

CHFA Capital Plan Property Assessment - Ward / Affleck

Property Identification

Ward / Affleck
HARTFORD, CT

Total Current Unit Count: 14
Census Tract: 5028.00
Connecticut Congressional District: 1

CHFA Property Identification #: 77014D

Current State Sponsored Housing Program: SH Affordable Housing

This is a single, stand-alone property. As there are no other adjacent properties under common ownership, there are no opportunities for consolidation to achieve greater efficiencies of scale.

Property Description

Tenancy Type: Family
Structure Type: Low rise (1-4 floors)
Number of buildings: 2
Maximum # of Stories: 3
Elevator?

Summary property description:

The Ward / Affleck property has 1 two-bedroom, 9 three-bedroom and 4 four-bedroom units. Generally, the property consists of reasonably sized units. It features amenities such as in-unit refrigerators and stoves, and decks/balconies in some units.

Current Operating & Capital Needs Status

Aggregate Capital Needs
(without market enhancements): \$ 786,157

Capital Needs per Unit: \$ 56,154

Projected Year 1 (2014) Operating Income: \$ (4,050)

Current operations at the property are projected to generate negative \$4,000 in net operating income (NOI, or revenue after operating expenses) in Year 1 (2014). With incomes and expenses trending at 2% and 3% respectively, which is a standard affordable housing industry convention, the NOI figure decreases annually and this shortfall continues to grow. As a result, the property is not sustainable and cannot adequately address its future basic capital needs, projected to be approximately \$0.79 million (\$56,154 per unit) over the next 20 years.

Current average income relative to
the Area Median Income (AMI): 23%

	Current Base Rent	Affordability (% AMI)
Studio/efficiency unit:		
One-bedroom unit:		
Two-bedroom unit:	550	29%
Three-bedroom unit:	550	25%
Four-bedroom unit:	650	26%
Five-bedroom unit:		
Six-bedroom unit:		

	Proposed Base Rent	Affordability (% AMI)
Studio/efficiency unit:		
One-bedroom unit:		
Two-bedroom unit:	578	30%
Three-bedroom unit:	668	30%
Four-bedroom unit:	745	30%
Five-bedroom unit:		
Six-bedroom unit:		

Number of current households that would be
impacted by the proposed increase in Base Rent: 14

Rental operating subsidy necessary in 2014 to
generate revenue equal to raising the base rent
as proposed: \$ 13,080

Total rental operating subsidy necessary
assuming a turnover-based leasing strategy: \$ 76,434

In order for the property to operate in a sustainable manner into the foreseeable future, the property would benefit from greater revenues. This can happen in one of two ways - either the property could get operating subsidy from the state or federal government, or it could charge higher rents. A higher rent structure burdens low-income households to pay a greater share of their income for housing and it will require that the property serve tenants with modestly higher incomes.

Currently, base rents are set by the owner of each property, often in consultation with CHFA staff. While there are varying definitions of affordability, this study considers a rent which exceeds 30% of a household's adjusted gross income to be burdensome on the household's monthly budget. In the table to the left, the base rent is identified for each unit size. The table also identifies the minimum household income level for which the base rent would be considered "affordable." The household income level is presented as a percentage of the local Area Median Income.

There are strong reasons to keep the base rents low, as low base rents provide affordable housing options for the state's lowest income residents and reduce the burden of operating subsidies on the State budget. However, if the property's revenue stream (including any available operating subsidy and any cross-subsidy from higher income residents) does not cover the cost of actually operating the property, including the cost of ongoing maintenance and capital improvements, the property itself is at risk.

The Capital Plan is intended to identify the real estate needs of the State Sponsored Housing Portfolio. In order to ensure a minimum revenue stream and in order to implement programmatic consistency regarding base rent levels, this analysis assumes that all base rents are adjusted in 2014 to equal the greater of a) the current base rent or b) 30% of the adjusted gross income of a household at 30% of AMI for the applicable household size, provided these levels do not exceed the local market. This base rent adjustment would represent a significant increase for some households. The analysis identifies the number of households that would be affected by such a change and the amount of operating subsidy needed to protect these households. If the owners elect not to raise the base rents as assumed in this analysis, the property is more likely to experience tight operating budgets towards the end of the Capital Plan subsidy period and will be less able to access leverage funding such as private debt.

Protecting the 14 Family Households at risk in the event of a base rent increase is clearly a major concern. In 2014, the base rent increase creates the need for operating subsidy of \$13,080 to protect these households while generating the revenue equivalent to the proposed increase in the base rent.

This 2014 rental operating subsidy would recur annually, with inflation increases, for the next 20 years if the State determines that, as a policy matter, the property should continue serving households with an income profile equivalent to the current residents at the property. An alternative formulation assumes that, upon turnover, new residents would move in for whom the proposed base rent is affordable and tenant protection operating subsidies would no longer be necessary. This turnover strategy requires less operating subsidy from the State, but also reduces the number of units of housing available to the lowest income residents of the community. The total tenant protection operating subsidy associated with the increase in the base rent assuming that, on turnover, the units are leased to households able to pay the new base rent without assistance is \$76,433.

Revenue Adjustments Concurrent with a Recapitalization Transaction

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Household Income Level	Current Income Mix	Proposed Income Mix
0-25% of AMI	14	5
25-50% of AMI	0	4
50% of AMI or greater	0	5
Total number of units	14	14

While the revenue generated by the increase in the base rent or the provision of an equivalent operating subsidy improves the property's income and expense picture, it is insufficient for the property to operate sustainably for the foreseeable future. (The capital plan analysis considers sustainable operations to be a level of operating income sufficient to cover operating expenses and servicing of any capital leverage necessary to maintain the physical asset for the next 15-20 years without routine capital subsidies from the State.) The capital plan has examined additional revenue adjustments based on an income-tier structure, which could supplement the revenue picture. However, the potential for additional revenue adjustments through income mixing is limited because the market will not support such a strategy.

	Pre-Trans. Base Rent	Post-Trans. Base Rent
Studio/efficiency unit:		
One-bedroom unit:		
Two-bedroom unit:	578	578
Three-bedroom unit:	668	668
Four-bedroom unit:	745	745
Five-bedroom unit:		
Six-bedroom unit:		

An income-tier structure would require a specified number of units to pay a higher base rent, affordable to households with a higher (albeit still low) income. For example, a tier serving households in the 50%-60% of AMI would pay a base rent equal to 30% of the adjusted gross income of a household earning 55% of AMI. The capital plan has adopted income tiers which correspond to CHFA's commonly used affordability thresholds.

As is the case with the base rent analysis, above, in income tier structure makes the units allocated to a higher-income tier unaffordable to those currently served by this housing. As state funds for operating subsidy are limited, the capital plan analysis has assumed that any available operating subsidy will be focused on protecting current residents until they move away from the property. On turnover, households earning incomes consistent with the income tier structure will be offered units on a preferential basis. However, additional operating subsidy beyond that reflected here would mitigate this loss of housing options for lower income households.

Rental operating subsidy in the transaction year
which would be necessary to generate additional
revenue equal to that generated by income
mixing: \$ 16,027

Transitional rental operating subsidy necessary
to protect current residents and permit a five-
year transition to income tier occupancy: \$ 40,876

Based on the market conditions reflected in the property market condition assessment, tenants in the 25% to 80% of AMI range are available in the market. This analysis has increased the number of households at the property with incomes between 25% and 80% of AMI from 0 in 2014 to 9 post-transaction, which results in an increase in property revenue. The remaining units would continue to serve residents with incomes below 25% of AMI.

In order to attract the additional households in the 25% to 80% of AMI income tiers, the property condition must meet the market conditions these households would expect. Fortunately, this property would not require significant physical enhancements beyond routine capital improvements in order to attract these potential tenants.

Property used for market reference: Ward / Affleck

	Capital Surplus or (Gap)	Total (Gap) Funded by Subsidy inc. Capital & Operating
Current Scenario (excluding transaction costs):	(786,157)	(1,099,872)
Recoverable Grant Scenario:	(1,208,282)	(1,137,398)
CHFA/FHA Scenario:	(1,390,702)	(1,373,008)
4% LIHTC Scenario:	(1,014,972)	(1,007,849)
9% LIHTC Scenario:	(347,602)	(286,841)

The Capital Plan analysis considers five scenarios and the prospect under each scenario to address the property's capital and operational needs. Each scenario's capacity to address the property's capital needs is listed to the left, as represented by the Replacement Reserve (RM&R) balance at the end of 20 years. Also at left is the total gap, including both operating subsidy needs and capital subsidy needs, over the 20 year study period.

- The first scenario, the "Current Scenario" assumes the property continues operating as it currently is operated - no material change in the base rent and no implementation of income mixing strategies to shift the property's revenue picture. Consequently, there is no adverse impact on residents or on the opportunity to serve the income demographic currently holding tenancies. The current scenario uses the baseline capital needs as the anticipated capital investment for purposes of identifying the surplus or gap. However, the current scenario - unlike the other four scenarios - does not include any allowance for soft costs (architecture or design, relocation, developer overhead, etc.) or for general contractor overhead and profit (as it is assumed each trade would come to the site independently, without the need for overarching coordination).

- The second scenario, the "Recoverable Grant Scenario" assumes any revenue adjustments described above (i.e., if the analysis suggested an increase in base rent and/or introduction of a mixed-income framework, or the equivalent revenue from federal or state operating subsidy). The Recoverable Grant Scenario envisions a streamlined allocation of funds from the State to the property, implemented with standardized documents and minimal legal or due diligence transaction costs. The Recoverable Grant would be repaid to the State to the extent possible from cash flow. The Recoverable Grant Scenario is most frequently selected when the transaction is too small to warrant the transaction costs associated with alternative financing or if the market is too weak to support debt or equity leverage.

- The three remaining scenarios - "CHFA/FHA," "4% LIHTC" and "9% LIHTC" correspond to three different leverage transaction structures. Each scenario includes transaction costs appropriate to the nature of the transaction. (For example, legal fees in the two LIHTC scenarios are higher than in the CHFA/FHA scenario.) Typically, the CHFA/FHA scenario would generate the least amount of funds for capital improvements and the 9% LIHTC scenario would generate the greatest amount, with the 4% LIHTC scenario falling in between. The CHFA/FHA scenario is a debt-only scenario, using either CHFA or FHA-insured financing. The two LIHTC scenarios assume both debt and a syndication of low income housing tax credits. The 4% tax credits rely on the use of tax exempt bond financing and are generally available when needed. (The analysis assumes that the tax exempt bonds will be used for construction funding in order to generate the tax credits, but may not remain outstanding at the full amount after permanent debt conversion.) The 9% tax credits are a competitive and scarce resource so cannot be assumed to be available for all properties.

Recommended Transaction and Transaction Assumptions

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Recommended Transaction Option:	Recoverable Grant	
Recommended Transaction Year	2016	The capital plan recommends using the recoverable grant scenario to finance the capital needs at this property. Given the small size of the property, the transaction costs associated with any of the other financing structures outweigh the additional funds which could be achieved by leveraging FHA debt or low income housing tax credit equity.
Replacement Reserve Deposit PUPY:	-	This analysis has suggested a potential transaction year of 2016 based on a series of criteria outlined in the capital plan report. In short, the transaction year has been informed by the distribution of critical capital needs year-by-year at the property (i.e. roof, mechanical, structural components) and by the need to distribute the timing of capital transaction for properties within the State Sponsored Housing Portfolio over a period of years in order to manage scarce State-wide resources.
Debt Service Coverage in Transaction Year:	-	
Debt Service Coverage in Transaction Year 15:	-	The property is able to cover its capital needs from current replacement reserves through the date of the capital transaction, so no interim State support is needed.
Pre-Transaction Capital Subsidy Needed:	-	
Transaction Capital Subsidy Needed:	1,208,282	

Summary of Recommended Transaction

Under the Recoverable Grant scenario, the property yields \$28,839 in NOI in the transaction completion year, which includes \$0 per unit per year in replacement reserve deposits. The property generates \$28,839 in cash flow in the capital transaction's completion year, trending to \$16,290 fifteen years thereafter. Post-transaction, distribution of cash flow is governed by the terms of the transaction documents and, to the extent not restricted by the documents, could be used at the owner's discretion for ongoing capital needs, owner's working capital or the owner's other priorities. If there is a recoverable grant, repayment of the recoverable grant would be specified in the transaction documents as a priority use of the funds. The transaction does not support debt or equity leverage. The transaction results in a gap of \$1,208,000, all of which would need to be covered by State capital subsidy. This compares to a needs gap of over \$1,099,000 if no transaction takes place at the property and the capital needs are addressed through routine maintenance.

Summary of Capital Needs & State Subsidy Needs

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Immediate Emergency Capital Needs: 0
 Current Deferred Capital Needs: 0
 Current Routine Capital Needs: 188,372

The chart below indicates the year-by-year capital investment needs at the property as projected by On-Site Insight. One should note, however, that On-Site Insight used a state-wide cost basis generated from the RS Means database for capital needs. Some high-cost communities can experience a premium of 10%-15% in excess of the State-wide figures. The chart also indicates the timing of State capital and operating subsidy needs assuming the transaction scenario described above.

Year	Annual Capital Needs (per CNA)	Capital Subsidy		Operating Subsidy		
		Pre-Transaction Capital Subsidy Needs	Transaction Capital Subsidy Needs	Operating Deficit Subsidy Needs	Base Rent Operating Subsidy Needs	Income Mixing Operating Subsidy Needs
2013	188,372	-	-	-	-	-
2014	21,971	-	-	-	13,080	-
2015	19,506	-	-	-	12,007	-
2016	20,124	-	1,208,282	-	10,887	-
2017	16,604	-	-	-	9,716	16,027
2018	70,341	-	-	-	8,495	12,261
2019	28,324	-	-	-	7,221	8,337
2020	11,258	-	-	-	5,892	4,252
2021	11,596	-	-	-	4,507	-
2022	15,455	-	-	-	3,065	-

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2023	49,514	-	-	-	1,563	-
2024	98,115	-	-	-	-	-
2025	11,493	-	-	-	-	-
2026	16,538	-	-	-	-	-
2027	20,149	-	-	-	-	-
2028	73,561	-	-	-	-	-
2029	12,937	-	-	-	-	-
2030	16,281	-	-	-	-	-
2031	22,237	-	-	-	-	-
2032	61,781	-	-	-	-	-

Scenario Pro Formas

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Income and Expense Analysis

	CURRENT		RECOVERABLE GRANT		CHFA/FHA		4% LIHTC		9% LIHTC	
	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit
2023 ANNUAL INCOME										
Gross Potential Rent	126,451	9,032.23	169,788	12,127.70	169,788	12,128	169,788	12,128	169,788	12,128
Vacancy/Loss	(11,783)	(841.68)	(14,019)	(1,001.34)	(14,019)	(1,001)	(14,019)	(1,001)	(14,019)	(1,001)
Other Income	4,301	307.23	4,301	307.23	4,301	307	4,301	307	4,301	307
Effective Gross Income	118,969	8,497.78	160,070	11,433.58	160,070	11,434	160,070	11,434	160,070	11,434
2023 ANNUAL EXPENSES										
Operating Expenses	134,468	9,605	134,802	9,629	131,791	9,414	131,791	9,414	131,791	9,414
Replacement Reserve Deposits	-	-	-	-	8,469	605	8,469	605	6,974	498
Total Operating Expenses	134,468	9,605	134,802	9,629	140,260	10,019	140,260	10,019	138,765	9,912
2023 NET OPERATING INCOME	(15,499)	(1,107)	25,269	1,805	19,811	1,415	19,811	1,415	21,305	1,522
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	247	18	5,247	375	258	18
2023 CASH FLOW	(15,499)	(1,107)	25,269	1,805	19,564	1,397	14,564	1,040	21,047	1,503

Sources and Uses Analysis

	CURRENT		RECOVERABLE GRANT		CHFA/FHA		4% LIHTC		9% LIHTC	
	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit
SOURCES										
Hard Debt										
Commercial Debt 1	-	-	-	-	4,293	307	4,077	291	4,498	321
Commercial Debt 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax-Exempt Bond	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soft Debt										
Seller Financing/Take Back Note	-	-	-	-	-	-	420,000	30,000	420,000	30,000
State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Local	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other										
From Operations	-	-	14,042	1,003	19,992	1,428	19,992	1,428	18,942	1,353
Cash Escrows	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Developer Fee	-	-	-	-	73,085	5,220	78,589	5,613	78,106	5,579
Equity										
GP Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LIHTC	-	-	-	-	-	-	591,735	42,267	1,255,198	89,657
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Sources of Funds	-	-	14,042	1,003	97,370	6,955	1,114,393	79,599	1,776,745	126,910
USES										
Acquisition Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	420,000	30,000	420,000	30,000
Construction Costs	-	-	938,617	67,044	938,617	67,044	949,018	67,787	949,018	67,787
Soft Costs - Design & Construction	-	-	112,534	8,038	111,055	7,932	113,522	8,109	113,522	8,109
Soft Costs - Due Diligence	-	-	9,326	666	17,526	1,252	18,743	1,339	18,743	1,339
Soft Costs - Transaction Costs	-	-	34,542	2,467	114,542	8,182	228,597	16,328	228,597	16,328
Soft Costs - Financing	-	-	29,271	2,091	91,271	6,519	108,367	7,740	106,597	7,614
Soft Costs - Other	-	-	8,050	575	9,100	650	9,100	650	9,100	650
Soft Cost Contingency	-	-	9,686	692	17,175	1,227	20,738	1,481	20,330	1,452
Reserves	-	-	-	-	6,073	434	64,808	4,629	63,174	4,512
Developer Fee	-	-	80,299	5,736	182,712	13,051	196,472	14,034	195,266	13,948
Total Uses of Funds	-	-	1,222,325	87,309	1,488,072	106,291	2,129,365	152,098	2,124,347	151,739
TRANSACTION SURPLUS (GAP)	-	-	(1,208,282)	(86,306)	(1,390,702)	(99,336)	(1,014,972)	(72,498)	(347,602)	(24,829)

Scenario Pro Formas (continued)

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Coverage of Capital Needs Analysis

	CURRENT		RECOVERABLE GRANT		CHFA/FHA		4% LIHTC		9% LIHTC	
	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit
FUNDS										
Transaction Rehab	-	-	724,376	51,741	724,376	51,741	724,376	51,741	724,376	51,741
Capital Needs Funded Using Subsidy	786,157	56,154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Existing Replacement Reserve Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Replacement Reserves	-	-	-	-	164,644	11,760	164,644	11,760	135,589	9,685
Total Funds	786,157	56,154	724,376	51,741	889,019	63,501	889,019	63,501	859,965	61,426
USES										
Estimated Capital Needs	786,157	56,154	786,157	56,154	786,157	56,154	786,157	56,154	786,157	56,154
Enhancements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Uses	786,157	56,154	786,157	56,154	786,157	56,154	786,157	56,154	786,157	56,154
YEAR 20 REPLACEMENT RESERVE BALANCE	-	-	(61,781)	(4,413)	102,862	7,347	102,862	7,347	73,808	5,272

Subsidy Analysis

	CURRENT		RECOVERABLE GRANT		CHFA/FHA		4% LIHTC		9% LIHTC	
	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit
OPERATING SUBSIDY										
Base Rent Operating Subsidy Needed	n/a	n/a	76,434	5,460	76,434	5,460	76,434	5,460	76,434	5,460
Operating Deficit Subsidy Needed	313,715	22,408	-	-	3,594	257	3,594	257	2,458	176
Income Mixing Operating Subsidy Needed	n/a	n/a	40,876	2,920	40,876	2,920	40,876	2,920	40,876	2,920
Total Operating Subsidy	313,715	22,408	117,310	8,379	120,905	8,636	120,905	8,636	119,769	8,555
CAPITAL SUBSIDY										
Pre-Transaction Capital Subsidy Needed	786,157	56,154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recoverable Cash Flow	n/a	n/a	(188,195)	(13,443)	(138,599)	(9,900)	(128,028)	(9,145)	(180,529)	(12,895)
Transaction Capital Subsidy Needed	n/a	n/a	1,208,282	86,306	1,390,702	99,336	1,014,972	72,498	347,602	24,829
Total Capital Subsidy	786,157	56,154	1,020,087	72,863	1,252,103	89,436	886,945	63,353	167,072	11,934
TOTAL SUBSIDY NEEDED	1,099,872	78,562	1,137,398	81,243	1,373,008	98,072	1,007,849	71,989	286,841	20,489