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1903.03B Construction and Feasibility Review

Guidance

You should:

- Assess the:
  - construction lender's capacity to fund and monitor the construction loan; and
  - ability of the development team and general contractor to
    - complete the project, and
    - post an acceptable bond or letter of credit for the construction lender.
- Review and approve the:
  - project budget, including construction contingencies, and align any deferred development fee to market rates;
  - LIHTC equity funding schedule;
  - pro forma underwriting;
  - feasibility of repaying the construction loan at conversion, including:
    - evaluating several stress-test scenarios such as a decline in rents, an increase in operating expenses, or other circumstances;
    - having the LIHTC investor or construction lender retain an appropriate portion of the development fee until specified construction and lease up milestones are met;
    - the sufficiency of the LIHTC investor's equity funding; and
    - the availability of other capital sources such as grants or subordinate debt;
  - absorption schedule, including a capture band analysis of submarket income;
  - Borrower organizational documents;
  - Affordable Regulatory Agreements; and
  - Subordinate Loan documents.
- Ensure the Forward Commitment term is sufficient to allow for:
  - the Property to be completed and leased;

- you to submit the conversion package;
- Fannie Mae to approve the conversion; and
- you to Deliver the permanent Mortgage Loan.

Glossary

A

Affordable Regulatory Agreement	Recorded or unrecorded regulatory, land use, extended use, restrictive covenant, or similar agreement or restriction that is imposed by a Public Entity, placing rent, income, or other affordability restrictions on the use or occupancy of the Property, but which does not include a HAP Contract. **Synonyms** • Affordable Regulatory Agreements

B

Bonds	Tax-exempt or taxable multifamily revenue bonds, or other tax-exempt or taxable bonds, issued to finance 1 or more Credit Enhancement Mortgage Loan Properties. **Synonyms** • Bond
Borrower	Person who is the obligor per the Note. **Synonyms** • Borrowers • Borrower's

C

Commitment	Contractual agreement between you and Fannie Mae where Fannie Mae agrees to buy a Mortgage Loan at a future date in exchange for an MBS, or at a specific price for a Cash Mortgage Loan, and you agree to Deliver that Mortgage Loan. **Synonyms** • Committed • Commitments

D

Delivery	Submission of all correct, accurate, and certifiable documents, data, and information with all applicable documents properly completed, executed, and recorded as needed, and any deficiencies resolved to Fannie Mae's satisfaction. **Synonyms** • Deliver • Delivered • Deliveries

F

Forward Commitment	Commitment to purchase a permanent Mortgage Loan for a to-be constructed or rehabilitated Property. **Synonyms** • Forward Commitment's • Forward Commitments

G

Guide	Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide controlling all Lender and Servicer requirements unless a Lender Contract specifies otherwise. **Synonyms** • DUS Guide

I

Investor	MBS Investor for an MBS Mortgage Loan, or Fannie Mae for a Cash Mortgage Loan. **Synonyms** • Investors • Investor's

L

Lease	Written agreement between an owner and the tenant of a Property stipulating the conditions for possession and use of real estate for a specified period of time and rent. **Synonyms** • Leases
Lender	Person Fannie Mae approved to sell or service Mortgage Loans. **Synonyms** • Lenders • Lender's
Letter of Credit	Letter of Credit approved by Fannie Mae per Part I, Chapter 2: Mortgage Loan, Section 204: Letters of Credit. **Synonyms** • Letters of Credit • Letter of Credit's • LOC • LOCs
Loan Documents	All Fannie Mae-approved documents evidencing, securing, or guaranteeing the Mortgage Loan. **Synonyms** • Loan Document • Mortgage Loan Document • Mortgage Loan Documents

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit	Federal program offering tax credits to owners of eligible properties that contain low-income occupants and rent restrictions. **Synonyms** • Low-Income Housing Tax Credits • Low Income Housing Tax Credits • LIHTC • LIHTCs

M

Mortgage Loan	Mortgage debt obligation evidenced, or when made will be evidenced, by • the Loan Documents, or • a mortgage debt obligation with a Fannie Mae credit enhancement. **Synonyms** • Mortgage Loans • Mortgage Loan's

P

Project	Multifamily buildings • on multiple Properties, • owned by the same Borrower, and • that comply with Part II, Chapter 1: Attributes and Characteristics, Section 103.01: Single Borrower Ownership. **Synonyms** • Projects

Property	Multifamily residential real estate securing the Mortgage Loan, including the • fee simple or Leasehold interest, • Improvements, and • personal property (per the Uniform Commercial Code). **Synonyms** • Properties • Property's

S

Subordinate Loan	Multifamily residential real estate loan secured by a Lien against the Property having a lesser priority than the Lien securing another multifamily residential real estate loan on the same Property. **Synonyms** • Subordinate Loans