# CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE Project Staff Report Tax-Exempt Bond Project October 17, 2018

Virginia Holt Apartments, located at 1125, 1131 East Holt Boulevard, and 116, 120, 126 Virginia Avenue in Ontario, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$1,415,076 in annual federal tax credits to finance the new construction of 100 units of housing serving large families with rents affordable to households earning 30%-60% of area median income (AMI). The project will be developed by National Community Renaissance of California and will be located in Senate District 52 and Assembly District 20.

Project Number	CA-18-634		
Project Name	Virginia Holt Apartments		
Site Address:	1125, 1131 East Holt Boulevard, and 116, 120, 126 Virginia Avenue		
	Ontario, CA 91764 County: San Bernardino		
Census Tract:	15.03	·	
Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total	
Requested:	\$1,415,076	\$0	
Recommended:	\$1,415,076	\$0	
Applicant Information			
Applicant:	National Community Renaissance of California		
Contact:	Lorna Contreras		
Address:	9421 Haven Avenue		
	Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730		
Phone:	(949) 444-8417		
Email:	lcontreras@nationalcore.org		
General Partner(s) or Princip	oal Owner(s): NCR	C Ontario GP, LLC	
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Parent Company(ies):	National Community Renaissance of California
Developer:	National Community Renaissance of California
Investor/Consultant:	Hudson Housing Capital
Management Agent:	National Community Renaissance of California

#### **Project Information**

Construction Type:	New Construction
Total # Residential Buildings:	2
Total # of Units:	101
No. / % of Low Income Units:	100 100.00%
Federal Set-Aside Elected:	40%/60%
Federal Subsidy:	Tax-Exempt
Utility Allowance:	CUAC

## **Bond Information**

Issuer:	The City of Ontario
Expected Date of Issuance:	12/19/2018

#### Information

Housing Type:	Large Family
Geographic Area:	Inland Empire Region
TCAC Project Analyst:	Carmen Doonan

## 55-Year Use / Affordability

	Percentage of
Aggregate Targeting	Affordable
Number of Units	Units
At or Below 35% AMI: 21	21%
At or Below 50% AMI: 37	37%
At or Below 60% AMI: 42	42%

## Unit Mix

69 2-Bedroom Units
32 3-Bedroom Units
101 Total Units

2018 Rents **Proposed Rent Targeted % of 2018 Rents Actual** Area Median (including **Unit Type** % of Area Median & Number Income Income utilities) 15 2 Bedrooms 30% 30% \$455 22 2 Bedrooms 50% 50% \$758 32 2 Bedrooms 60% 60% \$910 6 3 Bedrooms 30% 30% \$525 \$877 15 3 Bedrooms 50% 50% 10 3 Bedrooms 60% 60% \$1,051 1 3 Bedrooms Manager's Unit Manager's Unit \$0

TCAC-confirmed Projected Lifetime Rent Benefit: \$77,596,200

## **Project Cost Summary at Application**

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Land and Acquisition	\$3,531,846
Construction Costs	\$22,383,782
Rehabilitation Costs	\$0
Construction Contingency	\$1,174,781
Relocation	\$0
Architectural/Engineering	\$1,809,700
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$1,887,693
Legal Fees, Appraisals	\$370,000
Reserves	\$238,405
Other Costs	\$2,258,138
Developer Fee	\$3,500,000
Commercial Costs	\$0
Total	\$37,154,345

#### Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$182
Per Unit Cost:	\$367,865
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$367,372

# **Construction Financing**

Source	Amount	Source
BBVA Compass	\$23,000,000	BBVA Compass
OHA - Land Loan <sup>1</sup>	\$2,420,000	OHA - Land Loan <sup>1</sup>
OHA - In Lieu Fees <sup>1</sup>	\$2,000,000	OHA - In Lieu Fees <sup>1</sup>
Tax Credit Equity	\$7,346,084	Strategic Growth Council - TCC <sup>2</sup>
		AHP
		Developer Equity

\*Less Fee Waivers, Seller Carryback Loans, and Deferred Developer Fee <sup>1</sup>Ontario Housing Authority

<sup>2</sup>Strategic Growth Council - Transformative Climate Community Program

Amount \$3,287,000 \$1,564,315 \$2,000,000 \$14,729,326 \$990,000 \$1,000,000

\$49,753

\$13,533,951 **\$37,154,345** 

**Permanent Financing** 

Deferred Developer Fee

Tax Credit Equity

TOTAL

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

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$33,470,742
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$43,511,965
Applicable Rate:	3.27%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,415,076
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	\$3,500,000
Investor/Consultant: Hudson H	lousing Capital
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.95641

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:	\$33,470,742
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$33,470,742
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$34,043,616
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$62,517,648

## Adjustments to Basis Limit

Local Development Impact Fees

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 1% for Each 1% of Low-Income and Market Rate Units are Income Targeted between 50% AMI & 36% AMI: 37%

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 2% for Each 1% of Low-Income and Market Rate Units are Income Targeted at 35% AMI or Below: 42%

## **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 below the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations (See "Significant Information / Additional Conditions" Section below), 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's annual per unit operating expense total is below the TCAC published per unit operating minimums of \$4,500. As allowed by TCAC Regulation Section 10327(g)(1), TCAC approves an annual per unit operating expense total of \$4,300 on agreement of the permanent lender and equity investor.

## Resyndication and Resyndication Transfer Event: None.

## Local Reviewing Agency

The Local Reviewing Agency, City of Ontario, 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:

- Instructor-led educational classes, health and wellness or skill-building classes on-site for a minimum of 84 hours per year
- Contract with a full time equivalent bona fide service coordinator / social worker for a minimum number of hours per year on-site

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 commits to becoming certified under Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED); Green Communities / Passive House Institute US (PHIUS) / Passive House / Living Building Challenge / GreenPoint Rated Multifamily Guidelines / WELL
- The project will exceed 2016 Title 24 Standards for New Construction / Adaptive Reuse by 7% / 12% of the California Building Code
- The project commits to having at least 1 building subject to a policy developed by the owner that prohibits smoking in contiguous designated units.