

CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

**Project Staff Report
2009 Single Round
September 10, 2009**

Project Number CA-2009-130

Project Name Montecito Terraces

Site Address: 14653-14661, 14726-14728 Blythe Street
Panorama City, CA 91402

County: Los Angeles

Census Tract: 1200.3

Applicant Information

Applicant: AMCAL Multi-Housing, Inc.

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General Partner Type: Joint Venture

Information

Set-Aside: N/A

Housing Type: Seniors

Geographic Area: Los Angeles County

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$1,339,138	\$0
Recommended:	\$1,339,138	\$0

Project Information

Construction Type: New Construction

Federal Subsidy: HOME, CDBG

Total # of Units: 98

Total # Residential Buildings: 2

Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%

% & No. of Tax Credit Units: 100% - 96 units

Eligible Basis

Requested: \$14,003,293

Actual: \$14,003,293

Maximum Permitted: \$22,346,726

Adjustments to Threshold Basis Limit:

Required to Pay Prevailing Wages

Parking Beneath Residential Units

95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced

3 or More Energy Efficiency/Resource Conservation/Indoor Air Quality Features:

- Projects exceeding Title 24 by at least 15%
- Projects using natural linoleum/ceramic tile/natural rubber for all kitchens and bathrooms where no VOC adhesives or backing is used
- Projects using CRI Green Label Plus Carpet or no carpet in all bedrooms

Selection Criteria	Max. Possible Points	Requested Points	Points Awarded
Cost Efficiency/Credit Reduction/Public Funds Maximum 20 points	20	20	20
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Funds	20	20	20
Owner / Management Characteristics Maximum 9 points	9	9	9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Partner Experience	6	6	6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Management Experience	3	3	3
Housing Needs Maximum 10 points	10	10	10
Site Amenities Maximum 15 points	15	15	15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ¼ mile of transit stop with service every 30 minutes & 25 units per acre density	7	7	7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ¼ mile of public park or community center open to general public	3	3	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Within ¼ mile of a full-scale grocery store with staples, fresh meat and fresh produce	4	4	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ¼ mile of convenience market where staples are sold	2	0	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ½ mile of medical clinic or hospital	3	3	3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within ½ mile of a pharmacy	1	1	1
Service Amenities Maximum 10 points	10	10	10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational classes (e.g. ESL, Computer training, etc. and aren't same as After School)	5	5	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bona fide Service Coordinator/Social Worker	5	5	5
Sustainable Building Methods Maximum 8 points	8	8	8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New construction/adaptive reuse increases energy efficiency 10% above Title 24	4	4	4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No-VOC interior paint	1	1	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRI Green-label, low-VOC carpet and pad	1	1	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bathroom fans in all bathrooms w/humidistat, timer and outdoor exhaust	2	2	2
Lowest Income Maximum 52 points	52	52	52
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Targeting	50	50	50
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
Readiness to Proceed Maximum 20 points	20	20	20
State Credit Substitution Maximum 2 points	2	2	2
Total Points	146	146	146

Tie-Breaker Information

First: Housing Type **Senior**
Second: Calculated Ratio per Regulation 10325(c)(10) **79.533%**

Unit Type & Number	2009 Rents % of Area Median Income (rounded)	Proposed Rent (including utilities)
8 One-bedroom Units	30%	\$445
10 One-bedroom Units	40%	\$594
48 One-bedroom Units	50%	\$743
12 One-bedroom Units	60%	\$891
2 Two-bedroom Units	30%	\$535
16 Two-bedroom Units	60%	\$1,071
2 Two-bedroom Units	Managers' Units	\$1,005

The general partners or principal owners are AMCAL Multi-Housing, Inc. and Las Palmas Foundation.

The project developer is AMCAL Enterprises, Inc.

The management agent is Western Seniors Housing, Inc.

The market analyst is Market Insights Consulting, LLC.

The Local Reviewing Agency, the Los Angeles Housing Department, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

Project Financing

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$24,122,512 Per Unit Cost: \$246,148 Construction Cost Per Sq. Foot: \$221

Construction Financing		Permanent Financing	
Source	Amount	Source	Amount
US Bank	\$8,228,949	CCRC*	\$4,479,362
Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD)	\$1,987,198	Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD)	\$1,987,198
LAHD ARRA Stimulus Funds	\$848,384	LAHD ARRA Stimulus Funds	\$848,384
CRA/LA**	\$3,800,000	CRA/LA**	\$3,800,000
HCD Infill Infrastructure Grant	\$3,033,600	HCD Infill Infrastructure Grant	\$3,033,600
Deferred Developer Fee	\$599,999	Deferred Developer Fee	\$599,999
Investor Equity	\$5,624,382	Investor Equity	\$9,373,969
		TOTAL	\$24,122,512

*California Community Reinvestment Corporation

**Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$14,003,293
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100%
Qualified Basis:	\$18,204,281
Applicable Rate:	9.00%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,339,138
Approved Developer Fee in Project Cost	\$1,999,999
Approved Developer Fee in Eligible Basis:	\$1,400,000
Investor:	Hudson Housing Capital LLC
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.70

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 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 9.00% of the qualified basis. TCAC's financial evaluation at project completion will determine the final allocation.

Special Issues/Other Significant Information: None

Legal Status: Staff has reviewed the Applicant's responses to the questions contained in the Legal Status portion of the Application. No information was disclosed that raised any question regarding the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

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

Federal Tax Credits/Annual	State Tax Credits/Total
\$1,339,138	\$0

Standard Conditions

An application for a carryover allocation must be submitted by **November 20, 2009**, as required by regulation sections 10328(d) and 10323(d)(2), together with the applicable allocation fee and all required documentation. The time for meeting the "10%" test and submitting related documentation will be no later than twelve (12) months after the date of the executed carryover allocation (as defined by IRC Section 42 and IRS Notices). The applicant must ensure the project meets all Additional Threshold Requirements for the housing type of the proposed project.

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Final Reservation no later than February 1 of the year that the building(s) must be placed in service pursuant to Section 42(h)(1)(E)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The applicant shall provide the Committee a Final Reservation application providing the documentation for the project set forth in Section 10322(i)(1) of these regulations. Failure to provide the documentation at the time required may result in rescission of the Credit reservation and cancellation of a carryover allocation.

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. The performance deposit and allocation fees must be paid by cashier's check within the time periods specified in the preliminary reservation. The allocation fee must be paid within a time period specified in the preliminary reservation letter. The allocation fee will be due prior to execution of a carryover allocation or issuance of tax forms, whichever comes first. 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.

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 ten 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)(6) 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)(P) at project completion.

Additional Conditions

Applicants that received 20 points for readiness to proceed must meet ALL of the following requirements. The applicant must be ready to begin construction within 150 days of the Credit Reservation which is **February 8, 2010**, as evidenced by submission, within that time of, recorded deeds of trust for all construction financing, payment of all construction lender fees, issuance of building permits and notice to proceed delivered to the contractor. Failure to meet this timeline will result in rescission of the Credit Reservation.

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