



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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HCD22-13 9% HTC Resolution of Support - ETJ

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Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends Council approval of a Resolution of Support for competitive 9% Housing Tax Credits (HTCs) allocated by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), for each of the applications located in Houston's ETJ. Applications will be submitted to TDHCA from across the state, and the number of available 9% HTCs is limited. It will not be known which, if any, of these projects will receive HTCs until the end of July 2022 when TDHCA announces awards.

Only preliminary information is available regarding the applications, and HCDD has not underwritten these projects for financial viability. HCDD reviewed the applications to determine whether they meet the community development policy objectives of the City of Houston (City) and meet certain minimum standards. Applications were required to meet a minimum of 10 points from the criteria outlined below to receive a Resolution of Support.

- Sites located within the boundaries of a Complete Community or TIRZ. Sites located in overlaying areas of a Complete Community or TIRZ will not receive combined points - 2 points
- Proposals to renovate or reconstruct existing rental housing – 3 points
- Sites located within an underserved area described as the following:
 - Within a census tract that has no other affordable housing development funded with HTCs - 1 point
 - Within a census tract if the contiguous census tracts do not have any affordable housing developments funded with HTCs that is less than 15-years old (2006 or after) - 2 points
- Sites that promote access to mass transportation options described as the following:
 - Sites located within 1/4 mile of any public transportation stop - 1 point
 - Sites located within 1/4 of a high frequency public transportation stop. High frequency transit service is defined as service arriving every 15 minutes on average from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm seven days a week - 2 points
- Sites with reduced poverty concentration less than 20% - 1 point
- Developments providing quality on-site education opportunities at no cost to residents:
 - Provide a High-Quality Pre-Kindergarten (HQ Pre-K) program and associated educational space on-site - 2 points
 - Operate an after-school learning center that offers, at minimum, 10 hours of weekly, organized, on-site educational services provided by a qualified third-party entity - 1 point
- Developments which promote a mixed income composition whereas:
 - A minimum of 10% of the units to be unrestricted - 1 point
 - A minimum of 20% of the units to be unrestricted - 2 points
- Written documentation of community support showing that the applicant has sought, received and implemented (if needed) views and recommendations regarding the proposed project, from locally organized groups formed to primarily serve the interest of the proposed neighborhood. Letters of support will not be accepted from organizations directly affiliated with the project.
 - Documentation of support from neighborhood-based associations (civic associations, super neighborhoods, etc.), elected officials- 1 point
- Developments that offer neighborhood beautification efforts and resiliency features. HCDD will require applicants to certify in a letter to HCDD that they agree to implement any features indicated below. In addition, development budgets submitted to HCDD must clearly indicate the features they are to install. Failure to implement these features (without prior consent from HCDD) may impact future resolutions being issued to applicant.
 - Onsite material recycling – 1 point
 - Building resiliency features – up to 5 points
 - Off-site improvements, trash cans or other eligible efforts determined appropriate by HCDD – 1 point

Based on these criteria, the projects listed have achieved the minimum 10-point threshold and qualify for a Resolution of Support.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on January 25, 2022.

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