

**CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE**

**Project Staff Report**

**Tax-Exempt Bond Project**

**October 16, 2019**

Valley Palms Apartments, located at 2155 and 2445 Lanai Avenue in San Jose, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$4,676,668 in annual federal tax credits to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of 350 units of housing serving tenants with rents affordable to households earning 50%-60% of area median income (AMI). The project will be developed by KDF Communities, LLC and is located in Senate District 15 and Assembly District 27.

Valley Palms Apartments is a re-syndication of an existing Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) project, Valley Palms Apartments (CA-2002-809). See **Resyndication and Resyndication Transfer Event** below for additional information.

**Project Number** CA-19-535

**Project Name** Valley Palms Apartments  
**Site Address:** 2155 & 2245 Lanai Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95122 County: Santa Clara  
**Census Tract:** 5034.02

<b>Tax Credit Amounts</b>	<b>Federal/Annual</b>	<b>State/Total</b>
Requested:	\$4,676,668	\$0
Recommended:	\$4,676,668	\$0

**Applicant Information**

**Applicant:** Valley Palms 2018, LP  
**Contact:** Chris Burns  
**Address:** 230 Newport Center Dr, #210  
Newport Beach, CA 92660  
**Phone:** 949-719-1888  
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**General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s):** Valley Palms COGP, LLC  
AHA San Jose II MGP, LLC

**General Partner Type:** Joint Venture

**Parent Company(ies):** KDF Communities, LLC  
Affordable Housing Access

**Developer:** KDF Communities, LLC

**Investor/Consultant:** R4 Capital

**Management Agent:** VPM Management, Inc

**Project Information**

Construction Type: Acquisition & Rehabilitation  
 Total # Residential Buildings: 28  
 Total # of Units: 354  
 No. / % of Low Income Units: 350 100.00%  
 Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%  
 Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt

**Bond Information**

Issuer: CSCDA  
 Expected Date of Issuance: November 21, 2019

**Information**

Housing Type: Non-Targeted  
 Geographic Area: South and West Bay Region  
 TCAC Project Analyst: Carmen Doonan

**55-Year Use / Affordability**

<u>Aggregate Targeting Number of Units</u>	<u>Percentage of Affordable Units</u>
50% AMI: 106	30%
60% AMI: 244	70%

**Unit Mix**

24 1-Bedroom Units  
330 2-Bedroom Units  
 354 Total Units

<u>Unit Type &amp; Number</u>	<u>2019 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>2019 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
16 1 Bedroom	60%	60%	\$1,647
228 2 Bedrooms	60%	60%	\$1,975
98 2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$1,646
8 1 Bedroom	50%	50%	\$1,372
4 2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$7,616

**Project Cost Summary at Application**

Land and Acquisition	\$110,500,000
Construction Costs	\$0
Rehabilitation Costs	\$15,705,017
Construction Hard Cost Contingency	\$2,355,752
Soft Cost Contingency	\$50,000
Relocation	\$432,000
Architectural/Engineering	\$173,100
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$8,116,951
Legal Fees	\$150,000
Reserves	\$1,659,767
Other Costs	\$405,291
Developer Fee	\$17,964,000
Commercial Costs	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$157,511,878</b>

**Residential**

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$48
Per Unit Cost:	\$444,949
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$387,576

**Construction Financing**

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Citibank	\$113,000,000
Seller Carryback Loan	\$7,000,000
Income from Operations	\$6,820,914
General Partner Equity	\$1,843,660
Tax Credit Equity	\$17,771,338

**Permanent Financing**

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Citibank	\$84,109,000
Seller Carryback Loan	\$7,000,000
Income from Operations	\$6,820,914
Deferred Developer Fee	\$13,309,960
General Partner Equity	\$1,843,660
Tax Credit Equity	\$44,428,344
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$157,511,878</b>

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

**Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

Requested Eligible Basis (Rehabilitation):	\$27,180,236
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Requested Eligible Basis (Acquisition):	\$110,370,850
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis (Rehabilitation):	\$35,334,307
Qualified Basis (Acquisition):	\$110,370,850
Applicable Rate:	3.30%
Maximum Annual Federal Credit, Rehabilitation:	\$1,034,430
Maximum Annual Federal Credit, Acquisition:	\$3,642,238
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$4,676,668
Approved Developer Fee in Project Cost:	\$17,964,000
Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Basis:	\$17,785,230
Investor/Consultant:	R4 Capital
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.95000

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:	\$137,551,086
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$137,551,086
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$137,439,144
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$178,670,887

**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: 30%

**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 or 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 3.30% 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**

Prior to closing, the applicant or its assignee shall obtain TCAC's consent to assign and assume the existing Regulatory Agreement (CA-2002-809). To be eligible for a new award of tax credits, the owner must provide documentation with the Form 8609 request (the placed in service submission) that the acquisition date and the placed in service date both occurred after the existing federal 15 year compliance period was completed. For resyndications that were originally rehabilitation and acquisition, the resyndication acquisition date cannot occur before the last rehabilitation credit year of the original credit period.

As required by the IRS, the newly resyndicated project will continue to use the originally assigned Building Identification Numbers (BINs).

The newly resyndicated project shall continue to meet the rents and income targeting levels in the existing regulatory agreement(s) and any deeper targeting levels in the new regulatory agreement(s) for the duration of the new regulatory agreement(s). Existing households determined to be income-qualified for purposes of IRC §42 credit during the 15-year compliance period are concurrently income-qualified households for purposes of the extended use agreement. As a result, any household determined to be income qualified at the time of move-in under the existing regulatory agreement (CA-02-809) is a qualified low-income household for the subsequent allocation (existing household eligibility is “grandfathered”).

The project is a resyndication where the existing regulatory agreement requires service amenities of after school programs and education classes. The project shall provide a similar or greater level of services for a period of at least 15 years under the new regulatory agreement. The project is deemed to have met this requirement based on TCAC staff's review of the commitment in the application. The services documented in the placed in service package will be reviewed by TCAC staff for compliance with this requirement at the time of the placed in service submission.

The project is a resyndication occurring concurrently with a Transfer Event with distribution of Net Project Equity. The rehabilitation scope of work shall include all of the Short Term Work in the amount of \$1,843,660. There is a general partner equity contribution of at least \$1,843,660, allowing the applicant to receive eligible basis for the entire Short Term Work amount.

### **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.

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 comply with the CDLAC Resolution. At the time of the TCAC placed in service review, TCAC staff will verify that the project is in compliance with all applicable items of CDLAC Resolution Exhibit A.