

CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Project Staff Report

Tax-Exempt Bond Project

December 6, 2023

Central Metro Place, located at 14519 Central Avenue in Baldwin Park, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$1,224,149 in annual federal tax credits to finance the new construction of 54 units of housing serving seniors with rents affordable to households earning 30%-60% of area median income (AMI). The project will be developed by Retirement Housing Foundation and will be located in Senate District 22 and Assembly District 48.

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

Project Number CA-23-616

Project Name Central Metro Place
Site Address: 14519 Central Avenue
Baldwin Park, CA 91706
County: Los Angeles
Census Tract: 4052.01

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$1,224,149	\$0
Recommended:	\$1,224,149	\$0

Applicant Information

Applicant: Baldwin Park RHF Housing LLC
Contact: Salvatore Ingrao
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Long Beach, CA 90815
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General Partner(s) or Principal Owner(s): Baldwin Park RHF Housing, LLC
Baldwin Park RHF Housing, Inc.
General Partner Type: Joint Venture
Parent Company(ies): Retirement Housing Foundation
Retirement Housing Foundation
Developer: Retirement Housing Foundation
Bond Issuer: California Municipal Finance Authority
Investor/Consultant: Wells Fargo
Management Agent: Foundation Property Management

Project Information

Construction Type: New Construction
Total # Residential Buildings: 1
Total # of Units: 55
No. / % of Low Income Units: 54 100.00%
Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%
Federal Subsidy: Tax-Exempt / HOME / HUD Section 8 Project-based Vouchers (17 Units - 31%) / HUD Section 8 Project-based Contract (37 Units - 69%)

Information

Housing Type: Seniors
 Geographic Area: Balance of Los Angeles County
 CTCAC Project Analyst: Chris Saenz

55-Year Use / Affordability

Aggregate Targeting	Number of Units	Percentage of Affordable Units
30% AMI:	6	11%
50% AMI:	6	11%
60% AMI:	42	78%

Unit Mix

54 1-Bedroom Units
1 2-Bedroom Units
55 Total Units

Unit Type & Number	2023 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income	Proposed Rent (including utilities)
2 1 Bedroom	30%	\$709
2 1 Bedroom	50%	\$1,182
13 1 Bedroom	60%	\$1,419
4 1 Bedroom	30%	\$709
4 1 Bedroom	50%	\$1,182
29 1 Bedroom	60%	\$1,419
1 2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	\$0

Project Cost Summary at Application

Land and Acquisition	\$2,008,500
Construction Costs	\$21,964,226
Rehabilitation Costs	\$0
Construction Hard Cost Contingency	\$1,045,541
Soft Cost Contingency	\$145,273
Relocation	\$0
Architectural/Engineering	\$1,250,067
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$2,519,497
Legal Fees	\$397,081
Reserves	\$246,859
Other Costs	\$1,117,201
Developer Fee	\$2,500,000
Commercial Costs	\$847,237
Total	\$34,041,482

Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$524
Per Unit Cost:	\$603,532
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$592,451

Construction Financing		Permanent Financing	
Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Wells Fargo: Tax Exempt	\$17,922,013	Citibank	\$7,746,567
HUD: Section 202	\$3,650,000	HUD: Section 202	\$3,650,000
City of Baldwin Park: HOME	\$500,000	City of Baldwin Park: HOME	\$500,000
RHF Foundation, Inc.	\$8,620,669	RHF Foundation, Inc.	\$9,620,669
Minicap Equity ¹	\$25,000	Minicap Equity ¹	\$25,000
General Partner Equity	\$1,187	Deferred Developer Fee	\$625,000
Deferred Costs	\$228,960	Tax Credit Equity	\$11,874,246
Deferred Developer Fee	\$2,500,000	TOTAL	\$34,041,482
Tax Credit Equity	\$593,653		

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

¹HUD 202-Required Minimum Capital Investment

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$30,603,728
130% High Cost Adjustment:	No
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$30,603,728
Applicable Rate:	4.00%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,224,149
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	\$2,500,000
Investor/Consultant:	Wells Fargo
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.97000

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.

Significant Information / Additional Conditions: None.

Resyndication and Resyndication Transfer Event: None.

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.

CTCAC 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 CTCAC.

The applicant must pay CTCAC a reservation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. Additionally, CTCAC 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 CTCAC 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, CTCAC's Compliance staff will review the CUAC documentation for this project prior to placed in service. Until written approval is received from CTCAC, 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 CTCAC 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 CTCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

CDLAC Additional Conditions

The applicant/owner is required to comply with the CDLAC Resolution. At the time of the CTCAC placed in service review, CTCAC staff will verify that the project is in compliance with all applicable items of CDLAC Resolution Exhibit A.

If points were awarded by CDLAC for housing type, the project shall comply with the housing type requirements at the time of CTCAC's Placed In Service review. The housing type requirement shall be conditioned in the CTCAC Regulatory Agreement and CTCAC Compliance staff shall verify the project is meeting those housing type requirements, consistent with California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 10322(i).