

CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

**Project Staff Report
Tax-Exempt Bond Project
April 28, 2021**

Pointe on La Brea, located at 843 N. La Brea Avenue in Los Angeles, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$1,287,828 in annual federal tax credits to finance the new construction of 49 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 EAH Housing and will be located in Senate District 26 and Assembly District 50.

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

Project Number CA-21-534

Project Name Pointe on La Brea
Site Address: 843 N. La Brea Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90038 County: Los Angeles
Census Tract: 1920.01

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$1,287,828	\$0
Recommended:	\$1,287,828	\$0

Applicant Information

Applicant: Pointe on La Brea, L.P.
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San Rafael, CA 94901
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General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s): Pointe on La Brea EAH, LLC
General Partner Type: Nonprofit
Parent Company(ies): EAH Inc.
Developer: EAH Housing
Investor/Consultant: Union Bank
Management Agent: EAH Inc.

Project Information

Construction Type: New Construction
Total # Residential Buildings: 1
Total # of Units: 50
No. / % of Low Income Units: 49 100.00%
Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%
Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt/HUD Section 8 Project-based Vouchers (49 units-100%)

Bond Information

Issuer: City of Los Angeles
 Expected Date of Issuance: October 1, 2021

Information

Housing Type: Special Needs
 Geographic Area: City of Los Angeles
 TCAC Project Analyst: Jonghyun (Tommy) Shim / Ruben Barcelo

55-Year Use / Affordability

<u>Aggregate Targeting Number of Units</u>	<u>Percentage of Affordable Units</u>
30% AMI: 49	100%

Unit Mix

49 Studio Units
1 2-Bedroom Unit
<u>50 Total Units</u>

<u>Unit Type & Number</u>	<u>2020 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>2020 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
49 Studio	30%	30%	\$592
1 2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0

Project Cost Summary at Application

Land and Acquisition	\$5,743,775
Construction Costs	\$16,962,853
Rehabilitation Costs	\$0
Construction Hard Cost Contingency	\$1,723,242
Soft Cost Contingency	\$292,226
Relocation	\$0
Architectural/Engineering	\$731,900
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$2,031,972
Legal Fees	\$140,400
Reserves	\$705,058
Other Costs	\$1,268,854
Developer Fee	\$2,500,000
Commercial Costs	\$0
Total	<u>\$32,100,280</u>

Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$622
Per Unit Cost:	\$642,006
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$642,006

Construction Financing**Permanent Financing**

Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Union Bank	\$16,517,224	Union Bank	\$3,351,000
LACDA - NPLH	\$5,200,800	LACDA - NPLH	\$5,280,000
LACDA - AHTF	\$4,925,000	LACDA - AHTF	\$5,000,000
HCIDLA - HHH	\$1,843,652	HCIDLA - HHH	\$7,403,758
Deferred Costs	\$2,546,568	Accrued/Deferred Interest	\$30,042
Accrued/Deferred Interest	\$30,042	Tax Credit Equity	\$11,035,480
Tax Credit Equity	\$1,037,094	TOTAL	\$32,100,280

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

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$24,765,917
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$32,195,692
Applicable Rate:	4.00%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,287,828
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	\$2,500,000
Investor/Consultant:	Union Bank
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.85691

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:	\$24,765,917
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$24,765,917
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$16,492,361
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$56,673,874

Adjustments to Basis Limit

Required to Pay State or Federal Prevailing Wages/Financed by labor-affiliated organization employing construction workers paid at least state or federal prevailing wages.

100% of the Low Income Units for Special Needs Population.

Local Development Impact Fees.

95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced.

Highest or High Resource Opportunity Area.

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 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 4.00% 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

The estimated cost of the project is over \$640,000 per unit. Factors contributing to this include land acquisition cost of \$5,200,000, the escalating cost of construction materials and labor in Los Angeles, the cost to remediate potentially contaminated soil on the project site, the cost to comply with local transit authority open space requirements, and legal costs associated with a neighborhood group’s appeal of the 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.

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.