

AGENDA



Recommendation for Board Action

AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (AHFC)**AHFC Meeting: October 19, 2017**Item Number: **AHFC003****Consent**

Conduct a public hearing and receive public comment regarding the issuance of up to \$50,000,000 dollars of Multi-family Housing Revenue Bonds to be issued by the Austin Housing Finance Corporation to finance the rehabilitation of the senior housing units in the Rebekah Baines Johnson Center and the development of additional new affordable senior housing at the site, located at 21 Waller Street by the Austin Geriatric Center, Inc., or an affiliated entity.

District(s) Affected: District 3

Lead Department	Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.
Fiscal Note	There is no anticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.
Prior Council Action	
For More Information	Rosie Truelove, Austin Housing Finance Corporation Treasurer, 512-974-3064; David Potter, Program Manager, 512-974-3192.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	September 28, 2017 - Austin Housing Finance Corporation Board authorized inducement of up to \$50,000,000 in private activity volume cap for the rehabilitation and new construction to take place at the Rebekah Baines Johnson Center.

Additional Backup Information:

This public hearing meets the Tax Equity Financial Responsibility Act (TEFRA) hearing requirements and allows the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to receive public input for the issuance of up to \$50,000,000 in housing non-recourse bonds to provide interim and permanent financing for the rehabilitation of the Rebekah Baines Johnson (RBJ) Center, and the construction of new multi-family senior housing at the site. The property is located in Council District 3.

Proposed Project

The proposed project at the RBJ Center will take place in stages. First, the infrastructure will be installed that will support 277 units of new housing to be developed. Next, the new housing will be constructed around the Tower, and residents will be relocated to the new housing while the Tower is being rehabilitated. Tower residents will have the option to remain in the new housing or return to the Tower once the rehabilitation work is complete. When completed, RBJ Center will have a total of 502 units, 478 of which will be income-restricted and all reserved for persons aged 55 and older.

Financing for the development is proposed to come from non-competitive 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits, the Private Activity Bonds issued by AHFC, Rental Housing Development Assistance (RHDA) funding from AHFC, private lender loans, and by the sale of certain sections of the property for market-rate housing and commercial purposes.

Estimated Sources and Uses of Funds (New Construction)

<u>Sources:</u>		<u>Uses:</u>	
Private Lender Loan	\$16,000,000	Acquisition	\$ 6,184,001
Tax Credits	18,872,856	Pre-Development &	
Grants	7,048,353	Soft Costs	1,705,546
AHFC funding	2,000,000	Construction/Hard Costs	32,904,735
Charitable Reserve	445,000	Reserves & Escrows	1,614,922
Deferred Developer Fee	5,192,866	Developer Fee &	
Total \$49,559,075		Financing Costs	<u>7,149,871</u>
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Estimated Sources and Uses of Funds (Tower Rehabilitation)

<u>Sources:</u>		<u>Uses:</u>	
Private Lender Loan	\$ 8,400,000	Acquisition	\$10,000,000
Tax Credits	18,224,190	Pre-Development &	
Grants	6,469,705	Soft Costs	1,467,363
Requested AHFC & Other			
Government funding	10,000,000	Construction/Hard Costs	27,032,614
Charitable Reserve	445,000	Developer Fee &	
Deferred Developer Fee	540,839	Financing Costs	<u>5,579,767</u>

Total \$ 44,079,744

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New Construction

Project Characteristics

- § 277 new construction multi-family units to be constructed.
- § 47 efficiency units (approximately 525 to 631 square feet, approximate rent \$380 to \$800).
- § 173 one-bedroom units (approximately 715 to 850 square feet, approximate rent \$707 to \$1,166).
- § 24 two-bedroom units (approximately 1,069 to 1,210 square feet, approximate rent \$837 to \$1,387).

Population Served

- § Persons age 55 and older.
- § Eighteen (18) units will be reserved for households with incomes at or below 30% Median Family Income (MFI), currently \$17,100 per year for a single-person household.
- § Ninety-four (94) units will be reserved for households with incomes at or below 50% MFI, currently \$28,500 for a single-person household.
- § One hundred forty-six (146) units will be reserved for households with incomes at or below 60% MFI, currently \$34,200 for a single-person household.
- § Nineteen (19) units will have no income restrictions.

RBJ Tower Rehabilitation

Project Characteristics

- § 225 units will be rehabilitated. The RBJ Tower was completed in 1972.
- § 92 efficiency units (approximately 496 to 524 square feet, approximate rent \$380 to \$665).
- § 133 one-bedroom units (approximately 598 to 606 square feet, approximate rent \$402 to \$1,222).

Population Served

- § Persons age 55 and older.
- § Twenty-seven (27) units will be reserved for households with incomes at or below 30% Median Family Income (MFI), currently \$17,100 per year for a single-person household.
- § One hundred thirty-one (131) units will be reserved for households with incomes at or below 50% MFI, currently \$28,500 for a single-person household.
- § Sixty-two (62) units will be reserved for households with incomes at or below 60% MFI, currently \$34,200 for a single-person household.

§ Five (5) units will have no income restrictions.

Current Property Tax Status and Future Impact

The property is currently 100% exempt from property tax. However, any sections of the property sold for private development will likely be fully taxable. When the RBJ Center is completed and if ownership is transferred to another entity, the Travis Central Appraisal District will determine whether the property will continue to be eligible for exemption.

DMA Development Company

DMA Development Company is very experienced in the development and construction of complicated real estate developments, having extensive experience with both new construction and renovation, and with all the financial tools proposed for this project. In 2016, DMA Development Company closed bond financing and is completing construction on Aldrich 51, a 240-unit vertical mixed use development in the Mueller community. Previously, DMA Development Company developed a highly successful senior development, Wildflower Terrace, also in the Mueller community.

For more information on the proposed project, as well as socioeconomic characteristics and amenities in the surrounding area, please see the project's Development Application here:<<http://austintexas.gov/page/fy-16-17-funding-applications>>.