

**EXHIBIT A**AUTHORITY, PURPOSE, AND SCOPE OF WORK1. Authority

This Standard Agreement, STD 213, (the "Agreement") is the result of the Sponsor's application (the "Application") for funding under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program ("Program") pursuant to:

- A. Part 1 of division 44 of the Public Resources Code (commencing with Section 75200);
- B. The Round 8 Program Guidelines dated December 14, 2023 (the "Guidelines") as may be amended from time to time; and
- C. The Program's Notice of Funding Availability (the "NOFA") issued by the Department of Housing and Community Development (hereinafter the "Department" or "HCD"), dated January 19, 2024.

This Agreement is entered under the authority of, and in furtherance of the purposes of the Program.

2. Purpose

In accordance with the authority cited above, Sponsor's Application was made to HCD for financial assistance from the Program for the purpose of assisting in the development, operation, and maintenance of a residential rental Affordable Housing Development on certain real property (the "Property") as identified in the Application. The Application, including all representations made therein, and the Project Report dated as of the date set forth in provision Ex. A-E.1 in Exhibit E of this Agreement (the "Project Report") are hereby incorporated in this Agreement by this reference. The financial assistance from the Program shall be in the form of a permanent loan as detailed in the award letter dated as of the date specified in provision Ex. A-E.2 of Exhibit E of this Agreement ("Award Letter") (the "Loan") either directly to the Sponsor, or to an approved affiliate of the Sponsor (either of the foregoing entities, in the capacity as borrower of the Loan funds only, the "Borrower"), as owner of the Development evidenced by a promissory note, secured by a deed of trust and subject to a regulatory agreement between the Borrower and the Department. The purpose of the Loan is to ensure that the Development is constructed, owned, managed, maintained and operated in accordance with the requirements of the Program, the requirements of the Guidelines, and the representations of the Application, and to ensure that certain residential units therein shall be occupied by eligible households at affordable rents as defined in the Guidelines for the full term of the Loan, regardless of sale or transfer of

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the Property or prepayment of the Loan. To further effect this purpose, if Borrower is an entity other than the Sponsor identified in the Application, HCD may require the Sponsor to enter into a Sponsor Operating Guaranty as a condition of closing the Loan. By entering into this Agreement and thereby accepting the award of Program Loan funds, the Sponsor agrees to comply with applicable statutory law, the Guidelines, the NOFA, and this Agreement, and to abide by the representations contained in the Application, and in the Project Report.

**3. Definitions**

Capitalized terms herein shall have the meaning of the definitions set forth in the Guidelines, and in page 1 of this Exhibit A, in addition:

- A. The "Development" refers to the residential rental Affordable Housing Development described in the Application and meeting the criteria set forth in the Project Report providing the affordable housing units, as described therein, in consideration of the Program Loan. The Development shall meet all criteria as set forth in the Guidelines.
- B. "Agreement" refers to this Standard Agreement.
- C. "Sponsor" refers to the entity or entities that made the Application to the Department for the Development and identified as "Contractor" on page 1 to this Agreement (STD 213). "Sponsor" also includes any affiliate or assignee of the Sponsor approved by the Department and undertaking all the obligations of the Sponsor hereunder. In the case of joint applicants, "Sponsor" shall refer to each applicant or the approved assignee of such applicant. Each joint applicant shall be jointly and severally liable for all obligations of a Sponsor as set forth herein.
- D. "TCAC" refers to the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee.
- E. Any reference to a specific "Section" or "section" of the Guidelines shall initially refer to that specific numbered section of the Guidelines adopted on and dated December 14, 2023. Notwithstanding, if and when the Strategic Growth Council ("SGC") amends any portion of the Guidelines, all references herein to any such portion of the Guidelines shall be deemed to refer to the updated version of the Guidelines, either in whole or in part, as may be applicable. To the extent that any Guidelines section or sections (Section or Sections) provision is or are amended, and thereafter receive(s) a new Guidelines section number(s), any reference herein to the old Guidelines section(s) number(s) shall be interpreted to refer instead to the Guidelines section(s) that is (or are) intended to replace the content and substance of the former Guidelines section(s).

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**EXHIBIT A****4. Scope of Work**

The Scope of Work ("Work") for this Agreement shall consist of the development and construction by or on behalf of Sponsor of the Development identified in the Award Letter and described in the Application. The Development is to be developed and constructed by the Sponsor, or by a developer on behalf of the Sponsor, as provided in the Application, and must meet the criteria specified in Exhibit E of this Agreement as provision Ex. A–E.3:

Upon completion, the Development must meet or exceed the applicable minimum Net Density as set forth in Section 103(a)(1)(A)(iv) of the Guidelines.

Further, the Sponsor shall take such actions, pay such expenses, and do all things necessary to complete the Development as identified in the Award Letter and described in the Application, and in the Project Report in accordance with the schedule for completion set forth therein and within the terms and conditions of this Agreement. All written materials or alterations submitted as addenda to the original Application, and which are approved in writing by a Division of Financial Assistance Operations Manager or higher Departmental official, as appropriate, are hereby incorporated as part of the Agreement. The Department reserves the right to review and approve all Work to be performed by the Sponsor in relation to this Agreement. Any proposed revision of the Work must be submitted in writing for review and approval by the Department. Approval shall not be presumed unless such approval is made by the Department in writing.

**5. Evidence of Point Generating Activities**

Based on the points awarded to its Application, Sponsor assures the Department of the existence or planned aspects of all point generating activities as detailed in the Project Report. At the request of the Department, Sponsor shall provide further and additional evidence sufficient to demonstrate the existence and/or completion of the items for which the Sponsor's Application received points. Failure to provide such evidence to the reasonable satisfaction of the Department may result in a reevaluation of the Application and the reduction or cancellation of the award, require repayments of any disbursed Program funds, and result in the disencumbrance of Program funds awarded.

**EXHIBIT A****6. Approved Schedule of the Development**

The schedule of construction for the Development approved by the Department, which may be updated from time to time is specified in Exhibit E of this Agreement as provision Ex. A-E.4. When Sponsor misses or anticipates missing an approved Development construction schedule date, Sponsor shall notify the Department in writing as soon as is reasonably practicable. In this notification, Sponsor shall explain why the date has been or will likely be missed; provide a status update relative to the other Development construction schedule dates; and provide assurances that it will meet the remaining Development construction schedule dates. Sponsor's failure to provide a timely written notification shall be considered a default under this Agreement.

**7. Performance Milestones**

Recipient shall ensure the completion of the Performance Milestones set forth in Exhibit E of this Agreement as provision Ex. A-E.5 by the designated dates.

**8. HCD Coordinator**

The coordinator of this Agreement for HCD is the Loan Closing AHSC Program Manager for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities, Division of Financial Assistance. Any notice, report, or other communication required by this Agreement shall be mailed by first class mail to the AHSC Program Manager at the following address:

Loan Closing, AHSC Program Manager  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
Division of State Financial Assistance – Loan Closing Branch  
P.O. Box 952054  
Sacramento, California 94252-2054

**9. Sponsor Contract Coordinator**

The Sponsor's Coordinator for this Agreement is listed in Exhibit E of this Agreement as provision Ex. A-E.6. Unless otherwise informed, any notice, report, or other communication required by this Agreement shall be mailed by first class to the contact at the address specified in Exhibit E of this Agreement as provision Ex. A-E.6:

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