

Recommendation for Board Action				
Austin Housing Finance Corporation	Item ID	45913	Agenda Number	2.
Meeting Date:	6/18/2015		Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
Subject				
<p>Approve an inducement resolution for private activity bond financing to be submitted to the Texas Bond Review Board for an allocation of up to \$25 million in private activity volume cap multi-family non-recourse bonds for the development of the ALDRICH 51 APARTMENTS, to be located on the west side of Aldrich Street between Barbara Jordan Boulevard and East 51st Street, by the bond financing applicant, Austin DMA Housing II, LLC, or its affiliate, and set a public hearing in accordance with the Tax Equity and Financial Responsibility Act. (Suggested date and time: August 6, 2015 at 3:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX.)</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	May 7, 2015 – Conducted a public hearing and approved a resolution of no objection for the tax credit application to be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Aldrich 51 Apartments.			
For More Information:	Betsy Spencer, Treasurer, Austin Housing Finance Corporation, 512-974-3182; or David Potter, Neighborhood Development Program Manager, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 512-974-3192.			
Boards and Commission Action:	<p>April 2, 2015 – Approved an inducement resolution for an amount up to \$20 million in private activity volume cap for the Aldrich 51 Apartments.</p> <p>April 23, 2015 – Conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Tax Equity Financial Responsibility Act on the proposed bond issue for the Aldrich 51 Apartments.</p> <p>April 23, 2015 – Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board authorized negotiation and execution of a loan agreement in an amount not to exceed \$2 million for the Aldrich 51 Apartments.</p> <p>April 23, 2015 – Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board authorized the formation of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board Aldrich 51 Non-profit Corporation to serve as Managing Member of the to-be-formed Austin DMA Housing II, LLC.</p>			
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

If approved, this inducement resolution will permit staff to submit an application to the Texas Bond Review Board requesting consideration to authorize the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to issue multi-family housing revenue bonds to assist with the construction of a new apartment complex to be owned by the to-be-formed Austin DMA Housing II, LLC. Regulations governing the issuance of revenue bonds for the purpose of financing affordable housing specify that the bonds are non-recourse, and the full faith and credit of the AHFC or the City of Austin is not pledged to repay the bonds.

The Applicant

Austin DMA Housing II, LLC is an affiliate of the Diana McIver and Associates, Inc. (DMA) which was formed in 1999 by Diana McIver for the purpose of developing and owning affordable and market-rate properties. DMA has successfully developed 25 properties since 2000 which include workforce housing, senior housing, and supportive housing properties. AHFC was one of the lenders on DMA's Wildflower Terrace, a highly successful 201-unit mixed-income senior community in the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport re-development site.

Process

- The Tax Equity Financial Responsibility Act (TEFRA) requires that a public hearing be held no sooner than 14 days after the inducement resolution is approved. The proposed date for the public hearing is August 6, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
- The Applicant has applied for non-competitive 4 percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credits from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). Such tax credits are automatically available to volume cap bond-financed projects. These tax credits help finance equity needed to carry out the project. The TDHCA Board of Directors must approve all tax credit awards.

AHFC as Bond Issuer

- Since 1982, AHFC has issued 22 series of multi-family housing revenue bonds totaling \$182,000,000. These multi-family bonds have financed 33 multi-family properties, creating 6,552 low- and moderate-income rental units.
- The issuance of \$25 million in revenue bonds will generate an issuer's fee to AHFC of approximately \$125,000 (one-half of 1 percent of the amount of bonds issued).
- AHFC received a \$5,000 application fee from the Applicant.
- AHFC will receive an annual monitoring fee over the life of the bonds. The fee is calculated as the greater of .0003 times the amount of bonds outstanding on January 1 of each year, or \$12 per unit, or a flat \$1,200.

Project Characteristics

- The property is located in the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport (RMMA) Redevelopment on the west side of Aldrich Street between Barbara Jordan Boulevard and East 51st Street.
- The unit sizes range from 524 to 1,200 square feet. There will be 38 efficiency units; 87 one-bedroom/one-bath units; 32 two-bedroom/one-bath units; 73 two-bedroom/two-bath units and 10 three-bedroom/two-bath units.
- Depending on unit size, the rents will be in the approximate range of \$365 to \$1,569 per month.
- Twenty-four (24) units will be designed accessible for persons with mobility disabilities, and 3 units will be designed accessible for persons with sight or hearing disabilities.
- Ten (10) units will be operated as Permanent Supportive Housing.

Population Served

- Fifteen (15) units will be reserved for households with incomes at or below 30 percent of the Austin area Median Family Income (MFI), currently \$16,150 for a one-person household and \$24,250 for a four-person household. Ten (10) of those units will be reserved for Permanent Supportive Housing.
 - Forty-eight (48) units will be reserved for households with incomes at or below 50 percent MFI, currently \$26,900 for a one-person household and \$38,400 for a four-person household.
 - One hundred fifty-six (156) units will be reserved for households with incomes at or below 60 percent MFI, currently \$32,250 for a one-person household and \$46,080 for a four-person household.
- Twenty-one (21) units will have no income restrictions.

