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# FitchRatingsThe RAD Revolution

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## CASE STUDY: RAD AND TAX-EXEMPT AND TAXABLE BONDS



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#### CHA and Rental Assistance Demonstration Program

- CHA applied and HUD accepted applications for CHA RAD conversions for over 10,000 units.
- The Rental Assistance Demonstration ("RAD") program allows for conversion of Public Housing units (Section 9) to Project Based Voucher ("PBV") units (Section 8).
- Properties that convert their assistance to long-term Section 8 PBVs are no longer restricted from securing private sources of capital financing.
- Provides greater funding certainty for potential lenders and increased operational flexibility for the Authority and owners.
- Program is designed to safeguard long-term rental housing assistance for current and future tenants, improve and modernize HUD-assisted multifamily properties and stabilize these properties by placing them on a solid financial footing.
- At the time of the rating CHA had completed closings for 20 properties comprised of 3,600 units though June 30, 2018.

#### Security for the Series 2018AB Bonds

Key Credit and Security Features	
Par	\$325 Million
	Series A: \$100 Million
	Series B: \$225 Million
Tax Status	Series 2018A: Tax Exempt
	Series 2018B: Taxable
Structure	Final Maurity: January 1, 2018
	Interest is payable seminiannually each Jan 1 and July 1, with the first IPD January 1, 2019
Security	General Obligation of the Authority payable from legally available funds
Flow of Funds	1/6 and 1/12 of interest and principal, funded on the 1st of each month
Debt Service Resereve Fund	Maximum Annual Debt Service
Capitalzed Interest	Through January 1, 2020

#### Use of 2018 AB Bond Proceeds

CHA issuance of series 2018 A (for \$100M) and taxable 2018 B (for \$225M) for a total \$325 million of General Obligation bonds for the purpose of:

- Capital expenditures and routine maintenance on its existing portfolio
- Updating and converting 10,000 of its units from typical public housing to either project based section 8 units or mixed-income units.
- Conversion process done via the HUD rental assistance demonstration (or RAD) program that CHA is actively participating in to create better safer housing, along with self-sufficiency programs for its residents.



#### Fitch AA- Rating: Process and Analysis Overview

- CHA requested a Fitch General Obligation Rating
  - Entailed a thorough and robust analytical approach using Fitch's *Rating Criteria for Public Sector Revenue Supported Debt*
  - Assessing CHAs Income Statements
  - Analyzing CHAs Balance Sheet
  - Fitch Calculated Funds available for Debt Service (FADs)
  - Stressed Rating Case Outcomes-Compatible with 'AA-' rating
- Subsequent to the release of the General Obligation Rating, Fitch assigned its 'AA-' to the series 2018AB Bonds.

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