

## **Wilbourne, Kim 9083**

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**Subject:** [External] 2026 DRAFT QAP & TEB Comments - Connelly Development

Please accept the below comments on the DRAFT 2026 QAP and Tax-Exempt Bond Program:

### **QAP:**

#### **Page 8, Leveraging:**

Only count funds that have a direct material financial impact (benefit) to the development. Must be able to prove a financial benefit to the development, i.e. lower perm loan, lower state credit need, lower federal credit need.

#### **Page 19, Item 14 Minimum Hard Cost Requirement:**

Please lower the state imposed 65% hard cost ratio to a 60% hard cost ratio for bond developments. Bond developments have higher soft costs than the typical 9% development and lowering this ratio would make allowances for bond interest, reinvestment earnings, and the higher soft costs associated with bond financing. While a waiver is allowed at initial application, which is appreciated, the Authority would potentially have fewer waiver requests if the hard cost ratio was simply lowered to 60% for bond developments.

#### **Page 16, Annual Operating Expenses:**

Please reduce the projected annual operating expenses from \$4,000 to \$6,000 per unit per year to \$3,500 to \$6,000 per year.

## **Appendix C2- Tax Exempt Bonds**

#### **General Comment:**

As was mentioned as a comment in the QAP, please lower the state imposed 65% hard cost ratio to a 60% hard cost ratio for bond developments. Bond developments have higher soft costs than the typical 9% development and lowering this ratio would make allowances for bond interest, reinvestment earnings, and the higher soft costs associated with bond financing. While a waiver is allowed at initial application, which is appreciated, the Authority would potentially have fewer waiver requests if the hard cost ratio was simply lowered to 60% for bond developments.

#### **Page C2-2, Item A Application Process:**

1. Please list criteria and documents needed for the preliminary bond application.
2. If a development budget is to be provided the Authority needs to provide survey information for syndication equity pricing as soon as possible.
3. A 5% variance of cost between initial and full application could be millions of dollars in variation.

Thank you for your consideration of the above comments.

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