndication and Resyndication Transfer Event: None.

## **Local Reviewing Agency**

The Local Reviewing Agency, the City of Lancaster, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

### **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.

#### **CDLAC 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 TCAC:

• Contract with a full time equivalent bona fide service coordinator / social worker for a minimum number of hours per year on-site