

**CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE**

**Project Staff Report  
Tax-Exempt Bond Project  
January 16, 2019**

Mountain View Village, located at 11316 Main Street in Lamont, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$487,784 in annual federal tax credits to finance the new construction of 40 units of housing serving large families with rents affordable to households earning 30-50% of area median income (AMI). The project will be developed by the Housing Authority of the County of Kern and will be located in Senate District 32 and Assembly District 14.

The project financing includes state funding from the AHSC program of HCD.

**Project Number** CA-19-417

**Project Name** Mountain View Village  
**Site Address:** 11316 Main Street  
Lamont, CA 93241 County: Kern  
**Census Tract:** 64.04

<b>Tax Credit Amounts</b>	<b>Federal/Annual</b>	<b>State/Total</b>
Requested:	\$487,784	\$0
Recommended:	\$487,784	\$0

**Applicant Information**

**Applicant:** Housing Authority of the County of Kern  
**Contact:** Stephen Pelz  
**Address:** 601 24th Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
**Phone:** 661-631-8500  
**Email:** spelz@kernha.org

**General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s):** Kern Housing VIII LLC  
GEAHI Mountain View Village LLC  
**General Partner Type:** Nonprofit  
**Parent Company(ies):** Golden Empire Affordable Housing, Inc.  
Housing Authority of the County of Kern  
**Developer:** Housing Authority of the County of Kern  
**Investor/Consultant:** US Bank Community Development Corporation  
**Management Agent:** Housing Authority of the County of Kern

**Project Information**

**Construction Type:** New Construction  
**Total # Residential Buildings:** 6  
**Total # of Units:** 41  
**No. / % of Low Income Units:** 40 100.00%  
**Federal Set-Aside Elected:** 40%/60%  
**Federal Subsidy:** Tax-Exempt / HOME

**Bond Information**

Issuer: Housing Authority of the County of Kern  
 Expected Date of Issuance: May 1, 2019

**Information**

Housing Type: Large Family  
 Geographic Area: Central Valley Region  
 TCAC Project Analyst: Tiffani Negrete

**55-Year Use / Affordability**

<u>Aggregate Targeting Number of Units</u>	<u>Percentage of Affordable Units</u>
At or Below 35% AMI: 9	23%
At or Below 50% AMI: 31	78%

**Unit Mix**

<u>Unit Type &amp; Number</u>	<u>2018 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>2018 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
9 2 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$403
11 2 Bedrooms	45%	45%	\$605
20 2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$672
1 2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0

TCAC-confirmed Projected Lifetime Rent Benefit: \$11,997,744

**Project Cost Summary at Application**

Land and Acquisition	\$325,000
Construction Costs	\$7,910,000
Rehabilitation Costs	\$0
Construction Contingency	\$395,500
Relocation	\$0
Architectural/Engineering	\$455,000
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$634,255
Legal Fees, Appraisals	\$185,000
Reserves	\$88,312
Other Costs	\$1,056,188
Developer Fee	\$1,200,000
Commercial Costs	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,249,255</b>

**Residential**

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$219
Per Unit Cost:	\$298,762
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$291,453

<b>Construction Financing</b>		<b>Permanent Financing</b>	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bank of America - T.E. Bonds	\$9,400,000	Valley Republic Bank	\$350,000
County of Kern - HOME	\$1,000,000	County of Kern - HOME	\$1,000,000
Deferred Costs	\$951,822	HCD AHSC	\$6,053,997
Tax Credit Equity	\$897,433	Deferred Developer Fee	\$299,685
		Solar Tax Credit Equity	\$57,960
		Tax Credit Equity	\$4,487,613
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,249,255</b>

\*Less Fee Waivers, Seller Carryback Loans, and Deferred Developer Fee

**Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$11,474,570
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$14,916,941
Applicable Rate:	3.27%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$487,784
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	\$1,200,000
Investor/Consultant:	US Bank Community Development Corporation
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.92000

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:	\$11,474,570
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$11,474,570
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$12,693,600
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$28,052,856

**Adjustments to Basis Limit**

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 1% for Each 1% of Low-Income and Market Rate Units are Income Targeted between 50% AMI & 36% AMI: 77%

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 2% for Each 1% of Low-Income and Market Rate Units are Income Targeted at 35% AMI or Below: 44%

**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 meet 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:** None

**Resyndication and Resyndication Transfer Event:** None

**Local Reviewing Agency**

The Local Reviewing Agency has not yet completed a site review of this project. Any negative comments in the LRA report will cause this staff report to be revised to reflect such comments.

**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 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 GreenPoint Rated Multifamily Guidelines
- The project will provide energy efficiency with renewable energy that offsets 40% of project tenants' energy load
- The project commits to having at least 1 building subject to a policy developed by the owner that prohibits smoking in contiguous designated units.
- The project commits to a parking ratio equivalent of 1 parking stall or less per SRO and 1-bedroom restricted rental units, and 1.5 parking stall or less per 2-bedroom and larger restricted rental units.