#### CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

# Project Staff Report 2021 First Round June 16, 2021

Los Lirios Apartments, located at 113, 119, and 121 South Soto Street in Los Angeles, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$2,500,000 in annual federal tax credits and \$5,200,000 in total state tax credits to finance the new construction of 63 units of housing serving large families with rents affordable to households earning 30-70% of area median income (AMI). The project will be developed by East LA Community Corporation and will be located in Senate District 24 and Assembly District 53.

Los Lirios Apartments' financing includes state funding from the TOD program of HCD.

Project Number CA-21-002

Project Name Los Lirios Apartments

Site Address: 113, 119, and 121 S. Soto Street

Los Angeles, CA 90033 County: Los Angeles

Census Tract: 2044.200

 Tax Credit Amounts
 Federal/Annual
 State/Total \*

 Requested:
 \$2,500,000
 \$5,200,000

 Recommended:
 \$2,500,000
 \$5,200,000

### **Applicant Information**

Applicant: East LA Community Corporation

Contact: Jacqueline Monterrosas Address: 2917 E. 1st Street, Suite 101

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General Partner(s) / Principal Owner(s): East LA Community Corporation

**BRIDGE Housing Corporation** 

General Partner Type: Nonprofit

Parent Company(ies): East LA Community Corporation

**BRIDGE Housing Corporation** 

Developer: East LA Community Corporation Investor/Consultant: BRIDGE Housing Corporation

Management Agent(s): John Stewart Company

#### **Project Information**

Construction Type: New Construction

Total # Residential Buildings: 1
Total # of Units: 64

No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 63 100%

Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60% Average Income

Federal Subsidy: HOME

<sup>\*</sup> The applicant made an election to sell (Certificate) all or any portion of the state credits.

# Information

Set-Aside: N/A

Housing Type: Large Family

Geographic Area: City of Los Angeles TCAC Project Analyst: Brett Andersen

# 55-Year Use / Affordability

<b>Aggregate Targeting Number of</b>		Percentage of	
Units		<b>Affordable Units</b>	
At or Below 30% AMI:	20	31%	
At or Below 50% AMI:	13	21%	
At or Below 60% AMI:	23	37%	
At or Below 70% AMI:	7	11%	

# **Unit Mix**

13 SRO/Studio Units

18 1-Bedroom Units

17 2-Bedroom Units

16 3-BedroomUnits

64 Total Units

Uni	t Type & Number	2020 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income	Proposed Rent (including utilities)
10	SRO/Studio	30%	\$591
2	SRO/Studio	50%	\$986
1	SRO/Studio	60%	\$1,183
6	1 Bedroom	30%	\$633
3	1 Bedroom	50%	\$1,056
6	1 Bedroom	60%	\$1,267
3	1 Bedroom	70%	\$1,267
2	2 Bedrooms	30%	\$760
3	2 Bedrooms	50%	\$1,267
9	2 Bedrooms	60%	\$1,521
2	2 Bedrooms	70%	\$1,521
2	3 Bedrooms	30%	\$878
1	2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	\$0

# **Project Cost Summary at Application**

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Land and Acquisition	\$2,150,673
Construction Costs	\$31,547,932
Rehabilitation Costs	\$0
Construction Contingency	\$1,869,457
Relocation	\$0
Architectural/Engineering	\$1,807,911
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$3,207,576
Legal Fees	\$139,740
Reserves	\$485,858
Other Costs	\$2,228,664
Developer Fee	\$2,200,000
Commercial Costs	\$2,556,689
Total	\$48,194,500

# Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$418
Per Unit Cost:	\$710,740
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$710.740

# **Construction Financing**

# **Permanent Financing**

Source	Amount	Source	Amount
JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA	\$37,789,997	JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA	\$3,812,000
HCIDLA Managed Pipeline - HOME	\$4,620,000	HCIDLA Managed Pipeline - HOME	\$5,775,000
Prop HHH (HCIDLA)	\$1,600,000	Prop HHH (HCIDLA)	\$2,000,000
Deferred Costs	\$1,683,503	Transit Oriented Development	\$10,000,000
Tax Credit Equity	\$2,501,000	Tax Credit Equity	\$26,607,500
		TOTAL	\$48,194,500

<sup>\*</sup>Less Donated Land, Fee Waivers, Seller Carryback Loans, and Deferred Developer Fee

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

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$27,777,777
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$27,777,777
Applicable Rate:	9.00%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$2,500,000
Total State Credit:	\$5,200,000
Approved Developer Fee in Project Cost	\$2,200,000
Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Bas	sis: \$2,049,528
Investor/Consultant:	<b>BRIDGE</b> Housing Corporation
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.89790

The "as if vacant" land value and the existing improvement value established at application, 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, unless a waiver has been granted for a purchase price not to exceed the sum of third party debt that will be assumed or paid off. The sum of the third party debt encumbering the property may increase during subsequent reviews to reflect the

#### **Tie-Breaker Information**

Initial: Letter of Support
First: Large Family
Final: 57.677%

### **Significant Information / Additional Conditions**

The cost per unit is approximately \$710,740. the applicant noted the project is 5 stories of housing over subterranean parking which combined with prevailing wages contributes to the cost per unit.

# **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**

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Carryover Allocation and any Readiness to Proceed Requirements elected. Failure to provide the documentation at the time required may result in rescission of the Credit reservation and cancellation of a carryover allocation.

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 performance deposit and allocation 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.

If the applicant has requested the use of a CUAC utility allowance, TCAC's Compliance staff will review the CUAC documentation for this project prior to placed in service. Until written approval is received from TCAC, this project is not eligible to use a utility allowance based on the CUAC.

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.

The applicant must ensure the project meets all Additional Threshold Requirements of the proposed project. If points were awarded for service amenities, the applicant will be required to provide such amenity or amenities identified in the application, for a minimum period of fifteen years and at no cost to the tenants. Applicants that received points for sustainable building methods (energy efficiency) must submit the certification required by Section 10325(c)(5) at project completion. Applicants that received increases (exceptions to limits) in the threshold basis limit under Section 10327(c)(5) must submit the certification required by Section 10322(i)(2) at project completion.

Points System	Max. Possible Points	Requested Points	Points Awarded
Owner / Management Characteristics	10	10	10
General Partner Experience	7	7	7
Management Experience	3	3	3
Housing Needs	10	10	10
Site Amenities	15	15	15
Within ⅓ mile of transit, service every 30 min, 25 units/acre density	7	7	7
Within ½ mile of public park or community center open to general public	3	3	3
Within ½ mile of public library	3	3	3
Within ½ mile of a full-scale grocery/supermarket of at least 25,000 sf	5	5	5
Within 1/4 mile of a public elementary school	3	3	3
Within ½ mile of a pharmacy	2	2	2
Service Amenities	10	10	10
LARGE FAMILY, SENIOR, AT-RISK HOUSING TYPES			
Service Coordinator, minimum ratio of 1 FTE to 600 bedrooms	5	5	5
Adult ed/health & wellness/skill bldg classes, min. 60 hrs/yr instruction	5	5	5
Lowest Income	52	52	52
Basic Targeting	50	50	50
Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of Low Income Units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
Readiness to Proceed	10	10	10
Miscellaneous Federal and State Policies	2	2	2
State Credit Substitution	2	2	2
Total Points	109	109	109

<u>Please Note:</u> If more than the maximum Site Amenity points were requested, not all amenities may have been scored and/or verified.

DO NOT RELY ON SCORING IN THIS COMPETITIVE CYCLE FOR FUTURE APPLICATIONS. ALL RE-APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED WITHOUT RELIANCE ON PAST SCORING.