

CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Project Staff Report

2011 Second Round

September 28, 2011

Project Number CA-2011-123

Project Name Esparto Family Apartments, Phase I
Site Address: NE Corner of County Road 87 and Woodland Ave.
Esparto, CA 95627 County: Yolo
Census Tract: 115.000

Tax Credit Amounts	Federal/Annual	State/Total
Requested:	\$607,500	\$2,025,000
Recommended:	\$607,500	\$2,025,000

Applicant Information

Applicant: Mercy Housing California
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General partner(s) or principal owner(s): Mercy Housing Calwest
General Partner Type: Nonprofit
Developer: Mercy Housing California
Investor/Consultant: Community Economics
Management Agent: Mercy Housing Management Group

Project Information

Construction Type: New Construction
Total # Residential Buildings: 4
Total # of Units: 40
No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 39 100%
Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%
Federal Subsidy: HOME / CDBG / HUD Project-based Section 8 (10 units - 25%)
Affordability Breakdown by Units and % (Lowest Income Points):
30% AMI: 5 10 %
40% AMI: 7 15 %
50% AMI (Rural): 21 50 %
55% AMI (Rural): 6 15 %

Information

Set-Aside: Rural
 Housing Type: Large Family
 Geographic Area: N/A
 TCAC Project Analyst: Nicola Hil

Unit Mix

7 1-Bedroom Units
 21 2-Bedroom Units
 12 3-Bedroom Units

 40 Total Units

<u>Unit Type & Number</u>	<u>2011 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>2011 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income</u>	<u>Proposed Rent (including utilities)</u>
1 1 Bedroom	30%	30%	\$426
1 1 Bedroom	40%	40%	\$569
4 1 Bedroom	50%	50%	\$711
1 1 Bedroom	55%	54%	\$763
2 2 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$512
4 2 Bedrooms	40%	40%	\$683
11 2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$853
3 2 Bedrooms	55%	52%	\$890
2 3 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$591
2 3 Bedrooms	40%	40%	\$788
6 3 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$985
2 3 Bedrooms	55%	52%	\$1,024
1 2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0

Project Financing

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$11,807,935 Construction Cost Per Square Foot: \$155
 Per Unit Cost: \$295,198

Construction Financing		Permanent Financing	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Citibank Construction Loan	\$6,852,556	Citibank first mortgage	\$788,100
Yolo County HOME	\$3,000,000	Citibank Tranche B for Section 8	\$319,900
Yolo County CDBG	\$715,000	Yolo County HOME	\$3,000,000
Yolo County Fee Waivers	\$365,109	Yolo County CDBG	\$715,000
Tax Credit Equity	\$400,000	Yolo County Fee Waivers	\$365,109
		GP Equity	\$1,000
		Deferred Developer Fee	\$87,576
		Tax Credit Equity	\$6,531,250
		TOTAL	\$11,807,935

Determination of Credit Amount(s)

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$6,750,000
130% High Cost Adjustment:	No
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$6,750,000
Applicable Rate:	9.00%
Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$607,500
Total State Credit:	\$2,025,000
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	\$785,000
Investor/Consultant:	Community Economics
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.87510
State Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.60000

Per Regulation Section 10322(i)(4)(A), 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, will be used during all subsequent reviews including the placed in service review, for the purpose of determining the final award of Tax Credits.

Per Regulation Section 10327(c)(2)(C), Once established at the initial funded application, the developer fee cannot be increased, but may be decreased, in the event of a modification in basis.

Eligible Basis and Basis Limit

Requested Unadjusted Eligible Basis:	\$6,750,000
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$9,685,049
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$7,825,450
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$9,390,540

Adjustments to Basis Limit:

Required to Pay Prevailing Wages

Tie-Breaker Information

First:	Large Family
Second:	50.488%

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, or, in the case of acquisition credit or credit combined with federal subsidies, 3.40%. 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.

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.

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.

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
\$607,500	\$2,025,000

Standard Conditions

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Carryover Allocation, any Readiness 180-Day Requirements elected, and a Final Reservation. 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. 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.

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 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) at project completion.

Additional Conditions: None

Points System	Max. Possible Points	Requested Points	Points Awarded
Cost Efficiency / Credit Reduction / Public Funds	20	20	20
Public Funds	20	20	20
Owner / Management Characteristics	9	9	9
General Partner Experience	6	6	6
Management Experience	3	3	3
Housing Needs	10	10	10
Site Amenities	15	15	15
Within 1,500 ft of a regular bus stop or rapid transit system stop	3	3	3
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
Large Family proj. w/i ½ mile of public school project children may attend	3	3	3
Within 1 mile of medical clinic or hospital	3	3	3
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
After school program for school age children, minimum of 10 hours/week	5	5	5
Sustainable Building Methods	10	10	10
NEW CONSTRUCTION/ADAPTIVE REUSE			
Develop project in accordance w/ requirements of: Green Communities	5	5	5
Energy efficiency beyond CA Building Code Title 24 requirements: 25%	5	5	5
Lowest Income	52	52	52
Basic Targeting	50	50	50
Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
Readiness to Proceed	20	20	20
Miscellaneous Federal and State Policies	2	2	2
State Credit Substitution	2	2	2
Total Points	148	148	148

Please Note: 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.