

## **Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement Form**

1. The Applicant certifies that the proposed Development can be completed and operating within the development schedule and budget submitted to the Corporation.
2. The Applicant acknowledges and certifies that the following information will be provided by the due date outlined below, or as otherwise outlined in the invitation to enter credit underwriting. Failure to provide the required information by the stated deadline shall result in the withdrawal of the invitation to enter credit underwriting.
  - a. Within 7 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting:
    - (1) Name and address of the chief elected official of the local jurisdiction where the proposed Development is located;
    - (2) Notification of the Applicant's eligibility for acquisition credits per Section 42 of the IRC, if applicable; and
    - (3) The Applicant's Federal Identification Number. If the number has not yet been obtained, the Applicant must provide a copy of the completed, submitted application for the number.
  - b. Within 21 Calendar Days of the date of the invitation to enter credit underwriting:
    - (1) Certification from a licensed environmental provider confirming that a Phase I environmental site assessment has been performed for the entire Development site, and, if applicable, a Phase II environmental site assessment has been or is being performed, as outlined in Item 12 of Exhibit C of the RFA;
    - (2) Confirmation that the proposed equity amount to be paid prior to or simultaneous with the closing of construction financing is at least 15 percent of the total proposed equity to be provided (the 15 percent criteria), subject to the following:
      - (a) If syndicating/selling the Housing Credits, there are two exceptions to the preceding sentence. First, if there is a bridge loan proposal within the equity proposal that provides for bridge loan proceeds that equal at least 15 percent of the amount of total proposed equity to be provided to be made available prior to or simultaneous with closing of construction financing, the 15 percent criteria will be met. Second, if there is a separate bridge loan proposal from either the equity provider, any entity that is controlled directly or indirectly by the equity provider, or a subsidiary of the equity provider's parent holding company, and the proposal explicitly proposes an amount to be made available prior to or simultaneous with the closing of construction financing that equals at least 15 percent of the total proposed equity to be paid stated in the equity proposal, the 15 percent criteria is met. Bridge loan proposals that are not within the equity proposal, though, must meet the criteria previously stated for debt financing with the exception that evidence of ability to fund does not have to be provided. The Applicant may include the proposed amount of the bridge loan as equity proceeds on the Construction or Rehabilitation Analysis and on the Permanent Analysis (Note: this 15 percent criteria must be reflected in the limited partnership agreement or limited liability company operating agreement); or
      - (b) If not syndicating/selling the Housing Credits, proceeds from a bridge loan will not count toward meeting the 15 percent criteria;

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- (3) Confirmation that all construction features committed to and proposed by the Applicant shall be located on the Development site;
  - (4) Confirmation that, if the proposed Development meets the definition of Scattered Sites, all Scattered Sites requirements that were not required to be met in the Application will be met, including that all features and amenities committed to and proposed by the Applicant that are not unit-specific shall be located on each of the Scattered Sites, or no more than 1/16 mile from the Scattered Site with the most units, or a combination of both;
  - (5) Notification of the percentage of ownership of the Principals of the Applicant;
  - (6) If the Applicant indicates at question 5.e.(3)(a) of Exhibit A that there are existing occupied units, the Applicant must provide to the Credit Underwriter a plan for relocation of existing tenants, as outlined in Section Four A.5.e.(3) of the RFA;
  - (7) Identity of the remaining members of the Development Team (i.e., inexperienced co-Developer(s), General Contractor, Architect, Attorney, and Accountant), as outlined in Item 12 of Exhibit C of the RFA. The team members so identified, and any future replacement thereof, must be acceptable to the Corporation and the Credit Underwriter;
  - (8) If the Applicant selected the Development Category (at question 5.c.(1) of Exhibit A) of New Construction, as outlined in Section Four A.8.a.(2) of the RFA, the Applicant must advise the Corporation of the specific Green Building Certification Program that it commits to achieve: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED); Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC); or ICC 700 National Green Building Standard (NGBS); and
  - (9) If the Applicant indicated at question 13.a.(1)(b)(ii) of Exhibit A that the proposed Development is a phase of a multiphase Development, the attorney opinion letter containing the required information must be provided to the Corporation. The Applicant's invitation to enter credit underwriting will outline information that, at a minimum, must be included in the attorney opinion letter.
3. By submitting the Application, the Applicant acknowledges and certifies that:
- a. The proposed Development will meet all state building codes, including the 2012 Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction, adopted pursuant to Section 553.503, F.S., the Fair Housing Act as implemented by 24 CFR Part 100, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as outlined in Item 4 of Exhibit C of the RFA, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as implemented by 28 CFR Part 35, incorporating the most recent amendments, regulations and rules.
  - b. The name of the Applicant entity stated in the Application may be changed only by written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff and approval of the Board after the Carryover Allocation Agreement is in effect. In addition, as further outlined in Item 2 of Exhibit C of the RFA, the Applicant entity shall be the recipient of the Housing Credits and the borrowing entity for the SAIL funding and may not change until after the closing of the SAIL loan.

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- c. If the Applicant applies as a Non-Profit entity and meets the requirements outlined in Section Four A.3.c. of the RFA to be considered to be a Non-Profit for purposes of this RFA, it must remain a Non-Profit entity and the Non-Profit entity must (i) receive at least 25 percent of the Developer's fee; and (ii) understand that it is the Non-Profit entity's responsibility to contractually ensure that it substantially and materially participates in the management and operation of the Development throughout the Compliance Period.
- d. The success of an Applicant in being selected for funding is not an indication that the Applicant will receive a positive recommendation from the Credit Underwriter or that the Development Team's experience, past performance or financial capacity is satisfactory. The past performance record, financial capacity, and any and all other matters relating to the Development Team, which consists of Developer, Management Company, General Contractor, Architect, Attorney, and Accountant, will be reviewed during credit underwriting. The Credit Underwriter may require additional information from any member of the Development Team including, without limitation, documentation on other past projects and financials. Development Teams with an unsatisfactory past performance record, inadequate financial capacity or any other unsatisfactory matters relating to their suitability may result in a negative recommendation from the Credit Underwriter.
- e. The Principals of each Developer identified in the Application, including all co-Developers, may be changed only by written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff and approval of the Board after the Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting. In addition, any allowable replacement of an experienced Principal of a Developer entity must meet the experience requirements that were met by the original Principal.
- f. The total number of units stated in the Application may be increased after the Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting, subject to written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff and approval of the Corporation.
- g. The invitation to enter credit underwriting will be rescinded if it is determined that the proposed Development was placed in service prior to the year in which it received its allocation.
- h. The proposed Development will include (i) all construction features commitments made by the Applicant at question 8.a. of Exhibit A, and (ii) all required construction features applicable to the proposed Development, as outlined in Item 4 of Exhibit C of the RFA. The quality of the features committed to by the Applicant is subject to approval of the Board of Directors.
- i. The proposed Development will include (i) all resident programs commitments made by the Applicant at question 8.b. of Exhibit A, and (ii) the required resident programs outlined in Item 5 of Exhibit C of the RFA. The quality of the resident programs committed to by the Applicant is subject to approval of the Board of Directors.
- j. The proposed Development will include the required income set-aside units committed to in the Application. The Total Set-Aside Percentage stated in the Application may be increased after the Applicant has been invited to enter credit underwriting, subject to written request of an Applicant to Corporation staff and approval of the Corporation.

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- k. The Applicant irrevocably commits to set aside units in the proposed Development for a total of 50 years. Note: in submitting its Application, the Applicant knowingly, voluntarily and irrevocably commits to waive, and does hereby waive, for the duration of the 50-year set aside period the option to convert to market, including any option or right to submit a request for a qualified contract, after year fourteen (14), and any other option, right or process available to the Applicant to terminate (or that would result in the termination of) the 50-year set aside period at any time prior to the expiration of its full term.
- l. The Applicant's commitments will be included in an Extended Use Agreement and a Land Use Restriction Agreement and must be maintained in order for the Development to remain in compliance, unless the Board approves a change.
- m. The applicable fees outlined in Item 10 of Exhibit C of the RFA will be due as outlined in this RFA, Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C., and/or as otherwise prescribed by the Corporation and/or the Credit Underwriter.
- n. The Applicant agrees and acknowledges that the Application will be subject to the Total Development Cost Per Unit Limitation, based on the construction type of the units as indicated by the Applicant in the RFA, during the scoring, credit underwriting, and final allocation process, as outlined in Item 7 of Exhibit C of the RFA.
- o. The Applicant agrees and acknowledges that the following information and documentation will be provided as outlined in Item 11 of Exhibit C of the RFA: Progress Report (Form Q/M Report); Final Cost Certification Application Package (Form FCCAP); and Financial Reporting Form SR-1.
- p. The Applicant agrees and acknowledges that it will conform to the requirements regarding the use of replacement reserve funds, adequate insurance and financial statements provided for the Credit Underwriter's review, as outlined in Item 11 of Exhibit C of the RFA.
- q. The Preliminary Recommendation Letter (PRL) for this Development will be due to the Corporation no later than 12 weeks after the invitation to enter credit underwriting has been accepted. Pursuant to paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(b), F.A.C., the Applicant is responsible for providing the Credit Underwriter with the information necessary to complete the PRL. If the 12 week deadline cannot be met due to any delay caused by the Applicant, the Applicant must request an extension by submitting a written request and payment of the applicable processing fee to the Corporation.
- r. As outlined in Section Four A.6.b.(2) of the RFA, by the deadline stated in the invitation to enter credit underwriting, the Applicant shall (i) develop and execute the required Link MOU with a designated Special Needs Household Referral Agency that provides supportive services for Persons with a Disabling Condition in the county where the proposed Development will be located and maintain a current, executed and functioning Link MOU throughout the Development's affordability period, and (ii) if applicable, the Applicant shall also demonstrate HUD's approval of the owner-adopted preference in admission policies for the Development. The Applicant must take the commitments for the ELI Set-Aside and Persons with a Disabling Condition set-aside provided by Link units into consideration in all pre-leasing and leasing activities.

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- s. If the Applicant indicates at question 13.a.(1)(b)(ii) of Exhibit A that the proposed Development is an eligible multiphase Development and, during the credit underwriting process, it is determined that the proposed Development does not meet the criteria for such distinction, the proposed Development will not be eligible for the multiphase status outlined in Section Four A.13.a.(1)(b) of the RFA.
  - t. In exchange for receiving funding from Florida Housing, Florida Housing reserves the authority to restrict the disposition of any funds remaining in any operating deficit reserve(s) after the term of the reserve's original purpose has terminated or is near termination. Authorized disposition uses are limited to payments towards any outstanding loan balances of the Development funded from Florida Housing, any outstanding Florida Housing fees, any unpaid costs incurred in the completion of the Development (i.e., deferred Developer fee), the Development's capital replacement reserve account (provided however, that any operating deficit reserve funds deposited to the replacement reserve account will not replace, negate, or otherwise be considered an advance payment or pre-funding of the Applicant's obligation to periodically fund the replacement reserve account), the reimbursement of any loan(s) provided by a partner, member or guarantor as set forth in the Applicant's organizational agreement (i.e., operating or limited partnership agreement), and, in the case of a Development with a Homeless or Persons with Special Needs Demographic Commitment, another operating deficit reserve whereby its final disposition remains under this same restriction. The actual direction of the disposition is at the Applicant's discretion so long as it is an option permitted by Florida Housing. In no event shall the payment of amounts to the Applicant or the Developer from any operating deficit reserve established for the Development cause the Developer fee or General Contractor fee to exceed the applicable percentage limitations provided for in this RFA.
  - u. As outlined in Section Four A.9. and Item 1 of Exhibit C of the RFA, by the date stated in the invitation to enter credit underwriting, the Applicant shall develop and implement a plan for tenant outreach, marketing and selection.
- 4. The Applicant acknowledges that any funding preliminarily secured by the Applicant is expressly conditioned upon any independent review, analysis and verification of all information contained in this Application that may be conducted by the Corporation, the successful completion of credit underwriting, and all necessary approvals by the Board of Directors, Corporation or other legal counsel, the Credit Underwriter, and Corporation staff.
  - 5. If preliminary funding is approved, the Applicant will promptly furnish such other supporting information, documents, and fees as may be requested or required. The Applicant understands and agrees that the Corporation is not responsible for actions taken by the undersigned in reliance on a preliminary commitment by the Corporation. The Applicant commits that no qualified residents will be refused occupancy because they have Section 8 vouchers or certificates. The Applicant further commits to actively seek tenants from public housing waiting lists and tenants who are participating in and/or have successfully completed the training provided by welfare to work or self-sufficiency type programs.
  - 6. By Certificate of Occupancy, the Applicant commits to participate in the statewide housing locator system, as required by the Corporation.

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7. The Applicant and all Financial Beneficiaries have read all applicable Corporation rules governing this RFA and have read the instructions for completing this RFA and will abide by the applicable Florida Statutes and the credit underwriting and program provisions outlined in Rule Chapter 67-48, F.A.C. The Applicant and all Financial Beneficiaries have read, understand and will comply with Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and all related federal regulations.
8. In eliciting information from third parties required by and/or included in this Application, the Applicant has provided such parties information that accurately describes the Development as proposed in this Application. The Applicant has reviewed the third party information included in this Application and/or provided during the credit underwriting process and the information provided by any such party is based upon, and accurate with respect to, the Development as proposed in this Application.
9. The undersigned understands and agrees that in the event that the Applicant is invited into credit underwriting, the Applicant must submit IRS Form 8821 for all Financial Beneficiaries in order to obtain a recommendation for a Housing Credit Allocation and the SAIL funding.
10. The Applicant understands and agrees to cooperate with any audits conducted in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 20.055(5), F.S.
11. The undersigned is authorized to bind all Financial Beneficiaries to this certification and warranty of truthfulness and completeness of the Application.

Under the penalties of perjury, I declare and certify that I have read the foregoing and that the information is true, correct and complete.

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Signature of Applicant

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Name (typed or printed)

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Title (typed or printed)

NOTE: The Applicant must provide this form as Attachment 1 to the RFA. The Applicant Certification and Acknowledgement form included in the Application labeled "Original Hard Copy" must contain an original signature (blue ink is preferred).