# Understanding the Legislative Landscape

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#### **Campaign Season**

House recess: Oct. 3 - Nov. 14

Senate in Oct. 11 - 21

#### **August Recess**

House: Aug. 1 – Sept. 12

Senate: Aug. 8 – Sept. 5

**Budget Resolution,** Government **Funding Expire** Sept. 30

**Midterm Elections**  **Lame Duck Session** Tax Extenders?

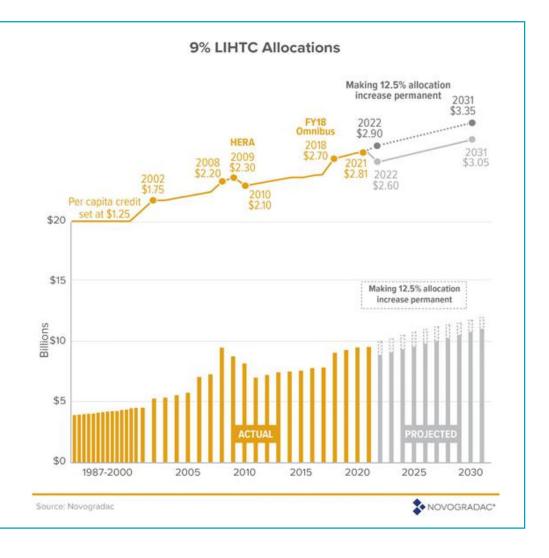
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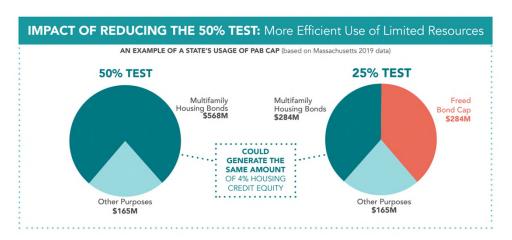
## Housing Credit Legislative Priorities: Allocation Increase

Increase affordable housing production by:

- Extending the temporary 12.5 percent Housing Credit allocation that has now expired,
- Further increasing the Housing Credit allocation



#### Housing Credit Legislative Priorities: Lowering 50% test to 25%

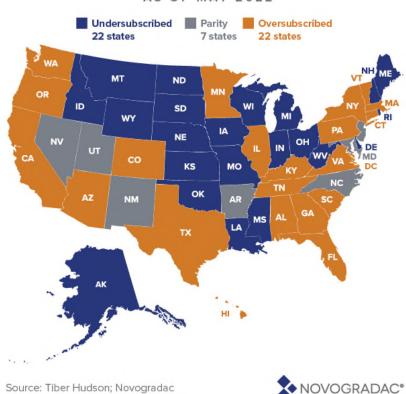


Lowering the 50% Test to 25% for 5 years would produce **735,500** additional affordable homes

Source: Novogradac

#### **Volume Cap Scarcity**

AS OF MAY 2022



## **Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act**

Legislation to Expand and Strengthen the Housing Credit



Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)



Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)



Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA)



Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN)



Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)





Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA)



Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH)

S. 1136: 24 Democrats **10 Republicans** 

H.R. 2573: 109 Democrats + close to 20 Dems in queue **61 Republicans** 

## **Other Housing Credit Legislation**

- LIFELINE Act to support compatibility of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds with the Housing Credit
- . **Affordable Housing Bond Enhancement Act** to allow for bond authority to be redesignated for affordable housing
- . Curtailing the use of **Qualified Contracts**
- . Modifying the **Right of First Refusal**

#### Background

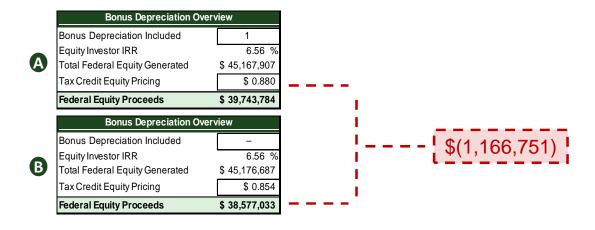
- The Investment in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit requires all tax benefits, including operating losses and depreciation, to flow through to the eventual user of the credit in that respective taxable year
- Depreciation is beneficial to Investors as it reduces their corporate taxable income (21% benefit) thus boosting return / yield targets that are key drivers in determining equity pricing / equity proceeds
- The ability to depreciate 100% of the cost associated with Site Improvements (15-year property) and Personal Property (5-Year property), collectively referred to as "Bonus Depreciation," benefits the investor's time value of money on their investments, through allowing those tax benefits to be received in the first calendar year of their investment, rather then proportionally over a five- and fifteen-year horizon
- This acceleration of benefits, translates directly into an increase in the investor's internal rate of return, collectively referred to as the investor's "yield"

#### Bonus Depreciation

- Bonus depreciation permits for accelerated depreciation in the year the project (or the pro rata portion of a project) is placed into service for 5-year (Personal Property) and 15-year (Site Improvements) items
- Current legislation permits for the accelerated depreciation of 100% for anything placed into service in 2022, and steps down by 20% in each subsequent year till expiration in 2027 ("Bonus Depreciation Sunset")
- This acceleration of the depreciation timeline allows for greater losses to be delivered to the Investor Limited Partner earlier in the 10-year credit cycle, thus increasing Investor yield, equity pricing and ultimately the total equity that the project receives
- This provides for greater feasibly of projects and is vital to the creation and preservation of affordable housing

#### Illustrative Example

- Scenario A assumes that bonus depreciation <u>is</u> available. Equity pricing is \$0.88 which provides for a target 6.56% rate of return and produces ~\$39.7mm in total equity
- Scenario B assumes that bonus depreciation <u>is not</u> available. Equity pricing subsequently was reduced to \$0.85 to maintain yield neutrality at 6.56%, thus producing \$1.16mm less than it could have otherwise. See next page for further detail.



Bonus Depreciation is critical to providing for increased Investor equity, which is a critical source for the new construction and preservation of affordable housing nationwide

#### Scenario A (Including Bonus Depreciation)<sup>1</sup>

|                                | Permanent     | Per Unit   |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| TE Perm Loan                   | \$ 34,150,000 | \$ 135,516 |
| LIHTC Equity - 1st Installment | 5,961,568     | 23,657     |
| LIHTC Equity - 3rd Installment | 27,820,649    | 110,399    |
| LIHTC Equity - 4th Installment | 5,961,568     | 23,657     |
| Soft Funds                     | 2,000,000     | 7,937      |
| Reserved Cash From Operations  | 2,004,142     | 7,953      |
| GP Capital Contribution        | 100           | 0          |
| Deferred Developer Fee         | 15,179,442    | 60,236     |
| Total Sources                  | \$ 93,077,468 | \$ 369,355 |
| (GAP)/SURPLUS                  | -             | . 300,00   |

Total Federal Equity Proceeds \$ 39,743,784

|  | Permanent     | Per Unit   |
|--|---------------|------------|
| Acquisition                                    | \$ 3,528,360  | \$ 14.001  |
| Construction                                   | 66,514,549    | 263,947    |
| Project Soft Costs                             | 3,236,278     | 12,842     |
| Permanent Financing                            | 315,375       | 1,251      |
| Construction & Equity Bridge Fees and Interest | 3,054,101     | 12,119     |
| Tax Credit Fees                                | 477,034       | 1,893      |
| Bond Costs                                     | 679,894       | 2,698      |
| Reserves                                       | 1,365,895     | 5,420      |
| Developer Fees                                 | 13,905,982    | 55,182     |
| Total Uses                                     | \$ 93,077,468 | \$ 369,355 |
| (GAP)/SURPLUS                                  | _             |            |

#### Scenario B (Excluding Bonus Depreciation)<sup>2</sup>

|                                | Permanent     | Per Unit   |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| TE Perm Loan                   | \$ 34,150,000 | \$ 135,516 |
| LIHTC Equity - 1st Installment | 5,786,555     | 22,963     |
| LIHTC Equity - 3rd Installment | 27,003,923    | 107,158    |
| LIHTC Equity - 4th Installment | 5,786,555     | 22,963     |
| Soft Funds                     | 2,000,000     | 7,937      |
| Reserved Cash From Operations  | 1,977,775     | 7,848      |
| GP Capital Contribution        | 100           | C          |
| Deferred Developer Fee         | 16,389,058    | 65,036     |
| Total Sources                  | \$ 93,093,965 | \$ 369,420 |
| (GAP)/SURPLUS                  | _             |            |

Total Federal Equity Proceeds \$ 38,577,033

|  | Permanent     | Per Unit   |
|--|---------------|------------|
| Acquisition                                    | \$ 3,528,360  | \$ 14,001  |
| Construction                                   | 66,514,549    | 263,947    |
| Project Soft Costs                             | 3,236,278     | 12,842     |
| Permanent Financing                            | 315,375       | 1,251      |
| Construction & Equity Bridge Fees and Interest | 3,067,815     | 12,174     |
| Tax Credit Fees                                | 477,122       | 1,893      |
| Bond Costs                                     | 679,894       | 2,698      |
| Reserves                                       | 1,365,895     | 5,420      |
| Developer Fees                                 | 13,908,678    | 55,193     |
| Total Uses                                     | \$ 93,093,965 | \$ 369,420 |
| (GAP)/SURPLUS                                  | _             |            |

Note: Illustrative information as of 15-Jul-2022.

<sup>1</sup> Scenario one assumes per unit construction hard costs of \$232,000, an all-in rate of 6.05% and equity pricing of \$0.880 per LIHTC Credit to remain yield neutral at 6.56%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Scenario two assumes per unit construction hard costs of \$232,000, an all-in rate of 6.05% and equity pricing of \$0.854 per LIHTC Credit to remain yield neutral at 6.56%.

## **Appropriations**

| FY 2023 Budget Chart for Select U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) | FY 2022<br>Enacted | FY 2023 President's<br>Budget Request | FY 2023 House | Difference between FY 22 and FY 23 House |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Choice Neighborhoods Initiative  | 350                |                                       | 450           |  |
| Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)   | 3,300              | 3,770                                 | 3,300         | 0  |
| Family Self-Sufficiency Program  | 109                | 120                                   | 125           | 16                                       |
| Green and Resilient Retrofit Program   |                    |                                       |               | 0  |
| PBRA, Section 202 and Section 811 properties   |                    | 250                                   |               | 0  |
| Energy and Water benchmarking  |                    | 32                                    |               | 0  |
| HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)  | 1,500              | 1,950                                 | 1,675         | 175                                      |
| Homeless Assistance Grants   | 3,213              | 3,576                                 | 3,604         | 391                                      |
| Housing Choice Vouchers  | 27,370             | 32,130                                | 31,047        | 3,677                                    |
| Housing Counseling Assistance  | 57.5               | 65.9                                  | 70            | 13                                       |
| Housing for the Elderly (Section 202)  | 1,033              | 966                                   | 1,200         | 167                                      |
| Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811)                                    | 352                | 288                                   | 400           | 48                                       |
| Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)                                    | 450                | 455                                   | 600           | 150                                      |
| Housing Supply Fund*   |                    | 35,000                                |               | 0  |
| Housing Trust Fund (mandatory spending)  | 0                  | 0                                     |               | 0  |
| Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes  | 415                | 400                                   | 415           | 0  |
| Native American Housing Block Grants   | 772                | 772                                   | 772           | 0  |
| Public Housing   |                    |                                       |               | 0  |
| Public Housing Capital Fund  | 3388               | 3,720                                 | 3,400         | 12                                       |
| Public Housing Operating Fund  | 5064               | 5,060                                 | 5,038         | -26                                      |
| Project-Based Section 8  | 13,940             | 15,054                                | 14,540        | 600                                      |
| Self-Help & Assisted Homeownership (SHOP)  | 12.5               | 10                                    | 12.5          | 0  |
| (PRICE)Manufactured Housing  |                    |                                       | 500           | 500                                      |

## **Affordable Housing Regulatory Issues: LIHTC**

- Investment Issues
  - Community Reinvestment Act modernization
    - 85% of \$22 billion Housing Credit market is CRA-motivated
  - Global Minimum Tax and OECD Pillar II Rules
    - Minimally 48% of Housing Credit investment at risk
- Average Income Test regulations
- Housing Credit deadline extensions











## **Affordable Housing Regulatory Issues: HUD**

- Housing Action Supply Plan
- Income limits



