

CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
Project Staff Report
Tax-Exempt Bond Project
April 14, 2020

Steinbeck Commons, located at 10 Lincoln Avenue in Salinas, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$1,128,445 in annual federal tax credits to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of 99 units of housing serving seniors with rents affordable to households earning 50%-60% of area median income (AMI). The project will be developed by Macdonald Ladd and is located in Senate District 12 and Assembly District 30.

Steinbeck Commons is a re-syndication of an existing Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) project, Steinbeck Commons Apartments (CA-2000-822). See **Resyndication and Resyndication Transfer Event** below for additional information. The project will be receiving rental assistance in the form of HUD Section 8 Project-based Vouchers.

Project Number	CA-20-522		
Project Name	Steinbeck Commons		
Site Address:	10 Lincoln Avenue		
	Salinas, CA 93901	County:	Monterey
Census Tract:	13.00		

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$1,128,445	\$0
Recommended:	\$1,128,445	\$0

Applicant Information

Applicant:	SF Steinbeck Commons, L.P
Contact:	Zac Baker
Address:	1911 65th Avenue West Tacoma, WA 98466
Phone:	253-460-3000
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General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s):	SF Steinbeck GP, LLC Trillium Housing Services
General Partner Type:	Joint Venture
Parent Company(ies):	Scott Seckinger Trillium Housing Services
Developer:	Macdonald Ladd
Investor/Consultant:	Boston Financial Investment Management
Management Agent:	Cambridge Management

Project Information

Construction Type: Acquisition & Rehabilitation
 Total # Residential Buildings: 1
 Total # of Units: 100
 No. / % of Low Income Units: 99 100.00%
 Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%
 Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt / HUD Section 8 Project-based Vouchers
 (99 Units - 100%)

Bond Information

Issuer: CSCDA
 Expected Date of Issuance: March 18, 2021

Information

Housing Type: Seniors
 Geographic Area: Central Coast 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: 29	29%
60% AMI: 70	71%

Unit Mix

99 1-Bedroom Units
 1 2-Bedroom Units

 100 Total Units

<u>Unit Type & 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>
29 1 Bedroom	50%	50%	\$842
70 1 Bedroom	60%	60%	\$1,011
1 2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$1,800

Project Cost Summary at Application

Land and Acquisition	\$22,950,000
Construction Costs	\$0
Rehabilitation Costs	\$6,332,700
Construction Hard Cost Contingency	\$627,000
Soft Cost Contingency	\$150,000
Relocation	\$150,000
Architectural/Engineering	\$180,000
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$1,240,000
Legal Fees	\$175,000
Reserves	\$467,260
Other Costs	\$326,740
Developer Fee	\$4,163,880
Commercial Costs	\$0
Total	\$36,762,580

Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$112
Per Unit Cost:	\$367,626
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$350,334

Construction Financing

Source	Amount
Jones Lang LaSalle - Tax Exempt	\$20,675,853
Jones Lang LaSalle	\$2,500,000
Deferred Developer Fee	\$3,924,955
Tax Credit Equity	\$9,661,772

Permanent Financing

Source	Amount
Jones Lang LaSalle - Tax Exempt	\$17,518,516
Jones Lang LaSalle	\$6,500,000
Deferred Developer Fee	\$1,729,189
General Partner Contribution	\$520,336
Tax Credit Equity	\$10,494,539
TOTAL	\$36,762,580

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

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Eligible Basis (Rehabilitation):	\$9,684,955
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Requested Eligible Basis (Acquisition):	\$22,238,125
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis (Rehabilitation):	\$12,590,442
Qualified Basis (Acquisition):	\$22,238,125
Applicable Rate:	3.24%
Maximum Annual Federal Credit, Rehabilitation:	\$407,930
Maximum Annual Federal Credit, Acquisition:	\$720,515
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,128,445
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	\$4,163,880
Investor/Consultant:	Boston Financial Investment Management
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.93000

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:	\$31,923,080
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$31,923,080
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$32,962,553
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$45,817,948

Adjustments to Basis Limit

95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced
55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 1% for Each 1% of Low-Income and Market Rate Units are Income Targeted between 50% AMI & 36% AMI: 29%

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 3.24% 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

Pursuant to TCAC Regulation Section 10326(g)(5), general partners lacking documented experience with Section 42 requirements using the minimum scoring standards of Section 10325(c)(2)(A) shall be required to complete training as prescribed by TCAC prior to a project’s placing in service. At least one of the co-general partners shall complete training as prescribed by TCAC prior to the project's placing in service.

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-2000-822). 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 and any deeper targeting levels in the new regulatory agreement for the duration of the new regulatory agreement. 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-00-822) is a qualified low-income household for the subsequent allocation (existing household eligibility is “grandfathered”).

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 \$520,336. There is a general partner equity contribution of at least \$520,336, 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.

State tax credit recipients are limited to cash distributions from project operations pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 12206(d). By accepting the tax credit reservation, the applicant/owner is agreeing to comply with the statutory limitations and requirements.

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.