#### CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE Project Staff Report Tax-Exempt Bond Project April 18, 2007

# Project Number CA-2007-823

Project Name	Santa Paulan Apartments
Address:	115 North 14 <sup>th</sup> Street
	Santa Paula, CA 93060

County: Ventura

# **Applicant Information**

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#### **Bond Information**

Issuer:	City of Santa Paula
Expected Date of Issuance:	May 2007
Credit Enhancement:	N/A

# **Eligible Basis**

Actual:	\$10,386,627
Requested:	\$10,386,627
Maximum Permitted:	\$38,584,120

Extra Feature Adjustments: 55-Year Use/Rent Restriction Adjustment: 100%

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$401,458	\$0
Recommended:	\$401,458	\$0

# **Project Information**

Construction Type:	Acquisition and Rehabilitation
Federal Subsidy:	Tax-Exempt
HCD MHP Funding:	No
Total # of Units:	150
Total # Residential Buildings:	2

# **Income/Rent Targeting**

Federal Setaside Elected: 40%/60%			
% & No. of Targeted Units: 100% - 148 units			
55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction: Yes			
Number of Units @ or below 50% of area median income:	45		
Number of Units @ or below 60% of area median income:	103		

<u>Unit Type &amp; Number</u>		2007 Rents <u>% of Area Median Income</u>	<b><u>Proposed Rent</u></b> (including utilities)	
30	Studio	50%	\$705	
42	Studio	60%	\$793	
10	One-Bedroom	50%	\$656	
42	One-Bedroom	60%	\$906	
5	Two-Bedroom	50%	\$895	
19	Two-Bedroom	60%	\$916	
2	Two-Bedroom	Manager's Units	\$568	

The general partner(s) or principal owner(s) are Santa Paulan Senior Apartments, Inc.

The project developer is Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation.

The management services will be provided by Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation.

The market analysis was provided by Laurin Associates.

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.

#### **Project Financing**

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$11,135,341 Per Unit Cost: \$74,236

Construction Cost Per Sq. Foot: \$24

Construction Financing		Permanent Financing	
Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Citibank Tranche A & B	\$8,487,532	Citibank Tranche A	\$6,219,000
CEDC Construction Loan	\$958,705	CEDC Loan	\$583,300
CEDC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Loan	\$583,300	GP Equity	\$442
		Investor Equity	\$4,332,599
		TOTAL	\$11,135,341
Determination of Credit Amount(s)			
Requested Rehabilitation Eligible Basis	: 9	\$3,612,027	
Requested Acquisition Eligible Basis:	9	\$6,774,600	
130% High Cost Adjustment:		Yes	
Applicable Fraction:		100%	
Qualified Rehabilitation Basis:	9	54,695,635	
Qualified Acquisition Basis:	9	66,774,600	
Applicable Rate:		3.50%	
Maximum Annual Federal Rehabilitation		\$164,347	
Maximum Annual Federal Acquisition		\$237,111	
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit	:	\$401,458	
Approved Developer Fee:		\$793,734	
Tax Credit Factor:		\$1.0792	

Applicant requests and staff recommends annual federal credits of \$401,458, based on a qualified rehabilitation basis of \$4,695,635, a qualified acquisition basis of \$6,774,600, and a funding shortfall of \$4,332,599.

#### **Cost Analysis and Line Item Review**

The requested eligible basis \$10,386,627 is below TCAC's adjusted threshold basis limit \$38,584,120. The basis limit includes the adjustment for extraordinary features for the 100% adjustment for the 55-year use/affordability restriction for projects that have more than 50% tax-credit. Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitation.

Annual operating expenses 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 3.50% of the qualified basis. Unless the applicant fixed the rate at bond issuance, the Federal Rate applicable to the month the project is placed-in-service will be used to determine the final allocation.

**Special Issues/Other Significant Information:** 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.

The IRS has advised TCAC that the amount of tax-exempt bonds issued, equivalent to at least 50% of aggregate basis, must remain in place through the first year of the credit period or until eligible basis is finally determined.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Committee make a reservation of tax credits in the following amount(s) contingent upon standard conditions and any additional conditions imposed by the Committee:

Federal/AnnualState/Total\$401,458\$0

#### **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.

TCAC makes the 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 will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC an 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 anticipated to be the final project costs, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs, and certified costs of the buildings as completed.

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 credits 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.

**Additional Conditions:** The applicant/owner is required to provide the tenants with high-speed Internet service and after school programs of an ongoing nature for a minimum of ten (10) years in accordance with the bond allocation from CDLAC. These services may be changed to meet the needs of the tenants upon prior approval from CDLAC and written notification to TCAC.

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