# BOARD BOOK OF July 28, 2022



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# Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs PROGRAMMATIC IMPACT

Fiscal Year 2022 Reporting Period (9/1/2021 – 2/28/2022)

# **Owner Financing and Down Payment**

- 30-year, fixed interest rate mortgage loans
- Mortgage credit certificates
- Down payment, closing cost assistance
- Homebuyer education

# Programs:

Single Family Homeownership

Expended Funds: \$886,230,750 Total Households Served: 4,121

# **Multifamily New Construction**

Affordable rental units financed and developed

# Programs:

- 9% Housing Tax Credits (HTC)
- 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTC)
- Multifamily Bonds
- Multifamily Direct Loan Program\*

Expended Funds: \$47,704,669 Total Households Served: 4.626

# **Multifamily Rehab Construction**

Affordable rental units financed and rehabilitated

# Programs:

- 9% Housing Tax Credits (HTC)
- 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTC)
- Multifamily Bonds

Expended Funds: \$10,573,878
Total Households Served: 1,903

# **Owner Rehabilitation Assistance**

- Home rehabilitation, reconstruction
- Manufactured housing unit replacement
- Accessibility modifications e.g., ramp, grab bar installation

# Programs:

- Homeowner Reconstruction Assistance Program (HRA)\*
- Amy Young Barrier Removal Program

Expended Funds: \$3,815,870

Total Households Served: 56

# **Single Family Development**

- Single family development, reconstruction, rehabilitation
- NSP, Do-it-yourself, "sweat equity" construction (bootstrap), rehabilitation, Contract for Deed refinance

# Programs:

- Single Family Development Program (SFD)\*
- Contract for Deed (CFD)

Expended Funds: \$841,500

Total Households Served: 17

# **Energy Related Assistance**

- Utility bill payment assistance
- Energy consumption education
- Weatherization for energy efficiency

# Programs:

- Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)
- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Expended CEAP Funds: \$83,890,558 Total Households Served: 88,986

#### **Homelessness Services**

- Shelter building rehabilitation, conversion, operations
- Essential services e.g., health services, transportation, job training, employment services

# Programs:

- Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)
- Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP)

Expended Funds: \$19,481,276 Total Individuals Served: 22,446

# **Supportive Services**

Provides administrative support for essential services for low income individuals through Community Action Agencies

#### **Program**

Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG)

Expended Funds: \$17,752,129 Total Individuals Served: 181,458

#### **Rental Assistance**

- Short, long term rent payment help
- Assistance linked with services, Transitional assistance
- Security, utility deposits

### **Programs:**

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)\*
- Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers
- Section 811

Expended Funds: \$5,245,935 Total Households Served: 3,977

Total Expended Funds: \$1,084,528,836 Total Households Served: 308,756

All FY2022 data as reported in TDHCA's 2022 performance measures.

Note: Some households may have been served by more than one TDHCA program. For some programs, allocation is used as a proxy for expenditures. Because of timing of funds request, the funds expended for the quarter may be readjusted substantially by year end.

<sup>\*</sup> Administered through the federally funded HOME Investment Partnerships Program

<sup>\*\*</sup>TBRA Funds are reported on an annual basis and are not included in the rental assistance total

# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

A G E N D A 10:00 AM July 28, 2022

# Capitol Extension, Hearing Room E2.030 1100 Congress Ave Austin, Texas 78701

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Leo Vasquez, Chair

Pledge of Allegiance - I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Texas Allegiance - Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the Consent Agenda may be removed at the request of any Board member and considered at another appropriate time on this agenda. Placement on the Consent Agenda does not limit the possibility of any presentation, discussion or approval at this meeting. Under no circumstances does the Consent Agenda alter any requirements under Chapter 551 of the Tex. Gov't Code, Texas Open Meetings Act. Action may be taken on any item on this agenda, regardless of how designated.

# ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS PRESENTED IN THE BOARD MATERIALS:

# ASSET MANAGEMENT

a) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a Material Amendment to the Housing Tax Credit Application

Rosalio Banuelos
Director of Asset
Management

20205 Ella Grand Houston19273 Nolana Villas McAllen

b) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a Material Amendment to the Housing Tax Credit Application and Land Use Restriction Agreement

04439 Uvalde Ranch Apartments

Houston

# **MULTIFAMILY BOND FINANCE**

 Presentation, discussion, and possible action on Inducement Resolution No. 22-033 for Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds regarding authorization for filing applications for private activity bond authority Teresa Morales
Director of
Multifamily Bond

# FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

d) Presentation, discussion, and possible action to adopt a resolution regarding designating signature authority and superseding previous resolutions

Joe Guevara
Director of Financial
Administration

This will be an open, public meeting conducted under Tex. Gov't Code, chapter 551, without COVID-19 emergency waivers. There will not be a remote online or telephone option for public participation. The meeting, however, will be streamed online for public viewing. Masks will be available for members of the public who wish to attend this public meeting.

# **MULTIFAMILY FINANCE**

e) Presentation, discussion, and possible action confirming obligations for those properties recommended for an award of competitive low income housing tax credits that sought and were awarded one point for committing at least an additional 2% of the total Units to Persons referred from the Continuum of Care or local homeless service providers to be made available for those experiencing homelessness under 10 TAC §11.9(c)(6) related to Residents with Special Housing Needs

Cody Campbell
Director of Multifamily
Programs

# **CONSENT AGENDA REPORT ITEMS**

# ITEM 2: THE BOARD ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

- a) Media Analysis and Outreach Report, June 2022
- b) Report on TDHCA One-Time or Temporary Allocations Pandemic Response and Other Initiatives
- c) Report on the Department's 3rd Quarter Investment Report relating to funds held under Bond Trust Indentures
- d) Report on the Department's 3rd Quarter Investment Report in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act

# **ACTION ITEMS**

Executive Session: the Chair may call an Executive Session at this point in the agenda in accordance with the below-cited provisions<sup>1</sup>

# **ITEM 3: EXECUTIVE**

**Executive Director's Report** 

# **ITEM 4: TEXAS HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND**

Presentation, discussion and possible action granting on Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Program Services Awards

# **ITEM 5: COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Presentation, discussion, and possible action on approval of the 2023 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program State Plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and approval of the associated 2023 awards

# **ITEM 6: SINGLE FAMILY & HOMELESS PROGRAMS**

Presentation, discussion, and possible action on State Fiscal Year 2023 Homeless Housing and Services Program Awards

# **ITEM 7: MULTIFAMILY FINANCE**

- a) Presentation, discussion, and possible action on a timely filed scoring appeal under the Department's Multifamily Program Rules for Calle del Norte Apartments (#22112)
- b) Presentation, discussion, and possible action on timely filed appeal of the underwriting report published under the Department's Multifamily Program Rules for The Warehouse Lofts at 707 (#22295)
- c) Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding awards from the 2022 State Competitive Housing Credit Ceiling and approval of the waiting list for the 2022 Competitive Housing Tax Credit Application Round

Director of External Affairs Brooke Boston Deputy Director of Programs Heather Hodnett

Michael Lyttle

Manager of Single Family Finance Joe Guevara

Director of Financial Administration

> **Leo Vasquez** Chair

**Bobby Wilkinson** Executive Director, TDHCA

Tanya Birks
Director of Texas

Homeowner Assistance Fund

Michael De Young Director of Community Affairs

Abigail Versyp
Director of Single Family
& Homeless Programs

Cody Campbell Director of Multifamily Programs

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OTHER THAN ITEMS FOR WHICH THERE WERE POSTED AGENDA ITEMS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note: the Chair is not restricted by this item, and may call for an Executive Session at any time during the posted meeting.

The Board may go into Executive Session Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 for the purposes of discussing personnel matters including to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee;

Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.071(1) to seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer;

Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.071(2) for the purpose of seeking the advice of its attorney about a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 551; including seeking legal advice in connection with a posted agenda item;

Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §551.072 to deliberate the possible purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real estate because it would have a material detrimental effect on the Department's ability to negotiate with a third person; and/or

Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2306.039(c) the Department's internal auditor, fraud prevention coordinator or ethics advisor may meet in an executive session of the Board to discuss issues related to fraud, waste or abuse.

# **OPEN SESSION**

If there is an Executive Session, the Board will reconvene in Open Session. Except as specifically authorized by applicable law, the Board may not take any actions in Executive Session.

# **ADJOURN**

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Individuals who require auxiliary aids, services or sign language interpreters for this meeting should contact Nancy Dennis, at 512-475-3959 or Relay Texas at 1-800-735-2989, at least five days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Non-English speaking individuals who require interpreters for this meeting should contact Kathleen Vale Castillo, 512-475-4144, at least five days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Personas que hablan español y requieren un intérprete, favor de llamar a Kathleen Vale Castillo, al siguiente número 512-475-4144 por lo menos cinco días antes de la junta para hacer los preparativos apropiados.

# CONSENT AGENDA

# 1a

# **BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

# ASSET MANAGEMENT DIVISION

# **JULY 28, 2022**

Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a Material Amendment to the Housing Tax Credit Application for Ella Grand (HTC #20205)

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

WHEREAS, Ella Grand (Development) received an award of 9% Housing Tax Credits (HTCs) in 2020 for the new construction of 145 multifamily units with an elderly designation in Houston, Harris County;

**WHEREAS,** the Development also received a \$2,180,000 Multifamily Direct Loan (MFDL) award in 2021, and a \$225,000 supplemental credit allocation in 2022;

**WHEREAS,** Houston DMA Housing II, LLC (Development Owner or Owner) requests approval for a reduction in the number of units from 145 to 128 with the elimination of 17 of the market rate units, reducing the market rate units from 30 to 13, without affecting the number of the affordable units;

**WHEREAS**, this change results in a modification of the architectural design and site plan including slight changes in the size of the units, and an increase in the parking spaces and configuration;

WHEREAS, Board approval is required for a reduction to the number of units, a significant modification of the site plan, a significant modification of the architectural design of the Development, and a modification of the residential density of at least 5% as directed in 10 TAC §10.405(a)(4)(A), (B), (E), and (F), and in Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6712(d)(1), (2), (5), and (6), and the Owner has complied with the amendment requirements therein;

WHEREAS, Board approval of this amendment does not constitute a waiver of any of the rules or statutes applicable to the 2020 9% HTC Application, including but not limited to the accessibility requirements stated in Chapter 1, Subchapter B; and

**WHEREAS**, the requested changes do not negatively affect the Development, impact the viability of the transaction, impact the scoring of the Application, or affect the amount of the tax credits awarded;

# NOW, therefore, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the requested amendment for Ella Grand is approved as presented at this meeting, and the Executive Director and his designees are each hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to take all necessary action to effectuate the foregoing.

# **BACKGROUND**

Ella Grand received a 9% HTC award in 2020 for the new construction of 145 multifamily units with an elderly designation in Houston, Harris County. The Development also received a \$2,180,000 Multifamily Direct Loan (MFDL) award in 2021 and a \$225,000 supplemental credit allocation in 2022. In a letter dated May 9, 2022, Janine Sisak, the representative for the Development Owner, requested approval for a material amendment to reduce the number of units from 145 to 128, by eliminating 17 of the 30 market rate units originally proposed in the Application. The Owner states the site is encumbered by a restrictive covenant that specifies residential parking requirements are 1.6 spaces per unit and that the architectural design must be approved by the Woodlake Community Association's architectural review committee (WCA). Based on this requirement, the Development would be required to provide 232 parking spaces. However, the original site plan only included 146 parking spaces. The Owner states while the City of Houston's municipal code includes a modified parking requirement, which their architect confirms is one space per unit for senior housing, the restrictive covenant does not, and the Owner believed that was an oversight in the details of the covenant. Therefore, after receiving the tax credit award, the Owner submitted their plans along with a request for a waiver of the parking requirements to WCA for review and approval. The Owner also provided WCA documentation, including multiple reports, peer-reviewed transportation research, and parking data from the Owner's other senior developments to support their proposed parking ratio of one space per unit. However, WCA denied their request and invited them to submit a revised site plan with a parking configuration that meets the 1.6 space per unit requirement.

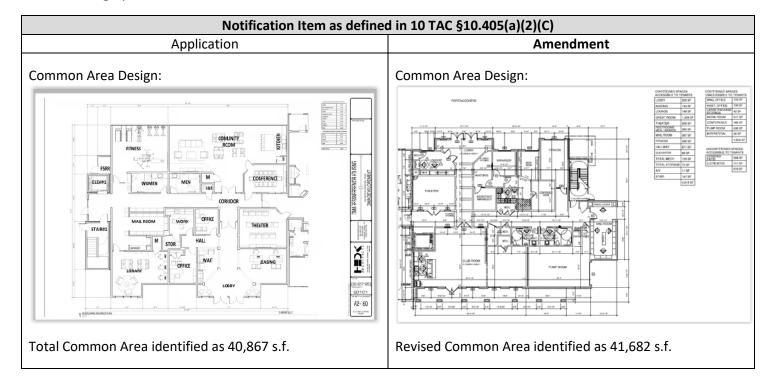
The Owner submitted a revised plan that has been approved by WCA. They met the parking requirement through a reconfiguration of the design plans that required a reduction in the total units from 145 to 128. This allows the restrictive covenant's parking requirement of 205 spaces for 128 units to be met by eliminating the ground floor in one section of the building and designing 42 standard and two accessible tandem carports below the second floor units. Staff discussed concerns with the functionality of a tandem configuration with the Owner. The Owner states that revised parking will provide more spaces than is required by the City of Houston for a senior development, and also more spaces than is needed based on their experience with other senior developments. However, to address staff's concerns, the Owner agreed to limit each tandem space to one car.

The table below compares the changes between the original and amended site plans.

	Gov't Code §2306.6712(d)(1), (2), (5), and (5) (a)(4)(A), (B), (E), and (F)							
Application	Amendment							
Original Site Plan	Revised Site Plan							
Acres: 3.558	Acres: 3.558							
Residential Density: 40.753 units/acre	Residential Density: 35.975 unit/acre, 4.778 unit/acre reduction or 11.72% change							
Unit Mix:  1BR/1BA – 109 units  2BR/2BA - 36 units  Total: 145 units (115 affordable, 30 market rate)	Unit Mix:  1BR/1BA – 101 units  2BR/2BA - 27 units  Total: 128 units (115 affordable, 13 market rate), a reduction of 17 units							
Net Rentable Area: 118,061 s.f.	Net Rentable Area: 104,341 s.f. (an 11.62% or 14,031 s.f. reduction)							
Parking Spaces: 146 surface spaces	Parking Spaces: 205 spaces composed of 161 surface spaces and 44 tandem carports (increase of 59 total spaces)							
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The elimination of the 17 units does not materially affect the total size of the Common Area. However, the originally proposed library space will be replaced by a pump room. The Owner has confirmed that the Development will still meet the Common Area point requirements in the 2020 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP).

The table below compares the changes between the original and amended Common Area design plan:



The Development was re-underwritten based on the proposed amendment and revised financial exhibits provided. The results of the analysis indicate the Development is still feasible with the changes to the costs and financing structure.

Staff confirmed that the revised design plans and parking will continue to meet accessibility requirements. Additionally, staff reviewed the original application and scoring documentation against this amendment request, and has concluded that none of the changes would have resulted in selection or threshold criteria changes that would have affected the selection of the Application in the competitive round.

Staff recommends approval of the requested material amendment to the Application.



Real Estate Analysis Division July 8, 2022

# Addendum to Underwriting Report

TDHCA Application #: 22971 21509 20205 Program(s): 9% HTC/MDL

Ella Grand

Address/Location: 2077 S. Gessner Road

City: Houston County: Harris Zip: 77063

	APPLICATION HISTORY							
Report Date	PURPOSE							
07/08/22	07/08/22 Amendment							
03/03/22	Supplemental Credit Allocation and MDL Closing							
10/07/21	MDL Application and Amendment							
08/07/20	Original Underwriting Report							

# **ALLOCATION**

		Previous Alloc	ation	RECOMMENDATION								
TDHCA Program	Amount	Rate	Amort	Term	Amount	Rate	Amort	Term	Lien			
Multifamily Direct Loan (Deferred Payable)	\$2,180,000	0.00%	N/A	15.0	\$2,180,000	0.00%	N/A	15.5	2			
LIHTC (9% Credit)	\$1,725,000				\$1,674,577							

<sup>\*</sup> Multifamily Direct Loan Terms:

<sup>\*</sup> Pursuant to 10 TAC §13.8(a), the term of a Multifamily Direct Loan should match the term of any superior loan (within 6 months).

<sup>\*</sup> Lien position after conversion to permanent. The Department's lien position during construction may vary.

# **CONDITIONS STATUS**

- 1 Receipt and acceptance before Direct Loan Contract Execution
  - GLO approval of \$12M CDBG award to be confirmed by legal at MDL Contract Execution.
- 2 Receipt and acceptance before Direct Loan Closing
  - a: Updated application exhibits: Rent Schedule, Utility Allowance, Operating Expenses, Long-Term Pro Forma, Development Cost Schedule, Schedule of Sources; and documentation necessary to support any changes from previous underwriting.
  - b: Substantially final construction contract with Schedule of Values.
  - c: Updated term sheets with substantially final terms from all lenders.
  - d: Substantially final draft of limited partnership agreement.
  - e: Documentation that a noise study has been completed, and certification from the Architect that all recommendations from the noise study are incorporated into the development plans.

#### Status: Satisfied.

- 3 Documentation at Cost Certification clearing environmental issues identified in the ESA report, specifically:
  - Architect certification that all noise assessment recommendations were implemented and the Development is compliant with HUD noise guidelines.

Should any terms of the proposed capital structure change or if there are material changes to the overall development plan or costs, the analysis must be re-evaluated and adjustment to the credit allocation and/or terms of other TDHCA funds may be warranted.

# **SET-ASIDES**

TDHCA SET-ASIDES for HTC LURA												
Income Limit	Rent Limit	Number of Units										
30% of AMI	30% of AMI	14										
50% of AMI	50% of AMI	44										
60% of AMI	60% of AMI	57										

TDHCA SET-ASIDES for DIRECT LOAN LURA										
Income Limit	Rent Limit	Number of Units								
30% of AMFI	30% of AMFI	16								

# **ANALYSIS**

The Applicant is requesting an Amendment to reduce the total number of units from 145 to 128. The number of rent restricted units remained constant, however, the number of market rate units was reduced from 30 units to 13 units to meet the HOA's parking requirements.

The site is encumbered by a restrictive covenant that requires that the Woodlake Community Association's architectural review committee to approve the overall design of the development. The Association did not approve a waiver of the parking requirement of 1.6 spaces per unit. The Applicant provided a new site plan meeting the requirement but this required a reduction of 17 (market rate) units to comply.

The requested Direct Loan funding requires the restriction of 16 units at 30% AMI.

# **Operating Pro Forma**

Rents have been updated to the 2022 LIHTC and HOME Program Rents. Due to the fact that the percentage of Market Rate units is now less than 15% of the total units, Applicant used 2022 60% Gross AMI rents per rule. The Underwriter used the per unit expenses on the 2022 Supp Credit underwriting for G&A, Elec/Gas, and Water/Trash proforma expenses. Underwriter adjusted Supp Credit underwriting to Applicant's revised number for Insurance expense and eliminated Supportive Services per Applicant to offset additional insurance expense. The Applicant provided a statement that Supportive Services will now be provided by existing overhead.

# **Development Cost**

Building Cost decreased \$1.5M and total development costs decreased \$2.2M as a result of less units being developed. Underwriter utilized \$116k/unit building costs from 2022 Supp Credit Underwriting since the Applicant provided a GC estimate at that time. Since Applicant's costs are within 5% of Underwriter's, the Applicant's costs are being used for analysis. The Applicant feels that costs will increase significantly to the overall costs presented back in March. Underwriter recommends that this be reviewed again at the time of MDL closing when the GC contract will be provided as a condition to close.

The NOFA and Subchapter F require that Total Developer Fee and Eligible Developer Fee cannot increase, and that Deferred Developer Fee cannot decrease from the original underwriting.

# **Sources of Funds**

Applicant reduced senior debt from \$7.8M to \$5.7M and increased the amortization period from 35 years to 40 years. Applicant provided documentation that an additional \$1M in CDBG funds will be provided by GLO for a total of \$12M.

Underwriter held the deferred developer fee to \$802,933 as originally underwritten, causing the project to be oversourced. Underwriter assumes a \$474,369 decrease in total equity to balance sources and uses. Credits will be evaluated at cost certification and may be claimed up to the previously awarded annual amount of \$1,725,000.

Current underwriting still supports the MFDL in the amount of \$2,180,000 at 0% interest, structured as Deferred Repayable with a 15.5 year term (to match the senior debt) and 30 month construction term along with an annual tax credit allocation of \$1,674,577.

Underwriter:	Eric Weiner
Manager of Real Estate Analysis:	Gregg Kazak
Director of Real Estate Analysis:	Jeanna Adams

# **UNIT MIX/RENT SCHEDULE**

# Ella Grand, Houston, 9% HTC #22971 21509 20205

LOCATION DATA	
CITY:	Houston
COUNTY:	Harris
Area Median Income	\$90,100
PROGRAM REGION:	6
PROGRAM RENT YEAR:	2022

	UNIT DISTRIBUTION														
# Beds	# Units	% Total	Assisted	MDL											
Eff	1	0.0%	0	0											
1	101	78.9%	0	12											
2	27	21.1%	0	4											
3	1	0.0%	0	0											
4	1	0.0%	0	0											
5	1	0.0%	0	0											
TOTAL	128	100.0%	-	16											

53%	Average	Income
Income	# Units	% Total
20%	1	0.0%
30%	14	10.9%
40%	1	0.0%
50%	44	34.4%
60%	57	44.5%
70%	1	0.0%
80%	-	0.0%
MR	13	10.2%
TOTAL	128	100.0%

Pro Forma ASSUMPTIO	ONS
Revenue Growth	2.00%
Expense Growth	3.00%
Basis Adjust	130%
Applicable Fraction	88.67%
APP % Acquisition	3.32%
APP % Construction	9.00%
Average Unit Size	815 sf

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Туре	Gross Rent	Туре	Gross Rent	# Units	# Beds	# Baths	NRA	Gross Rent	Utility Allow	Max Net Program Rent	Delta to Max	Rent psf	Net Rent per Unit	Total Monthly Rent	Total Monthly Rent	Rent per Unit	Rent psf	Delta to Max	Under	written	Mrkt Analyst
TC 30%	\$498	30%/30%	\$499	10	1	1	716	\$498	\$76	\$422	\$1	\$0.59	\$423	\$4,230	\$4,220	\$422	\$0.59	\$0	\$997	\$1.39	\$1,135
TC 50%	\$831	30%/30%	\$499	1	1	1	716	\$499	\$76	\$423	\$0	\$0.59	\$423	\$423	\$423	\$423	\$0.59	\$0	\$997	\$1.39	\$1,135
TC 50%	\$831			34	1	1	716	\$831	\$76	\$755	\$0	\$1.05	\$755	\$25,670	\$25,670	\$755	\$1.05	\$0	\$997	\$1.39	\$1,135
TC 50%	\$831			1	1	1	716	\$831	\$76	\$755	\$0	\$1.05	\$755	\$755	\$755	\$755	\$1.05	\$0	\$997	\$1.39	\$1,170
TC 60%	\$997			16	1	1	716	\$997	\$76	\$921	\$0	\$1.29	\$921	\$14,736	\$14,736	\$921	\$1.29	\$0	\$997	\$1.39	\$1,185
TC 60%	\$997			4	1	1	716	\$997	\$76	\$921	\$0	\$1.29	\$921	\$3,684	\$3,684	\$921	\$1.29	\$0	\$997	\$1.39	\$1,185
TC 60%	\$997			4	1	1	776	\$997	\$76	\$921	\$0	\$1.19	\$921	\$3,684	\$3,684	\$921	\$1.19	\$0	\$997	\$1.28	\$1,185
TC 60%	\$997			17	1	1	791	\$997	\$76	\$921	\$0	\$1.16	\$921	\$15,657	\$15,657	\$921	\$1.16	\$0	\$997	\$1.26	\$1,300
MR				3	1	1	791	\$0	\$76		NA	\$1.26	\$997	\$2,991	\$2,991	\$997	\$1.26	NA	\$997	\$1.26	\$1,300
MR				3	1	1	877	\$0	\$76		NA	\$1.14	\$997	\$2,991	\$2,991	\$997	\$1.14	NA	\$997	\$1.14	\$1,300
MR				3	1	1	935	\$0	\$76		NA	\$1.07	\$997	\$2,991	\$2,991	\$997	\$1.07	NA	\$997	\$1.07	\$1,300
TC 50%	\$831	30%/30%	\$499	1	1	1	935	\$499	\$76	\$423	\$0	\$0.45	\$423	\$423	\$423	\$423	\$0.45	\$0	\$997	\$1.07	\$1,300
TC 60%	\$997			2	1	1	950	\$997	\$76	\$921	\$0	\$0.97	\$921	\$1,842	\$1,842	\$921	\$0.97	\$0	\$997	\$1.05	\$1,300
MR				2	1	1	950	\$0	\$76		NA	\$1.05	\$997	\$1,994	\$1,994	\$997	\$1.05	NA	\$997	\$1.05	\$1,300
TC 30%	\$598	30%/30%	\$598	4	2	2	1,027	\$598	\$100	\$498	\$0	\$0.48	\$498	\$1,992	\$1,992	\$498	\$0.48	\$0	\$1,197	\$1.17	\$1,500
TC 50%	\$997			6	2	2	1,027	\$997	\$100	\$897	\$0	\$0.87	\$897	\$5,382	\$5,382	\$897	\$0.87	\$0	\$1,197	\$1.17	\$1,500
TC 50%	\$997			1	2	2	1,027	\$997	\$100	\$897	\$0	\$0.87	\$897	\$897	\$897	\$897	\$0.87	\$0	\$1,197	\$1.17	\$1,500
TC 60%	\$1,197			7	2	2	1,027	\$1,197	\$100	\$1,097	\$0	\$1.07	\$1,097	\$7,679	\$7,679	\$1,097	\$1.07	\$0	\$1,197	\$1.17	\$1,500
TC 60%	\$1,197			7	2	2	1,056	\$1,197	\$100	\$1,097	\$0	\$1.04	\$1,097	\$7,679	\$7,679	\$1,097	\$1.04	\$0	\$1,197	\$1.13	\$1,500
MR				2	2	2	1,056	\$0	\$100		NA	\$1.13	\$1,197	\$2,394	\$2,394	\$1,197	\$1.13	NA	\$1,197	\$1.13	\$1,500
TOTALS/A	VERAGES:			128			104,341				\$0	\$1.04	\$844	\$108,094	\$108,084	\$844	\$1.04	\$0	\$1,039	\$1.27	\$1,262

ANNUAL POTENTIAL GROSS RENT: \$1,297,128 \$1,297,008

# **STABILIZED PRO FORMA**

# Ella Grand, Houston, 9% HTC #22971 21509 20205

								ST YEAR PRO FORMA												
		СОМРА	RABLES			API	PLICANT		Supp Credit	Origin	al UW	Supp Credit		TDHCA				VARIANCE		
	Databa	Database Loca		Database Local Co			% EGI	Per SF	Per Unit	Amount	Applicant	Applicant	TDHCA	TDHCA	Amount	Per Unit	Per SF	% EGI	%	\$
POTENTIAL GROSS RENT						\$1.04	\$844	\$1,297,128	\$1,422,972	\$1,436,544	\$1,426,056	\$1,422,972	\$1,297,008	\$844	\$1.04		0.0%	\$120		
Laundry							\$1.95	\$3,000	\$8,700	10,476					-					
Total Secondary Income							\$1.95				10,476	8,700	\$7,680	\$5.00			-60.9%	(\$4,680)		
POTENTIAL GROSS INCOME								\$1,300,128	\$1,431,672	\$1,447,020	\$1,436,532	\$1,431,672	\$1,304,688		_		-0.3%	(\$4,560)		
Vacancy & Collection Loss							7.5% PGI	(97,510)	(107,375)	(108,527)	(107,740)	(107,375)	(97,852)	7.5% PGI			-0.3%	342		
EFFECTIVE GROSS INCOME								\$1,202,618	\$1,324,297	\$1,338,494	\$1,328,792	\$1,324,297	\$1,206,836				-0.3%	(\$4,218)		
General & Administrative	\$52,508	\$410/Unit	\$59,319	\$463	3.31%	\$0.38	\$311	\$39,800	\$42,300	\$44,272	\$51,330	\$51,330	\$45,312	\$354	\$0.43	3.75%	-12.2%	(5,512)		
Management	\$52,278	4.5% EGI	\$50,220	\$392	4.97%	\$0.57	\$467	\$59,716	\$66,215	\$67,700	\$66,440	\$66,215	\$60,342	\$471	\$0.58	5.00%	-1.0%	(626)		
Payroll & Payroll Tax	\$173,307	\$1,354/Unit	\$191,939	\$1,500	14.97%	\$1.73	\$1,406	\$180,000	\$204,500	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$204,500	\$180,000	\$1,406	\$1.73	14.92%	0.0%	-		
Repairs & Maintenance	\$94,471	\$738/Unit	\$78,374	\$612	3.84%	\$0.44	\$361	\$46,200	\$56,200	\$60,200	\$87,000	\$87,000	\$83,200	\$650	\$0.80	6.89%	-44.5%	(37,000)		
Electric/Gas	\$27,260	\$213/Unit	\$25,459	\$199	1.33%	\$0.15	\$125	\$16,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$28,841	\$28,841	\$25,459	\$199	\$0.24	2.11%	-37.2%	(9,459)		
Water, Sewer, & Trash	\$80,347	\$628/Unit	\$51,726	\$404	3.74%	\$0.43	\$352	\$45,000	\$77,000	\$77,000	\$58,596	\$58,596	\$51,726	\$404	\$0.50	4.29%	-13.0%	(6,726)		
Property Insurance	\$51,056	\$0.49 /sf	\$50,757	\$397	12.47%	\$1.44	\$1,172	\$150,000	\$130,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$130,000	\$150,000	\$1,172	\$1.44	12.43%	0.0%	-		
Property Tax (@ 100%) 2.4216	\$97,546	\$762/Unit	\$87,329	\$682	10.64%	\$1.23	\$1,000	\$128,000	\$130,500	\$145,000	\$136,277	\$124,819	\$124,819	\$975	\$1.20	10.34%	2.5%	3,181		
Reserve for Replacements				\$0	3.19%	\$0.37	\$300	\$38,400	\$43,500	\$43,500	\$43,500	\$43,500	\$38,400	\$300	\$0.37	3.18%	0.0%	-		
Supportive Services				\$0	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	0.00%	0.0%	-		
TDHCA Compliance fees (\$40/HTC unit)				\$0	0.38%	\$0.04	\$36	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$36	\$0.04	0.38%	0.0%	-		
City of Houston Compliance Fee for Gap Funds				\$0	0.29%	\$0.03	\$27	\$3,450	\$3,450	\$3,450	\$3,450	\$3,450	\$3,450	\$27	\$0.03	0.29%	0.0%	-		
TOTAL EXPENSES					59.57%	\$6.87	\$5,597	\$ 716,398	\$ 789,265	\$756,722	\$766,033	\$808,851	\$772,541	\$6,035	\$7.40	64.01%	-7.3% \$	(56,143)		
NET OPERATING INCOME ("NOI")					40.43%	\$4.66	\$3,799	\$486,220	\$535,032	\$581,772	\$562,759	\$515,446	\$434,296	\$3,393	\$4.16	35.99%	12.0% \$	51,925		

\$3,013/Unit

\$2,555/Unit

CONTROLLABLE EXPENSES

# CAPITALIZATION / TOTAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET / ITEMIZED BASIS

Ella Grand, Houston, 9% HTC #22971 21509 20205

			DEBT / GRANT SOURCES																
			APPLICANT'S PROPOSED DEBT/GRANT STRUCTURE									AS UNDERWRITTEN DEBT/GRANT STRUCTURE							
		Cumulative DCR				Т			Supp Credit	Origin	al UW	Supp Credit						Cumulative	
DEBT (Must Pay)	Fee	UW	Арр	Pmt	Rate	Amort	Term	Principal	Applicant	Applicant	TDHCA	TDHCA	Principal	Term	Amort	Rate	Pmt	DCR	LTC
Capital One Bank		1.18	1.32	369,219	5.85%	40	15	\$5,700,000	\$7,800,000	\$6,600,000	\$6,600,000	\$7,800,000	\$5,700,000	15	40	5.85%	\$369,219	1.18	15.6%
TDHCA-Direct Loan (Deferred Payable)		1.18	1.32		0.00%	35	15.5	\$2,180,000	\$2,180,000			\$2,180,000	\$2,180,000	15.5		0.00%		1.18	6.0%
CASH FLOW DEBT / GRANTS												_							
City of Houston		1.18	1.32		0.00%	0	0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	0	0	0.00%		1.18	0.0%
City of Houston-CDBG		1.18	1.32		0.00%	0	0	\$12,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000	\$11,000,000	\$12,000,000	0		0.00%		1.18	32.8%
HEDK: MDL Match		1.18	1.32		0.00%	0	0	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$0	\$0	\$165,000	\$165,000	0	0	0.00%		1.18	0.5%
\$369,219 TOTAL DEBT / GRANT SOURCES \$20,045,500 \$21,145,					\$21,145,500	\$13,100,500	\$13,100,500	\$21,145,500	\$20,045,500		TOTAL D	EBT SERVICE	\$369,219	1.18	54.8%				

 NET CASH FLOW
 \$65,077
 \$117,001
 \$65,077
 NET CASH FLOW

							EQUITY	SOURCE	ES							
	APPLICANT					AS UNDERWRITTEN EQUITY STRUCTURE										
			Annual	Credit		Supp Credit	Origin	al UW	Supp Credit		Credit			Annual Credits		
QUITY / DEFERRED FEES	DESCRIPTION	% Cost	Credit	Price	Amount	Applicant	Applicant	TDHCA	TDHCA	Amount	Price	Annual Credit	% Cost	per Unit	Allocation Method	
RBC Capital	LIHTC Equity	44.3%	\$1,725,000	\$0.94	\$16,228,377	\$16,228,377	\$14,248,575	\$14,248,575	\$16,228,377	\$15,754,008	\$0.94	\$1,674,577	43.0%	\$13,083	Needed to	Fill Gap
DMA Development Company, LLC/JSA Dev	veld Deferred Developer Fees	4.0%	(49%	Deferred)	\$1,451,653	\$1,993,282	\$803,025	\$802,933	\$1,319,055	\$802,933	(31%	Deferred)	2.2%	Total Develop	er Fee:	\$2,573,90
Additional (Excess) Funds Req'd		0.0%						\$0	\$0	\$0			0.0%			
TOTAL EQUITY SOURCES		48.3%			\$17,680,030	\$18,221,659	\$15,051,600	\$15,051,508	\$17,547,432	\$16,556,941			45.2%			
TOTAL CAPITALIZATION					\$37,725,530	\$30 367 150	\$28 152 100	\$28 152 008	\$38 602 032	\$36 602 441			15.Vr	Cash Flow after De	forred Foo:	\$239,47

							DEVELOP	MENT CO	ST / ITEMI	ZED BASIS						
		APPLICAN'	T COST / BA	ASIS ITEMS						TDHCA COST / BASIS ITEMS				COST V	/ARIANCE	
	Eligible	e Basis				Supp Credit	Original UW		Supp Credit			Eligible Basis				
	Acquisition	New Const. Rehab		Total Costs	i	Applicant	Applicant	TDHCA	TDHCA		Total Costs		New Const. Rehab	Acquisition	%	\$
Land Acquisition				\$54,688 / Unit	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$54,688 / Unit				0.0%	\$0
Off-Sites				\$ / Unit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ / Unit				0.0%	\$0
Site Work		\$2,911,500		\$22,746 / Unit	\$2,911,500	\$2,911,500	\$1,276,635	\$1,276,635	\$3,046,500	\$3,046,500	\$23,801 / Unit		\$2,951,500		-4.4%	(\$135,000)
Site Amenities		\$390,000		\$3,047 / Unit	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$309,299	\$309,299	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$2,734 / Unit		\$350,000		11.4%	\$40,000
Building Cost		\$15,409,973	\$147.69 /sf	\$120,390/Unit	\$15,409,973	\$16,976,575	\$11,257,406	\$12,003,095	\$16,881,573	\$14,902,400	\$116,425/Unit	\$142.82 /sf	\$14,902,400		3.4%	\$507,573
Contingency		\$1,426,100	7.62%	7.62%	\$1,426,100	\$1,294,669	\$800,217	\$800,217	\$1,294,669	\$1,280,923	7.00%	7.00%	\$1,274,273		11.3%	\$145,177
Contractor Fees		\$2,800,000	13.90%	13.90%	\$2,800,000	\$3,293,319	\$1,839,000	\$1,839,000	\$3,020,184	\$2,741,175	14.00%	14.00%	\$2,726,944		2.1%	\$58,825
Soft Costs	0	\$1,734,900		\$13,896 / Unit	\$1,778,750	\$1,813,650	\$1,329,680	\$1,329,680	\$1,813,650	\$1,778,750	\$13,896 / Unit	-	\$1,734,900	\$0	0.0%	\$0
Financing	0	\$995,000		\$13,088 / Unit	\$1,675,300	\$1,875,382	\$1,150,350	\$1,150,350	\$1,875,382	\$1,675,300	\$13,088 / Unit		\$995,000	\$0	0.0%	\$0
Developer Fee	\$0	\$2,975,000	11.59%	11.59%	\$2,975,000	\$2,975,000	\$2,574,000	\$2,573,908	\$2,573,908	\$2,573,908	10.28%	9.33%	\$2,326,243	\$0	15.6%	\$401,092
Reserves				8 Months	\$753,207	\$837,064	\$615,513	\$615,513	\$837,064	\$753,207	8 Months				0.0%	\$0
TOTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COST (UNADJUSTED BASIS)	\$0	\$28,642,473		\$289,999 / Unit	\$37,119,830	\$39,367,159	\$28,152,100	\$28,897,697	\$38,692,930	\$36,102,163	\$282,048 / Unit		\$27,261,260	\$0	2.8%	\$1,017,667
Acquisition Cost	\$0				\$0	\$0	\$0									
Contingency		(\$116,297)			(\$116,297)	\$0	\$0									
Contractor's Fee		\$0			\$0	(\$273,135)	\$0									
Financing Cost		\$0														
Developer Fee	\$0	(\$648,757)			(\$401,092)	(\$401,092)	(\$92)									
Reserves					\$0	\$0	\$0									
ADJUSTED BASIS / COST	\$0	\$27,877,419		\$285,957/unit	\$36,602,441	\$38,692,932	\$28,152,008	\$28,897,697	\$38,692,930	\$36,102,163	\$282,048/unit		\$27,261,260	\$0	1.4%	\$500,278
TOTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COSTS (Applicant's Uses are within 5% of TDHCA Estimate):						\$36,602,441										

# CAPITALIZATION / DEVELOPMENT COST BUDGET / ITEMIZED BASIS ITEMS

Ella Grand, Houston, 9% HTC #22971 21509 20205

		CREDIT CALCULA	TION ON QUALIFIE	D BASIS			
	Арј	plicant	TD	HCA			
	Acquisition	Construction Rehabilitation	Acquisition	Construction Rehabilitation			
ADJUSTED BASIS	\$0	\$27,877,419	\$0	\$27,261,260			
Deduction of Federal Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
TOTAL ELIGIBLE BASIS	\$0	\$27,877,419	\$0	\$27,261,260			
High Cost Area Adjustment		130%		130%			
TOTAL ADJUSTED BASIS	\$0	\$36,240,645	\$0	\$35,439,638			
Applicable Fraction	88.67%	88.67%	88.67%	88.67%			
TOTAL QUALIFIED BASIS	\$0	\$32,134,870	\$0	\$31,424,611			
Applicable Percentage	3.32%	9.00%	3.32%	9.00%			
ANNUAL CREDIT ON BASIS	\$0	\$2,892,138	\$0	\$2,828,215			
CREDITS ON QUALIFIED BASIS	\$2,8	892,138	\$2,828,215				

	ANNUAL CR	EDIT CALCULATION	FINAL ANNUAL LIHTC ALLOCATION							
	BASED ON	APPLICANT BASIS	Credit Price \$0.9408	Variance t	o Request					
Method	Annual Credits	Proceeds	Credit Allocation	Credits	Proceeds					
Eligible Basis	\$2,892,138	\$27,208,528								
Needed to Fill Gap	\$1,674,577	\$15,754,008	\$1,674,577	(\$50,423)	(\$474,369)					
Applicant Request	\$1,725,000	\$16,228,377								
*Credit allocation adjusted to hold deferred fee to original underwriting per Subchapter F.										

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# Long-Term Pro Forma

# Ella Grand, Houston, 9% HTC #22971 21509 20205

	Growth												
	Rate	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 10	Year 15	Year 20	Year 25	Year 30	Year 35	Year 40
EFFECTIVE GROSS INCOME	2.00%	\$1,206,836	\$1,230,973	\$1,255,593	\$1,280,704	\$1,306,319	\$1,442,281	\$1,592,395	\$1,758,133	\$1,941,121	\$2,143,154	\$2,366,215	\$2,612,493
TOTAL EXPENSES	3.00%	\$772,541	\$795,113	\$818,351	\$842,274	\$866,902	\$1,001,372	\$1,156,884	\$1,336,752	\$1,544,810	\$1,785,501	\$2,063,971	\$2,386,178
NET OPERATING INCOME ("N	OI")	\$434,296	\$435,860	\$437,241	\$438,430	\$439,417	\$440,909	\$435,511	\$421,381	\$396,311	\$357,653	\$302,245	\$226,315
EXPENSE/INCOME RATIO		64.0%	64.6%	65.2%	65.8%	66.4%	69.4%	72.7%	76.0%	79.6%	83.3%	87.2%	91.3%
MUST -PAY DEBT SERVICE													
Capital One Bank		\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219
TDHCA-Direct Loan (Deferred Payable)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219	\$369,219
DEBT COVERAGE RATIO		1.18	1.18	1.18	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.18	1.14	1.07	0.97	0.82	0.61
ANNUAL CASH FLOW		\$65,077	\$66,641	\$68,022	\$69,212	\$70,198	\$71,690	\$66,292	\$52,162	\$27,092	(\$11,566)	(\$66,974)	(\$142,904)
Deferred Developer Fee													
balance		\$802,933	\$737,856	\$671,215	\$603,193	\$533,981	\$177,577	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
annual interest		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
payment		65,077	66,641	68,022	69,212	70,198	71,690	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Developer Fee Balance		\$737,856	\$671,215	\$603,193	\$533,981	\$463,783	\$105,886	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>CUMULATIVE NET CASH FLO</b>	N	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$239,470	\$532,446	\$722,918	\$748,432	\$531,785	(\$21,825)



May 9, 2022

VIA EMAIL: lucy.trevino@tdhca.state.tx.us

Ms. Lucy Trevino
Asset Management, TDHCA
221 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street
Austin, TX 78701

RE: Request for Amendment for Ella Grand, #22971/21509/20205

Dear Ms. Trevino,

Please accept this letter and attachments as a formal request for a post award amendment. The amendment request is to reduce the total number of units from 145 to 128. Please note that neither the number of low-income units has changed, nor has the level of income targeting changed. We have only reduced the number of market rate units.

The original application was submitted with a total of 145 units and 147 parking spaces. The site is encumbered by a restrictive covenant that has a specific residential parking requirement and requires architectural approval from the Woodlake Community Association's architectural review committee on the overall design of the development. We submitted our plans for architectural review after receiving our tax credit award in 2021, and requested a waiver of the parking requirement, which, at 1.6 spaces per unit, resulted in our senior development being overparked. The restrictive covenant did not have specify a modified parking requirement for senior housing, while the City of Houston municipal code does, and we were confident that this was likely an oversight in the details of the covenants. We provided the architectural review committee multiple reports and peerreviewed transportation research to justify our proposed parking ratio of one space per unit, including actual parking counts from DMA's many other senior developments, both in terms of what ratio of parking we provided at those comparable properties and how many cars were parked there at different peak travel times. Please note that our initial plan was also significantly greater than the City of Houston's parking requirements for senior housing. Despite this compelling data, the architectural committee denied our request and invited us to submit a revised site plan showing a parking configuration with the required 1.6 spaces, denying our waiver request. We subsequently developed and provided a new site plan, which they have approved, but the only way to meet the parking requirement was through a reduction in total units.

Despite this total reduction in units, we have elected to only reduce the number of market rate units so that this development still qualifies for the same number of points as it did with the original unit yield of 145 units. Again, the number of income restricted units and the various income limits have not changed so we still would have received the maximum 15 points for "Income Level of Residents" and 11 points for "Rent Level of Residents." We also would have received 12 points for cost per square feet, because we would have capped our total eligible costs to \$81.5 per net rentable sf total, and still justified the original tax credit amount of \$1.5M. Finally, we

would have still received 3 leveraging points if we submitted the application with the lower number of units and the new financing structure, regardless of whether you assuming 2020 or 2022 construction pricing.

The unit yield change was not foreseeable early in the process because it was premature to seek architectural review approval during the tax credit application process when our application was speculative due to the competitive nature of the program. The architectural review committee is made up of volunteer members and only meets occasionally when a project has permitted plans ready to review. In fact, the group has largely been inactive because our site is the last undeveloped site within the boundaries of the Woodlake Community. Furthermore, we believed that our waiver request was very reasonable, given our significant experience with developing and owning senior housing, and the data we provided to support our request.

Nevertheless, we recognize that this is a material change and will require real estate analysis to perform another underwriting. Therefore, we have included all the relevant application financial spreadsheets for REA review. Please note, however, that construction costs have charged dramatically since we submitted our application, so the construction costs included herein are comparable to the construction costs we submitted two years ago, when we were constructing 17 more units.

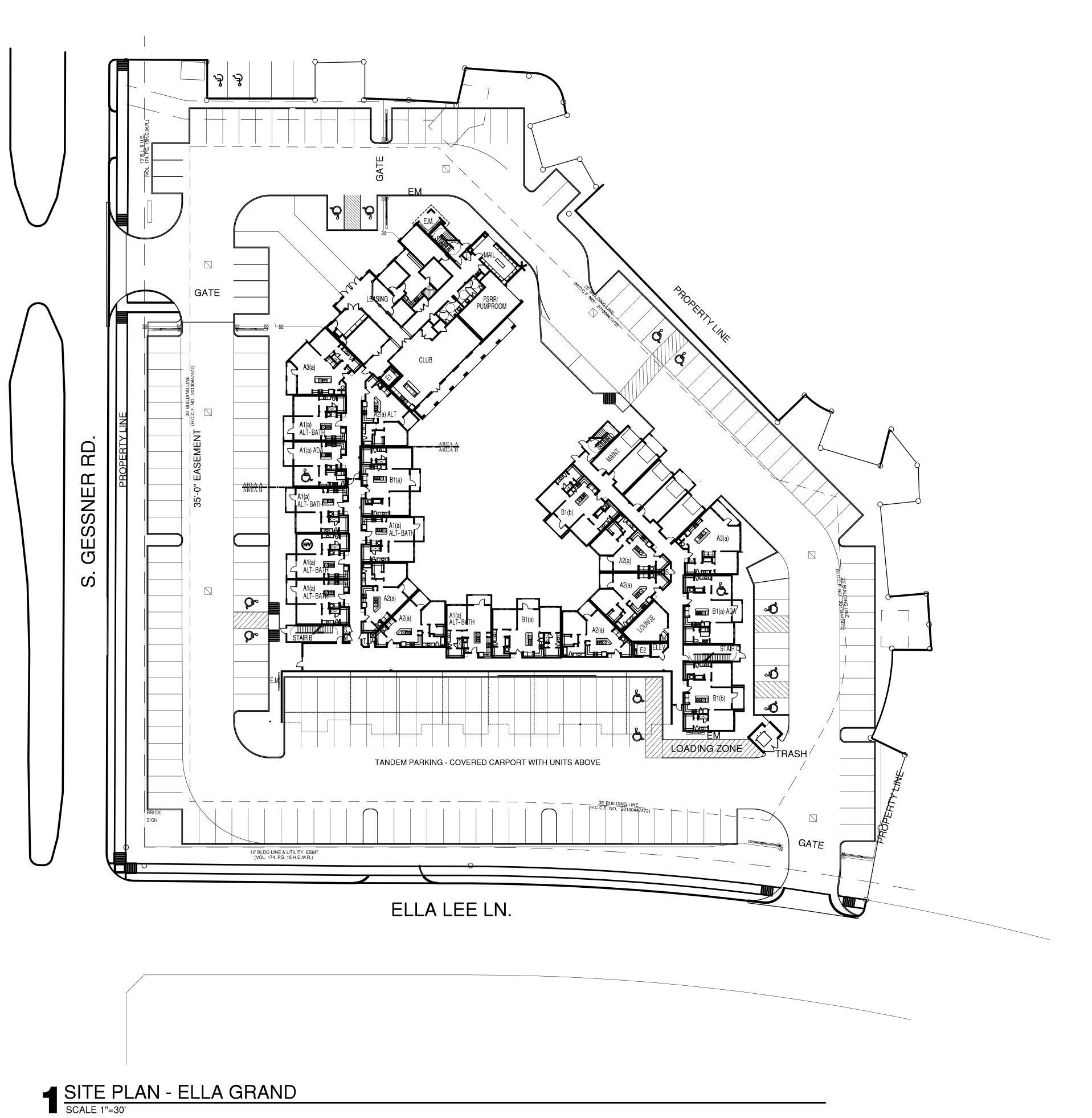
An amendment fee in the amount of \$3,000 is attached. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at <a href="mailto:JanineS@dmacompanies.com">JanineS@dmacompanies.com</a> or 512-328-3232 extension 4505.

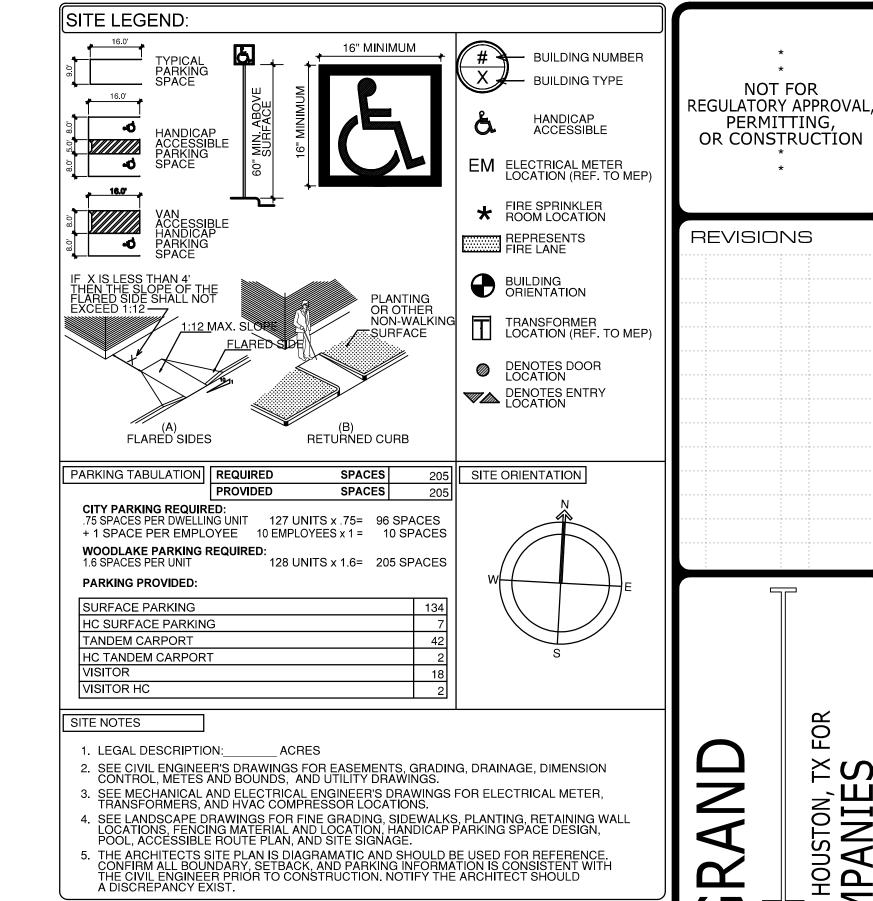
Sincerely,

DMA DEVELOMENT COMPANY, LLC

Janine Sisak

Senior Vice President/General Counsel





APARTMENTS IN HOUSTON, TX DMA COMPANIES AN **5** 128

NOT FOR

DATE PROJECT

20101

SHEET NUMBER

ARCHITECTURAL SITE PLAN

# **BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

# ASSET MANAGEMENT DIVISION

# **JULY 28, 2022**

Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a Material Amendment to the Housing Tax Credit Application for Nolana Villas (HTC #19273)

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

WHEREAS, Nolana Villas (the Development) received an award of 9% Housing Tax Credits (HTCs) in 2019 for the new construction of 124 units for the general population in McAllen, Hidalgo County;

WHEREAS, due to dedication of land for right-of-way, TGO Nolana Villas 19 LP (the Development Owner or Owner) requests approval for a reduction in the site area from 7.517 acres to 6.797 acres, representing a site area reduction of 0.72 acre or 9.6% and a 10.6% increase in density from 16.50 units per acre to 18.24 units per acre;

WHEREAS, Board approval is required for a modification of the residential density of at least 5%, as directed in Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6712(d)(6) and 10 TAC §10.405(a)(4)(F), and the Owner has complied with the amendment requirements therein; and

**WHEREAS,** the requested change does not negatively affect the Development, impact the viability of the transaction, impact the scoring of the Application, or affect the amount of the tax credits awarded;

# NOW, therefore, it is hereby

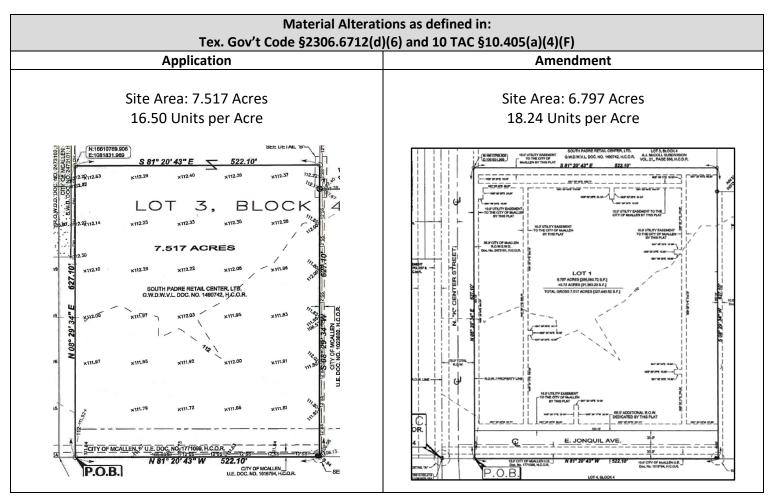
**RESOLVED**, that the requested amendment for Nolana Villas is approved as presented at this meeting, and the Executive Director and his designees are each hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to take all necessary action to effectuate the foregoing.

# **BACKGROUND**

Nolana Villas received an award of 9% Housing Tax Credits in 2019 for the new construction of 124 units, of which 104 are income and rent restricted, for the general population in McAllen, Hidalgo County. Construction of the Development has been completed, and the Owner is in the cost certification process. Staff's cost certification analysis revealed that the final platted site area is 6.797 acres, whereas the site had been reported as 7.517 acres at Application. This 9.6% reduction in site area results in an increase in density of 10.6%, from 16.50 units per acre to 18.24

units per acre. Steve Lollis, representative for the Development Owner, requested approval for this change in a letter as of May 11, 2022.

The Application amendment request letter from the Owner indicates that the decrease in acreage is a result of the fact that the site area reported at Application was based on an assumption that the site extended to the middle of the adjacent street, East Jonquil Avenue, while at re-platting, the ownership in roads was adjusted, resulting in the site extending to the north edge of East Jonquil Avenue. The 10.6% increase in residential density represents a material amendment under Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6712(d)(6) and 10 TAC §10.405(a)(4)(F) and requires Board approval. The table below shows a comparison between the original Application information and the filed plat.



This change does not alter the Development in a negative manner and was not reasonably foreseeable or preventable by the Owner at the time of Application.

This change does not affect the scoring of the Application. The final recommended HTC amount will be determined upon finalization of the cost certification process.

Staff recommends approval of the amendment request as presented herein.

# TGO Nolana Villas 19 LP

9907 Moorberry Houston, Texas 77080

5/11/2022

Mr. Jonathan Chilson Asset Manager TDHCA 221 East 11th Street Austin, Texas 78701

RE: Nolana Villas (TDHCA #19273 CMTS# 5510) Application Amendment

Dear Mr. Chilson:

Please accept this request for a material application amendment to correct the developable site acreage and resulting density calculation.

At Cost Certification review you identified the need for the Board to review and approve a density change greater than allowed to be approved administratively. The site acreage decreased from 7.517 acres at application to 6.797 acres at completion. The density increased form 16.50 units per acre to 18.24 units per acre, a 10.59% increase in density per acre. The decrease in acreage is a result of the replatting process where ownership in roads may be adjusted. So previously, the site boundary included to the center of the public street and post plat approval the boundary extends to the edge of the street, a corresponding decrease in site acreage.

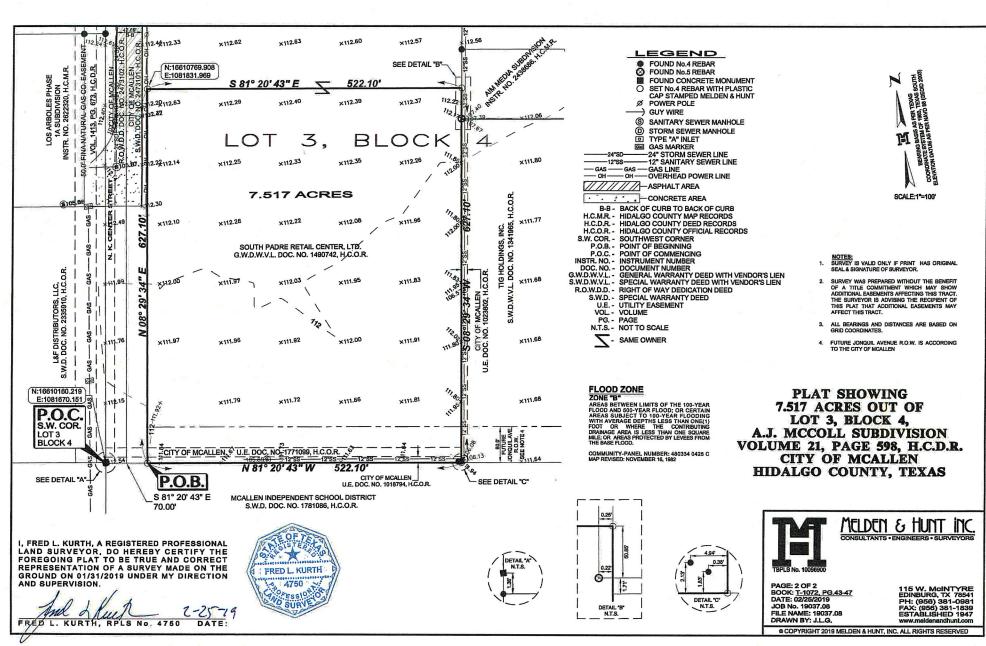
While we wish we could definitively say exactly the size of a developable tract to be re-platted at application, when a tract is re-platted, it often changes in total area slightly. And we don't go through re-platting until we are moving forward with a purchase. And if we projected site acreage at application that did not match the survey, we would be answering other deficiencies. So, unfortunately, I think this is one of those instances of data that is not fully know until after award.

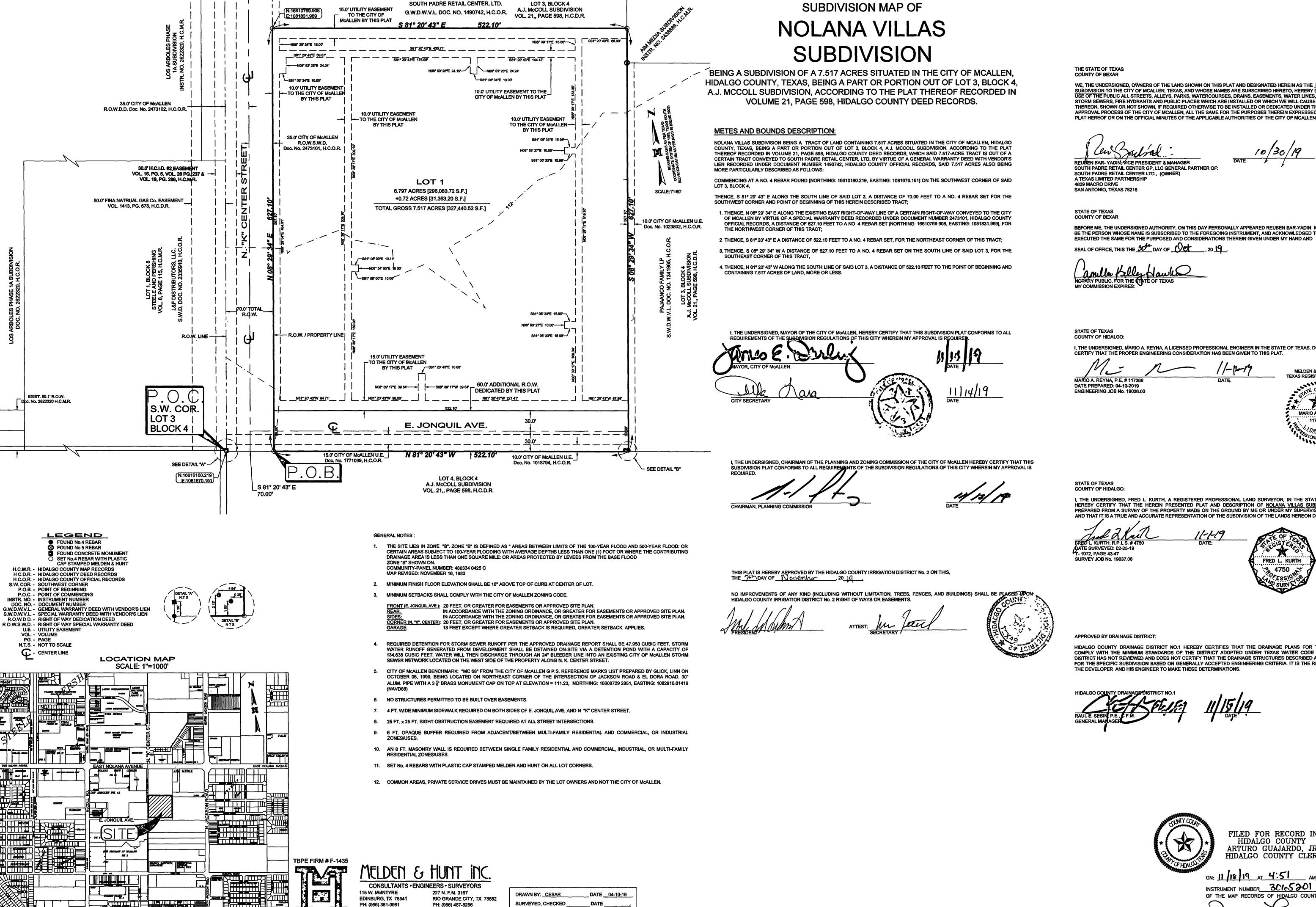
Sincerely,

TGO Nolana Villas 19 LP

By:

Steve Lollis, Duly Authorized Representative





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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, OWNERS OF THE LAND SHOWN ON THIS PLAT AND DESIGNATED HEREIN AS THE NOLANA VILLA O THE CITY OF MCALLEN, TEXAS, AND WHOSE NAMES ARE SUBSCRIBED HERETO, HEREBY DEDICATE TO THE THE PUBLIC ALL STREETS. ALLEYS. PARKS. WATERCOURSES. DRAINS. EASEMENTS. WATER LINES. SEWER LINES. STORM SEWERS. FIRE HYDRANTS AND PUBLIC PLACES WHICH ARE INSTALLED OR WHICH WE WILL CAUSE TO BE INSTALLED THEREON, SHOWN OR NOT SHOWN, IF REQUIRED OTHERWISE TO BE INSTALLED OR DEDICATED UNDER THE SUBDIVISION APPROVAL PROCESS OF THE CITY OF MCALLEN, ALL THE SAME FOR THE PURPOSES THEREIN EXPRESSED, EITHER ON THI

BEFORE ME. THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY. ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED REUBEN BAR-YADIN KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS SUBSCRIBED TO THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT, AND ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THAT HE EXECUTED THE SAME FOR THE PURPOSED AND CONSIDERATIONS THEREIN GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, MARIO A. REYNA, A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, DO HEREBY

MELDEN & HUNT, INC.

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE HEREIN PRESENTED PLAT AND DESCRIPTION OF NOLANA VILLAS SUBDIVISION, WERE PREPARED FROM A SURVEY OF THE PROPERTY MADE ON THE GROUND BY ME OR UNDER MY SUPERVISION ON 02-25-19, AND THAT IT IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF THE SUBDIVISION OF THE LANDS HEREON DESCRIBED.

HIDALGO COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO.1 HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT THE DRAINAGE PLANS FOR THIS SUBDIVISION COMPLY WITH THE MINIMUM STANDARDS OF THE DISTRICT ADOPTED UNDER TEXAS WATER CODE \$49211 (C). THE DISTRICT HAS NOT REVIEWED AND DOES NOT CERTIFY THAT THE DRAINAGE STRUCTURES DESCRIBED ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE SPECIFIC SUBDIVISION BASED ON GENERALLY ACCEPTED ENGINEERING CRITERIA. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF

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# **BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

# **ASSET MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

# **JULY 28, 2022**

Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a material amendment to the Housing Tax Credit Application and Land Use Restriction Agreement for Uvalde Ranch Apartments (HTC #04439)

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**WHEREAS,** Uvalde Ranch Apartments (the Development) received an award of 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTCs) in 2004 for the construction of 244 units of multifamily housing in Houston, Harris County;

WHEREAS, to qualify to refinance using a new HUD loan with more favorable terms, Uvalde Ranch, Ltd. (Development Owner or Owner) is requesting approval to extend the term of the Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) until the end of 2037 and to decrease the Development site acreage from 17.947 to 15.07 acres, a reduction of 2.877 acres, by excluding land that is currently in the floodplain, which results in a 19.09% change in residential density from 13.60 to 16.19 units per acre;

WHEREAS, Board approval is required for a modification of the residential density of at least 5% as directed in Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6712(d)(6) and 10 TAC §10.405(a)(4)(F), and the Owner has complied with the amendment requirements therein; and

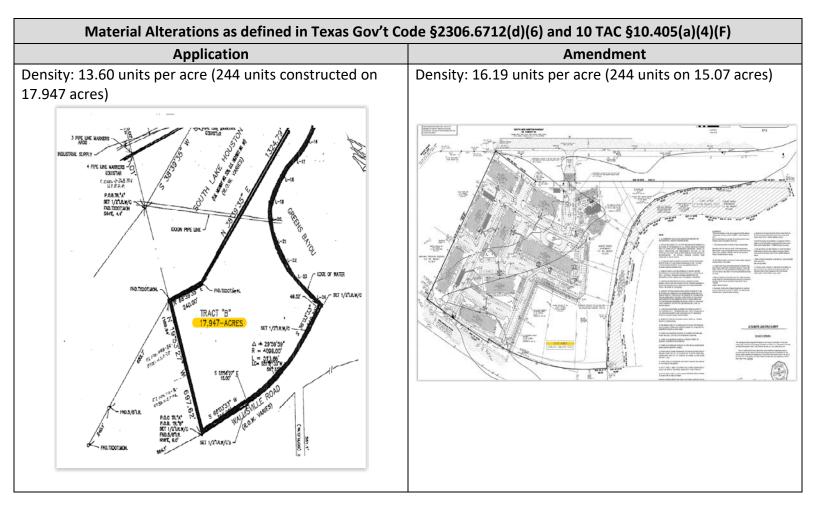
**WHEREAS,** the requested changes do not materially alter the Development in a negative manner, were not reasonably foreseeable or preventable by the Owner at the time of Application and would not have adversely affected the selection of the Application;

# NOW, therefore, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the requested material amendments to the Application and LURA for Uvalde Ranch Apartments are approved as presented at this meeting, and the Executive Director and his designees are each authorized, directed, and empowered to take all necessary action to effectuate the Board's determination.

# **BACKGROUND**

Uvalde Ranch Apartments received an award of 4% Housing Tax Credits in 2004 for the new construction of 244 multifamily units in Houston, Harris County. In a letter dated May 26, 2022, Tamea A. Dula, the authorized representative for the Owner, requested approval for a material amendment to the Application. The amendment is for a 19.09% increase in the residential density from 13.60 to 16.19 units per acre, which requires approval by the Board under Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6712(d)(6) and 10 TAC §10.405(a)(4)(F). The change is a result of a decrease in the Development site acreage from 17.947 to 15.07 acres, a reduction of 2.877 acres. It should be noted that the legal description in the LURA recorded December 22, 2005, and the survey dated January 13, 2003, identified the site acreage as 17.947 acres. However, based on a survey dated May 25, 2022, the site acreage is now identified as 17.75 acres. The HTC application had references to both 17.75 acres and 17.947 acres. The reason for the amendment request is that the Owner is seeking to refinance the debt with a HUD-insured loan. In order to qualify for the loan, the Owner needs to eliminate 2.680 acres located in the 100-year floodway, which will reduce the Development site to 15.07 acres as reflected below.



The Owner's representative indicated that the acres being released from the LURA will continue to be used as green space, but that acreage cannot be included within the Development because HUD will not lend on land that is in the floodway. The HUD-insured 223(f) loan is needed to refinance the Development's existing debt and make necessary repairs to the Development. However, it should be noted that the HUD Commitment identifies needed repairs totaling to \$65,842, and a cash out of over \$7.9 million.

Additionally, the Owner requests approval for a non-material amendment to the LURA to extend the term through December 31, 2037, for a total of 32 years. It should be noted that the amendment request letter states that the term of the LURA ends on December 31, 2034, but the Department's records indicate that the LURA runs until December 31, 2035. In order to qualify for a reduced Mortgage Insurance Premium (MIP), the LURA must be in effect for at least 15 years after the loan closing.

The requested amendments do not materially alter the Development in a negative manner and would not have affected the HTC award.

Staff recommends approval of the requested material amendment to the Application and LURA. Compliance fees will be required to be paid to the Department throughout the extended term of the LURA.



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May 26, 2022

# By Email to rosalio.banuelos@tdhca.state.tx.us

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Asset Management Division 221 East 11th Street Austin, Texas 78701-2410

Attention: Rosalio Banuelos, Director

# By Email to stephanie.givens@tdhca.state.tx.us

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Asset Management Division 221 East 11th Street Austin, Texas 78701-2410 Attention: Stephanie Givens, Asset Manager

RE: #04439 - Uvalde Ranch Apartments, Houston, Harris County, Texas;

Request for Non-Material LURA Amendment.

# Dear Rosalio and Stephanie:

Uvalde Ranch Apartments (the "Project") was developed with a Tax Exempt Bond financing and 4% Housing Tax Credits in 2004. The Project is located on 17.75 acres owned by the Houston Housing Authority and ground leased to Uvalde Ranch, Ltd. (the "Owner"). The Project abuts Greens Bayou and a portion of the site lies in the 100-year flood plain and the 100-year floodway. Out of the 17.75 acres, 2.680 acres are located in the 100-year Regulatory Floodway (the "Floodway"). The existence of the flood plain and the Floodway did not impede development on the site, except that a small area in the parking lot had to be raised out of the flood plain. The flood plain acreage and the Floodway have been utilized as unimproved green space for the Project.

# The changes requested and why they are necessary:

A. **Reduction in Acreage.** Now that the 15-year Compliance Period has expired, the Owner wishes to refinance the Project using \$20,500,000 in FHA-insured 223(f) financing to be

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provided by AGM Financial Services, Inc. A Firm Commitment for such insured financing was issued by HUD on May 6, 2022. The existence of the 2.680 acres of Floodway would make the Project ineligible for this financing, so the Firm Commitment was issued for the 15.07 acres that does not lie within the Floodway. In order to qualify for the preferred 223(f) financing, the Owner is requesting a LURA Amendment that would eliminate the 2.680 acres of Floodway from the Project. The ground lease would be amended to delete the Floodway acreage, which would remain owned by the Houston Housing Authority without being technically included in the Project.

B. Extension of Affordability Period. For HUD-insured FHA loans, in order to be considered 'broadly affordable' and therefore eligible for a reduced mortgage insurance premium (MIP), a property must have at least 90% of its units covered by an affordability use restriction under the LIHTC program with a recorded regulatory agreement in effect for at least 15 years after closing and monitored by a public entity such as TDHCA. Unfortunately, the existing LURA's Extended Use Period will end December 31, 2034, two years and approximately 6 months before the 15-year anniversary of the closing of the Loan (expected to occur in June or July 2022). Without the requested amendment to extend to existing LURA's term through the end of 2037, the Project will not meet HUD's criteria for the broadly affordable discounted MIP and the Loan will not be financially feasible.

# The good cause for the changes:

If the TDHCA permits a LURA Amendment eliminating the Floodway acreage from the Project site and extending the Extended Use Period by thirty-six months, then the Project will qualify for HUD's broadly affordable discounted MIP and the Owner could obtain the Loan in order to refinance the Project's existing debt and make necessary repairs to the Project for its continued maintenance and operation which may otherwise be deferred. Furthermore, a longer affordability period is beneficial for current and potential future tenants of the Project.

# Financial information related to the Amendment's financial impact on the Development:

Approval of the requested LURA Amendment will permit the Owner to refinance the Project's existing debt using the Loan with the broadly affordable reduced MIP and take advantage of an extraordinarily low interest rate of 2.75%. The terms of the Loan are set forth in the enclosed Legal Document Request Form and commitment letter.

# Why the necessity of the amendment was not reasonably foreseeable at Application:

The Project received a 4% Housing Tax Credit award in 2004. HUD did not implement a reduction in MIPs for FHA loans to properties that qualify as broadly affordable until April of 2016. Because the financing incentive and the eligibility criteria for such incentive did not exist

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when the Owner submitted its Application to the TDHCA, the necessity of the amendment requested hereby was not reasonably foreseeable at the time of Application.

In summary, the Owner wishes for the Project to meet the requirements for 223(f) financing, including HUD's broadly affordable criteria. This will permit refinancing at a lower interest rate and the ability to make Project repairs. We respectfully ask that the TDHCA promote this goal by entering into a LURA Amendment to exclude the Floodway from the legal description and to permit an extended affordability period. In addition, please review and approve the enclosed HUD Amendment to Restrictive Covenants required of TDHCA and development owners with respect to any HUD-insured financing.

We believe this request can be processed as a Non-Material Amendment under Section 10.405(a)(3) of the 2022 Asset Management Rules (the "Rules"). With regard to the requested reduction in acreage, the 2022 Asset Management Rules (the "Rules") no longer provide that exceeding maximum changes in acreage or density mandates a Board review, and some such changes are now notification items under Section 10.405(a)(2) of the Rules. In this case, the reduction in site acreage is 15.1% and the increase in density is 2.44 units per acre or a 17.75% increase, which exceed the notification standards. Due to the site design, however, the Floodway area contains no buildings, improvements or other project amenities, so elimination of this space from the Project in order to qualify for the preferred 223(f) financing will have no net adverse effect upon the residents. Additionally, extending the affordability period until 2037 is beneficial to the tenants and does not adversely affect third party rights. acknowledges that it will be responsible for continued compliance monitoring fees during the extended LURA term being requested. We suggest that this makes the requested amendment a Non-Material LURA Amendment under Section 10.405(a)(3)(A) of the Rules that can be approved by the Executive Director, and which would not require payment of an Amendment Fee pursuant to Section 11.901(10) of the 2022 Qualified Allocation Plan. If your interpretation is different, please let us know.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Enclosed please find the following materials that we think will be needed for your review:

- 1. Legal Document Request Form.
- 2. Survey of Project showing 2.680 acres within the 100-year Floodway and remaining 15.07 acres that would constitute the Project site if the LURA Amendment is granted.
- 3. Section 9.6.5 of the HUD MAP Guide (March 2021) regarding Flood Plain Management as provided in 24 CFR 50.4(b)(2), with pertinent provisions highlighted.
- 4. FEMA Letters of Map Amendment ("LOMAs") showing determinations made regarding the Uvalde Ranch site in December 2009.

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- 5. Revalidated Letters of Map Change for the City of Houston, TX dated November 16, 2019, showing on page 9 of the enclosure that the Uvalde Ranch LOMAs have been revalidated (highlighted).
- 6. Firm Commitment dated May 6, 2022 from HUD.

If you require any additional information in order to process this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

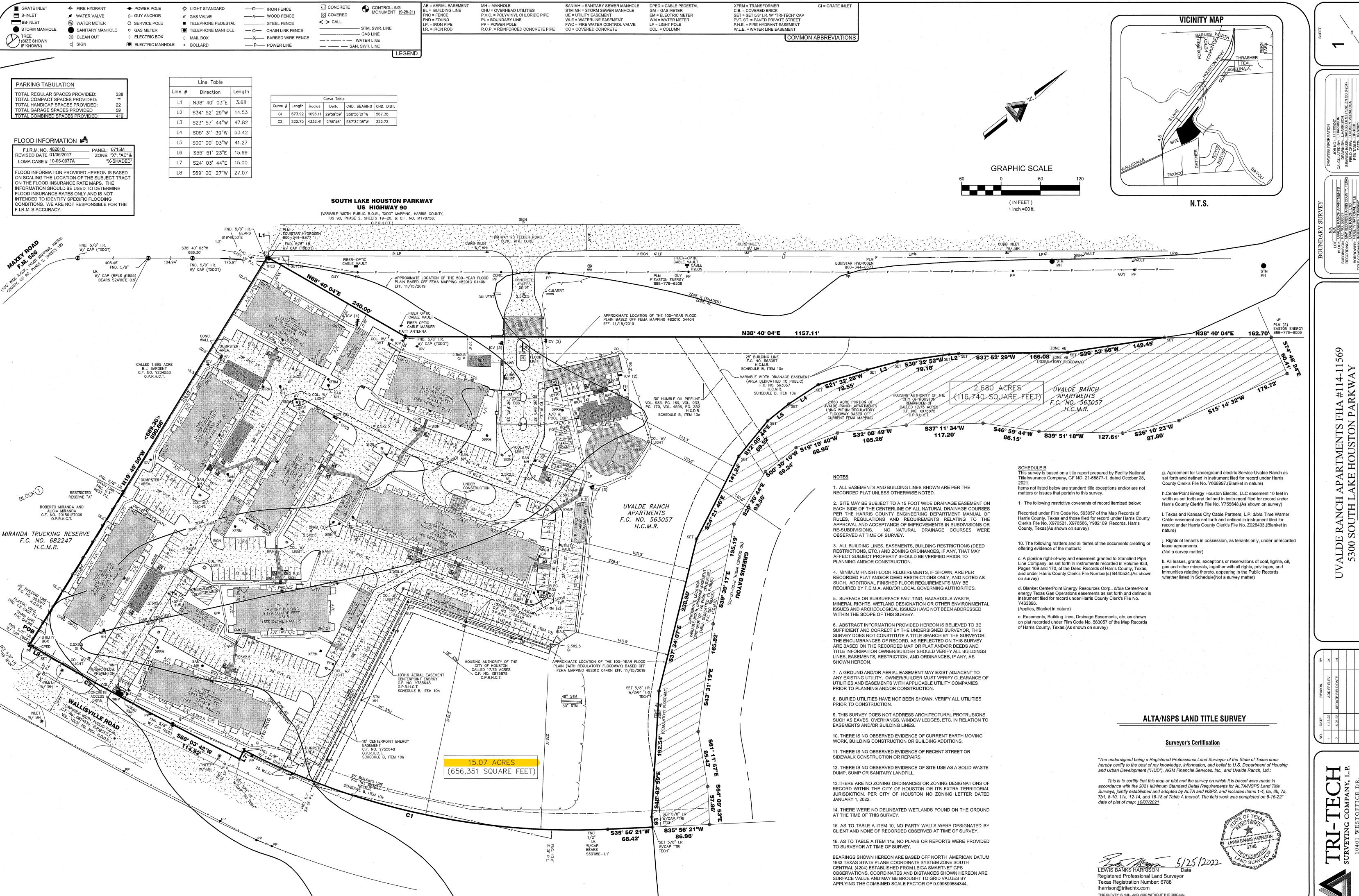
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# Enclosures

cc: Mike Rogers

Barry Kahn Kevin Marshall



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- b. Only HUD can consult with the Tribes.
- c. The tribal consultation requirement applies to properties *off* tribal lands as well as on tribal lands. Properties with religious and cultural significance to native people may include ancestral archaeological sites and natural areas where traditional practices or ceremonies have been carried out as well as more familiar historic properties. Some traditionally used places have very strong religious associations, and it may be difficult or even inappropriate for native people to talk about their significance. If this situation arises, hiring a qualified professional with experience in tribal consultation may be required. The cost of such a professional shall be paid by the Borrower.
- **J.** The Section 106 review must be completed before HUD approves and/or commits assistance to a project. Additional guidance on the Section 106 review process is available at https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/historic-preservation and https://www.achp.gov/protecting-historic-properties.
- **K.** For projects receiving federal and/or state historic tax credits (HTC) the HTC process does not replace HUD's obligations under Section 106. Projects with HTC must still consult with the SHPO, Tribes, other consulting Tribes and the public as appropriate. The materials used in the HTC application (Parts 1 and 2) should be useful in the Section 106 consultation. More information about HTC available at https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/historic-preservation/tax-credit/.
- **L.** The cost of historic preservation mitigation may be included in the proposed mortgage loan.

### 9.6.5 Floodplain Management (24 CFR 50.4(b)(2))

- **A.** Applications for Firm Commitment are subject to regulations regarding floodplain management found at 24 CFR Part 55 which implements Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management). Lenders must provide the effective FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with the subject site(s) clearly marked to determine whether the project is in or near a floodplain. In most areas, FIRMs are available online through the FEMA Map Service Center at https://msc.fema.gov.
- **B.** In addition, Lenders must provide any FEMA-supplied preliminary or pending floodplain maps or studies or Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE) for the site, as HUD must use the latest of these sources unless the ABFE or preliminary FIRM indicates a lower Base Flood Elevation (BFE) than the current FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS). Preliminary FIRMs can be found through the FEMA Map Service Center by clicking "Show ALL Products", or at a central Flood Map Changes Viewer (https://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e7a7dc3ebd7f4ad39bb8e485bb64 ce44). FEMA issues Advisory Base Flood Elevations after major flood disasters and disseminates them by region.
- **C.** FEMA maps indicate floodplains as follows:
- 1. 100-year floodplains (a.k.a. the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and the 1% annual chance floodplain) are designated as Zone A1–30, AE, A, AH, AO, AR, or A99.
- 2. 500-year floodplains (a.k.a. the moderate flood hazard area and the 0.2% annual chance floodplain) are designated as Zone B or a shaded Zone X.

- 3. Floodways are the portion of the floodplain which is effective in carrying the flow of flood waters and will generally be the most dangerous part of the floodplain during riverine flooding. Floodways are designated as Zone AE hatched.
- 4. Coastal high hazard areas are areas subject to high velocity waters and wave action, and they are designated as Zone V1–30, VE, or V.
- 5. Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA) are coastal areas in updated FEMA maps that are outside of the coastal high hazard area, but which are expected to receive between 1.5 and 3 foot breaking waves during a 1% annual chance flood. LiMWAs are designated with an informational line.
- 6. Areas where FEMA has not completed a detailed study sufficient to identify the flood risk are designated as Zone D. As these areas have the potential for unidentified flood hazards, HUD will rely on best available information to assess risk.
- **D.** If any part of the site or integral offsite development (i.e., ingress, egress and/or parking) is located within the 100-year floodplain or within a 500-year floodplain for critical actions<sup>48</sup>, according to the best available data, the project must comply with HUD's floodplain management regulations at 24 CFR Part 55.
- **E.** An application for mortgage insurance shall not be approved for a property located in: (a) a floodway; (b) a coastal high hazard area; or (c) a FEMA identified special flood hazard area in which the community has been suspended from or does not participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. If a stream coursing through a proposed site is designated as being in the 100-year floodplain according to FEMA's best available data, but there is no designated floodway area, development will be prohibited in the channel of the stream.
- **F.** 24 CFR 55.12(c) lists categories of proposed actions for which the floodplain management requirements in 24 CFR 55 are not applicable. These exceptions include:
- 1. An incidental exception, if only an incidental portion of the project is in the 100-year floodplain, floodway, or coastal high hazard area (or for critical actions, the 500-year floodplain), and certain conditions are met (see 24 CFR 55.12(c)(7)).
  - a. HUD does not consider improvements<sup>49</sup> to be incidental, meaning that this exception does not apply if there are any buildings or improvements in any portion of the floodplain.
  - b. The incidental exception does not apply to sites that plan to bring in fill for a Letter of Map Revision because the fill modifies the floodplain.
  - c. For a visual representation of the incidental floodplain exception, see https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Incidental-Floodplain-Exception-Illustration.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Critical Actions are defined at 24 CFR 55.2(b)(3). Critical actions include roadways providing sole egress from flood-prone areas, and projects likely to contain occupants who may not be sufficiently mobile to avoid loss of life or injury during flood or storm events, e.g., persons who reside in hospitals, nursing homes, convalescent homes, intermediate care facilities, board and care facilities, and retirement service centers. Housing for independent living for the elderly is not considered a critical action.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> HUD defines improvements as buildings, roads, sidewalks, parking lots, permanent recreational areas with impervious surfaces, or other man-made structures or impervious surfaces other than landscaping.

- d. When invoking the incidental portion exception at 24 CFR 55.12(c)(7), a protective covenant or comparable restriction must be placed on the property's continued use to preserve the floodplain. This covenant must protect the entire portion of the site in the floodplain. The covenant or comparable restriction must run with the land to provide for permanent preservation of the floodplain. A restriction that is contained in a document that would expire at the conclusion of the HUD-insured mortgage does not meet the requirement for permanent preservation of the floodplain.
- 2. Refinances of currently HUD-insured mortgages are exempt from the 24 CFR Part 55 requirements when the refinance will not result in any physical impacts or changes except for maintenance under 24 CFR 50.19(b)(21) (CENST). However, the flood insurance requirements specified at 24 CFR 50.4(b)(1) and Section 9.6.6 are still applicable.
- 3. The requirement for a 5- or 8-step analysis does not apply if the project is not on a wetland and has a Conditional Letter of Map Amendment (CLOMA) or of Map Revision (CLOMR) removing the entire site from the applicable floodplain prior to submission of the pre-application or, in the absence of a preapplication, prior to submission of the application for Firm Commitment. If the Borrower has a CLOMA or CLOMR, HUD approval for a Firm Commitment will be conditioned on the Borrower: (1) meeting the requirements of the CLOMA or CLOMR; (2) obtaining a Final Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Map Revision (LOMR) removing the entire property from the applicable floodplain prior to Final Endorsement; and, (3) maintaining flood insurance on any building during the construction period until the LOMA or LOMR is issued. If any portion of the HUD-insured property remains in the floodplain or floodway after the CLOMA/CLOMR, the project will not qualify for this exception and must proceed with a 5- or 8-step decision making process (see 24 CFR 55.12(c)(8).)
- **G.** Projects that are converting from a non-residential to a residential use are considered the same as "new construction" for floodplain management.
- H. In considering the safety of the residents, offsite floodways and other flood hazards will be evaluated in terms of separation distance, elevation differences, and the nature of the hazard in question. Unacceptable proximity to hazards may result in rejection of the application.
- I. Due to the potential for significant wave damage in Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA) areas, HUD will not approve applications for any new construction or substantial rehabilitation project in the LiMWA. HUD strongly discourages approving currently uninsured 223(f)s or currently insured 223(f)s with repairs at Level Two or above in the LiMWA and will only do so if the work meets the current standards for coastal high hazard areas in FEMA regulations (44 CFR 60.3(e)). HUD will consider on a case by case basis approving currently insured refinance transactions that do not exceed Level One repairs (as defined in Chapter 5 of this MAP guide) or currently assisted projects with minor rehabilitation.
- J. New construction and substantial improvement, as defined at 24 CFR 55.2(b)(10), in 100-year floodplains are strongly discouraged. This flood buffer zone is extended to the 500-year floodplain for proposed rehabilitation, refinancing, or new construction for facilities housing or serving mobilityimpaired individuals, a critical action. Such sites in the applicable floodplain according to the best available data will not be considered for mortgage insurance unless the following steps are taken:
- 1. HUD must determine if there may be extraordinary circumstances which lead to the conclusion that there are no practicable alternatives to the project site being in the floodplain. In order to make this determination, HUD must conduct an 8-step decision making process which includes publishing two

public notices and taking comments, as summarized in  $24 \, \text{CFR} \, 55.20^{50}$ . Prior to issuing the first public notice, HUD will require detailed information about how the property will be altered and improvements designed. This information includes the elevation of the property, the base flood elevation, and the location of life support systems and other data that may be necessary to assess the safety of the site.

- a. The 8-step process may require as a condition of any project approval that a CLOMA or CLOMR for the buildings be issued prior to initial endorsement, a LOMA or LOMR be issued prior to Final Endorsement, and flood insurance be maintained on any building during the construction period until the issuance of the LOMA or LOMR.
- b. The 8-step process shall require that the lowest floor of new construction be elevated at or above the Base Flood Elevation of the applicable floodplain based on the best available FEMA data, plus two feet of freeboard. Substantial rehabilitation projects must elevate or mitigate following National Flood Insurance program requirements (as instituted by state and local codes).
- c. The 8-step process requires that all "critical actions" as defined in 24 CFR 55.2(b) (3) must comply with the requirements of 24 CFR 55.20(e).
- d. Instead of elevating non-residential or mixed-use structures that are not critical actions, the project may be designed and constructed such that below the flood level, the structure is non-residential and floodproofed to the level of the best available flood data plus two feet. Floodproofing requires structures to be watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic loads, hydrodynamic loads, the effects of buoyancy, or higher standards required by the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program as well as state and locally adopted codes.
- e. The 8-step process shall be completed by HUD before issuance of the Firm Commitment. HUD will develop the 8-step, including the two notices, but the costs of publication will be borne by the Borrower.
- f. The 8-step process shall consider three alternatives: the action as proposed, modifications within the aggregated project site, or no action, i.e., rejection of the application.
- **K.** For purchase or refinancing actions described in 24 CFR 55.12(a)(2) or non-substantial repair, rehabilitation, modernization or improvement actions described in 24 CFR 55.12(a)(3), an abbreviated 5-step process pursuant to 24 CFR 55.12(a) may be used by HUD to determine their acceptability. The abbreviated process eliminates the two public notices and the alternatives analysis. Detailed information about the proposed actions, and about any plans for mitigation, must be submitted with the application or preapplication. HUD will evaluate risks and mitigation measures in making its decision. HUD discourages these actions if the lowest floor and/or the life support facilities, or egress and ingress of the existing building, are below the 100-year base flood elevation. The abbreviated review process shall be completed by HUD before issuance of the Firm Commitment.
- **L.** Where a site does not appear to be located in the floodplain on official FEMA maps, but shows evidence of flooding or has a history of flooding, HUD shall qualitatively evaluate the acceptability of the site.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Additional guidance, including an example 8-step process and sample notices, can be found at https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/floodplain-management/.

Lenders will be required to provide extensive data to aid HUD in evaluating previously flooded or floodplain sites.

**M.** The cost of floodplain mitigation may be included in the proposed mortgage loan.

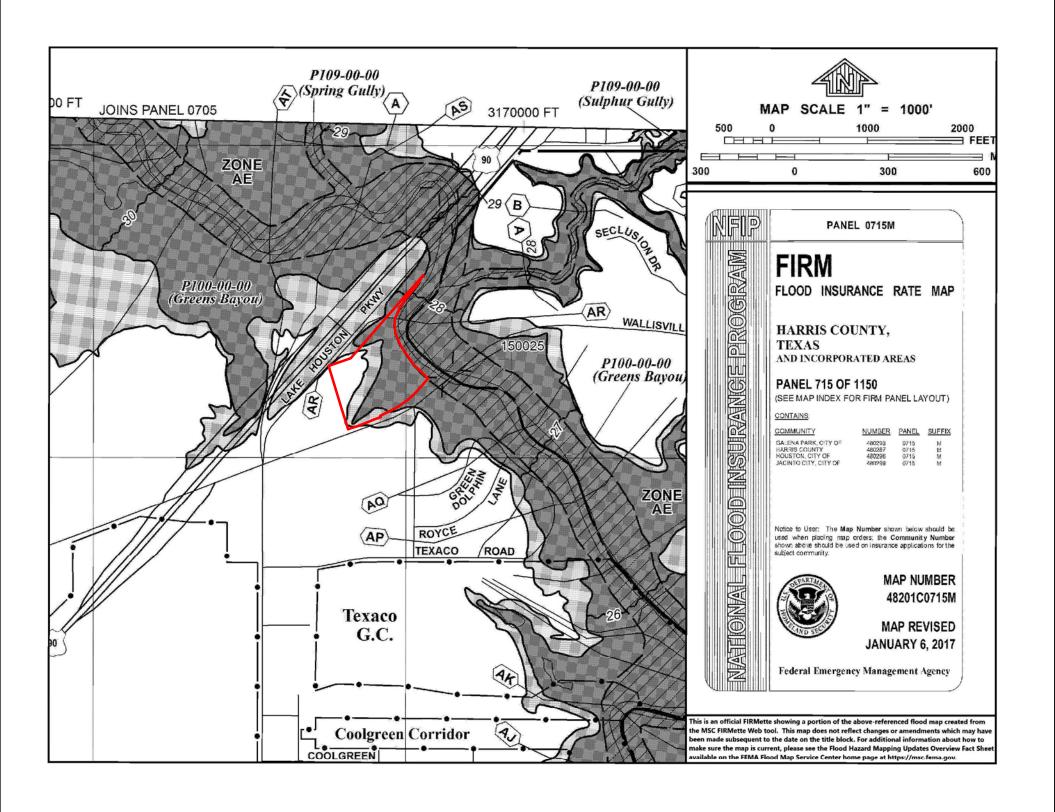
### 9.6.6 Flood Insurance (24 CFR 50.4(b)(1))

- **A.** Flood insurance is property insurance that covers damages caused by flooding, ranging from the need for full replacement to repairs such as replacing flooring and walls. This type of insurance is typically not included in a standard property insurance policy. Flooding can cause a great deal of damage. Even if it does not destroy the property, it can fill the property with mud, silt, and other debris, and the moisture from the flooding may lead to rot, mold, mildew, and other problems. Many items may need to be rebuilt or replaced, forcing residents to stay in temporary facilities while their unit is made livable. Flood insurance mitigates these costs.
- **B.** A project located in the 100-year flood zone, also known as the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), has a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. A project located in the moderate flood hazard zone (500-year floodplain) has a 6% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage.
- **C.** Any insurable structure that is located within a FEMA mapped SFHA is required to carry flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program for the term of the loan<sup>51</sup>. General flood insurance requirements as well as required insurance coverage amounts are set forth in MAP Guide Chapter 3.
- **D.** At the time of Application for Firm Commitment, the Lender must submit a completed Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form (found online at https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/225) with proof that the new mortgagor has a commitment for flood insurance effective as of loan closing.
- **E.** HUD will also require flood insurance on any building where the Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE) or preliminary FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) indicates it will be in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Additionally, Housing Approving Officials have the discretion to require flood insurance for buildings located<sup>52</sup>:
- 1. In the moderate flood hazard area (FEMA zones B or shaded X).
- 2. On a parcel that includes a SFHA (including those considered incidental for floodplain management), in coastal areas not in a SFHA but subject to tidal flooding, tsunami, wave action or storm surge, including LiMWAs, and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> FEMA defines structure as a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home. Structure, for insurance purposes, means: (1) A building with two or more outside rigid walls and a fully secured roof, that is affixed to a permanent site; (2) A manufactured home (``a manufactured home,'' also known as a mobile home, is a structure: built on a permanent chassis, transported to its site in one or more sections, and affixed to a permanent foundation); or (3) A travel trailer without wheels, built on a chassis and affixed to a permanent foundation, that is regulated under the community's floodplain management and building ordinances or laws. For the latter purpose, "structure" does not mean a recreational vehicle or a park trailer or other similar vehicle, except as described in paragraph (3) of this definition, or a gas or liquid storage tank (44 CFR 59.1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> According to FEMA, 20 to 25% of claims nationally are for properties located outside of the 100-year flood zone.



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### **BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

### **MULTIFAMILY BOND FINANCE**

### **JULY 28, 2022**

Presentation, discussion, and possible action on Inducement Resolution No. 22-033 for Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds regarding authorization for filing applications for private activity bond authority

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**WHEREAS,** a bond pre-application, as further detailed below, was submitted to the Department for consideration of an inducement resolution;

**WHEREAS,** Board approval of the inducement resolution is the first step in the application process for a multifamily bond issuance by the Department; and

**WHEREAS,** approval of the inducement will allow staff to submit an application to the Bond Review Board (BRB) for the issuance of a Certificate of Reservation associated with the Development;

### NOW, therefore, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that based on the foregoing, Inducement Resolution No. 22-033 to proceed with the application submission to the BRB for possible receipt of State Volume Cap issuance authority under the Private Activity Bond Program for the pre-applications listed herein, is hereby approved in the form presented to this meeting.

### **BACKGROUND**

<u>General Information</u>: The BRB administers the annual private activity bond authority for the State of Texas. The Department is an issuer of Private Activity Bonds and is required to induce an application for bonds prior to the submission to the BRB. Approval of the inducement resolution does not constitute approval of the development but merely allows the Applicant the opportunity to move into the full application phase of the process. Once the application receives a Certificate of Reservation, the Applicant has 180 days to close on the private activity bonds.

During the 180-day process, the Department will review the complete application for compliance with the Department's Rules, including, but not limited to, site eligibility and threshold, as well as previous participation as it relates to developments previously funded through the Department. During the review of the full application, staff will also underwrite the transaction and determine financial feasibility in accordance with the Real Estate Analysis Rules. The Department will schedule and conduct a public hearing, and the complete application, including a transcript from the hearing, will then be presented to

the Board for a decision on the issuance of bonds as well as a determination on the amount of housing tax credits anticipated to be allocated to the development.

This inducement resolution would reserve approximately \$55 million in private activity bond volume cap. Staff notes that the Department's set-aside for the 2022 program year is \$170,523,859 and has been reserved with applications submitted as part of the 2022 Lottery. The pre-application listed below will be added to the Department's waiting list for a bond reservation.

### 22618 – The Life at Forest View

The acquisition and rehabilitation of 520 units is proposed for this multifamily development to be located at 201 Hackberry Street, Clute, Brazoria County. This transaction is proposed to be Priority 2, and will continue to serve the general population. The development proposes that all 520 units be rent and income restricted at 60% of Area Median Family Income. The Department has received no letters of support or opposition for the proposed development.

Bond Inducement Amount: \$55,200,000

### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-033**

RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO ISSUE MULTIFAMILY REVENUE BONDS OR NOTES WITH RESPECT TO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL DEVELOPMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF ONE OR MORE APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOCATION OF PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS WITH THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTION RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the "Department") has been duly created and organized pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2306, Texas Government Code, as amended, (the "Act") for the purpose, among others, of providing a means of financing the costs of residential ownership, development and rehabilitation that will provide decent, safe, and affordable living environments for persons and families of low, very low and extremely low income and families of moderate income (all as defined in the Act); and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Department: (a) to make mortgage loans to housing sponsors to provide financing for multifamily residential rental housing in the State of Texas (the "State") intended to be occupied by persons and families of low, very low and extremely low income and families of moderate income, as determined by the Department; (b) to issue its revenue bonds or notes for the purpose, among others, of obtaining funds to make such loans and provide financing, to establish necessary reserve funds and to pay administrative and other costs incurred in connection with the issuance of such bonds or notes; and (c) to pledge all or any part of the revenues, receipts or resources of the Department, including the revenues and receipts to be received by the Department from such multifamily residential rental development loans, and to mortgage, pledge or grant security interests in such loans or other property of the Department in order to secure the payment of the principal or redemption price of and interest on such bonds or notes; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the Department issue its revenue bonds or notes in one or more series for the purpose of providing financing for the multifamily residential rental developments (the "Developments") more fully described in <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> attached hereto. The ownership of the Developments as more fully described in <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> will consist of the applicable ownership entity and its principals or a related person (the "Owners") within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Owners have made not more than 60 days prior to the date hereof, payments with respect to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction or renovation of the Developments and expect to make additional payments in the future and desire that they be reimbursed for such payments and other costs associated with the Developments from the proceeds of tax-exempt and taxable, as applicable, obligations to be issued by the Department subsequent to the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Owners have indicated their willingness to enter into contractual arrangements with the Department providing assurance satisfactory to the Department that the requirements of the Act and the Department will be satisfied and that the Developments will satisfy State law, Section 142(d) and other applicable Sections of the Code and Treasury Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to reimburse the Owners for some or all of the costs associated with the Developments listed on <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto, but solely from and to the extent, if any, of the proceeds of tax-exempt and taxable, as applicable, obligations to be issued in one or more series to be issued subsequent to the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Owners, the Department reasonably expects to incur debt in the form of tax-exempt and taxable, as applicable, obligations for purposes of paying the costs of the Developments described on <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the proposed issuance of the Bonds (defined below), the Department, as issuer of the Bonds, is required to submit for the Developments one or more Applications for Allocation of Private Activity Bonds or Applications for Carryforward for Private Activity Bonds (the "Application") with the Texas Bond Review Board (the "Bond Review Board") with respect to the tax-exempt Bonds to qualify for the Bond Review Board's Allocation Program in connection with the Bond Review Board's authority to administer the allocation of the authority of the State to issue private activity bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Department (the "Board") has determined to declare its intent to issue its multifamily revenue bonds or notes for the purpose of providing funds to the Owners to finance the Developments on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS THAT:

### ARTICLE 1

### OFFICIAL INTENT; APPROVAL OF CERTAIN ACTIONS

Section 1.1. <u>Authorization of Issue</u>. The Department declares its intent to issue its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds or Notes (the "Bonds") in one or more series and in amounts estimated to be sufficient to (a) fund a loan or loans to the Owners to provide financing for the respective Developments in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed those amounts, corresponding to the Developments, set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u>; (b) fund a reserve fund with respect to the Bonds if needed; and (c) pay certain costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Such Bonds will be issued as qualified residential rental development bonds. Final approval of the Department to issue the Bonds shall be subject to: (i) the review by the Department's credit underwriters for financial feasibility; (ii) review by the Department's staff and legal counsel of compliance with federal income tax regulations and State law requirements

regarding tenancy in the respective Development; (iii) approval by the Bond Review Board, if required; (iv) approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas (the "Attorney General"); (v) satisfaction of the Board that the respective Development meets the Department's public policy criteria; and (vi) the ability of the Department to issue such Bonds in compliance with all federal and State laws applicable to the issuance of such Bonds.

Section 1.2. <u>Terms of Bonds</u>. The proposed Bonds shall be issuable only as fully registered bonds or notes in authorized denominations to be determined by the Department; shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined by the Department; shall mature at a time to be determined by the Department but in no event later than 40 years after the date of issuance; and shall be subject to prior redemption upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Department.

Section 1.3. Reimbursement. The Department reasonably expects to reimburse the Owners for all or a portion of the costs that have been or will be paid subsequent to the date that is 60 days prior to the date hereof in connection with the acquisition of real property and construction, reconstruction or renovation, as applicable, of its Development and listed on Exhibit A attached hereto ("Costs of the Developments") from the proceeds of the Bonds, in an amount which is reasonably estimated to be sufficient: (a) to fund a loan to provide financing for the acquisition and construction or rehabilitation and equipping of its Development, including reimbursing the applicable Owner for all costs that have been or will be paid subsequent to the date that is 60 days prior to the date hereof in connection with the acquisition and construction or rehabilitation of the Developments; (b) to fund certain reserves that may be required for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds; and (c) to pay certain costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 1.4. <u>Principal Amount</u>. Based on representations of the Owners, the Department reasonably expects that the maximum aggregate principal amount of debt issued to reimburse the Owners for the Costs of the Developments will not exceed the amount set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> which corresponds to the applicable Development.

Section 1.5. <u>Limited Obligations</u>. The Owners may commence with the acquisition and construction or rehabilitation of the Developments, which Developments will be in furtherance of the public purposes of the Department as aforesaid. On or prior to the issuance of the Bonds, each Owner will enter into a loan agreement, on terms agreed to by the parties, on an installment payment basis with the Department under which the Department will make a loan to the applicable Owner for the purpose of reimbursing the Owner for the Costs of the Development and the Owner will make installment payments sufficient to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on the applicable Bonds. The proposed Bonds shall be special, limited obligations of the Department payable solely by the Department from or in connection with its loan or loans to the Owner to provide financing for its Development, and from such other revenues, receipts and resources of the Department as may be expressly pledged by the Department to secure the payment of the Bonds.

Section 1.6. <u>The Developments</u>. Substantially all of the proceeds of the Bonds shall be used to finance the Developments, which are to be occupied entirely by Eligible Tenants, as determined by the Department, and which are to be occupied partially by persons and families of low income such that the requirements of Section 142(d) of the Code are met for the period required by the Code.

Section 1.7. <u>Payment of Bonds</u>. The payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on the Bonds shall be made solely from moneys realized from the loan of the proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse the Owners for costs of its Development.

Costs of Developments. The Costs of the Developments may include any Section 1.8. cost of acquiring, constructing, rehabilitating, or reconstructing, as applicable, improving, equipping, installing and expanding the Developments. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Costs of the Developments shall specifically include the cost of the acquisition of all land, rights-of-way, property rights, easements and interests, the cost of all machinery and equipment, financing charges, inventory, raw materials and other supplies, research and development costs, interest prior to and during construction and for one year after completion of construction whether or not capitalized, necessary reserve funds, the cost of estimates and of engineering and legal services, plans, specifications, surveys, estimates of cost and of revenue, other expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility and practicability of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving and expanding the Developments, administrative expenses and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement and expansion of the Developments, the placing of the Developments in operation and that satisfy the Code and the Act. The Owners shall be responsible for and pay any costs of its Development incurred by it prior to issuance of the Bonds and will pay all costs of its Development which are not or cannot be paid or reimbursed from the proceeds of the Bonds.

Section 1.9. <u>No Commitment to Issue Bonds</u>. Neither the Owners nor any other party is entitled to rely on this Resolution as a commitment to issue the Bonds and to loan funds, and the Department reserves the right not to issue the Bonds either with or without cause and with or without notice, and in such event the Department shall not be subject to any liability or damages of any nature. Neither the Owners nor any one claiming by, through or under the Owners shall have any claim against the Department whatsoever as a result of any decision by the Department not to issue the Bonds.

Section 1.10. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The issuance of the Bonds following final approval by the Board shall be further subject to, among other things: (a) the execution by the Owners and the Department of contractual arrangements, on terms agreed to by the parties, providing assurance satisfactory to the Department that all requirements of the Act will be satisfied and that the Development will satisfy the requirements of Section 142(d) of the Code (except for portions to be financed with taxable bonds or notes); (b) the receipt of an opinion from Bracewell LLP or other nationally recognized bond counsel acceptable to the Department ("Bond Counsel"), substantially to the effect that the interest on the tax-exempt Bonds is excludable

from gross income for federal income tax purposes under existing law; and (c) receipt of the approval of the Bond Review Board, if required, and the Attorney General.

Section 1.11. <u>Authorization to Proceed</u>. The Board hereby authorizes staff, Bond Counsel and other consultants to proceed with preparation of the Developments' necessary review and legal documentation for the filing of one or more Applications and the issuance of the Bonds, subject to satisfaction of the conditions specified in this Resolution. The Board further authorizes staff, Bond Counsel and other consultants to re-submit an Application that was withdrawn by an Owner.

Section 1.12. <u>Related Persons</u>. The Department acknowledges that financing of all or any part of the Developments may be undertaken by any company or partnership that is a "related person" to the respective Owner within the meaning of the Code and applicable regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including any entity controlled by or affiliated with the Owners.

Section 1.13. <u>Declaration of Official Intent</u>. This Resolution constitutes the Department's official intent for expenditures on Costs of the Developments which will be reimbursed out of the issuance of the Bonds within the meaning of Sections 1.142-4(b) and 1.150-2, Title 26, Code of Federal Regulations, as amended, and applicable rulings of the Internal Revenue Service thereunder, to the end that the Bonds issued to reimburse Costs of the Developments may qualify for the exemption provisions of Section 142 of the Code, and that the interest on the Bonds (except for any taxable Bonds) will therefore be excludable from the gross incomes of the holders thereof under the provisions of Section 103(a)(1) of the Code.

Section 1.14. <u>Execution and Delivery of Documents</u>. The Authorized Representatives named in this Resolution are each hereby authorized to execute and deliver all Applications, certificates, documents, instruments, letters, notices, written requests and other papers, whether or not mentioned herein, as may be necessary or convenient to carry out or assist in carrying out the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 1.15. <u>Authorized Representatives</u>. That the following persons are hereby named as authorized representatives of the Department for purposes of executing, attesting, affixing the Department's seal to, and delivering the documents and instruments and taking the other actions referred to in this Article 1: the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board, the Executive Director of the Department, the Director of Administration of the Department, the Director of Bond Financial Administration of the Department, the Interim Director of Bond Finance of the Department, the Director of Multifamily Bonds, the Director of Texas Homeownership of the Department, and the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary to the Board. Such persons are referred to herein collectively as the "Authorized Representatives." Any one of the Authorized Representatives is authorized to act individually as set forth in this Resolution

### ARTICLE 2

### CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS

### Section 2.1. Certain Findings Regarding Developments and Owners. The Board finds that:

- (a) the Developments are necessary to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing at rentals that individuals or families of low and very low income and families of moderate income can afford;
- (b) the Owners will supply, in their Development, well-planned and well-designed housing for individuals or families of low and very low income and families of moderate income;
  - (c) the Owners are financially responsible;
- (d) the financing of the Developments is a public purpose and will provide a public benefit; and
- (e) the Developments will be undertaken within the authority granted by the Act to the Department and the Owners.
- Section 2.2. <u>No Indebtedness of Certain Entities</u>. The Board hereby finds, determines, recites and declares that the Bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness, liability, general, special or moral obligation or pledge or loan of the faith or credit or taxing power of the State, the Department or any other political subdivision or municipal or political corporation or governmental unit, nor shall the Bonds ever be deemed to be an obligation or agreement of any officer, director, agent or employee of the Department in his or her individual capacity, and none of such persons shall be subject to any personal liability by reason of the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will be a special limited obligation of the Department payable solely from amounts pledged for that purpose under the financing documents.
- Section 2.3. <u>Certain Findings with Respect to the Bonds</u>. The Board hereby finds, determines, recites and declares that the issuance of the Bonds to provide financing for the Developments will promote the public purposes set forth in the Act, including, without limitation, assisting persons and families of low and very low income and families of moderate income to obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing at rentals they can afford.

### ARTICLE 3

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- Section 3.1. <u>Books and Records</u>. The Board hereby directs this Resolution to be made a part of the Department's books and records that are available for inspection by the general public.
- Section 3.2. <u>Notice of Meeting</u>. This Resolution was considered and adopted at a meeting of the Board that was noticed, convened, and conducted in full compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, and with §2306.032 of the Texas Government Code, regarding meetings of the Board.
- Section 3.3. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

### **EXHIBIT "A"**

### Descriptions of the Owners and the Developments

Project Name	Owner	Principals	Amount Not to Exceed
	View LP, a Texas limited partnership	General Partner: The Life at Forest View GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	\$55,200,000

Costs: Acquisition/rehabilitation of a 520-unit affordable, multifamily housing development to be known as The Life at Forest View, located at or near 201 Hackberry Street, Clute, Brazoria County, Texas 77531

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### **BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

JULY 28, 2022

Presentation, discussion, and possible action to adopt a resolution regarding designating signature authority and superseding previous resolutions

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department), a public and official governmental agency of the State of Texas, was created and organized pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Tex. Gov't Code, Chapter 2306 (the Code), as amended;

WHEREAS, the Code authorizes the Department, among other things: (a) to make and acquire and finance, and to enter into advance commitments to make and acquire and finance, mortgage loans and finance, participating interests therein, secured by mortgages on residential housing in the State of Texas (the State); (b) to issue its bonds, for the purpose of, among other things, obtaining funds to acquire or finance such mortgage loans, to establish necessary reserve funds and to pay administrative and other costs incurred in connection with the issuance of such bonds; and (c) to pledge all or any part of the revenues receipts or resources of the Department, including the revenues and receipts to be received by the Department from such single family mortgage loans of participating interests, and to mortgage, pledge or grant security interests in such mortgages of participating interests, mortgage loans or other property of the Department, to secure the payment of the principal or redemption price of and interest on such bonds;

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2022, the Governing Board adopted a resolution designating signature authority to reflect the structure of the Department; and

WHEREAS, organizational changes have occurred to include Scott Fletcher as Director of Bond Finance and include Heather Hodnett as Manager of Single Family Finance, such that the Governing Board has now determined that its resolution adopted April 14, 2022, designating signature authority, should be superseded by a new resolution designating signature authority in order to conform to the Department's current organizational structure, working titles, and operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Governing Board makes changes to its resolution adopted April 14, 2022, as shown below.

SECTION 1 – Supersession of the Prior Signature Authority. The Governing Board hereby supersedes its prior resolution, adopted April 14, 2022, designating signature authority by adopting this new resolution.

SECTION 2 – Designation of Signature Authority for Bond and Indenture-Related Transactions. The Governing Board hereby authorizes and designates the Board Secretary, the Assistant Board Secretary, the Executive Director, the Director of Administration, the Director of Financial Administration, the Director of Bond Finance, the Director of Multifamily Bonds, the Manager of Single Family Finance, and each of them as signatories for single family and multifamily bond and indenture-related transactions as well as transactions under the Department's "to be announced" or TBA program including, but not limited to letters of instruction, officer's certificates, bond transactional documents and all other documents and certificates executed in connection with such transactions. In addition, the Governing Board authorizes and designates the Manager of Single Family Finance and Senior Bond Financial Analysts within the Bond Finance division as signatories for day-to-day operations activities related to advances taken through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB) for the purchase of loan participations from the Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA), the Department's Master Servicer, including directing the wiring of such advances from FHLB to IHFA.

SECTION 3 – Designation of Signatory Authority for Real Estate Transactions. The Governing Board hereby authorizes and designates the following persons holding the positions described and each of them to execute and deliver, as specified, earnest money contracts, deeds or conveyances of title, leases of real property, settlement statements on purchase or sale of real property, deposits and disbursements on agency bank accounts, real estate transactional documents and all other documents executed in connection with real estate or real estate-related transactions. Every reference to a signatory office or title herein includes any person serving in an acting or interim capacity:

- (a) Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director of Programs, Deputy Executive Director of Program Controls and Oversight, Director of Administration, Board Secretary, and Assistant Board Secretary: All real estate or real estate related transactions;
- (b) Director of Financial Administration: All real estate or real estate-related transactions administered by the Financial Administration Division;
- (c) Director of Multifamily Programs: All real estate or real estate-related transactions administered by the Multifamily Programs Division;
- (d) Director of Multifamily Asset Management: All real estate or real estate-related transactions administered by the Multifamily Asset Management Division;
- (e) Director of Bond Finance and Manager of Single Family Finance: All real estate or real estate-related transactions administered by the Bond Finance Division;
- (f) Director of Multifamily Bonds: All real estate or real estate-related transactions administered by the Multifamily Bonds, and Texas Homeownership Divisions, and 4% Housing Tax Credit transactions;
- (g) Director of Texas Homeownership Program: All real estate or real estate-related transactions administered by the Texas Home Ownership Division;
- (h) Director of Single Family and Homeless Programs: All real estate or real estate-related transactions administered by the Single Family and Homeless Programs, which includes

- HOME, Housing Trust Fund (HTF); Office of Colonia Initiatives (OCI); and Neighborhood Specialization Program (NSP);
- (i) Director of Section 811 Program: All transactions administered by the Section 811 Program;
- (j) CDBG CARES Director: All transactions administered by the Community Development Block Grant CARES Program;
- (k) Director of Texas Rent Relief Program: All transactions administered by the Texas Rent Relief Program;
- (I) Director of Housing Stability Services: All transactions administered by the Housing Stability Services Program;
- (m) Director of the HOME-ARP Program: All transactions administered by the HOME-ARP Program;
- (n) Director of Texas Homeowner Assistance Fund: All transactions administered by the Texas Homeowner Assistance Fund Program;
- (o) Signatory authority on deposits and disbursements on agency bank accounts is limited to those persons designated on the applicable signature cards, as specified by the Executive Director; provided however, that no person may be so designated other than the Executive Director, Director of Administration, or a Director.

SECTION 4 – Designation of Signatory Authority for Fund Transfers. The Governing Board hereby authorizes and designates the following persons and each of them to execute and deliver any necessary fund transfer documents, including letters of instruction, in the manner prescribed below.

Fund transfers require dual signatures, consisting of one signatory from each of the following two groups:

- (a) Director of Administration, or Director of Financial Administration; and
- (b) Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director of Program Controls and Oversight, or Deputy Executive Director of Programs.

SECTION 5 – Execution of Documents. The Governing Board hereby authorized the Executive Director, or in his absence the Director of Administration, the Deputy Executive Director of Programs, or the Deputy Executive Director of Program Controls and Oversight, to execute, on behalf of the Department, any and all documents, instruments reasonably deemed necessary to effectuate this resolution.

SECTION 6 – Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and upon its adoption until and unless it is revoked or superseded.

### **BACKGROUND**

This Resolution updates and designates signature authority to reflect the current organizational structure of the Department and the current working titles for the positions designated. The update allows for the Director of Bond Finance and Manager of Single Family Finance to sign documents related to the Bond Finance Division, and keeping previous authorizations the same.

### **Incumbency Certificate**

I, James "Beau" Eccles, the duly appointed and serving Secretary of the Governing Board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department), do hereby certify that Robert "Bobby" Wilkinson is the duly appointed Executive Director of the Department, appointed by its governing board and approved by the Governor effective August 15, 2019, and set forth below opposite his name is his true and correct signature:

day of, 2022 at Austin, Texas.
nu" Eccles

(SEAL)

### Certificate

I, Robert "Bobby" Wilkinson, the duly appointed Executive Director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department), do hereby certify that set forth below is a true and correct listing setting forth specific positions within the Department, the name of the person currently designated by me to hold each such position, and, opposite their name, their true and correct signature. Each person listed currently holds the position indicated:

Board Secretary	
•	James "Beau" Eccles
Assistant Board Secretary	Michael Lyttle
Director of Administration	
Director of Financial Administration	David Cervantes
Director of Financial Administration	Jose Guevara
Director of Bond Finance	Scott Fletcher
Manager of Single Family Finance	Scott Fietchel
	Heather Hodnett
Director of Multifamily Bonds	Teresa W. Morales
Director of Multifamily Programs	
Director of Texas Homeownership Program	Cody Campbell
Billiodor of Toxas Homoswifership Trogram	Cathy Gutierrez
Deputy Executive Director of Programs	Brooke Boston
Director of Multifamily Asset Management	
Director of Single Family and Homeless Programs	Rosalio Banuelos
Director of Single Family and Homeless Frograms	Abigail Versyp
Director of Section 811 Program	Spencer Duran
CDBG CARES Director	
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Director of Texas Rent Relief Program	Mariana Salazar
Director of Housing Stability Services	Cate Tracz
Director of the HOME-ARP Program	cate macz
·	Naomi Cantu
Director of Texas Homeowner Assistance Fund	Tanya Birks
Deputy Executive Director of Program Controls and Oversight	
Executed this day of, 2022 at Austin, Texas.	Homero V. Cabello, Jr.

Bobby Wilkinson, Executive Director Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

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# TO BE POSTED NOT LATER THAN THE THIRD DAY BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING

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### TDHCA Outreach and Media Analysis, June 2022

A compilation of TDHCA media analysis designed to enhance the awareness of TDHCA programs and services among key stakeholder groups and the general public, and outreach activities, such as trainings and webinars. The following is an analysis of print and broadcast news, and social media reporting for the time period of June 1 through June 30, 2022 (news articles that specifically mentioned the Department, Texas Rent Relief Program, and/or Texas Homeowner Assistance).

Total number of articles referencing TDHCA, TRR, TXHAF: 48 Breakdown by Medium:<sup>1</sup>

Print: 10 (Editorials/Columnists = 0)

Broadcast: 14

Trade, Government or Internet-Based Publications: 24



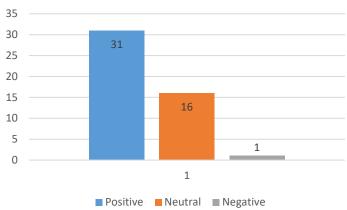
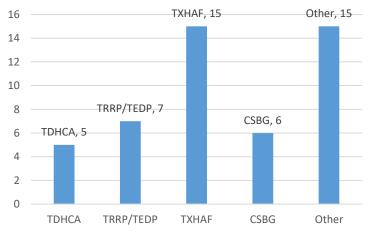
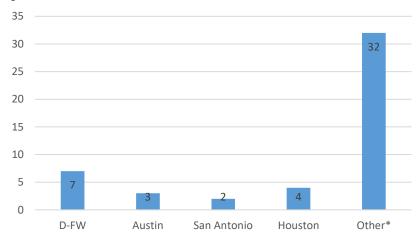


Figure 2 News Topic



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Broadcast numbers may represent instances in which TDHCA was referenced on a television or radio station's website, rather than in a specific broadcast news segment

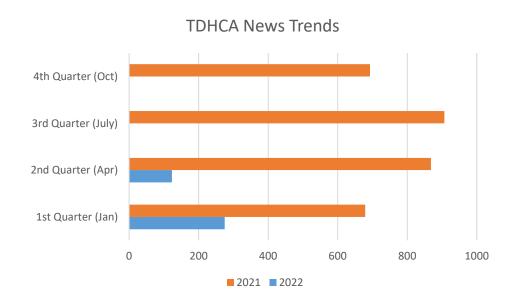
Figure 3 Media Market



### **Summary:**

Reporting on activities by the news media totaled 48 references in June 2022. TDHCA's Texas Homeowner Assistance Fund (TXHAF) continued to receive press attention, accounting for 14 positive media mentions related to the program's disbursement of \$50 million, assisting more than 7,000 households. In addition to TXHAF, TDHCA received positive news mentions related to Community Services Block Grant funds used to assist Uvalde families (Office of Governor Abbott press releases). The Texas Rent Relief Program received the fewest press mentions since the program launched in 2021.

The following table illustrates the number of news mentions during each month or quarter of 2022 compared to 2021. June 2022 total news mentions were less than June 2021 (431 total); however, the news articles remained more positive in tone in 2022. For further comparison purposes, the combined number of articles for the second quarter of 2022, totaling 171, outpaced the total number of articles in the second quarter of 2020 (56 total).



### Social media:

Through June 2022, TDHCA has over 3,300 followers to its Twitter account and 6,600 followers to its Facebook account. TDHCA's YouTube channel had more than 3,200 views in June. The following is a summary analysis of TDHCA's efforts to engage stakeholders and the public on federal and state resources, initiatives, and programs.

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Month/Yr	Posts	Clicks	Engagements	Shared posts	Liked posts	
January 2022	35	14	118	12	46	
February 2022	47	70	42	2	16	
March 2022	66	43	131	47	48	
April 2022	62	0	51	8	27	
May 2022	66	905	198	71	50	
June 2022	52	8	110	31	31	

<sup>\*</sup> Clicks = number of times an individual clicked on a link provided in a post. Engagements = any action a person takes on our post

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Month/Yr	Tweets	Clicks	Engagements	Retweets	Liked posts	
January 2022	35	128	20	7	13	
February 2022	47	186	14	7	4	
March 2022	67	318	39	12	21	
April 2022	61	171	29	6	17	
May 2022	75	288	31	7	15	
June 2022	55	44	30	6	20	

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### **YouTube**

Month	Views	Watch time	Avg. view	Impressions	Impressions
		(hours)	duration		click-through
					rate
January 2022	3,478	176.9	3:03	19,871	4.0%
February 2022	1,839	125.2	4:05	15,141	3.4%
March 2022	1,890	143.2	4:32	16,764	3.5%
April 2022	3,154	205.1	3:54	18,194	4.0%
May 2022	3,043	180.1	3:33	14,734	3.9%
June 2022	3,273	193.7	3:33	14,114	3.9%

### Top 50 videos for June 2022

Cont	ent đ	Vie	ews ↓		ch time (hours)	Subs	scribers	Impressions	Impressions click-through rate
	Total		3,273		193.7		36	14,114	3.9%
	Help For Texans tutorial	1,420	43.4%	43.1	22.3%	4	11.1%	178	8.4%
	Texas Homebuyer Program introduction	258	7.9%	3.4	1.7%	3	8.3%	147	6.1%
	Texas Rent Relief Program Tutorial – Setting Up Bill.com Account f	233	7.1%	3.8	2.0%	6	16.7%	697	4.2%
	Texas Rent Relief Program Completing Application Tutorial	228	7.0%	2.4	1.2%	2	5.6%	1,533	6.1%
	Texas Rent Relief Program Registration Tutorial	164	5.0%	1.1	0.6%	1	2.8%	304	3.3%
	How to apply: Texas Homeowners Assistance Fund	88	2.7%	1.3	0.7%	2	5.6%	415	10.8%
	Fair Housing 101: The Basics of Fair Housing in Texas	57	1.7%	19.7	10.2%	0	0.0%	353	7.1%
	Texas Eviction Diversion Program Overview – September 9, 2021	50	1.5%	4.7	2.4%	2	5.6%	488	2.1%
	Housing Tax Credit after the Federal Compliance Period (Post-15)	49	1.5%	18.3	9.5%	1	2.8%	253	4.7%
	Texas Rent Relief Program Landlord Tips	48	1.5%	0.8	0.4%	0	0.0%	991	2.8%
	Texas Rent Relief Program Landlord Application Tutorial	45	1.4%	0.8	0.4%	2	5.6%	562	1.8%
	CEAP-LIHWAP Quarterly Webinar – June 2022	43	1.3%	5.6	2.9%	1	2.8%	595	1.3%
	20 IncomeDeterminationTraining	42	1.3%	9.3	4.8%	1	2.8%	161	9.9%
	Fair Housing Special Topics: Assistance Animals, Service Animals,	36	1.1%	5.1	2.7%	1	2.8%	510	2.9%
	ERA2 Housing Stability Services Contract Implementation Webinar	33	1.0%	4.9	2.6%	0	0.0%	199	2.5%
	Low Income Water/Wastewater Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Ove	33	1.0%	5.7	2.9%	0	0.0%	193	10.9%
	Frequently Asked Questions about Utility Allowances	32	1.0%	7.3	3.8%	0	0.0%	410	3.4%
	ERA2 Housing Stability Services Contract Implementation Webinar	24	0.7%	3.8	2.0%	0	0.0%	252	1.6%
	Accessing Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services	24	0.7%	1.3	0.7%	0	0.0%	353	4.8%
	CEAP/LIHWAP Quarterly Webinar - March 2022	21	0.6%	6.0	3.1%	0	0.0%	164	1.2%
	How to Apply: Texas Homeowners Assistance Fund	20	0.6%	0.3	0.1%	2	5.6%	223	5.8%
	Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program TEMAP Webinar	19	0.6%	1.6	0.8%	2	5.6%	212	4.7%
	ERA2 Housing Stability Services NOFA Application Webinar	19	0.6%	2.6	1.4%	0	0.0%	257	3.5%
	Como Completar Su Aplicación para el Programa de Asistencia de	18	0.6%	0.2	0.1%	1	2.8%	86	3.5%
	TDHCA's Multifamily Direct Loan Training - Sept. 24, 2020	18	0.6%	2.2	1.1%	2	5.6%	170	5.3%
	ERA2 Housing Stability Services Contract Implementation Webinar	16	0.5%	1.9	1.0%	0	0.0%	181	2.2%
	Fair Housing Special Topics: Reasonable Accommodations, Modifi	15	0.5%	5.5	2.8%	0	0.0%	226	3.5%
	Housing Stability Services Contract Implementation Webinar	14	0.4%	3.9	2.0%	0	0.0%	167	4.8%
	Fair Housing Special Topics: The Violence Against Women Act in F	13	0.4%	3.5	1.8%	1	2.8%	204	2.9%
	Low Income Household Water/Wastewater Assistance Program (Ll	13	0.4%	0.5	0.2%	0	0.0%	177	5.7%

Overview of Updates to Compliance, Affirmative Marketing and Writ	13 0.4%	1.2 0.6%	1 2.8%	78	0%
Introduction to the Low Income Water/Wastewater Assistance Pro	13 0.4%	0.4 0.2%	0 0.0%	242	5.0%
Compliance Monitoring & Tracking System (CMTS) Training	12 0.4%	2.0 1.1%	0 0.0%	158	2.5%
Utility Allowance Training - May 5, 2021	10 0.3%	1.5 0.8%	0 0.0%	180	2.2%
TDHCA Utility Allowance Roundtable - Oct. 13, 2020	9 0.3%	1.3 0.7%	0 0.0%	111	4.5%
TERAP Application Workshop	9 0.3%	0.9 0.5%	1 2.8%	113	3.5%
Average Income Webinar - Sept. 2, 2020	8 0.2%	3.5 1.8%	0 0.0%	119	0.8%
Como Registrarse Para el Programa de Asistencia de Pago de Rent	6 0.2%	0.1 0.0%	0 0.0%	62	6.5%
Consejos para la solicitud del propietario	5 0.2%	0.1 0.1%	0 0.0%	110	3.6%
Rental Assistance	4 0.1%	0.1 0.0%	0 0.0%	41	2.4%
Texas Community Resiliency Program – Public Facilities Implemen	4 0.1%	0.3 0.1%	0 0.0%	238	0.8%
Section 811 PRA Updates for Referral Agents	4 0.1%	0.1 0.0%	0 0.0%	44	2.3%
Fair Housing Special Topics: Limited English Proficiency and Langu	4 0.1%	0.9 0.4%	0 0.0%	41	9.8%
For Sec. 811 Referral Agents - PRA Barrier Busting Funds	4 0.1%	0.2 0.1%	0 0.0%	41	4.9%
TDHCA Governing Board meeting - June 17, 2021	3 0.1%	0.9 0.5%	0 0.0%	59	3.4%
Housing Contract System and TEMAP Monthly Reporting Webinar	3 0.1%	0.7 0.4%	0 0.0%	67	4.5%
TEMAP NOFA 2 Implementation Workshop	3 0.1%	0.6 0.3%	0 0.0%	46	4.4%
Introducción al Programa de Compradores de Vivienda de Texas	3 0.1%	0.0 0.0%	0 0.0%	68	0%
TDHCA Training: Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program	3 0.1%	0.1 0.1%	0 0.0%	59	1.7%

### **TDHCA Outreach June 2022**

A compilation of outreach activities such as meetings, trainings and webinars.

Host Division	Meeting	Meeting Title	Attendees
	Date		
Single Family and	June 02,	Colonia Resident Advisory Committee	36
Homeless/Colonia Self Help	2022	(C-RAC) meeting, All 8 Colona Self Help	
Centers		Centers & Counties	
Compliance	June 02,	In person Income Determination	11
'	2022	Training at TDHCA (Rusk Building)	
Compliance	June 08,	Multi-Family Direct Loan (MFDL)	59
	2022	Training in conjunction with TAA	
Community Affairs/	June 08,	CEAP/LIHWAP Quarterly Meeting, All	89
CEAP/LIHWAP	2022	CEAP/LIHWAP Subrecipients	
Housing Stability Services	June 08,	HSS monthly office hours	14
(HSS)	2022	,	
Community Affairs/ WAP	June 14,	WAP Network Quarterly Meeting,	85
	2022	All WAP Subrecipients	
Compliance	June 15,	Income Determination Training in	79
	2022	conjunction with TAA	

Compliance	June 22,	Housing Tax Credit Training in	134
	2022	conjunction with TAA	
Community Affairs/CEAP	June 23,	CEAP Listening Session 1	10
	2022		
Community Affairs/CEAP	June 23,	CEAP Listening Session 2	12
	2022		
Community Affairs/CEAP	June 27,	CEAP Listening Session 3	13
-	2022	_	
Community Affairs/CEAP	June 27,	CEAP Listening Session 4	11
	2022		
Community Affairs/CEAP	June 28,	CEAP Listening Session 5	13
	2022		
Community Affairs/CEAP	June 28,	CEAP Listening Session 6	10
	2022		
Single Family and Homeless	June 28,	2022 ESG Annual NOFA and Application	114
Programs/ESG	2022	Process	
Compliance	June 28,	Section 811 Program Training	130
	2022		
Community Affairs/CSBG	June 29,	Case Management and Reporting	23
	2022		

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# TO BE POSTED NOT LATER THAN THE THIRD DAY BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING

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### BOARD REPORT ITEM BOND FINANCE DIVISION JULY 28, 2022

Report on the Department's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Investment Report relating to funds held under Bond Trust Indentures

### **BACKGROUND**

- The Department's Investment Policy excludes funds invested under a bond trust indenture for the benefit of bond holders because the trustee for each trust indenture controls the authorized investments in accordance with the requirements of that indenture. Management of assets within an indenture is the responsibility of the Trustee. This internal management report is for informational purposes only and, while not required under the Public Funds Investment Act, it is consistent with the prescribed format and detail as required by the Public Funds Investment Act. It details the types of investments, maturity dates, carrying (face amount) values, and fair market values at the beginning and end of the quarter.
- Overall, the portfolio carrying value decreased by approximately \$89.5 million (see page 3), resulting in an end of quarter balance of \$1,870,750,871.

The portfolio consists of those investments described in the attached Bond Trust Indentures Supplemental Management Report.

	Beginning	Ending
	Quarter	Quarter
Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS)	70%	80%
Guaranteed Investment Contracts/Investment Agreements	2%	4%
Repurchase Agreements (Cash Equivalents)	16%	5%
Account Control Agreements (Cash Equivalents)	1%	0%
Municipal Bonds	1%	1%
Treasury Backed Mutual Funds	6%	6%
Treasury Notes / Bonds / SLGs	4%	4%

The increase in percentage of MBS and decrease in Repurchase Agreements is due to the issuance of single family bond proceeds and withdrawal of proceeds from Repurchase Agreements and Cash Equivalents to purchase MBS. The increase in Investment Agreements is due to the deposit of bond proceeds.

### Portfolio activity for the quarter:

- The MBS purchases this quarter were approximately \$159.3 million, due to the issuance of single family and multifamily bonds and the investment of proceeds in MBS.
- The maturities in MBS were approximately \$37.8 million, which represent loan repayments or payoffs.

The table below shows the trend in MBS activity.

	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	
	FY 21	FY 21	FY 22	FY 22	FY 22	Total
Purchases	\$127,225,566	\$ 77,639,238	\$ 67,227,078	\$123,480,568	\$159,385,638	\$ 554,958,088
Sales						\$ -
Maturities	\$ 30,205,496	\$ 40,977,810	\$ 39,701,230	\$ 44,208,870	\$ 37,808,668	\$ 192,902,074
Transfers						\$ -

- The process of valuing investments at fair market value identifies unrealized gains and losses. These gains or losses do not impact the overall portfolio because the Department typically holds MBS investments until maturity.
- The fair market value (the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties) decreased \$85 million (see pages 3 and 4), with fair market value less than the carrying value. The national average for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage, as reported by the Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey as of May 31, 2022 was 5.10%, up from 3.89% at the end of February 2022. Various factors affect the fair market value of these investments, but there is a correlation between the prevailing mortgage interest rates and the change in market value.
- Given the current financial environment, this change in market value is to be expected. However, the change is cyclical and is reflective of a general movement toward higher yields in the bond market as a whole.
- The ability of the Department's investments to provide the appropriate cash flow to pay debt service and eventually retire the related bond debt is of more importance than the assessed relative value in the bond market as a whole.
- The more relevant measures of indenture parity are reported on page 5 in the Bond Trust Indenture Parity Comparison. This report shows parity (ratio of assets to liabilities) by indenture with assets greater than liabilities in a range from 105.02% to 106.70%, which would indicate the Department has sufficient assets to meet its obligations.

# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BOND FINANCE DIVISION BOND TRUST INDENTURES Supplemental Management Report Quarter Ending May 31, 2022

	FAIR VALUE (MARKET) @ 2/28/22	CARRYING VALUE @ 2/28/22	ACCRETION / PURCHASES	AMORTIZATION/ SALES	MATURITIES	TRANSFERS	CARRYING VALUE @ 05/31/22	FAIR VALUE (MARKET) @ 05/31/22	CHANGE IN FAIR VALUE (MARKET)	ACCRUED INT RECVBL @ 05/31/22	RECOGNIZED GAIN
INDENTURE RELATED:											
Single Family	858,364,967	824,843,079	14,037,692	(26,759,305)	(26,261,764)	-	785,859,702	787,836,165	(31,545,425)	2,799,396	
RMRB	540,320,675	524,452,829	202,150,201	(204,145,836)	(10,098,627)	-	512,358,567	513,484,642	(14,741,771)	1,531,612	
Taxable Mortgage Program	2,500,751	2,500,751	3,657	-	-	-	2,504,407	2,504,407	-	891,356	
Multi Family	609,589,817	608,455,021	11,730,941	(48,709,490)	(1,448,278)	-	570,028,194	531,970,919	(39,192,071)	885,067	
•	2.010.776.209	1,960,251,680	227,922,491	(279.614.632)	(37,808,668)	-	1.870.750.871	1.835.796.132	(85,479,268)	6.107.431	-

(b) (8) The Department is in compliance with regards to investing its funds in a manner which will provide by priority the following objectives: (1) safety of principal, (2) sufficient liquidity to meet Department cash flow needs, (3) a market rate of return for the risk assumed, and (4) conformation to all applicable state statutes governing the investment of public funds including Section 2306 of the Department's enabling legislation and specifically, Section 2256 of the Texas Government Code, the Public Funds Investment Act.

Per Section 2256.007(d) of the Texas Government Code, the Public Funds Investment Act: David Cervantes completed 8.0 hrs. of training on the Texas Public Funds Investment Act on October 18 and 19, 2021

David Cemantes

David Cervantes
Director of Administration

Date: 7/20/2022

### BOND FINANCE DIVISION BOND TRUST INDENTURES Supplemental Management Report Quarter Ending May 31, 2022

INVESTMENT TYPE	FAIR VALUE (MARKET) @ 02/28/22	CARRYING VALUE @ 02/28/22	ACCRETION / PURCHASES	AMORTIZATION/ SALES	MATURITIES	TRANSFERS	CARRYING VALUE @ 05/31/22	FAIR VALUE (MARKET) @ 05/31/22	CHANGE IN FAIR VALUE (MARKET)	RECOGNIZED GAIN
INDENTURE RELATED:										
Mortgage-Backed Securities	1,432,738,602	1,381,549,604	159,385,638	0	(37,808,668)	0	1,503,126,573	1,468,171,835	(86,143,736)	
Guaranteed Inv Contracts	36,675,097	36,675,097	45,979,369	(505,600)	0	0	82,148,866	82,148,866	0	
Investment Agreements	1,687,896	1,687,896	0	(357,100)	0	0	1,330,796	1,330,796	0	
Treasury-Backed Mutual Funds	115,053,185	115,053,185	2,850,190	(20,128,415)	0	0	97,774,960	97,774,960	0	
Account Control Agreements	8,274,138	8,274,138	9	(5,658,188)	0	0	2,615,959	2,615,959	0	
Municpal Bonds	29,945,652	30,095,935	4,510,135	(4,540,534)	0	0	30,065,536	30,065,536	150,283	
Repurchase Agreements	308,856,421	308,856,421	10,826,543	(230,042,442)	0	0	89,640,522	89,640,522	0	
SLG Securities	14,028,356	14,028,356	0	(14,028,356)	0	0	0	0	0	
Treasury Notes / Bonds	63,516,863	64,031,048	4,370,607	(4,353,998)	0	0	64,047,657	64,047,657	514,185	
	2,010,776,209	1,960,251,680	227,922,491	(279,614,632)	(37,808,668)	0	1,870,750,871	1,835,796,132	(85,479,268)	0

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Director of Administration

Date: \_7/20/2022

## Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Bond Finance Division

### **Executive Summary**

As of May 31, 2022

	Single Family denture Funds	R	Residential Mortgage evenue Bond denture Funds	In	Multi-Family denture Funds	Combined Totals
PARITY COMPARISON:						
PARITY ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 153,437	\$	5,506	\$	52,762,782	\$ 52,921,725
Investments <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 77,312,121	\$	92,377,367	\$	620,634,148	\$ 790,323,636
Mortgage Backed Securities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 708,030,052	\$	419,680,715			\$ 1,127,710,767
Loans Receivable <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -			\$	922,446,879	\$ 922,446,879
Accrued Interest Receivable	\$ 2,799,396	\$	1,531,612	\$	3,742,759	\$ 8,073,767
TOTAL PARITY ASSETS	\$ 788,295,006	\$	513,595,200	\$	1,599,586,568	\$ 2,901,476,774
PARITY LIABILITIES						
Notes Payable	\$ -	\$	10,000,000	\$	329,902,129	\$ 339,902,129
Bonds Payable <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 746,600,653	\$	465,962,636	\$	969,263,174	\$ 2,181,826,463
Accrued Interest Payable	\$ 4,048,632	\$	5,402,791	\$	3,784,970	\$ 13,236,393
Other Non-Current Liabilities <sup>(3)</sup>				\$	208,691,827	\$ 208,691,827
TOTAL PARITY LIABILITIES	\$ 750,649,285	\$	481,365,427	\$	1,511,642,100	\$ 2,743,656,812
PARITY DIFFERENCE PARITY	\$ 37,645,721 <b>105.02%</b>	\$	32,229,773 <b>106.70%</b>	\$	87,944,468 <b>105.82%</b>	\$ 157,819,962 <b>105.75%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Investments, Mortgage Backed Securities and Bonds Payable reported at par value not fair value. This adjustment is consistent with indenture cashflows prepared for Also, the CHMRB Bonds were redeemed in full in January 2019.

<sup>(2)</sup> Loans Receivable include whole loans only. Special mortgage loans are excluded.

<sup>(3)</sup> Other Non-Current Liabilities include "Due to Developers" (for insurance, taxes and other operating expenses) and "Earning Due to Developers" (on investments). Note: Based on preliminary and unaudited financial statements, subject to change in audited financial statements.

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### **BOARD REPORT ITEM**

### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

JULY 28, 2022

Report on the Department's 3rd Quarter Investment Report in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act

### BACKGROUND

The Department's investment portfolio consists of two distinct parts. One part is related to bond funds under trust indentures that are not subject to the Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA), and the remaining portion is related to accounts excluded from the indentures but covered by the PFIA. The Department's total investment portfolio is \$1,926,063,386 of which \$1,870,750,871 is not subject to the PFIA. This report addresses the remaining \$55,312,515 (see page 1 of the Internal Management Report) in investments covered by the PFIA. These investments are deposited in the General Fund, Housing Trust Fund, Compliance, and Housing Initiative accounts, which are all held at the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company (TTSTC), primarily in the form of overnight repurchase agreements. These investments are fully collateralized and secured by U.S. Government Securities. A repurchase agreement is the daily purchase of a security with an agreement to repurchase that security at a specific price and date, which in this case was June 1, 2022, with an effective interest rate of 0.74%. These investments safeguard principal while maintaining liquidity. The overnight repurchase agreements, subject to the PFIA, earned \$46,260 in interest during the quarter.

Below is a description of each fund group and its corresponding accounts.

- The General Fund accounts maintain funds for administrative purposes to fund expenses
  related to the Department's ongoing operations. These accounts contain balances related
  to bond residuals, fee income generated from the Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)
  Program, escrow funds, single family and multifamily bond administration fees, and
  balances associated with the Below Market Interest Rate (BMIR) Program.
- The State Housing Trust Fund accounts maintain funds related to programs set forth by the Housing Trust Fund funding plan. The Housing Trust Fund provides loans and grants to finance, acquire, rehabilitate, and develop decent and safe affordable housing.
- The Compliance accounts maintain funds from compliance monitoring fees and asset management fees collected from multifamily developers. The number of low income units and authority to collect these fees is outlined in the individual Land Use Restriction Agreements (LURAs) that are issued to each Developer. These fees are generated for the purpose of offsetting expenses incurred by the Department related to the monitoring and administration of these properties.

- The Housing Initiative accounts maintain funds from fees collected from Developers in connection with the Department's Tax Credit Program. The majority of fees collected are application fees and commitment fees. The authority for the collection of these fees is outlined in the Department's Multifamily Rules. These fees are generated for the purpose of offsetting expenses incurred by the Department related to the administration of the Tax Credit Program.
- The Ending Homelessness Trust Fund account maintains funds from donations collected from individuals through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles in connection with the Department's Ending Homelessness Program. The authority for the collection of these donations is outlined in Tex. Transp. Code §502.415. These donations are collected and disbursed for the purpose of providing grants to counties and municipalities to combat homelessness.

This report is in the format required by the Public Funds Investment Act. It shows in detail the types of investments, their maturities, their carrying (face amount) values, and fair values at the beginning and end of the quarter. The detail for investment activity is on Pages 1 and 2.

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, as it relates to the investments covered by the PFIA, the carrying value increased by \$1,373,563 (see page 1) for an ending balance of \$55,312,515. The change is described below by fund groups.

General Fund: The General Fund decreased by \$194,222. This consists primarily of \$148,631 received in multifamily bond fees, \$135,350 in MCC Fees and \$750,000 transferred from the Residential Mortgage Revenue Bond Program, offset by disbursements including \$1,221,173 to fund the operating budget.

The State Housing Trust Fund: The Housing Trust Fund increased by \$999,798. This consists primarily of \$1,535,163 received in loan repayments offset by disbursements including \$498,099 for loans, grants, and escrow payments.

Compliance: Compliance funds decreased by \$148,798. This consists primarily of \$1,648,085 received in compliance fees offset by disbursements of \$1,903,052 transferred to fund the operating budget.

Housing Initiative: Housing Initiative funds increased by \$668,877. This consists primarily of \$1,864,342 received in fees related to tax credit activities offset by disbursements of \$1,259,119 transferred to fund the operating budget.

Ending Homelessness Fund: Ending Homelessness funds increased by \$47,908. This consists of \$66,554 in donations and interest earnings on current investment balances, offset by disbursements of \$18,520 for grants.

# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HOUSING FINANCE DIVISION

PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT INTERNAL MANAGEMENT REPORT (SEC. 2256.023) QUARTER ENDING May 31, 2022

### Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs General Fund Investment Summary For Period Ending May 31, 2022

		Current	Current	Current	Beginning Correling Value	Beginning	Accretions/	Americations (			Ending	Ending	Change In Market	December
Investment	Issue	Interest Rate	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Carrying Value 2/28/2022	Market Value 2/28/2022	Accretions/ Purchases	Amortizations/ Sales	Maturities	Transfers	Carrying Value 5/31/2022	Market Value 5/31/2022	Value	Recognized Gain
Type Pone Agent	General Fund	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	805,819.60	805,819.60	18.564.75	0.00	0.00	rransiers	824,384.35	824.384.35	value	0.00
Repo Agmt Repo Agmt	General Fund	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.02	0.02	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	General Fund	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	46,783.17	46.783.17	61.607.66	0.00	0.00		108.390.83	108.390.83	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	General Fund	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	1,111,201.65	1,111,201.65	66,869.32	0.00	0.00		1,178,070.97	1,178,070.97		0.00
Repo Agmt	General Fund	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	3,260,570.93	3,260,570.93	0.00	(342,456.28)	0.00		2,918,114.65	2,918,114.65		0.00
Repo Agmt	General Fund	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	407,527.84	407,527.84	348.46	0.00	0.00		407,876.30	407,876.30		0.00
Repo Agmt	General Fund	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	239,774.05	239,774.05	193.89	0.00	0.00		239,967.94	239,967.94		0.00
Repo Agmt	General Fund	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	750,104.90	750,104.90	650.38	0.00	0.00		750,755.28	750,755.28		0.00
Repo Agmt	General Fund	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	75.45	75.45	0.00	0.00	0.00		75.45	75.45	_	0.00
nopo ng	General Fund Total	0.71	0,01,2022	0, 1, 2022	6,621,857.61	6,621,857.61	148,234.46	(342,456.28)	0.00	0.00	6,427,635.79	6,427,635.79	0.00	0.00
Repo Agmt	Housing Trust Fund	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	257,706.03	257,706.03	75,476.79	0.00	0.00		333,182.82	333,182.82	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Housing Trust Fund	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	3,571.87	3,571.87	652.17	0.00	0.00		4,224.04	4,224.04	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Housing Trust Fund	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	580,381.37	580,381.37	413,735.11	0.00	0.00		994,116.48	994,116.48	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	General Revenue Appn	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	24,304.32	24,304.32	4,837.08	0.00	0.00		29,141.40	29,141.40	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	General Revenue Appn	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	1,256,071.21	1,256,071.21	271,886.36	0.00	0.00		1,527,957.57	1,527,957.57	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	General Revenue Appn	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	1,396,216.42	1,396,216.42	0.00	(1,186,581.12)	0.00		209,635.30	209,635.30	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	General Revenue Appn	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	186,493.39	186,493.39	3,335.71	0.00	0.00		189,829.10	189,829.10	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	General Revenue Appn	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	228,497.90	228,497.90	0.00	0.00	0.00		228,497.90	228,497.90	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Housing Trust Fund-GR	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	122,557.52	122,557.52	0.00	0.00	0.00		122,557.52	122,557.52	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Housing Trust Fund-GR	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	305,867.47	305,867.47	0.00	(138,165.05)	0.00		167,702.42	167,702.42	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Housing Trust Fund-GR	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	297,000.00	297,000.00	0.00	(89,332.61)	0.00		207,667.39	207,667.39	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Boostrap -GR	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	2,554,500.00	2,554,500.00	0.00	(198,000.00)	0.00		2,356,500.00	2,356,500.00	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Boostrap -GR	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	3,155,666.14	3,155,666.14	1,835,432.00	0.00	0.00		4,991,098.14	4,991,098.14	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Boostrap -GR	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	1,774,122.35	1,774,122.35	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,774,122.35	1,774,122.35	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Boostrap -GR	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	191,478.92	191,478.92	6,521.08	0.00	0.00		198,000.00	198,000.00		0.00
	Housing Trust Fund Total				12,334,434.91	12,334,434.91	2,611,876.30	(1,612,078.78)	0.00	0.00	13,334,232.43	13,334,232.43	0.00	0.00
Repo Agmt	Multi Family	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	1,032,481.55	1,032,481.55	0.00	(38,487.27)	0.00		993,994.28	993,994.28	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Multi Family	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	1,040,072.94	1,040,072.94	173,342.28	0.00	0.00		1,213,415.22	1,213,415.22	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Low Income Tax Credit Prog.	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	10,373,655.25	10,373,655.25	0.00	(283,653.11)	0.00		10,090,002.14	10,090,002.14		0.00
	Compliance Total				12,446,209.74	12,446,209.74	173,342.28	(322,140.38)	0.00	0.00	12,297,411.64	12,297,411.64	0.00	0.00
Repo Agmt	Asset Management	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022			2,078,207.07	0.00	0.00		2,078,207.07	2,078,207.07	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Asset Management	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	1,999,017.07	1,999,017.07	0.00	(1,999,017.07)	0.00				-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Low Income Tax Credit Prog.	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	47,250.00	47,250.00	0.00	(11,625.00)	0.00		35,625.00	35,625.00	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Low Income Tax Credit Prog.	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	2,318,829.08	2,318,829.08	130,502.04	0.00	0.00		2,449,331.12	2,449,331.12	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Low Income Tax Credit Prog.	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	17,144,584.49	17,144,584.49	470,529.84	0.00	0.00		17,615,114.33	17,615,114.33	-	0.00
Repo Agmt	Low Income Tax Credit Prog.	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	340,815.34	340,815.34	279.77	0.00	0.00		341,095.11	341,095.11	-	0.00
	Housing Inititatives Total				21,850,495.98	21,850,495.98	2,679,518.72	(2,010,642.07)	0.00	0.00	22,519,372.63	22,519,372.63	0.00	0.00
Repo Agmt	Homelessness - HB4102	0.74	5/31/2022	6/1/2022	685,954.34	685,954.34	47,908.25	0.00	0.00		733,862.59	733,862.59	-	0.00
	Homelessness - HB4102 Total				685,954.34	685,954.34	47,908.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	733,862.59	733,862.59	0.00	0.00
	Total Non-Indenture Relate	ed Investmen	t Summary		53,938,952.58	53,938,952.58	5,660,880.01	(4,287,317.51)	0.00	0.00	55,312,515.08	55,312,515.08	0.00	0.00

# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HOUSING FINANCE DIVISION PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT Internal Management Report (Sec. 2256.023) Quarter Ending May 31, 2022

	Investment Type	FAIR VALUE (MARKET) @ 2/28/22	CARRYING VALUE @ 2/28/22	ACCRETION / PURCHASES	AMORTIZATION/ SALES	MATURITIES	TRANSFERS	CARRYING VALUE @ 05/31/22	FAIR VALUE (MARKET) @ 05/31/22	CHANGE IN FAIR VALUE (MARKET)	ACCRUED INT RECVBL @ 05/31/22	RECOGNIZED GAIN
NON-INDENTURE RELATED:												
General Fund	Repurchase Agreements	6,621,857.61	6,621,857.61	148,234.46	(342,456.28)	-	-	6,427,635.79	6,427,635.79	-	132.12	
Housing Trust Fund	Repurchase Agreements	12,334,434.91	12,334,434.91	2,611,876.30	(1,612,078.78)	-	-	13,334,232.43	13,334,232.43	-	274.36	
Compliance	Repurchase Agreements	12,446,209.74	12,446,209.74	173,342.28	(322,140.38)	-	-	12,297,411.64	12,297,411.64	-	252.78	
Housing Initiatives	Repurchase Agreements	21,850,495.98	21,850,495.98	2,679,518.72	(2,010,642.07)	-	-	22,519,372.63	22,519,372.63	-	463.10	
Ending Homelessness Trust Fun	d Repurchase Agreements	685,954.34	685,954.34	47,908.25	- 1	-	-	733,862.59	733,862.59	-	15.08	
NON-INDENTURE RELATED TO	AL	53,938,952.58	53,938,952.58	5,660,880.01	(4,287,317.51)	0.00	0.00	55,312,515.08	55,312,515.08	0.00	1,137.44	0.00

(b) (8) The Department is in compliance with regards to investing its funds in a manner which will provide by priority the following objectives: (1) safety of principal, (2) sufficient liquidity to meet Department cash flow needs, (3) a market rate of return for the risk assumed, and (4) conformation to all applicable state statutes governing the investment of public funds including Section 2306 of the Department's enabling legislation and specifically, Section 2256 of the Texas Government Code, the Public Funds Investment Act.

Per Section 2256.007(d) of the Texas Government Code, the Public Funds Investment Act:
David Cervantes completed 8.0 hrs. of training on the Texas Public Funds Investment Act on October 18 and 19, 2021

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Director of Administration

# **ACTION ITEMS**

# **ORAL PRESENTATION**

# TO BE POSTED NOT LATER THAN THE THIRD DAY BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING

### **BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

### **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DIVISION**

### **JULY 28, 2022**

Presentation, discussion, and possible action on approval of the 2023 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program State Plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and approval of the associated 2023 awards

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) develops and submits a State Plan to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USHHS) each year to administer the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);

**WHEREAS,** the Board approved a draft 2023 LIHEAP State Plan on April 14, 2022, which was then made available for public comment and that public comment is addressed below; and

**WHEREAS,** the final 2023 LIHEAP State Plan (the Plan) includes the awards to subrecipients of 2023 LIHEAP funds as recommended by the Executive Award Review and Advisory Committee (EARAC);

### NOW, therefore, it is hereby

**RESOLVED,** that the Executive Director or his designee are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, for and on behalf of this Board to submit the Plan to USHHS and upon USHSS approval of such Plan to contract for the awards represented in the Plan and in connection therewith to execute, deliver, and cause to be performed such amendments, documents, and other writings such as anticipated grant guidance on development of the Plan from USHHS or to make such non-substantive technical corrections as they or any of them may deem necessary or advisable to effectuate the foregoing.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Department develops and submits a LIHEAP Plan each year on or before September 1 to USHHS. USHHS provides a model plan to guide the format and content. The draft, upon approval by the Board on April 14, 2022, was released for public comment. The public comment period was open from April 29, 2022, to May 25, 2022, and public hearings were held at several locations around the state May 9-12, 2022. Individuals representing three organizations commented on the draft. A summary of these comments with Department response is provided In Attachment A.

It should be noted that the Plan follows a template and series of required responses pre-determined by USHHS with character limitations and specific instructions. Also, the Plan has yet to be reviewed and approved by USHHS. In its review, it is common for USHHS to request corrections to the Plan. Staff recommends the Board authorize staff to make such required changes to ensure USHHS approval.

Additionally, language has been added to Section 5.11 of the Plan to address the potential LIHEAP funding of one or more projects in underserved communities to install rooftop solar energy systems on eligible households if an appropriate savings in energy expenditures and cost can be achieved. The Department is currently in discussions with the National Renewal Energy Laboratory and Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute to determine whether these projects are feasible and acceptable to the Department.

The Previous Participation Rule (10 TAC, Chapter 1, Subchapter C, §1.302) requires a review of the LIHEAP awards prior to contract execution. The review has been performed and the subrecipients listed in Attachment B have been recommended by the Executive Award Review and Advisory Committee for award.

### ATTACHMENT A: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department accepted public comment from April 29, 2022, through May 25, 2022, and conducted public hearings on May 9, 2022, in Fort Worth; on May 10, 2022, in Odessa; on May 11, 2022, in Houston; and on May 12, 2022, in Austin. Comment was received from individuals representing three organizations, including the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies (TACAA). Comments and responses are presented in the following table. Note that public comment numbers were assigned as noted to the left and used to identify commenters.

#	Commenter	Organization
1	Brad Manning, Executive Director	Texas Neighborhood Services
2	Keri Gibbs, Community Services Associate	Texas Neighborhood Services
3	Desiree Davis, Utility Assistance Director	BakerRipley
4	Tiffany Edison-Williams, Program Manager	BakerRipley
5	David Medina, Operations Manager	BakerRipley
6	Patrice Wilson, Operations Manager	BakerRipley
7	Glynniece Herron, Operations Manager	BakerRipley
8	CEAP Committee	Texas Association of Community Action Agencies
		(represents 28 of 36 CEAP Subrecipients and 19 of
		21 WAP Subrecipients)

Commenter	Comment Summary	Staff Response	Proposed Changes to the Plan
#1	TNS supports the use of a statewide or regional contractor in the event we have triple the amount of funding as with additional funding from CEAP CARES and the American Rescue Plan.	The Department appreciates the comment in support of a statewide provider. The Department must take measures to ensure that all available funds are fully expended.	No change.
#1	Keep in place COVID flexibilities which include lump sum payments and HVAC service and repair for both vulnerable and non-vulnerable households whenever they have an inoperable system. Maintaining these flexibilities helps with staffing needs and is positive for utility vendors. Unfortunately, the ability to make a one-time lump sum payment will result in	The Department appreciates the comment and intends to keep the COVID flexibilities in place through 2023.  The Department does not believe the Crisis Assistance language in the TAC needs revision. Only if a Household meets the definition of a crisis, then can it be assisted	has been revised to state that the Department intends to maintain the COVID flexibilities through the later of the end of the

	households fully expending their utility assistance benefits late in the year which will increase the number of households needing crisis assistance. The State may need to make revisions to the crisis language so that subrecipients can provide assistance to those households who have exhausted their utility assistance benefits.	using the Crisis Assistance Component.	be applied equally between heating and cooling, but is based on the heating and cooling needs of a household.
#1	Recommend the Department consider the increase in energy cost from one year to the next and consider increasing benefit determinations per household. Living expenses continue to outpace wages and income. The Department can conduct a survey of what the current rates are and adjust benefit levels accordingly. Compare Alternative Billing Methods (ABM) and you will find that usage has increased with more people working from home. The CEAP rules currently require subrecipients to use Average Billing Method and prior usage, but that does not account for the current increase in rates.	The Department appreciates the comment and notes that 10 TAC §6.309(h)(1)(A) states "Subrecipients may make utility payments on behalf of Households based on the previous 12 month's home energy consumption history, including allowances for cost inflation." The Department will consider raising benefit determinations per household at the next rulemaking opportunity. If benefit determinations are revised, the Plan will be amended to reflect the change. The Department is also researching the feasibility of installation of solar panels if certain savings conditions are met.	The Department added language into Section 5.11 of the Plan indicating that LIHEAP weatherization funds may potentially be used for the installation of solar panels if certain savings conditions are met; however, this matter is still being explored and is preliminary.
#2	Allow CEAP subrecipients the option to use either the Alternative Billing Method (ABM) or the 12-month billing history to determine amount of	The Department appreciates the suggestion; however, Federal Reporting Requirements requires States to report 12-month billing histories and, per 10	No change.

#2	to be made.	TAC §6.309(h)(1)(A), only when a household does not have a 12-month billing history, can the ABM be used.	The Department revised the
#3	Recommend maintaining the maximum benefit amount of up to \$7,500 for service or repair of heating and cooling units.	The Department appreciates the comment and will keep the maximum benefit amount for service or repair of existing heating and cooling units at \$7,500.	The Department revised the Plan to reflect that \$7,500 can be used for the service and repair of existing heating or cooling units when a household has an inoperable heating or cooling system.
#3	Recommend the provision of heating and cooling system repair assistance to non-vulnerable households for the entire year without any crisis criteria conditions required.	The Department appreciates the comment and intends to continue to allow non-vulnerable households to receive heating and cooling system service and repair as part of the COVID flexibilities until the later of either the end of the COVID-19 disaster or December 31, 2023.	The LIHEAP 2023 State Plan has been revised to state that the Department intends to maintain the COVID flexibilities through either the later of the end of the COVID-19 disaster or December 31, 2023.
#3	Recommend increasing CEAP income eligibility to 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG). Allows subrecipients to serve more households and aligns with CSBG.	Section 2605 of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. § 8624(b)(2)) limits states to making payments to households with incomes which do not exceed the greater of (i) an amount equal to 150% of the poverty level for such State; or (ii) an amount equal to 60% of the State Median Income. The Department does not have the authority to raise the threshold to 200%, and has determined that in order to reach as many low-income persons	No change.

		as possible to use 150% of FPIG to qualify Households as eligible for LIHEAP assistance.	
#3	Recommend qualifying households by net income instead of gross income. Many households have deductions that significantly decrease net income.	Although the Plan allows the use of net income to determine eligibility for assistance, the Department chooses to use gross income for several reasons. First, most individuals readily know their gross income versus their net income. Second, gross income is often more stable than net income as net income can change month to month depending on taxes and deductions. Third, when employers report income to the IRS, the amount reported is gross income (not net); therefore, gross income is more easily discernable on paycheck stubs. Finally, it would be difficult to list all possible paycheck deductions to be included income (e.g., retirement plan deductions, health insurance deductions, charitable contribution deductions, etc.). Staff appreciates the comment, but proposes no changes to income eligibility determination.	No change.
#3	Exclude income of ineligible household members due to citizenship status.	This comment relates to 10 TAC §6.309(c) and is not addressed in the Plan. However, unqualified aliens are not authorized by	No change.

statute (Section 2605 of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981) (42 U.S.C. § 8624(b)(2)) to receive LIHEAP services, and therefore are considered ineligible and may not be counted as part of the household. However, if an unqualified alien lives within a house and earns income, the income earned by the alien can and will be used for living expenses (e.g., rent, utilities, food) and can cause a household to be over the qualified income. If the income of the household ineligible member is excluded, a household could be considered eligible that is in fact over income. The Information Memorandum from HHS dated December 12, 2014, on this issue specifically indicates that there is no authority to exclude income. This rationale serves as the basis for 10 TAC §6.309(c) which is carefully written to indicate that a household can, and should, still be considered eligible services even though an Unqualified Alien resides within. It is possible that households may not qualify due to income earned by an Unqualified Alien putting the household income above the Federal Poverty

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		Guidelines; however, a	
		household will not be	
		considered ineligible simply	
		because of the presence of	
		an Unqualified Alien.	
#3	Recommend self-attestation	The Department as the	No change.
	for citizenship. This is	pass-through recipient of	
	especially critical for vulnerable	federal funds must abide by	
	populations who in some cases	and ensure adherence to	
	were born by a midwife and no	the laws prescribed by its	
	birth records are available.	federal oversight agencies.	
		USHHS has indicated to the	
		Department, and the	
		Department has relayed to	
		its Subrecipients through	
		the adoption of such rules in	
		February 2019, that self-	
		attestation is not an	
		acceptable form of	
		verification for	
		citizenship/legal status. If	
		self-attestation is used, and	
		a Household is later	
		identified as being	
		ineligible, those costs would	
		be disallowed and its	
		repayment would be a fiscal	
		responsibility of the	
		Subrecipient (and the	
		Department). The	
		Department does not	
		authorize self-attestation	
		for this reason.	
		Subrecipients should	
		continue referring to the	
		"US Identity and Citizenship	
		Documentation Matrix" to	
		verify US Citizenship. The	
		Department appreciates the	
		comment, but proposes no	
		changes to the Plan.	

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#3	Recommend that SNAP recipients be categorically eligible.	Because USHHS confirmed in writing that SNAP/TANF are categorically eligible for LIHEAP benefits irrespective of whether SNAP/TANF income requirements exceed 150% of FPIG, the Department can now include SNAP/TANF as categorically eligible. The Department appreciates the comment and will include SNAP/TANF as categorically eligible.	The Department revised Sections 1.4 and 1.6 of the Plan to reflect that in 2023 SNAP/TANF are categorically eligible for LIHEAP benefits.
#3	Allow the use of one-time lump sum payments once benefits are determined. This will reduce the stress and burden on applicants having to verify when pledged payments are made.	The Department appreciates the comment and intends to keep the COVID flexibilities, which include one-time lump sum payments, in place through 2023.	The LIHEAP 2023 State Plan has been revised to state that the Department will maintain the COVID flexibilities through the later of the end of the COVID-19 disaster or December 31, 2023.
#4	Use the Alternative Billing Method for determination of benefits instead of 12 month billing history would be ideal. It would help with steady increase of vendor rates and increased bills and keep pace with inflation.	The Department appreciates the suggestion; however, Federal Reporting Requirements requires States to report 12-month billing histories and, per 10 TAC §6.309(h)(1)(A), only when a household does not have a 12-month billing history, can the ABM be used.	No change.
#5	Recommend the Department change the benefit levels to the same levels as were allowed for Winter Storm Uri (i.e., \$3,200 for 0-50%, \$3,000 for 51-75%, \$2,800 for 76-150%). The increase would help cover the consumption usage of households with extremely	The Department appreciates the comment and will consider the increase in energy costs and consider revising the benefit determinations per household at the next rulemaking opportunity. If benefit determinations are	No change.

	high 12-month billing histories and help households who have to pay utility bills out of pocket.	revised, the Plan will be amended to reflect the change.	
#6	Increase poverty guidelines to 190% to reach more households who have been impacted by inflation and natural disaster and world events.	Section 2605 of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. § 8624(b)(2)) limits states to making payments to households with incomes which do not exceed the greater of (i) an amount equal to 150% of the poverty level for such State; or (ii) an amount equal to 60% of the State Median Income. The Department does not have the authority to raise the threshold to 200%, and has determined that in order to reach as many low-income persons as possible to use 150% of FPIG to qualify Households as eligible for LIHEAP assistance. If in the future, the LIHEAP Act allows states to use a higher percentage of FPIG, the Department will consider such limits.	No change.
#7	As described in the LIHEAP Assurances, allow households receiving SNAP to be considered categorically eligible for LIHEAP.	Because USHHS confirmed in writing that SNAP/TANF are categorically eligible for LIHEAP benefits irrespective of whether SNAP/TANF income requirements exceed 150% of FPIG, the Department can now include SNAP/TANF as categorically eligible. The	The Department revised Sections 1.4 and 1.6 of the Plan to reflect that in 2023 SNAP/TANF are categorically eligible for LIHEAP benefits.

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		Department appreciates the	
		comment and will include	
		SNAP/TANF as categorically	
		eligible.	
#8	Recommends allowing self-	The Department as the	No change.
	certification for citizenship or	pass-through recipient of	
	legal status documentation as	federal funds must abide by	
	an option for subrecipients to	and ensure adherence to	
	ensure that households who do	the laws prescribed by its	
	not have access to citizenship	federal oversight agencies.	
	and/or legal status	USHHS has indicated to the	
	documentation are not	Department, and the	
	adversely impacted or excluded	Department has relayed to	
	from receiving services if they	its Subrecipients through	
	are able to provide self-	the adoption of such rules in	
	certification to meet the	February 2019, that self-	
	requirement.	attestation is not an	
	Neighboring states with the	acceptable form of	
	southwest region to include:	verification for	
	Arizona, New Mexico,	citizenship/legal status. If	
	California, and Nevada allow	self-attestation is used, and	
	clients to sign attestation of	a Household is later	
	citizenship or legal residency	identified as being	
	and/or submit a Social Security	ineligible, those costs would	
	card as proof of legal residency.	be disallowed and its	
	The backlog in citizenship	repayment would be a fiscal	
	application processing is a	responsibility of the	
	barrier for some communities.	' '	
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	The USCIS reports application	Department). The	
	processing times of up to 9.5-	Department does not	
	15 months in the El Paso area	authorize self-attestation	
	and San Antonio area and up to	for this reason.	
	14.5 months in the Dallas area.	Subrecipients should	
		continue referring to the	
		"US Identity and Citizenship	
		Documentation Matrix" to	
		verify US Citizenship. The	
		Department appreciates the	
		comment, but proposes no	
		changes to the Plan.	
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### ATTACHMENT B: LIST OF SUBRECIPIENTS AND ALLOCATIONS

### **2023 CEAP ALLOCATIONS**

Contract Period: January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

1	Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc.	\$898,684
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3	BakerRipley	\$18,518,272
4	Bexar County Community and Development Programs	\$8,485,009
_	Big Bend Community Action Committee, Inc.	\$1,051,410
5	Brazos Valley Community Action Programs	\$4,249,218
6	City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Services Department	\$6,319,219
7	City of Lubbock Community Development Department	\$1,486,320
8	Combined Community Action, Inc.	\$1,862,457
9	Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texas	\$1,612,786
10	Community Action Corporation of South Texas	\$5,344,023
11	Community Action Inc. of Central Texas	\$885,955
12	Community Council of South Central Texas, Inc.	\$5,342,822
13	Community Services Northeast Texas, Inc.	\$2,756,690
14	Concho Valley Community Action Agency	\$1,761,022
15	Cornerstone Community Action Agency	\$1,386,610
16	County of Hidalgo Community Services Agency	\$6,099,007
17	Dallas County Health and Human Services	\$10,389,164
18	Economic Action Committee of the Gulf Coast	\$614,517
19	Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation of Planning Region XI	\$3,154,535
20	El Paso Community Action Program-Project BRAVO	\$5,870,735
21	Greater East Texas Community Action Program	\$8,868,223
	Hill Country Community Action Association, Inc.	\$2,196,251
23	Kleberg County Human Services	\$707,699
24	Nueces County Community Action Agency	\$2,023,048
	Panhandle Community Services	\$3,491,819
	Pecos County Community Action Agency	\$690,524
	Rolling Plains Management Corporation	\$2,884,409
	South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.	\$1,671,706
_	South Texas Development Council	\$1,088,225
	Texas Neighborhood Services	\$1,643,021
	Texoma Council Of Governments	\$4,093,653
	Travis County Health and Human Services	\$3,859,484
	Tri-County Community Action, Inc.	\$2,096,971
	Webb County Community Action Agency	\$1,728,049
_	West Texas Opportunities, Inc.	\$3,453,431
	Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties	\$892,646
	TOTAL	\$129,477,614
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Note: All figures are estimates and based on 2022 allocations. Staff will proportionally revise the award amounts according to formula upon Congressional approval and receipt of grant notifications from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

### **2023 LIHEAP WAP ALLOCATIONS**

Contract Period: January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

	CURRECIDIENT	ALLOCATION
_	SUBRECIPIENT	ALLOCATION
1	Alamo Area Council of Government	\$1,304,871
2	BakerRipley	\$1,998,413
3	Brazos Valley Community Action Programs	\$515,033
4	City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Services Department	\$765,104
5	Combined Community Action, Inc.	\$333,423
6	Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texas	\$464,729
7	Community Action Corporation of South Texas	\$1,781,204
8	Community Council of South Central Texas, Inc.	\$514,161
9	Concho Valley Community Action Agency	\$275,745
10	Dallas County Health and Human Services	\$1,256,782
11	Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation of Planning Region XI	\$437,132
12	El Paso Community Action Program-Project BRAVO	\$710,924
13	Greater East Texas Community Action Program	\$1,464,331
14	Hill Country Community Action Association, Inc.	\$415,574
15	Nueces County Community Action Agency	\$246,096
16	Panhandle Community Services	\$423,534
17	Rolling Plains Management Corporation	\$667,152
18	South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.	\$382,908
19	Texoma Council Of Governments	\$828,965
20	Travis County Health and Human Services	\$467,951
21	West Texas Opportunities, Inc.	\$418,897
	TOTAL	\$15,672,929

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### LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

### **MODEL PLAN**

### **PUBLIC LAW 97-35, AS AMENDED**

### **FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023**

**GRANTEE:** Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

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Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Community Services Washington, DC 20447

August 1987, revised 05/92, 02/95, 03/96, 12/98, 11/01 OMB Approval No. 0970-0075

### THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)

Use of this model plan is optional. However, the information requested is required in order to receive a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in years in which the grantee is not permitted to file an abbreviated plan. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### **Assurances**

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs agrees to:

- (1) use the funds available under this title to--
  - (A) conduct outreach activities and provide assistance to low income households in meeting their home energy costs, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, consistent with paragraph (5);
  - (B) intervene in energy crisis situations;
  - (C) provide low-cost residential weatherization and other cost-effective energy-related home repair; and
  - (D) plan, develop, and administer the State's program under this title including leveraging programs, and the State agrees not to use such funds for any purposes other than those specified in this title;
- (2) make payments under this title only with respect to--
  - (A) households in which one or more individuals are receiving--
    - (i) assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act;
    - (ii) supplemental security income payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act;
    - (iii) food stamps under the Food Stamp Act of 1977; or
    - (iv) payments under section 415, 521, 541, or 542 of title 38, United States Code, or under section 306 of the Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improvement Act of 1978; or
  - (B) households with incomes which do not exceed an amount equal to 150 percent of the poverty level for such State; or
    - (i) an amount equal to 60 percent of the State median income;

except that a State may not exclude a household from eligibility in a Federal fiscal year solely on the basis of household income if such income is less than 110 percent of the poverty level for such State, but the State may give priority to those households with the highest home energy costs or needs in relation to household income.

- (3) conduct outreach activities designed to assure that eligible households, especially households with elderly individuals or disabled individuals, or both, and households with high home energy burdens, are made aware of the assistance available under this title, and any similar energy-related assistance available under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program) or under any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this Act;
- (4) coordinate its activities under this title with similar and related programs administered by the Federal Government and such State, particularly low-income energy-related programs under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program), under the supplemental security income program, under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, under title XX of the Social Security Act, under the low-

income weatherization assistance program under title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, or under any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this Act;

- (5) provide, in a timely manner, that the highest level of assistance will be furnished to those households which have the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income, taking into account family size, except that the State may not differentiate in implementing this section between the households described in clauses 2(A) and 2(B) of this subsection;
- (6) to the extent it is necessary to designate local administrative agencies in order to carry out the purposes of this title, to give special consideration, in the designation of such agencies, to any local public or private nonprofit agency which was receiving Federal funds under any low-income energy assistance program or weatherization program under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 or any other provision of law on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, except that--
  - (A) the State shall, before giving such special consideration, determine that the agency involved meets program and fiscal requirements established by the State; and
  - (B) if there is no such agency because of any change in the assistance furnished to programs for economically disadvantaged persons, then the State shall give special consideration in the designation of local administrative agencies to any successor agency which is operated in substantially the same manner as the predecessor agency which did receive funds for the Federal fiscal year preceding the Federal fiscal year for which the determination is made;
- (7) if the State chooses to pay home energy suppliers directly, establish procedures to--
  - (A) notify each participating household of the amount of assistance paid on its behalf;
  - (B) assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment made by the State under this title;
  - (C) assure that the home energy supplier will provide assurances that any agreement entered into with a home energy supplier under this paragraph will contain provisions to assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of such assistance under applicable provisions of State law or public regulatory requirements; and
  - (D) ensure that the provision of vendor payments remains at the option of the State in consultation with local grantees and may be contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households, including providing for agreements between suppliers and individuals eligible for benefits under this Act that seek to reduce home energy costs, minimize the risks of home energy crisis, and encourage regular payments by individuals receiving financial assistance for home energy costs;
- (8) provide assurances that--
  - (A) the State will not exclude households described in clause (2)(B) of this subsection from receiving home energy assistance benefits under clause (2), and

- (B) the State will treat owners and renters equitably under the program assisted under this title;
- (9) provide that--
  - (A) the State may use for planning and administering the use of funds under this title an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the funds payable to such State under this title for a Federal fiscal year; and
  - (B) the State will pay from non-Federal sources the remaining costs of planning and administering the program assisted under this title and will not use Federal funds for such remaining cost (except for the costs of the activities described in paragraph (16));
- (10) provide that such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be established as may be necessary to assure the proper disbursal of and accounting for Federal funds paid to the State under this title, including procedures for monitoring the assistance provided under this title, and provide that the State will comply with the provisions of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the "Single Audit Act");
- (11) permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with section 2608;
- (12) provide for timely and meaningful public participation in the development of the plan described in subsection (c);
- (13) provide an opportunity for a fair administrative hearing to individuals whose claims for assistance under the plan described in subsection (c) are denied or are not acted upon with reasonable promptness; and
- (14) cooperate with the Secretary with respect to data collecting and reporting under section 2610.
- (15) beginning in Federal fiscal year 1992, provide, in addition to such services as may be offered by State Departments of Public Welfare at the local level, outreach and intake functions for crisis situations and heating and cooling assistance that is administered by additional State and local governmental entities or community-based organizations (such as community action
- agencies, area agencies on aging and not-for-profit neighborhood-based organizations), and in States where such organizations do not administer functions as of September 30, 1991, preference in awarding grants or contracts for intake services shall be provided to those agencies that administer the low-income weatherization or energy crisis intervention programs.
- \* This assurance is applicable only to States, and to territories whose annual regular LIHEAP allotments exceed \$200,000. Neither territories with annual allotments of \$200,000 or less nor Indian tribes/tribal organizations are subject to Assurance 15.
- (16) use up to 5 percent of such funds, at its option, to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and thereby the need for energy assistance, including needs assessments, counseling, and assistance with energy vendors, and report to the Secretary concerning the impact of such activities on the number of households served, the level of direct benefits provided to those households, and the number of households that remain unserved.

<u>Certification to the Assurances</u>: As Chief Executive Officer, I agree to comply with the sixteen assurances contained in Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, as amended. By signing these assurances, I also agree to abide by the standard assurances on lobbying, debarment and suspension, and a drug-free workplace.

Signature of the Tribal or Board Chairperson or Chief Executive Officer of the State or Territory.	
Signat	ure:
Title:	Executive Director, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Date:	August 2022 (The exact date to be notated in USHHS OLDC system at time of submission.)

The Governor of Texas has delegated the responsibility of signing this document to the Executive Director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. A copy of the letter is attached.

The EIN (Entity Identification Number) of the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs, which receives the grant funds, appears on the cover of this application.

In the above assurances which are quoted from the law, "State" means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, an Indian Tribe or Tribal Organization, or a Territory; "title" of the Act refers to Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (OBRA), as amended, the "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act"; "section" means Section 2605 of OBRA; and, "subsection" refers to Section 2605(b) of OBRA.

### Section 1<sup>1</sup>

### Program Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) – Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C)

1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.)

Dates of Operation<sup>2</sup>

Heating assistance Start date: 10/01/2022 End date: 09/30/2024

Cooling assistance Start date: 10/01/2022 End date: 09/30/2024

Crisis assistance Start date: 10/01/2022 End date: 09/30/2024

Weatherization assistance Start date: 10/01/2022 End date: 09/30/2024

### Estimated Funding Allocation, 2604(c), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) – Assurances 9 and 16

1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: **The total of all percentages must add up to 100%** 

15% heating assistance

50% cooling assistance

10% crisis assistance

Up to 15% weatherization assistance<sup>3</sup>

0% carryover to the following Federal fiscal year

10% administrative and planning costs

0% services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)

0% used to develop and implement leveraging activities

100% **TOTAL** 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms are defined in Title 10, Chapters 1, 2, or 6 (as applicable) of the Texas Administrative Code or by federal law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Identification of these periods does not limit the payment of assistance on any "seasonal" basis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If 15% is not used for weatherization assistance, the balance will be added to heating, cooling, or crisis assistance as needed.

### Alternate Use of Crisis Assistance Funds, 2605(c)(1)(C) 1.3 The funds reserved for winter crisis assistance that have not been expended by March 15 will be reprogrammed to: Heating assistance Weatherization assistance Cooling assistance Other (specify): funds are utilized for all eligible components Categorical Eligibility, 2605(b)(2)(A) – Assurance 2, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(8A) – Assurance 8 1.4 Do you consider households categorically eligible if one household member receives one of the following categories of benefits in the left column below? X Yes No **Program** Cooling Heating **Crisis** Weatherization Temporary Assistance for Needy Families <del>No</del>Yes No Yes No Yes **No**Yes Supplemental Security Income Yes Yes Yes Yes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program **No**Yes **No**Yes No Yes **No**Yes Means-tested Veterans Programs Yes Yes Yes Yes 1.5 Do you automatically enroll households without a direct annual application? Yes **⋈** No 1.6 How do you ensure there is no difference in the treatment of categorically eligible households from those not receiving other public assistance when determining eligibility and benefit amounts? Texas provides Categorical Eligibility for SNAP, TANF, SSI and Means-Tested Veterans Programs into its program. State rules have a provision that there is to be no difference in the treatment of Categorically Eligible Households. The Department has a system for persons to submit complaints, and the monitoring reviews would also note any differences in treatment of persons that are or are not Categorically Eligible. **SNAP Nominal Payments** 1.7 Do you allocate LIHEAP funds toward a nominal payment for SNAP households? If you answered "yes" to question 1.71 you must provide a response to 1.7b, 1.7c, 1.7d. **⋈** No a. | Yes b. Amount of Nominal Assistance: \$ NA c. Frequency of Assistance: Once per year Once every five years

NA d. How do you confirm that the household receiving a nominal payment has an energy cost or

Other (describe):

need?

## **Determination of Eligibility – Countable Income**

<ul> <li>1.9. Select all of the applicable forms of countable income used to determine a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP.<sup>5</sup></li> <li>Wages (except as prohibited by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998)</li> <li>Self-employment income</li> <li>Contract income</li> <li>Payments from mortgage or sales contracts</li> </ul>
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Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits
☐ Including MediCare deduction ☐ Excluding MediCare deduction
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Retirement / pension benefits
General Assistance benefits (except as excluded by federal law or 10 TAC §6.4-)
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits (except for one-time payments)
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits
Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) benefits
Loans that need to be repaid
Cash gifts
Savings account balance
One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, refund deposits, etc.
Jury duty compensation
Rental income
Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
Income from work study programs
Alimony
Child support
Interest, dividends, or royalties
Commissions
Legal settlements
Insurance payments made directly to the insured  Insurance payments made specifically for the repayment of a bill, debt, or estimate
Veterans Administration (VA) benefits (except for 38 USC 1315, 1521, 1541, 1542)
Earned income of a child under the age of 18
Balance of retirement, pension, or annuity accounts where funds cannot be withdraw
without a penalty.
Income tax refunds
Stipends from senior companion programs, such as VISTA
Funds received by household for the care of a foster child
AmeriCorps Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid.
Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)

 $<sup>^4</sup>$  Exceptions on use of net income are provided for in 10 TAC  $\S 6.4.$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Any income received by a household that is received from a federal, State, local government, or disaster relief agency that is in excess of the amounts of what would be received if not for pandemic related or other disaster related legislation, will be excluded per 10 TAC §6.4(c)(28).

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$\sim$	Other Any	/ item not	excluded in	TO LAC S	30.4 OF DY	other	rederai iaw

**NOTE:** Temporary flexibilities effective January 1, 2022, until the later of the end of the COVID-19 disaster or December 31, 2023, allow Subrecipients to utilize Texas Rent Relief income certification. For such Households, no additional income documentation is needed as they are deemed income eligible through the Texas Rent Relief Program which also uses 150% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

#### Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

### Eligibility, 2605(b)(2) – Assurance 2

2.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the heating component:

Household Size	Eligibility Guidelines	Eligibility Threshold	
All Household Sizes	USHHS Poverty Guidelines	150%	
All Household Sizes	State Median Income	60% <sup>6</sup>	

2.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for <b>HEATING ASSISTANCE?</b> Yes No <sup>7</sup>	
<ul> <li>2.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each.</li> <li>◆ Do you require an assets test?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:</li> <li>Renters?</li> <li>Renters living in subsidized housing?</li> <li>Renters with utilities included in the rent?<sup>8</sup></li> </ul> Do you give priority in eligibility to:	

<sup>6</sup> In the county of a major disaster or emergency designated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or by the President under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, Texas will use the highest of 150% of the poverty guidelines or 60% of the State's median income (SMI). The State may also use this flexibility to set poverty guidelines in a local crisis as defined by the Department's Executive Director. Texas will communicate this designation to affected Subrecipients through email and by website posting. Subrecipients must receive prior written approval before using 60% SMI. Place based assistance must be performed in the county, but person based assistance for those displaced by a disaster or emergency may be in other counties. 7 10 TAC §6.307(f) states: "A Dwelling Unit cannot be served if the meter is utilized by another Household that is not part of the application for assistance. In instances where separate structures share a meter and the applicant is otherwise eligible for assistance, Subrecipient must provide services if: (1) the members of the separate structures that share a meter meet the definition of a Household per §6.2 of this Chapter (relating to Definitions); (2) the members of the separate structures that share a meter submit one application as one Household; and (3) all persons and applicable income from each structure are counted when determining eligibility."

Per 10 TAC §6.309(h)(7), Subrecipient may make payments to landlords on behalf of eligible renters who pay their utility and/or fuel bills indirectly. Subrecipient shall notify each participating household of the amount of assistance paid on its behalf. Subrecipient shall document this notification. Subrecipient shall maintain proof of utility or fuel bill payment. Subrecipient shall ensure that amount of assistance paid on behalf of customer is deducted from customer's rent.

•	Elderly?	$\boxtimes$	
•	Disabled?		
•	Young children?		
•	Households with high energy burdens?	$\boxtimes$	
•	Other?		
	Households with high energy consumption		

### Determination of Benefits, 2605(b)(5) – Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)

2.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of heating assistance to vulnerable households, e.g., benefit amounts, application period, etc.

Subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors use a rating system which determines priority based on persons in Households who are particularly vulnerable such as the Elderly, Persons with Disabilities, Households with Young Children, Households with High Energy Burden, and Households with High Energy Consumption. Benefit amounts are determined on a sliding scale based on the Household's income. Households with the presence of a vulnerable member such as the Elderly, Persons with Disabilities, and Households with Young Children do not have a limit on the number of benefit payments, but adhere to the same benefit amounts. The maximum benefit amount is determined per program year based on the Household's heating and cooling need, is split between heating and cooling assistance, and is not required to be applied equally to heating and cooling costs.

2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):

✓ Income
🔀 Family (household) size
⊠ Home energy cost or need:
Fuel type
Climate/region
⊠ Individual bill
☐ Dwelling type
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)
Energy need
Other (Describe:)

Other: Households who have a disconnect notice or have had their service disconnected will receive assistance based on the energy bill. For future month's utility assistance, the amount that will be paid on the account is based on the previous twelve (12) month's home energy consumption history. If the household has incomplete billing history, then payments are determined utilizing an alternative billing method (ABM). The Department recommends an ABM where the Ssubrecipient determines the average consumption amount (kWh, therms, MCF, gallons, etc.) per month, for each household size and type based on a minimum sample size of 30 files that contain complete billing histories; however, if it is not possible for subrecipients to obtain the recommended 30 file per household sample size to create an average consumption amount, Ssubrecipients should use all the applicable files to determine the average consumption and document the lack of files for that household size. Subrecipients can propose other types of ABMs. The state will provide statewide or regional contractors other types of ABMs, if required. The ABM proposed by the Ssubrecipient must be approved by the Department prior to utilization. Subrecipients must establish a written procedure to serve Households that have a Vulnerable

Population Household member, Households with High Energy Burden, and Households with High Energy Consumption. High Energy Burden is the highest rated item in sliding scale priority determinations. The state will provide a written procedure to a statewide or regional contractor.

The amount of benefit/assistance that an applicant is eligible for is based on their level of household income. Per 10 TAC §6.309(e), Households with incomes 0-50% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) have a maximum of \$2,400 for the Utility Assistance Component and the Crisis Assistance Component; Households with incomes at 51%-75% FPIG have a maximum of \$2,300 per Component; Households with incomes 76%-150% FPIG have a maximum of \$2,200 per Component; and there is a maximum of up to \$7,55,000 for service and repair of existing heating and cooling units when the Household has an inoperable heating or cooling system. In a Life Threatening Crisis, purchase of portable air conditioning/window units/evaporative coolers and heating units is allowable. The maximum total eligible assistance is \$12,38,200.

NOTE: Temporary flexibilities effective January 1, 2022, and until the later of the end of the COVID-19 disaster or December 31, 2023, allow the payment of 100% of a customer's annual usage in one lump sum.

### Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) – Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)

2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2022:

\$1 Minimum benefit \$12,300 Maximum benefit

Note: The State of Texas does not have a minimum benefit amount. The amount of benefit/assistance indicates \$1.00, because the OLDC system requires that a figure be inserted in the minimum amount. The maximum benefit amount per household is \$12,300 per program year and could be reached if a household received up to \$2,400 in Crisis Assistance, \$2,400 in Utility Assistance, and a \$7,500 repair or replacement of a heating or cooling unit or crisis-related purchase of portable air conditioning/window units/evaporative coolers and heating units. The initial assistance payment that would include arrears does not count towards the annual benefit caps for a household.

Households are eligible for up to \$2,400 under Utility Assistance Component and up to \$2,400 under Crisis Assistance Component. The level of assistance is dependent on Household income and meeting CEAP program eligibility requirements. The amount of benefit/assistance that an applicant is eligible for is based on their level of household income. Households with incomes 0-50% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) have a maximum of \$2,400 for the Utility Assistance Component and the Crisis Assistance Component, incomes at 51%-75% FPIG up to \$2,300 per Component; incomes 76%-150% FPIG up to \$2,200 per Component\_; and up to \$7,500 for Service and Repair of heating and cooling units\_or purchase of portable air conditioning/window units/evaporative coolers and heating units. The maximum total eligible assistance is \$12,300.

<u>In Crisis conditions</u>, Non-<u>V</u>+ulnerable <u>P</u>population <u>H</u>Ouseholds with inoperable heating and cooling units may be eligible for an additional \$7,500 for service and repair of existing heating and cooling units. Vulnerable Population Households, regardless of crisis conditions, that include at least one member that is Elderly, Disabled, or a Child age 5 or younger, may receive service and repair of existing heating and

cooling units not to exceed \$7,500. All households experiencing a life-threatening crisis may be eligible to receive portable air conditioning/window units/evaporative coolers and heating units (portable electric heaters are allowable only as a last resort).

### The maximum total eligible assistance is \$12,300.

electric heaters are allowable only as a last resort).

All households experiencing a life threatening crisis may be eligible to receive portable conditioning/window units/evaporative coolers and heating units (portable electric heaters are allowable only as a last resort).

NOTE: Temporary flexibilities effective January 1, 2022, and until the later of the end of the COVID-19 disaster or December 31, 2023, allow a Non-Vulnerable Population Household with an inoperable heating and cooling unit to receive up to \$7,500 for service and repair regardless of the existence of Crisis conditions.

2.7 Do	you provide in-kind	(e.g., blankets,	space heaters)	) and/or	r other form	is of benefits?
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Yes No If yes, describe.
Non-vulnerable Households may receive service and repairof existing heating and cooling units not to
exceed \$7,500 if the Household is experiencing crisis conditions. Vulnerable Households that include at
least one member that is Elderly, Disabled, or a Child age 5 or younger, may receive service and repair of
existing heating and cooling units not to exceed \$7,500. All Households experiencing a life-threatening
crisis may be eligible to receive portable air conditioning/evaporative coolers and heating units (portable

Eligible Households may receive temporary shelter not to exceed the annual household expenditure limit for the duration of the contract period in the limited instances when natural disasters result in energy supply shortages or other energy-related emergencies. Eligible Households may receive emergency deliveries of fuel up to 250 gallons per crisis per Household, at the prevailing price. This benefit may include coverage for tank pressure testing. When natural disasters result in energy supply shortages or other energy-related emergencies, LIHEAP will allow home energy related expenditures as described in 10 TAC §6.310 (c), which include blankets, fans, air conditioners, and generators.

### Section 3: COOLING ASSISTANCE

# Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) – Assurance 2

# 3.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the cooling component:

#	Household Size	Eligibility Guidelines	Eligibility Threshold	
1	All Household Sizes	USHHS Poverty Guidelines	150%	
2	All Household Sizes	State Median Income	60% <sup>9</sup>	

<sup>9</sup> In the county of a major disaster or emergency designated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or by the President under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, Texas will use the highest of 150% of the poverty guidelines or 60% of the State's median income. Texas may also use this flexibility to set poverty guidelines in a local crisis as defined by the Department's Executive Director. The State will communicate this designation to affected Subrecipients through email and by website posting. Subrecipients must receive prior written approval before using 60% SMI. Place based assistance must be performed in the county, but person based assistance for those displaced by a disaster or emergency may be in other counties.

3.2	Do you have additional eligibility requireme $\square$ Yes $\square$ No $^{10}$	ents for <u>COC</u>	DLING ASSISTANCE
3.3	Check the appropriate boxes below and des	scribe the p	olicies for each.
		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
• Do	o you require an assets test?		
• Do	Particular transfer and transfer of the		
• Do	o you give priority in eligibility to:		
•	Households with high energy burdens?		

3.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each.

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:

10 TAC §6.307(e) states "Subrecipients must establish a written procedure to serve Households that have a Vulnerable Population Household member, Households with High Energy Burden, and Households with High Energy Consumption. High Energy Burden shall be the highest rated item in sliding scale priority determinations. The Subrecipient must maintain documentation of the use of the criteria." The state will provide a written procedure to a statewide or regional contractor.

Priority must be given to Elderly, Disabled, Households with Young Children, and Households with High Energy Burden and High Energy Consumption.

3.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of cooling assistance to vulnerable households, e.g., benefit amounts, application periods, etc.

<sup>10</sup> TAC §6.307(f) states: "A Dwelling Unit cannot be served if the meter is utilized by another Household that is not part of the application for assistance. In instances where separate structures share a meter and the applicant is otherwise eligible for assistance, Subrecipient must provide services if: (1) the members of the separate structures that share a meter meet the definition of a Household per §6.2 of this Chapter (relating to Definitions); (2) the members of the separate structures that share a meter submit one application as one Household; and (3) all persons and applicable income from each structure are counted when determining eligibility."

Per 10 TAC §6.309(h)(7), Subrecipient may make payments to landlords on behalf of eligible renters who pay their utility and/or fuel bills indirectly. Subrecipient shall notify each participating household of the amount of assistance paid on its behalf. Subrecipient shall document this notification. Subrecipient shall maintain proof of utility or fuel bill payment. Subrecipient shall ensure that amount of assistance paid on behalf of customer is deducted from customer's rent.

Subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors use a rating system which determines priority based on persons in Households who are particularly vulnerable such as the Elderly, Persons with Disabilities, Families with Young Children, Households with High Energy Burden, and Households with High Energy Consumption. Benefit amounts are determined on a sliding scale based on the Household's income. Households with the presence of a vulnerable member such as the Elderly, Persons with Disabilities, and Households with Young Children do not have a limit on the number of benefit payments, but adhere to the same benefit amounts. The maximum benefit amount is determined per-program year based on Household's heating and cooling needs, is split between heating and cooling assistance, and is not required to be applied equally to heating and cooling costs.

### Determination of Benefits, 2605(b)(5) – Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)

3.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):

⊠ Income	
$\overline{igwedge}$ Family (ho	usehold) size
$\overline{igwedge}$ Home ene	rgy cost or need
☐ Fue	el type
Clir	mate/region
∑ Ind	ividual bill
Dw	elling type
🔀 Ene	ergy burden (% of income spent on home energy)
Ene	ergy need
⊠Oth	er (describe)

Other: Households who have a disconnect notice or have had their service disconnected will receive assistance based on the energy bill. For future month's utility assistance, the amount that will be paid on the account is based on the previous twelve (12) month's home energy consumption history. If the household has incomplete billing history, then payments are determined utilizing an alternative billing method (ABM). The Department recommends an ABM where the Ssubrecipient determines the average consumption amount (kWh, therms, MCF, gallons, etc.) per month, for each household size and type based on a minimum sample size of 30 files that contain complete billing histories; however, if it is not possible for Subrecipients to obtain the recommended 30 file per household sample size to create an average consumption amount, Subrecipients should use all the applicable files to determine the average consumption and document the lack of files for that household size. Subrecipients can propose other types of ABMs. The ABM proposed by the Subrecipient must be approved by the Department prior to utilization. The state will provide statewide or regional contractor other types of ABMs if required. Subrecipients must establish a written procedure to serve Households that have a Vulnerable Population Household member, Households with High Energy Burden, and Households with High Energy Consumption. High Energy Burden is the highest rated item in sliding scale priority determinations. The state will provide a written procedure to a statewide or regional contractor. The amount of benefit/assistance that an applicant is eligible for is based on their level of household income. Per 10 TAC §6.309(e), Households with incomes 0-50% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) have a maximum of \$2,400 for the Utility Assistance Component and the Crisis Assistance Component; Households with incomes at 51%-75% FPIG have a maximum of \$2,300 per Component; Households with incomes 76%-150% FPIG have a maximum of \$2,200 per Component; and there is a maximum of up to \$7,500 for <u>Secretice</u> and <u>recorditioning heating</u> and cooling units. <u>In a Life Threatening Crisis, purchase of portable air conditioning/window units/evaporative coolers and heating units is allowable.</u> The maximum total eligible assistance is \$12,300.

NOTE: Temporary flexibilities effective January 1, 2022, and until the later of the end of the COVID-19 disaster or December 31, 2023, allow the payment of 100% of a customer's annual usage in one lump sum.

### Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)

### 3.6 Describe benefit levels:

\$1 Minimum benefit \$12,300 Maximum benefit

#### Note:

The State of Texas does not have a minimum benefit amount. The amount of benefit/assistance indicates \$1.00, because the OLDC system requires that a figure be inserted in the minimum amount. The maximum benefit amount per household is \$12,300 per program year and could be reached if a household received up to \$2,400 in Crisis Assistance, \$2,400 in Utility Assistance, and a \$7,500 service and repair or replacement of existinga heating or cooling units. In a Life Threatening Crisis, purchase of portable air conditioning/window units/evaporative coolers and heating units is allowable. or crisis related purchase of portable heating and cooling units. The initial assistance payment that would include arrears does not count towards the annual benefit caps for a household.

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### The maximum total eligible assistance is \$12,300.

All households experiencing a life-threatening crisis may be eligible to receive portable air conditioning/evaporative coolers and heating units (portable electric heaters are allowable only as a last resort).

NOTE: Temporary flexibilities effective January 1, 2022, and until the later of the end of the COVID-19 disaster or December 31, 2023, allow a Non-Vulnerable Population Household with an inoperable heating and cooling unit to receive up to \$7,500 for service and repair regardless of the existence of Crisis conditions.

3.7	Do you provide in-kind (	e.g., fans, ai	r conditioners)	and/or	other forms	of benefits?
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X   Yes	1 1	NO	ir yes,	, describe

Non-vulnerable Households may receive service and repair of existing heating and cooling units not to exceed \$7,500 if the Household is experiencing crisis conditions. Vulnerable Households that include at least one member that is Elderly, Disabled, or a Child age 5 or younger, may receive service and repair of existing heating and cooling units not to exceed \$7,500.

All Households experiencing a Life-Threatening Crisis may be eligible to receive portable air conditioning/evaporative coolers and heating units (portable electric heaters are allowable only as a last resort).

Eligible Households may receive temporary shelter not to exceed the annual household expenditure limit for the duration of the contract period in the limited instances when natural disasters result in energy supply shortages or other energy-related emergencies. Eligible Households may receive emergency deliveries of fuel up to 250 gallons per crisis per Household, at the prevailing price. This benefit may include coverage for tank pressure testing. When natural disasters result in energy supply shortages or other energy-related emergencies, LIHEAP will allow home energy related expenditures as described in 10 TAC §6.310 (c), which include blankets, fans, air conditioners, and generators.

### **Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE**

### Eligibility - 2604(c), 2605(c)(1)(A)

4.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the crisis component:

#	Household Size	Eligibility Guidelines	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes	USHHS Poverty Guidelines	150%
2	All Household Sizes	State Median Income	60% <sup>12</sup>

### 4.2 Provide your LIHEAP program's definition for determining a crisis.

Crisis Assistance can be provided to persons who have already lost service or are in immediate danger of losing service only under one of the following conditions, as defined in 10 TAC §6.301 (relating to Background and Definitions):

- (1) Extreme Weather Conditions, with assistance provided within 48 hours;
- (2) Disaster, with assistance provided within 48 hours; or
- (3) Life Threatening Crisis, with assistance provided within 18 hours.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> In the county of a major disaster or emergency designated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or by the President under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, Texas may use the highest of 150% of the poverty guidelines or 60% of the State's median income ("SMI"). Texas may also use this flexibility to set poverty guidelines in a local crisis as defined by the Department's Executive Director. Texas will communicate this designation to affected Subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors through email and by website posting. Subrecipients must receive prior written approval before using 60% SMI and statewide or regional contractors will receive a contract amendment. Place based assistance must be performed in the county, but person based assistance for those displaced by a disaster or emergency may be in other counties.

4.3 What constitutes a life-threatening crisis?

A Life Threatening Crisis exists when the life of at least one person in the applicant Household who is a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or a Qualified Alien would likely, in the opinion of a reasonable person, be endangered if utility assistance or heating and cooling assistance is not provided due to a Household member who needs electricity for life-sustaining equipment or whose medical professional has prescribed that the person with a medical condition requires that the ambient air temperature be maintained at a certain temperature. Examples of life-sustaining equipment include, but are not limited to, kidney dialysis machines, oxygen concentrators, and cardiac monitors. Documentation must not be requested about the medical condition of the applicant, but the applicant must state that such a device is required in the Dwelling Unit to sustain life.

### Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)

- 4.4 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households? 48 Hours
- 4.5 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households in life-threatening situations? 18 Hours<sup>13</sup>

Crisis Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A)?	
4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirement for <b>CRISIS ASSISTANCE</b> ?	ts □Yes ⊠ No
4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below and descr	ribe the policies for each.
<ul> <li>Do you require an assets test?</li> <li>Do you give priority in eligibility to: <ul> <li>Elderly?</li> <li>Disabled?</li> <li>Young children?</li> <li>Households with high energy burdens?</li> <li>Other? <ul> <li>Households with high energy consumption</li> </ul> </li> <li>In order to receive crisis assistance: 14</li> <li>Must the household have received a shu empty tank?</li> <li>Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Pursuant to §2604(c)(2) of the LIHEAP Statute, the Department provides "some form of assistance that will resolve the energy crisis" not later than 18 hours after a household applies for crisis benefits if such household is eligible to receive such benefits and is in a life-threatening situation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The program has different requirements depending on whether the household contains a member of a priority group.

<ul> <li>Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?</li> <li>Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have received an eviction notice?</li> <li>Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?</li> <li>Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?</li> <li>Other?</li> <li>Explanation for Other: Crisis Assistance can be provided to persons who have already lost service or are in immediate danger of losing service only under one of the following conditions, as defined in 10 TAC §6.301 (relating to Background and Definitions): <ol> <li>Extreme Weather Conditions, with assistance provided within 48 hours;</li> <li>Disaster, with assistance provided within 48 hours; or</li> <li>Life Threatening Crisis, with assistance provided within 18 hours.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:
<ul> <li>Renters?</li> <li>Renters living in subsidized housing?</li> <li>Renters with utilities included in the rent? <sup>15</sup></li> </ul>
Determination of Benefits
4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?
Separate component
Fast Track
Other
4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you determine crisis assistance benefits?
$\boxtimes$ Amount to resolve crisis, up to a maximum of \$2,400
○ Other     Heating and cooling equipment repair or replace up to \$7,500

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Per 10 TAC §6.309(h)(7), Subrecipient may make payments to landlords on behalf of eligible renters who pay their utility and/or fuel bills indirectly. Subrecipient shall notify each participating household of the amount of assistance paid on its behalf. Subrecipient shall document this notification. Subrecipient shall maintain proof of utility or fuel bill payment. Subrecipient shall ensure that amount of assistance paid on behalf of customer is deducted from client's rent.

# Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)

4.10 Do you accept applic all households in the	ations for energy crisis assistance at sites that are geographically accessible to area to be served?
Explain: In addition to wl subrecipient accept applied to be served, 10 TAC §6.3 accordance with §1.204 or Considerations in Handlinghas a disability may reques	No nat is already stated in Section 2604(c)(3) regarding the requirement that each cations at sites that are geographically accessible to all Households in the area 13(c) states "Subrecipient shall handle Reasonable Accommodation requests, in this title (relating to Reasonable Accommodations)." 10 TAC §1.204 (b) General g of Reasonable Accommodations. An applicant, participant, or occupant who est an accommodation and, depending on the program funding the property or accommodation requested is a reasonable accommodation, their request must
■Submit applicatio   Applications can	duals who have physical disabilities the means to: ns for crisis benefits without leaving their homes? Yes \( \sum \) No If no, explain. be mailed in. In some cases, applications may be completed online or the o to the applicant's home to take the application.
	es at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted? Yes No If yes, explain.
If you answered "No" to be homebound or physically	oth questions 4.11, please explain alternative means of intake to those who are disabled.
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)	(B)
4.12 Indicate the maximu	m benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.
Winter Crisis	\$ <u>0</u> maximum benefit
Summer Crisis	\$ <u>0</u> maximum benefit
Year-round Crisis	\$2,400 maximum benefit
	nd (e.g., blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other forms of benefits? Yes \( \subseteq \text{No If yes, describe.} \)
If a component(s) of the l	peating or cooling system cannot be renaired using parts, the Subrecipient and

If a component(s) of the heating or cooling system cannot be repaired using parts, the Subrecipient and statewide or regional contractors can replace the component(s) in order to repair the heating or cooling system under the Utility Assistance Component for Vulnerable Households or Crisis Assistance Component for Non-Vulnerable Households. Where replacement is required, use of Energy Star heating and/or cooling units must be prioritized. That the units are appropriately sized will be confirmed using standard Manual J procedures.

LIHEAP will allow home energy related expenditures as described in 10 TAC §6.310(c).

All Households experiencing a Life-Threatening Crisis may be eligible to receive portable air conditioning/window units/evaporative coolers and heating units (portable electric heaters are allowable only as a last resort).

Eligible Households may receive temporary shelter not to exceed the annual household expenditure limit for the duration of the contract period in the limited instances when natural disasters result in energy supply shortages or other energy-related emergencies. Eligible Households may receive emergency deliveries of fuel up to 250 gallons per crisis per Household, at the prevailing price. This benefit may include coverage for tank pressure testing. When natural disasters result in energy supply shortages or other energy-related emergencies, LIHEAP will allow home energy related expenditures as described in 10 TAC §6.310(c), which include blankets, fans, air conditioners, and generators.

4.14 Do you provide for	equipment repair o	or replacement using	crisis funds?
🔀 Yes 🗌 No			

4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided:

Type of Assistance	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year- round Crisis
Heating system repair			Х
Heating system replacement (only components of a central HVAC system)			Х
Cooling system repair			Х
Cooling system replacement (only components of a central HVAC system)			X
Wood stove purchase			
Pellet stove purchase			
Solar panel(s)			
Utility poles / Gas line hook-ups			
Other (Specify: For-Households which include a member of a Vulnerable Population with an inoperable heating or cooling units may be eligible for service and repair of their existing heating or cooling unit. or purchase of portable heating and cooling units Purchase of a heating and/or cooling up to &7,500 is allowable if a heating or cooling system is nonexistent. can be provided if a system is non-existent up to \$7,500. For Households who do not have a member of a Vulnerable Population, such assistance is limited to times when a Cerisis exists as defined in 10 TAC §6.310(a). In a Life Threatening Crisis, all			X

Households may be eligible to receive portable air
conditioning/window units/evaporative coolers
and heating units (portable electric heaters are
allowable only as a last resort). NOTE: Temporary
flexibilities effective January 1, 2022, and until the
later of the end of the COVID-19 disaster or
December 31, 2023, allow a Non-Vulnerable
Population Household with an inoperable heating
and cooling unit to receive up to \$7,500 for
service and repair regardless of the existence of
Crisis conditions.

- 4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with enforce a winter moratorium on shut offs? If you respond "Yes" to question 4.16, you must respond to question 4.17. Yes No
- 4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.

Specific to energy assistance clients, §25.483(i) of the Texas Public Utilities Commission rules provides that a Retail Electric Provider (REP) shall not authorize a disconnection for nonpayment of electric service to a delinquent residential customer for a billing period in which the REP receives a pledge, letter of intent, purchase order, or other notification that the energy assistance provider is forwarding sufficient payment to continue service provided that such pledge, letter of intent, purchase order, or other notification is received by the due date stated on the disconnection notice, and the customer, by the due date on the disconnection notice, either pays or makes payment arrangements to pay any outstanding debt not covered by the energy assistance provider. Additionally, the rule provides that if an energy assistance provider has requested monthly usage data pursuant to §25.472(b)(4) (relating to Privacy of Customer Information), the REP shall extend the final due date on the disconnection notice, day for day, from the date the usage data was requested until it is provided; and that a REP shall allow at least 45 days for an energy assistance provider to honor a pledge, letter of intent, purchase order, or other notification before submitting the disconnection request to the TDU.

There are protections for several other categories of clients and situations applicable to LIHEAP clients served:

§25.483(g) provides that a REP shall not authorize a disconnection for nonpayment of electric service at a permanent, individually metered dwelling unit of a delinquent Critical Care Residential Customer when that customer establishes that disconnection of service will cause some person at that residence to become seriously ill or more seriously ill.

§25.483(h) provides that a REP shall not authorize a disconnection for nonpayment of electric service at a permanent, individually metered dwelling unit of a delinquent customer when that customer has been designated as a Chronic Condition Residential Customer pursuant to 25.497 with noted rule exceptions. §25.483(j) provides that a REP shall not authorize a disconnection for nonpayment of electric service for any customer in a county in which an extreme weather emergency occurs. A REP shall offer residential customers a deferred payment plan upon request by the customer that complies with the requirements of 25.480 (relating to Bill Payment and Adjustments) for bills that become due during the weather emergency. The term "extreme weather emergency" shall mean a day when:

- (A) the previous day's highest temperature did not exceed 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and the temperature is predicted to remain at or below that level for the next 24 hours anywhere in the county, according to the nearest National Weather Service (NWS) reports; or
- (B) the NWS issues a heat advisory for a county, or when such advisory has been issued on any one of the preceding two calendar days in a county.

### **Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE**

Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) – Assurance 2

5.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the weatherization component:

#	Household Size	Eligibility Guidelines	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes	USHHS Poverty Guidelines	150%
2	All Household Sizes	State Median Income	60% <sup>16</sup>

5.2	Do you enter into an interagency agreement to have an <b>WEATHERIZATION</b> component?	other government agency administer a
5.3	If yes, name the agency. N/A	
5.4	Is there a separate monitoring protocol for weatherization?	Yes No

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> In the county of a major disaster or emergency designated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or by the President under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, Texas will use the highest of 150% of the poverty guidelines or 60% of the State's median income ("SMI"). Texas may also use this flexibility to set poverty guidelines in a local crisis as defined by the Department's Executive Director. TDHCA will communicate this designation to affected Subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors through email and by website posting. Subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors must receive prior written approval before using 60% SMI. Place based assistance must be performed in the county, but person based assistance for those displaced by a disaster or emergency may be in other counties.

# **WEATHERIZATION** - Types of Rules

5.5	Under what rules do you administer LIHEAP weatherization? (Check only one.)  Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules
	Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEAP) rules
	Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the following DOE WAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ: (Check all that apply.)
	<ul> <li>☑ Income Threshold</li> <li>☑ Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structure is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- &amp; 4-unit buildings) are eligible units or will become eligible within 180 days.</li> <li>☑ Weatherization of shelters temporarily housing primarily low income</li> </ul>
	persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities).
	Other (describe): Adhere to language from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (Page 3269) that Paragraph (2) of Section 415(c) of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 USC 6865(c)) is amended to allow reweatherization for a dwelling unit not previously weatherized using federal funds until the date that is 15 years after the date such previous weatherization has passed. 10 TAC Part 1, Chapter 6, Subchapter D, Weatherization Assistance Program, is one area where the LIHEAP funded weatherization program adheres to DOE regulations. TDHCA uses a priority list for LIHEAP households at 150% or below USHHS poverty income level. Energy-related home repair: TDHCA will allow the use of LIHEAP weatherization funds for structural and ancillary repairs only if required to enable effective weatherization. If LIHEAP funds are included in a DOE unit, the SIR/audit must be used to justify all measures.
	Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the following LIHEAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ: (Check all that apply.)
	<ul> <li>Income Threshold.</li> <li>Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide average cost per dwelling unit.</li> <li>Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment</li> </ul>
	Ratio (SIR) standards.  Other (describe)

Elig	bility, 2605(b)(5) – Assurance 5		•
5.6	Do you require an assets test?	Yes	No 
5.7	<ul><li>Do you have additional/differing eligibility pol</li><li>Renters?</li><li>Renters living in subsidized housing?</li></ul>	icies for	: 
5.8	Do you give priority in eligibility to:		
	<ul> <li>Elderly?</li> <li>Disabled?</li> <li>Young children?</li> <li>Households with high energy burdens?</li> <li>Other?</li> <li>Explanation: Households with high energy of</li> </ul>	Sconsump	D D D otion
Ben	efit Levels		
5.9	Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization	on bene	fit/expenditure per household?
NO	If yes, what is the maximum amount? \$11,00 If yes, what is the maximum amount? \$11,00 If: unless additional expenditure is authorized (c)(1), (B) & (D)		ing by the Department. <b>Types of Assistance</b>

<ul> <li>Weatherization needs/assessments/audits</li> <li>□ Caulking and insulation</li> <li>□ Storm windows</li> <li>□ Furnace/heating system modifications/repairs</li> <li>□ Furnace replacement</li> <li>□ Cooling system modifications/repairs</li> <li>□ Water conservation measures</li> <li>□ Compact fluorescent light bulbs</li> <li>□ Energy related roof repair</li> <li>□ Major appliance repairs</li> <li>□ Major appliance replacement</li> <li>□ Windows/sliding glass doors</li> <li>□ Doors</li> <li>□ Water Heater</li> <li>□ Cooling system replacement</li> <li>□ Other (describe)</li> <li>Solar screens or window film. Smart thermostats, miscellaneous repairs up to \$500 for structural and ancillary only if required to enable effective weatherization; Window screens to help prevent exposure to the Zika virus for Households with pregnant women.</li> </ul>	5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide? (Check all categories that apply.)
<ul> <li>Storm windows</li> <li>☐ Furnace/heating system modifications/repairs</li> <li>☐ Furnace replacement</li> <li>☐ Cooling system modifications/repairs</li> <li>☐ Water conservation measures</li> <li>☐ Compact fluorescent light bulbs</li> <li>☐ Energy related roof repair</li> <li>☐ Major appliance repairs</li> <li>☐ Major appliance replacement</li> <li>☐ Windows/sliding glass doors</li> <li>☐ Doors</li> <li>☐ Water Heater</li> <li>☐ Cooling system replacement</li> <li>☐ Other (describe)</li> <li>☐ Solar screens or window film. Smart thermostats, miscellaneous repairs up to \$500 for structural and ancillary only if required to enable effective weatherization; Window screens to help prevent exposure</li> </ul>	Weatherization needs/assessments/audits
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If an appropriate measurable savings in energy expenditures by Llow-lincome Hhouseholds can be achieved, LIHEAP weatherization funds may be used for the installation of solar panels for eligible Households.

If any of the questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

# Section 6: Outreach, 2605(b)(3) – Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)

6.1	Select all outreach activities that you conduct that are designed to assure that eligible households are made aware of all LIHEAP assistance available:
	$\boxtimes$ Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, VA, etc.
	Publish articles in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements.
	Include inserts in energy vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance.
	Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients.
	$\boxtimes$ Inform low income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.
	Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to perform outreach to target groups.
	Other (specify): LIHEAP Saubrecipients are to conduct outreach related to the utility assistance program and other assistance provided with the LIHEAP grant. The Department encourages Saubrecipients to conduct outreach through various methods to inform people without internet services about the LIHEAP utility assistance program. Entities to be informed include, but is not limited to, units of government, local non-profits, charitable organizations, and churches. Other ways that persons are informed are by utility vendors who include information in client bills about the LIHEAP utility assistance program and the State's phone number to contact if they need utility assistance. Some utility vendors inform customers and persons who are pending disconnection or who have had their services disconnected about the LIHEAP provider serving their area or provide them with the State phone number to contact. LIHEAP Saubrecipients also use social media and periodically do radio announcements and newspaper ads.
Sec	tion 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) – Assurance 4
7.1	Describe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SSI, WAP, etc.)
	<ul> <li>✓ Joint application for multiple programs</li> <li>✓ Intake referrals to/from other programs</li> <li>✓ One-stop intake centers</li> <li>✓ Other – describe:</li> </ul>

### Section 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) – Assurance 6

8.1	How would you categorize the primary responsibility of your State agency?
	Administration Agency
	Commerce Agency
	Community Services Agency
	☐ Energy/Environment Agency
	Housing Agency
	Other – describe:

## Alternate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) – Assurance 15

- 8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for **HEATING ASSISTANCE?**Report of available services at various workgroup meetings with community stakeholders (disability, health services, homeless, etc), and presentation at area events.
- 8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for **COOLING ASSISTANCE?**Report of available services at various workgroup meetings with community stakeholders (disability, health services, homeless, etc), and presentation at area events.
- 8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for **CRISIS ASSISTANCE**? In instances of natural disaster, subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors coordinate with other assistance organizations (shelters, Red Cross, etc.). Report of available services at various workgroup meetings with community stakeholders (disability, health services, homeless, etc), and presentation at area events.

Question 8.5	Heating	Cooling Crisis		Weatherization
8.5a. Who determines client	Local	Local	Local	Local
eligibility?	governments,	governments,	governments	governments,
	CAAs and Other	CAAs and	, CAAs and	CAAs and Other
	Nonprofits,	Other	Other	Non-profits,
	Statewide or	Nonprofits,	Nonprofits,	Statewide or
	Regional	Statewide or	Statewide or	Regional
	Contractors	Regional	Regional	Contractors
		Contractors	Contractors	
8.5b. Who processes benefit	Local	Local	Local	N/A
payments to gas and electric	governments,	governments,	governments	
vendors?	CAAs and Other	CAAs and	, CAAs and	
	Nonprofits,	Other	Other	
	Statewide or	Nonprofits,	Nonprofits,	
	Regional	Statewide or	Statewide or	
	Contractors	Regional	Regional	
		Contractors	Contractors	

Question 8.5	Heating	Cooling	<u>Crisis</u>	Weatherization
8.5c. Who processes benefit	Local	Local	Local	N/A
payments to bulk fuel vendors?	governments,	governments,	governments	
	CAAs and Other	CAAs and	, CAAs and	
	Nonprofits,	Other	Other	
	Statewide or	Nonprofits,	Nonprofits,	
	Regional	Statewide or	Statewide or	
	Contractors	Regional	Regional	
		Contractors	Contractors	
8.5d. Who performs installation	N/A	N/A	N/A	Local
of weatherization measures?				governments,
				CAAs and Other
				Nonprofits-most
				subcontract with
				local contractors,
				Statewide or
				Regional
				Contractors

Note for 8.5: In the USHHS-OLDC system where the State Plan is entered, it only allows states to select one type of entity. The Department will select Nonprofits; although we will also contract with Units of government and CAAs.

### 8.6 What is your process for selecting local administering agencies?

The Department ensures that to the extent it is necessary to designate local administrative agencies in order to carry out the purposes of Title 42 U.S.C. §§8621, et seq. special consideration is given to any local public or private nonprofit agency which was receiving CSBG or LIHEAP funds.

- (1) The Department before giving such special consideration, determines that the agency involved meets program and fiscal requirements established by law and by the Department; and
- (2) if there is no such agency because of any change in the assistance furnished to programs for economically disadvantaged persons, then the Department gives special consideration in the designation of local administrative agencies to any successor agency which is operated in substantially the same manner as the predecessor agency which did receive funds for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made.

Currently, the Department administers all aspects of program delivery through subrecipients that have demonstrated that they are operating the program in accordance with the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§8621, et seq.), and Department rules. If subrecipients are successfully administering the program, the Department may offer to renew the contract. However, the Department will utilize funds that have been deobligated in compliance with TAC rule §6.304, voluntarily relinquished annual allocation LIHEAP funds, and supplemental LIHEAP funding from the American Rescue Plan Act and the Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act to contract with either a statewide or regional LIHEAP contractors. Additionally, if the State receives a large supplemental appropriation for LIHEAP, the Department may allocate some or all of the funds to a statewide or regional contractors. Funds allocated to statewide or regional contractors will be allocated and utilized to benefit the county(ies) of the State for which those funds were intended to

benefit and the statewide or regional contractors will utilize the funds to benefit the county(ies) for which the funds were allocated.

If the Department determines that an organization is not administering the program satisfactorily, corrective actions are taken to remedy the problem. Thereafter, if a subrecipient fails to administer the program correctly, the Department <u>may</u> proceed with the process provided for in Department rules of removing funds and reassign the service area or a portion to another existing subrecipient or conduct solicitation or selection of a new subrecipient in accordance with the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981. The affected subrecipient may request a hearing in accordance with §2105.204 of the Texas Government Code.

However, the Department retains the right to go through a procurement process for some or all aspects of the LIHEAP program.

8.7	How many local administering agencies do you use? 36
8.8	Have you changed any local administering agencies from last year? _ Yes
8.9	If so, why?  Agency was in noncompliance with grantee requirements for LIHEAP  Agency is under criminal investigation  Added agency  Agency closed  Other – describe – voluntary relinquishment

# Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) – Assurance 7

9.1 Do	you make payments	directly to hon	ne ener	gy supplier	s?		
	Heating		N	lo			
	Cooling		N	lo			
	Crisis		N	lo			
	Are there exceptions If yes, describe:	? 🗌 Yes	⊠ N	lo			
9.2 The ad	How do you notify the ministering agency inf				="		
9.3 billing payme	How do you assure th process, the differen nt?				_	_	
Vendo or region found	r agreements are used onal contractors with	a Department a		ed Vendor <i>i</i>	Agreement t	o utilize. The	
Vendo or regi found	How do you assure the of their receipt of LI receipt of LI receipt are used on all contractors with at the Dep receipt guidance.htm	HEAP assistand d in all compon a Department a	e? ents. T	he Departned Vendor	nent provide Agreement t	es <mark>Ss</mark> ubrecipie o utilize. The	nts and statewide
	Do you make paymote the energy burdens easures unregulated ve	of eligible hou	seholds	_			iate measures to lo. If so, describe
Section	n 10: Program, Fiscal I	Monitoring, an	d Audit	t, 2605(b)(1	.0) – Assurar	nce 10	
10.1.	How do you ensure g  1. Review annual ac  2. Monitor fiscal re  3. Review current ac	udits cords	J				rts
Audit F	Process						
10.2.	Is your LIHEAP progra Circular A-133		ually ur	nder the Sir	ngle Audit Ad	ct and OMB No	

Describe any audit findings rising to the level of material weakness or reportable condition cited in the A-133 audits, Grantee monitoring assessments, inspector general reviews, or other government agency reviews of the LIHEAP agency from the most recently audited federal fiscal year. Finding<sup>17</sup> **Brief Summary** Resolved? **Action Taken** Type NA **Audits of Local Administering Agencies** 10.4. What types of annual audit requirements do you have in place for local administering agencies/district offices? Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). 18 Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit (other than 2 CFR 200 - Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)). 10.4 (continued)  $\mathbb{M}$ Local agencies/district offices 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) or other independent audits are reviewed by Grantee as part of compliance process. Grantee conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices. **Compliance Monitoring** 10.5. Describe the Grantee's strategies for monitoring compliance with the Grantee's and Federal LIHEAP policies and procedures by: Grantee employees: Internal program review Departmental oversight Secondary review of invoices and payments Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe: Cross Division peer review of

documents

 $\times$  On-site evaluation

Desk reviews

Annual program review

Client File Testing/Sampling

Local Administering Agencies/District Offices:

Monitoring through Central Database

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> For 2022, Subrecipients will follow the audit requirements in 45 CFR 75 Subpart F, as applicable, and the requirements in the Texas Single Audit Act.

Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe: Desk review of 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance); A review of the Subrecipient's resolution of prior monitoring or Single Audit reports is performed prior to awarding new contracts.

10.6. Explain, or attach a copy of, your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol. See attached monitoring schedule and monitoring instruments.

Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews?

On-site monitoring visits and desk reviews are mechanisms used for in-depth investigation and overall assessment, respectively. The Department will conduct on-site monitoring reviews and desk reviews of contracts based on an assessment of risk of non-compliance with program requirements. Subrecipient and statewide or regional contractors monitors review necessary program documents and financial records through desk reviews and on-site reviews. LIHEAP Subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors are monitored at least once every three years. This is a component of the risk assessment score. If a Subrecipient also has Community Service Block Grant funds, the LIHEAP monitoring may be done at the same time. Subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors that leverage LIHEAP funds with DOE funds for weatherization are subject to a programmatic, fiscal, and unit inspection review according to the DOE monitoring schedule (once a year). Contracts may also be selected for monitoring based on other factors, such as prior monitoring findings, issues noted in the Single Audit, complaints, and/or special requests.

- 10.7. Site Visits: Onsite monitoring visits are conducted at least once every three years. The Department will inspect a minimum of 5% of all LIHEAP weatherized units reported as complete. Desk Reviews: Some materials are requested and reviewed at the Department's office prior to the onsite visit.
- 10.8. How often is each local agency monitored? At least once every three years.
- 10.9. What is the combined error rate for eligibility determinations? (Optional question) Optional
- 10.10. What is the combined error rate for benefit determinations? (Optional question)

  Optional
- 10.11. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for eligibility and/or benefit determination issues? (Number only) -0
- 10.12. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for financial accounting or administrative issues? (Number only) -0

### Section 11: Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, 2605(b)(12) – Assurance 12, 2605(c)(2)

11.1	How did you obtain input from the public in the development of your LIHEAP plan?
	Check all that apply:
	Tribal Council meeting(s)
$\boxtimes$	Public Hearing(s)
$\boxtimes$	Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment
$\boxtimes$	Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comment
$\boxtimes$	Comments from applicants are recorded
$\boxtimes$	Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised
	Stakeholder consultation meeting(s)
$\boxtimes$	Comments are solicited during outreach activities
	Other, describe:

11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation? Increased annual caps on benefit levels and on repairs or replacement of inoperable cooling and heating systems.

Description: Increased annual caps on benefit levels and on repairs or replacement of inoperable cooling and heating systems.

### Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2)

11.3 List the date(s) and location(s) that you held public hearing(s) on the proposed use and distribution of your LIHEAP funds?

Date	Event Description
Monday, May 9, 2022, 2:30 p.m 3:00 p.m.	Commo Community Center, 4660 Horne St., Fort Worth, TX 76107
Tuesday, May 10,	1415 East 2nd, Odessa, TX 79761
2022, at 5:30	
p.m 6:00	
p.m.	
Wednesday,	Baker Ripley, 3838 Aberdeen Way, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Education Center Room, Houston,
May 11,	TX 77025
2022, at 1:30	
p.m 2:00	
p.m.	
Thursday,	Rusk building, room #320, 208 E. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, TX 78701
May 12 at	
5:30 p.m	
6:00 p.m.	

11.4 How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? <u>8 individuals representing</u> two Subrecipients, and the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies (TACAA) CEAP Committee

### 11.5 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).

- 1. Texas Neighborhood Services supports the use of a statewide or regional contractor in the event we have triple the amount of funding as with additional funding from CEAP CARES and American Rescue Plan.
- 2. Keep in place COVID flexibilities, helps with staffing needs and is also a plus for utility vendors and recommend these be included in the State Plan even if there are thresholds as to when they apply. The State may need to make revisions to the crisis language so that subrecipients can provide assistance to those households who have exhausted their utility assistance benefits and not require that the household meet the requirements of experiencing a crisis.
- 3. As with COVID flexibilities, continue to allow heating and cooling system repairs and replacement to vulnerable and non-vulnerable without conditions and without requirement to meet crisis conditions.
- 4. Recommend the Department take into consideration the increase in rates from one year to the next and at least factor those in as a cost-of-energy adjustment in making those annual benefit levels.
- Recommendation to maintain maximum benefit amount of up to \$7,500 for service or repair of heating and cooling units.
- 6. Allow subrecipients the ability to provide heating and cooling system repair assistance to non-vulnerable for the entire year without any crisis criteria condition required.
- 7. Increase the income guidelines to 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Allows subrecipients to serve more households and also aligns with CSBG.
- 8. Increase poverty guidelines to 190% to reach more households who have been impacted by inflation and natural disaster and world events.
- 9. Qualify households by net income instead of gross income.
- 10. Exclude income of ineligible household members due to citizenship status.
- 11. Allow SNAP recipients to be categorically eligible.
- 12. Use ABM for determination of benefits instead of 12 month billing history would be ideal. It would help with steady increase of vendor rates and increased bills and keep pace with inflation.
- 13. It would be helpful that the Department change the benefit levels as they were for Uri Winter Storm when they were \$3,200 for 0-50%, \$3,000 for 51-75%, \$2,800 for 76-150%. The increase

would help cover the consumption usage of households with extremely high 12 month billing histories and help households who have to pay utility bills out of pocket.

- 14. Allow self-attestation for citizenship. This is especially critical for most vulnerable populations who in some cases were born by a mid-wife and no records are available. Other comment regarding self-attestation was from the TACAA CEAP Committee requesting that the Department allow the option of self-certification for citizenship or legal status documentation to ensure that households who do not have access to citizenship and/or legal status documentation are not adversely impacted or excluded from receiving services.
- 11.6 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of the comments received at the public hearing(s)?
  - 1. The LIHEAP 2023 State Plan has been revised to explain that the Department intends to keep the COVID flexibilities until the later of either the end of the COVID-19 disaster or December 31, 2023.
  - 2. The LIHEAP 2023 State Plan Sections 1.9, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, and 4.15 to describe the Department's COVID temporary flexibilities.
  - 3. Sections 2.4 and 3.4 were revised to make clear that benefits do not need to be applied equally between heating and cooling, but is based on the heating and cooling needs of a household.
  - 4. Section 6.1 was revised to add language related to "Other" types of outreach. USHHS recommended the language be added when they reviewed a revision to the 2022 LIHEAP State Plan in the Spring of 2022.
  - 5. The Department has revised Sections 1.4 and 1.6 of the Plan to include SNAP and TANF as categorically eligible for LIHEAP.
  - 6. In response to general expenditure concerns, the Department added language in Section 5.11 of the Plan that LIHEAP weatherization funds may be used for the installation of solar panels if certain conditions are met in eligible Households.

# Section 12: Fair Hearings, 2605(b)(13) - Assurance 13

- 12.1 How many fair hearings did the grantee have in the prior Federal fiscal year?

  None
- 12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed? N/A
- 12.3 Describe any policy and/or procedural changes made in the last Federal fiscal year as a result of fair hearings? None
- 12.4 Describe your fair hearing procedures for **households whose applications are denied.**Subrecipient contracts include the following section:

### **APPEALS PROCESS**

In compliance with the LIHEAP Act, Subrecipient must provide an opportunity for a fair administrative hearing to individuals whose application for assistance is denied, terminated or not acted upon in a timely

manner. Subrecipient must establish a denial of service complaint procedure in accordance with 10 TAC §6.8 of the State Rules. The rule states:

- (b) Subrecipient shall establish a denial of service complaint procedure to address written complaints from program applicants/customers. At a minimum, the procedures described in paragraphs (b)(1) (8) of this subsection shall be included:
- (1) Subrecipients shall provide a written denial of assistance notice to applicant within ten (10) calendar days of the determination. Such a determination is defined as a denial of assistance, but does not include a level of assistance lower than the possible program limits or a reduction in assistance, as long as such process is in accordance with the Subrecipient's written policy. This notification shall include written notice of the right of a hearing and specific reasons for the denial by program. The applicant wishing to appeal a decision must provide written notice to Subrecipient within twenty (20) days of receipt of the denial notice.
- (2) A Subrecipient must establish an appeals committee composed of at least three persons. Subrecipient shall maintain documentation of appeals in their customer files.
- (3) Subrecipients shall hold a private appeal hearing (unless otherwise required by law) by phone or in person in an accessible location within ten (10) business days after the Subrecipient received the appeal request from the applicant and must provide the applicant notice in writing of the time/location of the hearing at least seven (7) calendar days before the appeal hearing.
  - (4) Subrecipient shall record the hearing.
  - (5) The hearing shall allow time for a statement by Subrecipient staff with knowledge of the case.
- (6) The hearing shall allow the applicant at least equal time, if requested, to present relevant information contesting the decision.
- (7) Subrecipient shall notify applicant of the decision in writing. The Subrecipient shall mail the notification by close of business on the third calendar day following the decision (three day turnaround).
- (8) If the denial is solely based on income eligibility, the provisions described in paragraphs (2) (7) of this subsection do not apply and the applicant may request a recertification of income eligibility based on initial documentation provided at the time of the original application. The recertification will be an analysis of the initial calculation based on the documentation received with the initial application for services and will be performed by an individual other than the person who performed the initial determination. If the recertification upholds the denial based on income eligibility documents provided at the initial application, the applicant is notified in writing.
- (c) If the applicant is not satisfied, the applicant may further appeal the decision in writing to the Department within ten (10) days of notification of an adverse decision.
- (d) Applicants/customers who allege that the Subrecipient has denied all or part of a service or benefit in a manner that is unjust, violates discrimination laws, or without reasonable basis in law or fact, may request a contested hearing under Tex. Gov't Code, Chapter 2001.
- (e) The hearing under subsection (d) shall be conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings on behalf of the Department in the locality served by the Subrecipient, for which the procedures are further described in §1.13, relating to Contested Case Hearing Procedures, of this title.
- (f) If the applicant/customer appeals to the Department, the funds should remain encumbered until the Department completes its decision.

These requirements will also be incorporated into statewide or regional contractor Contracts.

- 12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights? Within ten days of the determination, the subrecipient must provide written notification to the applicant.
- 12.6 Describe your fair hearing procedures for households whose applications are not acted on in a timely manner.

An Applicant requests a hearing with the Subrecipient and statewide or regional contractors initially. If not satisfied with the results of the Subrecipient's and statewide or regional contractor's hearing, the Applicant then appeals to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The Department then schedules a fair administrative hearing.

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Applicants are informed of their rights either by 1) informing them on the application itself, 2) handing them a document with such information at the time of application, 3) displaying posters at intake offices, or 4) providing them the information in the denial of LIHEAP assistance letter that is mailed to the applicant.

### Section 13: Reduction of home energy needs, 2605(b)(16) - Assurance 16

- 13.1 Describe how you use LIHEAP funds to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and thereby the need for energy assistance?

  N/A-The State does not use funds under Assurance 16.
- 13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities? NA-The State does not use funds under Assurance 16.
- 13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous Federal fiscal year.
  - NA-The State does not use funds under Assurance 16.
- 13.4 Describe the level of direct benefits provided to those households in the previous Federal fiscal year.
  - NA-The State does not use funds under Assurance 16.
- 13.5 How many households applied for these services?

  NA-The State does not use funds under Assurance 16.
- 13.6 How many households received these services?

  NA-The State does not use funds under Assurance 16.

# Section 14: Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607A

14.1	Do y	ou plan to submit an application for the	e leveraging incentive pr	ogram?
		Yes 🛛 No		
14.2		cribe instructions to any third parties a urce information and retaining records	<del>-</del>	submitting LIHEAP leveraging
14.3		each type of resource and/or benefit to iirements of 45 C.F.R. § 96.87(d)(2)(iii),	= -	coming year that will meet the
Reso	urce	What is the type of resource or benefit?	What is the source(s) of the resource?	How will the resource be integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP?
NA		NA	NA	NA
		<del></del>		
Sectio	n 15:	Training		
Jecuio	13.			
15.1	Desc	cribe the training you provide for each o	of the following groups:	
	a. (	Grantee Staff:  Formal training on grantee polic  How often? Annually Biannually As needed Other – Describe: Employees are provided with po	, and the second	
		Other – Describe:		
		Employees are provided with all the Department training team provides and are invited to observe and parti	its new staff with prog	rammatic orientation training
	b. l	managers or Executive Direction individualized technical assi	ectors, as needed, whi stance. The Department	nager training for newly hired ch is then followed up with thosts meetings and training and statewide or regional

contractors to conduct necessary training and/or make announcements. The Department collaborates with the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies to coordinate training for Subrecipients. Training for Subrecipients occurs at an annual conference sponsored by the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies each year. The Department provides Energy Audit training to agencies as needed, along with Department posted Energy Audit Student Guide and Best Practices on its website. The Department provides a template for developing the Annual Service Delivery Plan and a guide for developing it. The Department develops data tools and trains agencies as needed on how to analyze their data to improve efficiency and productivity. Emails, Go-To-Webinars, MS Teams for virtual TTA, and phone calls are common communication means with which the Department trains, assists, and communicates with LIHEAP Subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors.

🔀 On-site	training
How	often?
Ann	nually
E	Biannually
$\boxtimes$ A	As needed
$\boxtimes$ (	Other –

The Department identifies key areas for training needs based upon monitoring reports, new regulations, and Subrecipient and statewide or regional contractors requests. Since COVID, the Department has developed robust and effective virtual training courses to address Subrecipient TTA needs. The Department provides training as needed to individual agencies and network wide trainings on a variety of topics such as: process mapping, production, data analysis, intake, client file documentation, weatherization assessments, audits, final inspections, working with contractors, reporting, and technical assistance for service delivery. Onsite training is provided as warranted. The Department also supplies Subrecipients with online resources, training centers, and conference information to obtain skills and certifications.

Employees are provided with policy manual Other – Describe: The Department uses an online portal (i.e., Wufoo) that agencies use daily for quick responses to questions or for requesting training. As needed, the Department schedules meetings to provide information, training, and technical assistance to the local agencies. Emails, the online portal, Go-To-Webinar, MS Teams for virtual TTA, and phone calls are the common methods used by the Department to train, assist, and communicate with LIHEAP Subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors. The Department creates tools, guides, best practices, and FAQs that are posted on program webpages.

	c. Vendors
	Formal training conference
	How often?
	Annually
	Biannually
	As needed
	Other – Describe:
	Policies communicated through vendor agreements
	Policies are outlined in a vendor manual
	Other – Describe:
15.2	Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?    Yes   No
Sectio	n 16: Performance Goals and Measures, 2605(b)
16.1	Describe your progress toward meeting the data collection and reporting requirements of the four
	required LIHEAP performance measures. Include timeframes and plans for meeting these
	requirements and what you believe will be accomplished in the coming federal fiscal year.
The De	epartment was able to meet the four LIHEAP performance measures.
	epartment currently requires Subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors to upload data
	d to the four performance measures into our State reporting system. The Department has made
	eporting a contractual requirement for all LIHEAP Subrecipients and statewide or regional
	ictors. The Department periodically reviews uploaded summary reports and offers technical
	ance to subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors who may not understand what to report y not upload the data in a timely fashion.
oi iiiay	y not upload the data in a timely fashion.
Sectio	n 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)
17.1	Fraud Reporting Mechanisms
_,	a. Describe all mechanisms available to the public for reporting cases of suspected waste,
	fraud, and abuse. Select all that apply.
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	Online Fraud Reporting
	Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline
	Report directly to local agency/district office or Grantee office
	Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General
	Forms and procedures in place for local agencies/district offices and vendors
	to report fraud, waste, and abuse.
	Other – describe:

Note: TDHCA's website has a webpage named "Report Fraud, Waste, and Abuse by TDHCA Management and Staff" directing persons who suspect fraud, waste, and abuse by TDHCA management and staff to report to the State Auditor's Office at <a href="https://sao.fraud.texas.gov/ReportFraud/">https://sao.fraud.texas.gov/ReportFraud/</a>. Subrecipients are required to establish fraud, waste, and abuse procedures. The state will provide a fraud, waste, and abuse procedures to statewide or regional contractors.

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	<ul><li>b. Describe str apply.</li></ul>	ategies in <sub>l</sub>	place for adv	ertising the	e above-re	eferen	iced resource	es. Select all that
	=		materials EAP applicat	ion				
17.2	Identification Docui a. Indicate wh collected fro	ich of the	following fo	orms of ide			-	requested to be
			Collected fr	om Whom	?			
Type of Identification Collected			Applicant All Adults i Only HH		dults in	HH Members Seeking Assistance*		
Social Security Card is			Required	Requi	Required Rec		uired	
photocopied and retained			Requested	Reque	Requested		uested	
Social Security Number (without			Required Requir		ed Requ		uired	
actual card)			Requested	Reque	Requested		uested	
Government-issued identification			Required Requi		ed Requ		uired	
card (e.g.,: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)			Requested	Requested		Requested		
		Applicant	Applicant	All Adults in	All Adult		All Household	I All Household
#	Other	Only Required	Only Requested	House hold Required	Household Requested		Members Required	Members Requested
1	Other: clients provide identification to the subrecipients and statewide or							
	statewide or regional							
	CONTRACTORS at the time of application. See attachment.							

\*Households may include members who are not seeking assistance and may not be included in the household count. A live in aide or attendant is not considered part of the Household for purposes of determining Household income, but is considered for a benefit based on the size of the Household.

b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies: NA

17.3	identification verification					
Describ	be what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients					
or hous	sehold members. Select all that apply.					
☐ Ve	erify SSNs with Social Security Administration					
	atch SSNs with death records from Social Security Administration or state agency					
	atch SSNs with state eligibility/management system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)					
	atch with state Department of Labor system					
П М	atch with state and/or federal corrections system					
ПМ	atch with state child support system					
∏ Ve	erification using private software (e.g., The Work Number)					
_	person certification by staff (for tribal grantees only)					
∏ Ма	atch SSN/Tribal ID number with tribal database or enrollment records (for tribal grantees only)					
_	her – describe:					
<del></del>	Subrecipients or the State verifies the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients					
	who are not U.S. citizens or nationals. That verification is made through the Systematic Alien					
	Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system.					
17.4	Citizenship/Legal Residency Verification					
	What are your procedures for ensuring that household members are U.S. citizens or aliens who					
	are qualified to receive LIHEAP benefits?					
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	Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or legal residency					
	Clients' submission of Social Security cards is accepted as proof of legal residency					
	Noncitizens must provide documentation of immigration status					
	Citizens must provide a copy of their birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport					
	Noncitizens are verified through the SAVE system					
	Tribal members are verified through Tribal database/Tribal ID card					
	Other – describe: U.S. Nationals will have to provide documentation of that status.					

17.5 Income Verification
What methods does your agency utilize to verify household income?
Require documentation of income for all adult household members
□ Pay stubs
Social Security award letters
Bank statements
Tax statements
Zero-income statements
oxtimesOther – describe: Court Documents or government benefit statements as applicable.
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Computer data matches:
Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)
Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor
Social Security income verified with SSA
Utilize state directory of new hires
Other – describe:
47.C. Dueberkien of Drive avend Confidentiality.
17.6 Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality
Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use
or disclosure.
Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent
Grantee LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards
Employee training on confidentiality for:
Grantee employees
Employees must sign confidentiality agreement
Grantee employees
□ local agencies/district offices
Physical files are stored in a secure location
Other – describe: Grantee contracts include the following section:

### RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

Subrecipient and statewide or regional contractors acknowledge that any information created or exchanged with the State of Texas pursuant to this Contract, must be available in a format that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the State of Texas. A request for public information shall be communicated to the Department's contact identified in this Contract, by the close of business on the following business day after the request is received. Subrecipient/Vendor shall not provide to the requestor any information that was written, produced, collected, assembled, or maintained under this Contract, but shall respond to the requestor that the request has been forwarded to the Department for processing. After gathering all information that is responsive to the request, but in no event later than five (5) business days after receiving the information request, Subrecipient/Vendor shall send the information to the Department and shall timely contact the Department if there will be any delay in sending the information request or responsive documents to the Department.

#### Texas Administrative Code, Title 10 Chapter 1, Subchapter D §1.409 requires that:

- (a) Client Records including Multifamily Development Owners. The Department requires subrecipient organizations to document client services and assistance. Subrecipient organizations must arrange for the security of all program-related computer files through a remote, online, or managed backup service. Confidential client files must be maintained in a manner to protect the privacy of each client and to maintain the same for future reference. Subrecipient organizations must store physical client files in a secure space in a manner that ensures confidentiality and in accordance with Subrecipient organization policies and procedures. To the extent that it is financially feasible, archived client files should be stored offsite from Subrecipient a headquarters, in a secure space in a manner that ensures confidentiality and in accordance with organization policies and procedures.
- (b) Records of client eligibility must be retained for five (5) years starting from the date the Household activity is completed, unless otherwise provided in federal regulations governing the program.
- (c) Other records must be maintained as described in the Contract or the LURA, and in accordance with federal or state law for the programs described in the Chapters of this Part.

These requirements will also be incorporated into statewide and regional contractor Contracts.

	Verifying the Authenticity of Energy Vendors policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? All vendors must register with the State/Tribe All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form /endors are verified through energy bills provided by the household Grantee and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors Other – describe, and note any exceptions to policies above:
17.8	Benefits Policy – Gas and Electric Utilities
What	policies are in place to protect against fraud when making benefit payments to gas and electric
utiliti	es on behalf of clients? Select all that apply.
	Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency
_	Applicants must submit current utility bill
	Data exchange with utilities that verifies:
	Account ownership
	Consumption
	Balances
	Payment history
	Account is properly credited with benefit
	U Other – describe:
=	Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities
	Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level
=	Separation of duties between intake and payment approval
	Payments coordinated among other heating assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments
=	Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy
□ '	Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made
	o utilities
==	Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
=	Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure
=	/endor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
1 1 (	Other – describe:

17.9 Benefits Policy — Bulk Fuel Vendors
What procedures are in place for averting fraud and improper payments when dealing with bulk fuel
suppliers of heating oil, propane, wood, and other bulk fuel vendors? Select all that apply.
Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list
Centralized computer system/database is used to track payments to all vendors
Clients are relied on for reports of non-delivery or partial delivery
Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor
Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client
Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors
Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the Grantee
Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
Other – describe:
17.10 Investigations and Prosecutions
Describe the Grantee's procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients/staff/vendors found to have committed fraud. Select all that apply.
Refer to state Inspector General
Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General
Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline)
Local agencies/district offices or Grantee conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public
Grantee attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process.
Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a
household banned?
Contracts with local agencies require that employees found to have committed fraud are
reprimanded and/or terminated
Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP
Other — describe: A Subrecipient and statewide or regional contractors may be referred to the
Department's Enforcement Committee or proposed for debarment.

#### Section 18: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

## Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters--Primary Covered Transactions

#### Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- 3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- 4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
- 7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.
- 9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and

information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

## Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters--Primary Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

# Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

#### Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used

in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, [[Page 33043]] should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.
- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

## Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility an Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

igigigiggle By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set o	ıt above
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#### Section 19: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workforce Requirements

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645(a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central point is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

- 1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
- 3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
- 4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
- 5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
- 6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).
- 7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).
- 8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled

Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

*Criminal drug statute* means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of Subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --(1)The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
- (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -

- (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).
- (B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

#### 221 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Austin, Travis County, Texas, 78701

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

- (a) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;
- (b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

[55 FR 21690, 21702, May 25, 1990]

 $\square$ By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out above.

#### **Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying**

The submitter of this application certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all Subrecipients and statewide or regional contractors shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out above.

#### **REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**

The following documents must be attached to this application:

- Assurances signature page (submitted as separate document)
- Designation letter for signature to Assurances is required if someone other than the Governor or Tribal Chairperson signs the Assurances. (submitted as separate document)
- Heating component benefit matrix. (Attachment 3)
- Cooling component benefit matrix. (Attachment 3)
- Local Agency Monitoring Schedule (Attachment 4)

#### Attachment 3

#### **Benefit Matrix**

Program rules found at 10 Texas Administrative Code, §6.309(e): <a href="https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p\_dir=&p\_rloc=&p\_ploc=&p

All benefits are determined based on a sliding scale.

- (e) Benefit determinations for the Utility Assistance Component and the Crisis Assistance Component cannot exceed the sliding scale described in paragraphs (1) (3) of this subsection:
  - (1) Households with Incomes of 0 to 50% of Federal Poverty Guidelines may receive an amount not to exceed \$2,400 per Component;
  - (2) Households with Incomes of 51% to 75% of Federal Poverty Guidelines may receive an amount not to exceed \$2,300 per Component; and
  - (3) Households with Incomes of 76% to at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines may receive an amount not to exceed \$2,200 per Component; and
- (f) Service and Repair of existing heating and cooling units: Households may receive up to \$7,500 for service and repair of existing heating and cooling units when the Household has an inoperable heating or cooling system based on requirements in §6.310 and §6.311.

#### Attachment 4

#### **Monitoring Schedule for FY 2023**

	Monitoring Schedule for FY 2023								
	SUBRECIPIENT	REVIEW TYPE	Date of Next Monitoring Review	DATE OF LAST FULL ONSITE REVIEW (IF APPLICABLE)					
1	Alamo Area Council of Governments	On-Site	2022	November 2021					
2	Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc.	On-Site	2022	November 2019					
3	BakerRipley	On-Site	2023	February 2022					
4	Bexar County Community and Development Programs	On-Site	2022	January 2020					
5	Big Bend Community Action Committee, Inc.	On-Site	2024	March 2022					
6	Brazos Valley Community Action Programs	On-Site	2022	March 2020					
7	Central Texas Opportunities/DBA Cornerstone Community Action Agency	On-Site	2023	September 2020					
8	City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Services Department	On-Site	2022	February 2020					
9	City of Lubbock Community Development Department	On-Site	2024	August 2021					
10	Combined Community Action, Inc.	On-Site	2022	November 2019					
11	Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texas	On-Site	2022	September 2019					
12	Community Action Corporation of South Texas	On-Site	2022	July 2019					
13	Community Action Inc. of Central Texas	On-Site	2023	October 2020					
14	Community Council of South Central Texas, Inc.	On-Site	2023	September 2020					
15	Community Services Northeast Texas, Inc.	On-Site	2024	April 2021					
16	Concho Valley Community Action Agency	On-Site	2023	April 2020					
17	County of Hidalgo Community Services Agency	On-Site	2024	June 2021					
18	Dallas County Health and Human Services	On-Site	2023	October 2020					
19	Economic Action Committee of the Gulf Coast	On-Site	2022	July 2019					
20	Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation of Planning Region XI	On-Site	2022	January 2020					
21	El Paso Community Action Program-Project BRAVO	On-Site	2023	September 2020					
22	Greater East Texas Community Action Program	On-Site	2023	April 2020					
23	Hill Country Community Action Association, Inc.	On-Site	2024	October 2021					
24	Kleberg County Human Services	On-Site	2024	October 2021					
25	Nueces County Community Action Agency	On-Site	2024	July 2021					
26	Panhandle Community Services	On-Site	2024	August 2021					
27	Pecos County Community Action Agency	On-Site	2024	February 2021					
28	Rolling Plains Management Corporation	On-Site	2023	January 2021					
29	South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.	On-Site	2024	August 2021					
30	South Texas Development Council	On-Site	2024	April 2021					
31	Texas Neighborhood Services	On-Site	2022	May 2019					
32	Texoma Council Of Governments	On-Site	2022	August 2019					
33	Travis County Health and Human Services	On-Site	2023	August 2020					
34	Tri-County Community Action, Inc.	On-Site	2024	March 2021					
35	Webb County Community Action Agency	On-Site	2022	December 2019					
36	West Texas Opportunities, Inc.	On-Site	2023	June 2020					

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

#### SINGLE FAMILY AND HOMELESS PROGRAMS DIVISION

#### **JULY 28, 2022**

Presentation, discussion, and possible action on State Fiscal Year 2023 Homeless Housing and Services Program Awards

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**WHEREAS,** the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) was created by the 81<sup>st</sup> Texas Legislature to be administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the Department) to fund homelessness prevention and homeless services in Texas municipalities with populations over 285,500;

**WHEREAS,** the Texas Legislature has, through the enactment of House Bill (HB) 1 (87<sup>th</sup> Legislature), provided General Revenue funds of \$6,299,984 each year of the biennium for HHSP;

WHEREAS, HB 1 included Rider 16, designating \$1,500,000 of HHSP funds each year of the biennium to provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth and homeless young adults 24 years of age and younger to be distributed through a youth set-aside within HHSP;

**WHEREAS,** after a reduction of \$48,000 for annual Department administrative expenses, funds in the amount of \$4,751,984 are available for award for the HHSP general setaside;

**WHEREAS**, the allocation formula for HHSP is set forth in 10 TAC §7.23, Allocation of Funds and Formula;

WHEREAS, the cities in Texas with a population that meet the threshold criteria for HHSP are Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Plano and San Antonio;

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Award Review Advisory Committee (EARAC) reviewed the awards and compliance history, and recommends the 2023 HHSP awards to Arlington, Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, and San Antonio, conditioned upon submission of a full application, in accordance with 10 TAC §7.22, no later than September 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, program staff is also recommending an award for the City of Corpus Christi, Haven for Hope, and the City of Plano, conditioned upon submission of a full application, in accordance with 10 TAC §7.22, no later than September 12, 2022, and conditioned on

a final recommendation, or recommendation with conditions, from the Executive Review and Advisory Committee;

#### NOW, therefore, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Director and his designees, be and each of them hereby are authorized, empowered, and directed, for and on behalf of the Department, to take any and all such actions as they or any of them may deem necessary or advisable to effectuate the award of not less than \$4,751,984 in SFY 2023 HHSP Contracts for general funds, and \$1,500,000 in SFY 2023 HHSP youth set-aside funds in the amounts reflected in Attachment A, to the municipalities in Texas with a population of 285,500 or more (or their designee).

#### **BACKGROUND**

HHSP funding is allocated to municipalities with a population greater than 285,500 for the provision of homeless assistance and homeless prevention activities. HB 1 passed in Regular Session by the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature authorized state general revenue funding totaling \$12,599,968 over the biennium for HHSP. Rider 16 requires that of the total authorized funds, \$3,000,000 is set-aside for provision of HHSP homeless assistance to youth under the age of 24. The Department programmed \$9,503,968 of the remaining funds to be awarded to HHSP eligible subrecipients, and retained the remaining \$96,000 (\$48,000 per year) for its administration.

The Department administers HHSP in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §2306.2585 and 10 TAC Chapters 1 and 2, and Chapter 7, Subchapters A and B. Allowable activities include case management for households experiencing or at-risk of homelessness; construction, conversion, or rehabilitation of structures targeted to serving Homeless persons or persons at-risk of homelessness; essential services for Homeless persons or persons at risk of homelessness; provision of direct services; operation of emergency shelters or administrative facilities; and other Homeless-related activity, as approved by the Department in writing. For the HHSP youth set aside funds, Rider 16 specifically lists eligible services as case management, emergency shelter, street outreach, and transitional living.

In accordance with 10 TAC §7.21, Purpose and Use, HHSP provides funding to areas in municipalities with populations of 285,500 or greater, as determined by the most recent available One Year American Community Survey (ACS). HHSP is allocated to Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Plano, and San Antonio. The allocation formula, as outlined in 10 TAC §7.23, resulted in the allocations listed in Attachment A to each municipality. The most recent full Point-In-Time Count as referenced in 10 TAC §7.23, which includes a full demographic count for sheltered and unsheltered persons, was conducted in 2020; therefore, the Department utilized the 2020 Point-In-Time Count in allocating the HHSP funds.

The Previous Participation Rule at 10 TAC §1.302 includes a review of HHSP entities prior to Board recommendation. This review is pending for the City of Corpus Christi, Haven for Hope, and the City of

Plano. All other Subrecipients completed the review, conditioned on submission of a complete application due in early September. The effective Contract Term for both the HHSP general funds, and the HHSP youth set-aside funds will be September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023, unless a different term is requested by the Subrecipient and agreed to by the Department, but in no case will the Contract start later than December 31, 2022.

In accordance with 10 TAC §7.22, municipalities eligible for an award based their population may designate a nonprofit organization to administer the HHSP in their stead, and the City of San Antonio has designated Haven for Hope to administer its award of general set-aside funds; however, the city will self-administer the youth set-aside.

#### **Attachment A**

#### **2023 Homeless Housing and Services Program Award Log**

#	HHSP Subrecipient	Award for HHSP General Funds	Award for HHSP Youth Set-Aside Funds	Total 2023 HHSP Funds
1	City of Arlington	\$183,891	\$58,361	\$242,252
2	City of Austin	\$540,935	\$165,044	\$705,979
3	City of Corpus Christi	\$197,798	\$62,268	\$260,066
4	City of Dallas	\$831,284	\$265,487	\$1,096,771
5	City of El Paso	\$333,187	\$99,210	\$432,397
6	City of Fort Worth	\$409,176	\$129,878	\$539,054
7	City of Houston	\$1,277,839	\$401,908	\$1,679,747
8	City of Plano	\$138,815	\$44,473	\$183,288
	City of San			
10	Antonio/Haven for	\$839,059 (Haven	\$273,371 (City of San	\$1,112,430
	Норе	for Hope)	Antonio)	
	Totals	\$4,751,984.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$6,251,984.00

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#### **BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

#### **MULTIFAMILY FINANCE DIVISION**

#### **JULY 28, 2022**

Presentation, discussion, and possible action on a timely filed scoring appeal under the Department's Multifamily Program Rules for Calle del Norte Apartments (#22112).

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**WHEREAS,** the appeal relates to Competitive Housing Tax Credit (HTC) Application Calle del Norte Apartments, which was submitted to the Department by the Full Application Delivery Date;

**WHEREAS,** a scoring notice was issued for this Application on June 20, 2022, which included a reduction of one point related to the Cost of Development per Square Foot scoring item established in 10 TAC §11.9(e)(2); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant timely filed an appeal;

NOW, therefore, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the appeal for Calle del Norte Apartments (22112) is hereby granted.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Calle del Norte Apartments (#22112) is a 2022 Competitive 9% Housing Tax Credit Application that proposes the new construction of 55 units in Laredo, Webb County, and is competing in the Urban 11 subregion.

On June 20, 2022, Department staff sent a scoring notice for the Application, which noted a one point reduction from the score initially requested, because the voluntary Eligible Building Cost per square foot included in the Application is not less than \$88.58 per square foot in as required by 10 TAC §11.9(e)(2).

The Department received a timely filed appeal of the scoring reduction on June 24, 2022. The appeal contends that the issue results from a rounding error in the architectural drawings, and suggests that, when the two-bedroom units are accurately entered into the Application as 1,100.35 square feet, the Application qualifies for this point. The Application initially improperly rounded these units to 1,100 square feet.

In accordance with 10 TAC §11.9(a), "There is no rounding of numbers in this section for any of the calculations in order to achieve the desired requirement or limitation, unless rounding is explicitly stated as allowed for that particular calculation or criteria." The Cost per Square Foot scoring item is calculated using the Application's Net Rentable Area. Neither this scoring item nor the definition of "Net Rentable Area" located at 10 TAC §11.1(d)(83) allow for rounding of these figures.

In the appeal of the scoring reduction, the Applicant clarified that 1,100.35 is the exact square footage for the two-bedroom units, which was rounded to a whole number on the Application. When this precise square footage is used in the Application, the voluntary Eligible Building Cost per square foot is \$88.57, which is sufficient to qualify for the requested points. The information necessary to arrive at this conclusion is present in the initial Application and the appeal.

If the Board grants the appeal, then the point will be reinstated to the Application. If the Board denies this appeal, then the Application will continue to be ineligible for the point in question.

Because the Application qualifies for the points in question when using the accurate square footage for the two-bedroom units, staff recommends the Board grant the appeal.



# MULTIFAMILY FINANCE DIVISION Housing Tax Credit Program - 2022 Application Round Scoring Notice - Competitive Housing Tax Credit Application

#### Appeal Election Form: 22112, Calle del Norte Apartments, LLC

Note: If you do not wish to appeal this notice, do not submit this form.

I am in receipt of my 2022 scoring notice and am filing a formal appeal to the Executive Director on or before Monday, June 27, 2022.

#### If my appeal is denied by the Executive Director:

X	I do wish to appeal to the Board of Directors and request that my application be added to the
	Department Board of Directors meeting agenda. My appeal documentation, which identifies my
	specific grounds for appeal, is attached. If no additional documentation is submitted, the appeal
	documention to the Executive Director will be utilized.

Member

I do not wish to appeal to the Board of Directors.

Signed

Title

Date

Please email to Colin Nickells: mailto:colin.nickells@tdhca.state.tx.us

#### Calle del Norte Apartments, LP

1329 East Lark Street Springfield, MO 65804

June 24, 2022

Bobby Wilkinson Executive Director Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs 221 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, TX 78701

RE: #22112 - Calle del Norte Apartments: Appeal of Scoring Notice

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

We appreciate the opportunity to appeal staff's scoring notice sent last week in which a point was deducted for application #22112 (Calle del Norte Apartments). In accordance with 10 TAC §11.902, please let this letter serve as the Applicant's appeal. At application, our architect indicated to us square footages for the units that satisfied scoring criteria in 10 TAC §11.9(e)(2) (cost of development per square foot) of the Qualified Allocation Plan as we completed the Development Cost Schedule tab, which is where the point at issue exists. However, the architect mistakenly rounded the square footage for all our 2-bedroom units. The 2-bedroom units, at 1,100 square feet each, should not have been rounded and should have been listed as 1,100.35.

At the correct square footage of 1,100.35, our voluntary eligible building costs are \$88.57, which is below the criteria for scoring purposes. Our units have not changed sizes; this is an administrative error in the representation of the unit size. I have attached Tab 23 (Building Unit Configuration), Tab 24 (Rent Schedule) and Tab 30 (Development Cost Schedule) of the application to show this change. Please note, the square footage per unit will still show as 1,100 (as the application does round) however the correct number is typed to the decimal.

A similar situation was presented to the board on June 16, 2022, for Butler Park Apartments (#22288) and the Board approved staff's recommendation to not reduce the applicant's points.

We respect the conclusion that staff came to earlier this week in providing the Scoring Notice, but we believe that the attached clarifying documentation, reflects that this application has met the requirement for the cost of development per square foot scoring criteria.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at mforster@wilhoitproperties.com or by phone at 417-883-1632

Sincerely.

Jeff Beckler

Representative of Calle del Apartments, LP

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#### **Rent Schedule**

Unit types must be entered from smallest to largest based on "# of Bedrooms" and "Unit Size", then within the same "# of Bedrooms" and "Unit Size" from lowest to highest "Rent Collected/Unit". You are not required to distinguish the HC or AV Units from other Units that are the same size/floor plan.

**Private Activity Bond Priority (For Tax-**

Self Score Total:

**Exempt Bond Developments ONLY):** If MFDL only or MFDL is the only permanent financing, there cannot be ANY market rate Units. If HTC and scattered site, there cannot be ANY market rate Units.

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#### **Rent Schedule (Continued)**

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	TC20%			0
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	TC40%			0
	TC50%	22%	22%	12
HOUSING	TC60%	67%	67%	37
TAX	TC70%			0
CREDITS	TC80%			0
	HTC LI Total			55
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	MRB20%			0
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	MRB80%			0
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BUILDING		adjust your eligible costs to qualify.
Cost Per Sq. Ft	\$ 93.49	Points will be entered there.

#### **Development Cost Schedule**

Self Score Total:

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This Development Cost Schedule must be consistent with the Summary Sources and Uses of Funds Statement. All Applications must complete the Total Cost column. Direct Loan Applicants should review costs ineligible for reimbursement with Direct Loan funds in 10 TAC §13.3(e), while all HTC Applicants must complete the Eligible Basis columns and the Requested Credit calculation below:

Basis columns and the Requested Credit calculation below:				
		EVELOPMENT SU		
	Total	Eligible Basis (If	Applicable)	Scratch Paper/Notes
	Cost	Acquisition	New/Rehab.	
ACQUISITION				
Site acquisition cost	1,565,000			
Existing building acquisition cost				
Closing costs & acq. legal fees				
Other (specify) - see footnote 1				
Other (specify) - see footnote 1				
<b>Subtotal Acquisition Cost</b>	\$1,565,000	\$0	\$0	
OFF-SITES <sup>2</sup>				
Off-site concrete				ALL OFF-SITE COSTS REQUIRE
Storm drains & devices				DOCUMENTATION. THOSE ENTERED
Water & fire hydrants	\$ 43,500.00			IN BASIS REQUIRE MORE
Off-site utilities				DOCUMENTATION!!!
Sewer lateral(s)	\$ 64,260.00			SEE 10 TAC §11.204(8)(E)(ii).
Off-site paving	\$ 2,875.00			
Off-site electrical				
Other (specify) - see footnote 1				
Other (specify) - see footnote 1				
Subtotal Off-Sites Cost	\$110,635	\$0	\$0	
SITE WORK <sup>3</sup>	, ,		<u> </u>	
Demolition				
Asbestos Abatement (Demolition Only)				
Detention	31,685		31,685	
Rough grading	102,350		102,350	
Fine grading	63,500		63,500	
On-site concrete	79,450		79,450	
On-site electrical	81,000		81,000	
On-site paving	319,450		292,890	
On-site utilities	156,625		156,625	
Decorative masonry	130,023		0	
Bumper stops, striping & signs	17,500		17,500	
Other (specify) - see footnote 1	17,300		17,300	
Subtotal Site Work Cost	\$851,560	\$0	\$825,000	
SITE AMENITIES	+	7.5	7020,000	
Landscaping	55,000		55,000	
Pool and decking	33,533		33,000	
Athletic court(s), playground(s)				
Fencing				
Other (specify) - see footnote 1				
Subtotal Site Amenities Cost	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000	
BUILDING COSTS*:	<b>400,000</b>	ΨO	<del>400,000</del>	
Concrete	400,000		400,000	
Masonry	300,000		300,000	
Metals	125,000		125,000	
Woods and Plastics	1,900,000		1,900,000	
Thermal and Moisture Protection	725,000		725,000	
Roof Covering	186,033		186,033	
Doors and Windows	220,000		220,000	
Finishes	758,155		758,155	
Specialties	730,133		730,133	
Equipment				
Furnishings				
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Special Construction Conveying Systems (Floyators)	140,000		140,000	DESCRIBE FOR IVIT DE
Conveying Systems (Elevators)	140,000		140,000	
Mechanical (HVAC; Plumbing)	825,000		825,000	
Electrical	615,000		615,000	

Individually itemize costs below:	i					
Detected Comments Facilities / Details						
Detached Community Facilities/Building						
Carports and/or Garages Lead-Based Paint Abatement						
Asbestos Abatement (Rehabilitation Only	۸					
Structured Parking	'					
Commercial Space Costs						
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Other (specify) - see footnote 1						exclusively used by tenants/guests
Subtotal Building Costs		\$6,194,188	\$0	\$6,194,188		, , , ,
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	ry Eligible Building Costs (A	fter 11.9(e)(2))*	¢00.57(	¢5 000 240		
	nount to be used to achiev		\$88.57 psf	\$5,868,248		
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TOTAL BUILDING COSTS & SITE WORK		\$7,100,748	\$0	\$6,748,248		
(including site amenities)		4				
Contingency	4.96%	\$357,810		357,810		
TOTAL HARD COSTS	Γ	\$7,569,193	\$0	67.400.050		
TOTAL HARD COSTS OTHER CONSTRUCTION COSTS	%THC	\$7,569,193	\$0	\$7,106,058	%EHC	
		420.290		426,000		
General requirements (<6%) Field supervision (within GR limit)	5.67%	429,380		426,000	5.99%	
Contractor overhead (<2%)	1.89%	143,120		141,500	1.99%	
G & A Field (within overhead limit)	1.0570	143,120		141,500	1.5570	
Contractor profit (<6%)	5.67%	429,380		426,000	5.99%	
TOTAL CONTRACTOR FEES	5.0770	\$1,001,880	\$0	\$993,500	3.3370	
TOTAL CONTINACTOR TELS	L	71,001,000	٦٥١	\$333,300		
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT		\$8,571,073	\$0	\$8,099,558		
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square foot in D96:D97. Enter Requeste	d Score for §11.9(e)(2) at the	ne bottom of the	schedule in D20	02.		
SOFT COSTS <sup>3</sup>						
Architectural - Design fees		68,750		68,750		
Architectural - Supervision fees		32,400		32,400		
Engineering fees		110,000		110,000		
Real estate attorney/other legal fees		60,000				
Accounting fees		15,000		15,000		
Impact Fees		20,000		20,000		
Building permits & related costs		7,000		7,000		
Appraisal		6,000		6,000		
Market analysis		6,500		6,500		
Environmental assessment		10,000		10,000		
Soils report		14,000		14,000		
Survey		40,000		40,000		
Marketing						
Hazard & liability insurance		10,500		10,500		
Real property taxes		16,868		16,868		
Personal property taxes						
Tenant Relocation						
Other (specify) - see footnote 1						e.g. delinquent fees, taxes, charges
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Other (specify) - see footnote 1 Other (specify) - see footnote 1 Subtotal Soft Cost		\$417,018	\$0	\$357,018		

FINANCING:						
CONSTRUCTION LOAN(S) <sup>3</sup>						
Interest		366,471		126,243		
Loan origination fees		82,838		82,838		
Title & recording fees		45,000		45,000		
Closing costs & legal fees						
Inspection fees		30,000		30,000		
Credit Report						
Discount Points						
Other (specify) - see footnote 1						
Other (specify) - see footnote 1						
PERMANENT LOAN(S)						
Loan origination fees		20,000				
Title & recording fees		25,905				
Closing costs & legal		7,500				
Bond premium						
Credit report						
Discount points						
Credit enhancement fees						
Prepaid MIP						
Other (specify) - see footnote 1 Other (specify) - see footnote 1						
BRIDGE LOAN(S)						
Interest						
Loan origination fees						
Title & recording fees						
Closing costs & legal fees						
Other (specify) - see footnote 1						
Other (specify) - see footnote 1						
OTHER FINANCING COSTS <sup>3</sup>						
Tax credit fees		47,948				
Tax and/or bond counsel						
Payment bonds						
Performance bonds						
Credit enhancement fees						
Mortgage insurance premiums						
Cost of underwriting & issuance						BREAKDOWN MUST BE PROVIDED
Syndication organizational cost		40,000				
Tax opinion						
Refinance (existing loan payoff amt)						
Other (specify) - see footnote 1						
Other (specify) - see footnote 1						
Subtotal Financing Cost		\$665,662	\$0	\$284,081		
DEVELOPER FEES <sup>3</sup>						
Housing consultant fees <sup>4</sup> General & administrative						
Profit or fee		1 290 000		1,310,000		
Subtotal Developer Fees	14.99%	1,380,000 \$1,380,000	\$0	\$1,310,000	1/1 00%	
RESERVES	14.3370	\$1,500,000	70	71,310,000	14.5570	
Rent-up - new funds		138,000				
Rent-up - existing reserves*						
Operating - new funds		138,000				
Operating - existing reserves*						
Replacement - new funds						
Replacement - existing reserves*						
Escrows - new funds						
Escrows - existing reserves*						
Subtotal Reserves		\$276,000	\$0	\$0		
*Any existing reserve amounts should						
be listed on the Schedule of Sources.		· ·				
TOTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COSTS		\$12,874,753	\$0	\$10,050,657		

Requested Score for 11.9(e)(2)		12	
Credit Request (from 17.Development Narrative)	\$ 1,157,440		
Credits Supported by Eligible Basis	\$1,175,927	\$0	\$1,175,927
Applicable Percentage <sup>6</sup>			100.00%
Total Qualified Basis	\$1,175,927	\$0	\$1,175,927
Applicable Fraction			9%
Total Adjusted Basis		\$0	\$13,065,853
**High Cost Area Adjustment (100% or 130%)			130%
Total Eligible Basis		\$0	\$10,050,657
Historic Credits (residential portion only)			
Non-qualified portion of higher quality units §42(d)(5)			
Non-qualified non-recourse financing			
Federal grants used to finance costs in Eligible Basis			
Deduct From Basis:			
The following calculations are for HTC Applications only.			

<sup>\*11.9(</sup>e)(2) Cost Per Square Foot: DO NOT ROUND! **Applicants are advised to ensure that the figure is not rounding**down to the maximum dollar figure to support the elected points.

For TDHCA Issued Scoring Item per	•	
50% Test for Bond Financi	ng for 4% Tax Cro	edits
TDHCA Tax-Exempt Bond Amount	\$	-
Land Cost	\$	1,565,000
Depreciable Bldg Cost **	\$	10,592,172
Aggregate Basis for 50% Test	\$	12,157,172
Percent Financed by Tax-Exempt Bonds		0.00%

<sup>\*\*</sup>Depreciable building cost includes: Total construction contract, total building acquisition, total developer fee, plus eligible financing and soft costs.

Name of contact for Cost Estimate:	Matt Zimmerman	
Phone Number for Contact:	(417) 883-1632	

#### If a revised form is submitted, date of submission:

#### Footnotes:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An itemized description of all "other" costs must be included at the end of this exhibit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All Off-Site costs must be justified by a Third Party engineer in accordance with the Department's format provided in the Offsite Cost Breakdown form.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> (HTC Only) Site Work expenses, indirect construction costs, developer fees, construction loan financing and other financing costs may or may not be included in Eligible Basis. Site Work costs must be justified by a Third Party engineer in accordance with the Department's format provided in the Site Work Cost Breakdown form.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> (HTC Only) Only fees paid to a consultant for duties which are not ordinarily the responsibility of the developer, can be included in Eligible Basis. Otherwise, consulting fees are included in the calculation of maximum developer fees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> (HTC Only) Provide <u>all</u> costs & Eligible Basis associated with the Development.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 6}$  (HTC Only) Use the appropriate Applicable Percentages as defined in §11.1 of the QAP.

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#### **BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

#### **MULTIFAMILY FINANCE DIVISION**

#### **JULY 28, 2022**

Presentation, discussion, and possible action on timely filed appeal of the underwriting report published under the Department's Multifamily Program Rules for The Warehouse Lofts at 707 (#22295)

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**WHEREAS,** competitive Housing Tax Credit Application #22295 for The Warehouse Lofts at 707 was timely submitted to the Department to compete in the 2022 Application round, proposing the new construction of 84 Units in Houston, Harris County;

**WHEREAS,** the Application does not meet financial feasibility requirements established in 10 TAC §11.302, relating to Underwriting Rules and Guidelines, and as a result, the Department published an underwriting report, which does not recommend the Application for award;

WHEREAS, granting the appeal would require a waiver of 10 TAC §11.302(d)(1)(C), relating to the vacancy rate used in underwriting, and 10 TAC §11.302(d)(2)(H)(iii), relating to necessary documentation to demonstrate property tax exemptions;

WHEREAS, a waiver was not submitted with the application and 10 TAC §11.207 states that "[w]aiver requests on Competitive HTC Applications will not be accepted between submission of the Application and any award for the Application";

**WHEREAS,** the Applicant timely appealed the underwriting report on July 6, 2022, and the appeal was denied by the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested that the appeal be heard by the Department's Governing Board in accordance with Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6715;

NOW, therefore, it is hereby

**RESOLVED,** that the appeal of the underwriting report and associated waivers for The Warehouse Lofts at 707 (#22295) be denied.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Warehouse Lofts at 707 (#22295) is a 2022 competitive housing tax credit Application that proposes the new construction of 84 Units in Houston, Harris County.

The Application assumes a combined vacancy rate of 4%, which is lower than allowed in accordance with 10 TAC §11.302(d)(1)(C):

The Underwriter generally uses a normalized vacancy rate of 7.5% (5% vacancy plus 2.5% for collection loss). 100% project-based rental subsidy developments and other well-documented cases may be underwritten at a combined 5% vacancy rate at the discretion of the Underwriter if the immediate market area's historical performance reflected in the Market Analysis is consistently higher than a 95% occupancy rate.

When adjusted to the 7.5% vacancy required by the rule, income for the project is reduced, which requires a \$215,000 assumed reduction in debt to meet the minimum 1.15 DCR requirement. The underwriting for financial feasibility assumes 7.5% combined vacancy rate to take into account vacancy and collection loss fluctuations throughout the life of the property, which change daily. The decreased debt would require an increase in deferred developer fee to balance the sources and uses; however, the increased deferred developer fee cannot be paid back within the required 15 years in accordance with 10 TAC §11.302(i)(2). As a result, an underwriting report was published by the Department on July 1, 2022, which did not recommend the Application for an award of housing tax credits, on the basis that it does not meet financial feasibility requirements.

The Applicant timely appealed this report, suggesting that the market study, which includes twelve tax credit properties in the Primary Market Area and claims an occupancy rate of 99.4%, should be used to establish the 4% vacancy assumption in the Application. Per the above rule, well-documented cases can be underwritten at 5% vacancy if the immediate market area's historical performance is consistently higher than 95%.

The basic Market Analysis conducted for the tax credit Application is a point-in-time reflection of occupancy rates when the market analyst calls the properties in question to survey them. For example, New Hope Housing at Harrisburg is a tax credit property that is included in the 99.4% average occupancy, with the market study reporting 100% occupancy for this property. Department staff has reviewed rent rolls submitted to TDHCA's Compliance Monitoring and Tracking System (CMTS), and determined that the property had 94% occupancy in October 2021, 96% occupancy in January 2022, and 92% occupancy in April 2022. As another example, the market study reports the occupancy for Canal Street Apartments at 100%, yet rent rolls submitted to CMTS report 88% occupancy in January 2022, and 89% occupancy in June of 2022.

Regardless of market conditions, a 4% vacancy rate is not an assumption that is allowable under the rules, and the use of a 5% rate rather than the 7.5% is solely up to the discretion of the underwriter. If the Department assumes a 5% vacancy, the Net Operating Income decreases to \$284,599 which provides enough cash flow to meet the 1.15 DCR requirement, but does not pay

back the deferred developer fee of \$779,476 within 15 years as required by 10 TAC §11.302(i)(2). When assuming a 5% vacancy, \$13,156 of deferred developer is unpaid at the end of the 15 year period.

The appeal requests that, if the Department does underwrite the 7.5% combined vacancy in accordance with the 2022 QAP, then the annual property tax assumption should be reduced from \$62,000 to \$21,000 to allow more cash flow to pay back the increased deferred fee within the required 15 years. The basis for this request is that Tab 26 of the Application explicitly notes that, for Texas Historic Preservation projects, the ability to secure property tax exemption is available and encouraged. While it is possible that such an exemption may ultimately be available to the Development, this is only available after the Historic designation is achieved. The Application includes a placeholder taxation figure in the operating budget. The appeal also provides a section from the Texas Historical Commission:

Sec. 11.24. HISTORIC SITES. (a) The governing body of a taxing unit by official action of the body adopted in the manner required by law for official actions may exempt from taxation part or all of the assessed value of a structure or archeological site and the land necessary for access to and use of the structure or archeological site, if the structure or archeological site is...

The above reference states "may exempt from taxation part or all of the assessed value." This does not guaranty full or partial property tax exemption at the time of Application. The project will not receive confirmation of the property tax exemption prior to Commitment, as required by 10 TAC §11.302(d) (2)(H)(iii):

If the Applicant proposes a property tax exemption or Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement, the Applicant must provide documentation in accordance with §10.402(d) of this title (relating to Documentation Submission Requirements at Commitment of Funds). At the underwriter's discretion, such documentation may be required prior to Commitment or Determination Notice if deemed necessary.

Application #22295 The Warehouse Lofts at 707 is not financially feasible when underwritten in accordance with the 2022 QAP. Accordingly, the appeal was denied by the Executive Director on July 19, 2022.

If the Board denies the appeal, then the Department's initial underwriting report will remain unchanged, and the Application will not be recommended for an award. Staff recommends that the Board deny the appeal.



#### **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

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Ms. Patricia Murchison Munger Development 5599 San Felipe Street Houston, TX 77056

RE: APPEAL OF HOUSING TAX CREDIT UNDERWRITING REPORT 22295 THE WAREHOUSE LOFTS AT 707 (THE DEVELOPMENT)

#### Dear Ms. Murchison:

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs received your letter dated July 6, 2022, appealing the underwriting report issued for the above Development on July 1, 2022, which does not recommend the Application for an award of funding on the basis that it does not meet financial feasibility requirements.

The Application includes eligible developer fee and eligible contractor fee amounts that are greater than allowed per the 2022 Qualified Action Plan (QAP), specifically:

10 TAC §11.302(e)(7)(A) for Housing Tax Credit Developments, the developer fee included in eligible basis cannot exceed 15% of the project's eligible costs, less developer fee, for Developments proposing 50 Units or more.

10 TAC §11.302(e)(6) General Contractor fees are limited to a total of 14% on Developments with Hard Costs of \$3 million or greater. For Housing Tax Credit Developments, the percentages are applied to the sum of the eligible hard costs in calculating the eligible contractor fees.

18.45% eligible developer fee and 18.77% eligible contractor fee are reflected on the Development Cost Schedule; these amounts were calculated off the total eligible basis, instead of the eligible basis self-limited to score. When the eligible amounts are adjusted to meet the QAP, eligible basis is reduced by \$703,488 and generates a \$635,476 cut to equity proceeds, requiring an increase in deferred developer fee that cannot be paid back within the required 15 years per 10 TAC §11.302(i)(2).



In your appeal narrative, you state that because the Federal Historic Tax Credits (\$2,250,000) are removed from eligible basis, restricting the eligible developer fee and eligible contractor fee to the voluntary restriction in eligible basis is a double restriction and that it penalizes the project for doing historic preservation. While the eligible developer fee and eligible contractor fee must be calculated off the basis limited to score, since the \$2,250,000, Federal Historic Credits are removed from basis and corresponding costs are not eligible for tax credits, this specific part of your appeal is granted, to the effect that \$2,250,000 of the \$2,270,500 self-limited basis will be credited back for tax credit calculation purposes. This generates an annual tax credit recommendation of \$1,114,918, as requested in the Application.

The Application assumes a combined vacancy rate of 4%, which is lower than allowed per the 2022 Qualified Action Plan (QAP), 10 TAC §11.302(d)(1)(C):

The Underwriter generally uses a normalized vacancy rate of 7.5% (5% vacancy plus 2.5% for collection loss). 100% project-based rental subsidy developments and other well-documented cases may be underwritten at a combined 5% vacancy rate at the discretion of the Underwriter if the immediate market area's historical performance reflected in the Market Analysis is consistently higher than a 95% occupancy rate.

When adjusted to the 7.5% vacancy, income is reduced and requires a \$215k assumed reduction in debt to meet the minimum 1.15 DCR requirement. The decreased debt would require an increase in deferred developer fee to balance the sources and uses; the increased deferred developer fee cannot be paid back within the required 15 years per 10 TAC §11.302(i)(2).

In your appeal narrative, you state that the market study showing twelve tax credit properties in the PMA averaging an occupancy rate of 99.4% is support for the 4% vacancy assumption in the Application. Per the above rule, well-documented cases can be underwritten at 5% if the immediate market area's historical performance is consistently higher than 95%. The basic Market Analysis conducted for the tax credit Application is a point-in-time reflection of occupancy rates when the market analyst calls the properties to survey them. The underwriting for financial feasibility assumes 7.5% combined vacancy rate to take into account vacancy and collection loss fluctuations throughout the life of the property, which change daily.

For example, New Hope Housing at Harrisburg is a tax credit property that is included in the 99.4% average occupancy; the market study reports 100% occupancy for the property. Per rent rolls submitted to TDHCA's Compliance Monitoring and Tracking System (CMTS), the property had 94% occupancy in October 2021, 96% occupancy in January of 2022, and 92% occupancy in April of 2022. The market study reports the current occupancy for Canal Street Apartments as 100% per rent rolls submitted to CMTS, the property had 88% occupancy in January 2022 and 89% occupancy in June of 2022.

Even if the Department assumes a 5% vacancy, the NOI decreases to \$284,599 which provides enough cash flow to meet the 1.15 DCR, but does not pay back the deferred developer fee of \$779,476 within 15 years as required by 10 TAC §11.302(i)(2) When assuming a 5% vacancy, \$13,156 of deferred developer unpaid at the end of the 15 year period.

The appeal requests that, if the Department does underwrite the 7.5% combined vacancy in accordance with the 2022 QAP, then the annual property tax assumption should be reduced from \$62,000 to \$21,000 to allow more cash flow to pay back the increased deferred fee within the required 15 years. Your basis for this is that Tab 26 of the Application explicitly notes that for Texas Historic Preservation projects, the ability to secure property tax exemption is available and encouraged. While it is possible that such an exemption may ultimately be available to the Development, this is only available after the Historic designation is achieved.

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The Application includes a placeholder taxation figure in the operating budget. You also provided a section from the Texas Historical Commission:

Sec. 11.24. HISTORIC SITES. (a) The governing body of a taxing unit by official action of the body adopted in the manner required by law for official actions may exempt from taxation part or all of the assessed value of a structure or archeological site and the land necessary for access to and use of the structure or archeological site, if the structure or archeological site is...

The above reference states "may exempt from taxation part or all of the assessed value." This does not guaranty full or partial property tax exemption at the time of Application. The project will not receive confirmation of the property tax exemption prior to Commitment as required by 10 TAC §11.302(d) (2)(H)(iii):

If the Applicant proposes a property tax exemption or Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement, the Applicant must provide documentation in accordance with §10.402(d) of this title (relating to Documentation Submission Requirements at Commitment of Funds). At the underwriter's discretion, such documentation may be required prior to Commitment or Determination Notice if deemed necessary.

Application #22295 The Warehouse Lofts at 707 is not financially feasible when underwritten in accordance with the 2022 QAP. Accordingly, the appeal is denied.

If you are not satisfied with this decision, you may file a further appeal with the Board of Directors of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Please review §11.902 of the 2022 QAP for full instruction on the appeals process. Please note that 10 TAC §11.902(g) and Tex. Gov't Code §2306.6715(d) limit Board review of an Application on appeal to the original Application and those documents contained within the Application.

Sincerely,

Bobby Wilkinson Executive Director

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

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July 6, 2022

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RE: Appeal of 22295 The Warehouse Lofts at 707 Staff No Funding Recommendation

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Please find below our reason for requesting an appeal of the Staff's "not recommended for funding" issued July 1, 2022.

- 1) We did not use a 7.5% vacancy and collection loss. The Primary Market Area with 12 tax credit projects has an occupancy rate of 99.4% ( attached page Market Study). To be required to use a 7.5% vacancy factor is contrary to the reality of the facts on the ground and the critical need for housing in the area. Assuming we added to this .6% vacancy factor a 2.5% collection loss, the economic vacancy would only be 3.1%, still lower than the 4% utilized. We are required to submit a Market Study for our Primary Market Area, but then it seems that the conclusions of that Market Study cannot be relied upon to model the proposed project. We maintain that the 4% market vacancy factor should be used as it reflects the reality of the downtown Houston rental market.
- 2) The references to the Developer Fee being outside of the limits regarding the voluntary restriction of Eligible Basis for points fails to recognize the impact of using Historic Credits. The fact is, the use of Historic Credits reduces the Eligible Basis <u>BELOW</u> what would be the case if Historic Credits were not used. Thus, to restrict the Developer Fee and Contractor Fee to the voluntary restriction in eligible basis percentages is a double restriction. The project is penalized for doing historic preservation in this situation if the Contractor and Developer Fees are both restricted at the voluntary eligible basis calculation AND the basis is reduced by the Historic Credits. TDHCA does not recognize this in its underwriting determination.

To this point, if Historic Credits were not utilized on this project and the Developer Fee was sized as stipulated in the "no recommendation" analysis, the amount of credits that would be requested would be \$214,695 GREATER than the requested credits in this application. Also, as submitted and comparing this application to the 9 applications recommended for funding in the July 5 application log, the amount of credits requested by all of those applicants ranged from a low of \$17,543/unit to a high of \$24,691/unit. The Warehouse Lofts application as submitted requested only \$13,273 in credits per unit even with the higher Contractor and Developer fees. This again makes the point that Historic Credit projects generate a greater efficiency in the use of TDHCA resources and should not be penalized for doing so.

The purpose of Historic Credits is to allow developers to implement historic preservation. The program recognizes that the cost of doing adaptive re-use, historic preservation projects is inherently more expensive than new construction or existing apartment renovation projects. The credit is meant not to be a substitute for low income credits, but as a high cost supplement to incentivize the redevelopment of historic assets. The TDHCA underwriting as implemented does not take that into account.

- 3) If a 7.5% vacancy factor is utilized (with which we disagree), the project is cash flow challenged regarding repayment of the Developer Fee in 15 years as structured in the initial application. However, in Tab 26 it was explicitly noted that in Texas Historic Preservation projects, the ability to secure property tax exemption is available and encouraged. Since this is only available after the Historic designation is achieved, we used a placeholder taxation figure in the operating budget. However, this number is not defined by any parameters. It could have been sized at almost any level, including \$0.00, subject to a final exemption once the National Register historic determination has been secured and the exemption request processed. Reducing the property tax rate to the current tax level for the property results in the full repayment of any deferred fee over the 15 years.
- 4) This project does not fall within the general parameters of non-historic LIHTC projects. Therefore, it merits special consideration. This is especially critical in the area of the Contractor and Developer fee calculations where historic projects are subjected to a double reduction in basis, contrary to the very benefit that Historic Tax Credits are intended to bring to a project. This project should not be penalized for engaging in a process that is highly difficult and outside of the "one size fits all" underwriting parameters that govern the vast majority of TDHCA applications.

Please reverse the "not recommended" determination and approve this project for Board recommendation for funding.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Patricia Murchison

Sincerely.

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	Stabilized LIHTC Developments	12	12			99.4%	
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TDHCA#	Development	Status	Туре	Target Population	Comp Units	Total Units	Occup
19296	McKee City Living	under const	new cor	st General	87	120	n/a
	Other Affordable Deve	lopments in PMA	since 2	017			
TDHCA#	Development	Status	Туре	Target Population	Comp Units	Total Units	Occup
	Hardy Yards Apts.	in service	new cor	st General	0	178	96%
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### Note on Tab 26 Regarding Property Taxes

Following this note is a Section from the Texas Historical Commission regarding the ability to receive a waiver of property taxes from local governments for certified historic structures. It is not possible at this time to seek that waiver, as the property is not yet a listed structure, which will only happen after redevelopment. However, the potential and authority to seek and be awarded property tax relief is available and will be sought by the Developer/Owner post completion of the project.

- Sec. 11.24. HISTORIC SITES. (a) The governing body of a taxing unit by official action of the body adopted in the manner required by law for official actions may exempt from taxation part or all of the assessed value of a structure or archeological site and the land necessary for access to and use of the structure or archeological site, if the structure or archeological site is:
- (1) designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark under Chapter  $\underline{442}$ , Government Code, or a state archeological landmark under Chapter  $\underline{191}$ , Natural Resources Code, by the Texas Historical Commission; or
- (2) designated as a historically or archeologically significant site in need of tax relief to encourage its preservation pursuant to an ordinance or other law adopted by the governing body of the taxing unit.
- (b) The governing body of a taxing unit may not repeal or reduce the amount of an exemption granted under Subsection (a) for a property that otherwise qualifies for the exemption unless:
- (1) the owner of the property consents to the repeal or reduction; or
- (2) the taxing unit provides written notice of the repeal or reduction to the owner not later than five years before the date the governing body repeals or reduces the exemption.

Acts 1979, 66th Leg., p. 2243, ch. 841, Sec. 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1980. Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 109, Sec. 21, eff. Aug. 30, 1995.

#### Amended by:

Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 944 (S.B.  $\underline{2}$ ), Sec. 25, eff. January 1, 2020.

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