

QAP Updates Create Greater Equity in Housing and Economic Opportunity **Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority** Rental Housing: Encouraging New Construction

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2021 NCSHA Annual Awards for Program Excellence

Overview

Strategically, WHEDA is cultivating an ecosystem that increases equity in housing and economic opportunity. Since 1972, WHEDA's financing has improved the quality of life for tens of thousands of Wisconsin residents. Yet communities large and small across the state still lack capacity to offer their residents safe, affordable housing. To drive systemic change, WHEDA is working to bring communities, developers, lenders, and stakeholders together to leverage our collective strengths and make changes that expand the impact of our tax credit programs.

Customer and community feedback led to tax credit plan improvements



Helpful feedback from developers and community members in 2020 resulted in a series of improvements to WHEDA's 2021-2022 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) for administering its federal and state housing tax credits. The comments came from in-person and online meetings with WHEDA partners, developers, and elected officials as well as an online public survey.

The updated 2021-2022 QAP reflects WHEDA's commitment to engage with stakeholders in innovative ways to assure that affordable housing investments create the greatest benefit. Through the input received, the plan encourages diversity among participating developers, provides greater consideration for the unique needs of our rural communities and promotes sustainability through energy conservation and other measures.

Key changes in the application review process include higher scores for projects that:

- Strengthen connections between affordable housing and community services;
- Increase the supply of rural affordable workforce housing;
- Encourage participation by minority and women developers;
- Improve the availability of affordable housing with supportive services for veterans;
- Respond to housing needs driven by employer expansions;
- Increase sustainability through energy efficiency, transportation linkages and other environmental considerations.

<u>Results</u>

On April 27, 2021, WHEDA awarded \$35.1 million in federal and state housing tax credits to advance housing opportunity and economic recovery in Wisconsin through creation of 2,200 affordable housing units. This year's allocation of tax credits supports 33 housing projects in 19 communities and cap a highly competitive process that drew 54 applications totaling more than \$57 million.

The new plan for allocating the credits increased the emphasis on rural communities, supportive housing, partnerships with developers from underrepresented communities and sustainability.

- Seven of 16 eligible applicants qualified for the rural set-aside under both programs.
- To qualify, all projects met increased sustainability standards as administered by the Wisconsin Green Built home program.
- Two of the three applicants applying in the Supportive Housing set-aside are receiving awards. In addition, 49 applications received extra scoring points for offering integrated supportive services as part of their project proposal.
- Following WHEDA's decision to increase the number of points awarded to projects that provide emerging developers with a minimum 24% ownership interest in the general partner/managing member role, an unprecedented 29 of the 54 applicants sought these points. Overall, 18 of the awarded projects reflect minority developer collaboration.

Wealth building for emerging developers

Creating and cultivating a supportive environment where emerging developers can thrive and generate inclusive economic growth is critical for housing equity and sustainability. People of color are underrepresented in the real estate development industry. Their unique experiences, insights and voice are critical to revitalizing communities that have been underserved for generations.

WHEDA has been fostering an ecosystem for emerging developers that includes collaborative partnerships, access to resources both financial and technical, for wealth-building and capacity building. Key efforts include:

- Encouraging programs such as Marquette University's Associates in Commercial Real Estate (ACRE) Program that recruits people of color for careers in commercial real estate
- Guiding ACRE graduates on WHEDA programs and financing tools
- Connecting emerging developers to WHEDA's network of veteran developer partners

WHEDA's new QAP is moving the needle by diversifying the pipeline of developers in the state and sets up the next generation of developers dedicated to advancing affordable housing. For the first time in WHEDA history, 54% of the 2021 tax credit awards feature a minority developer ownership interest representing \$19 million in awarded housing tax credits to 18 projects in both urban and rural communities.

By working together – through our people, partners, and programs – our collective efforts are supporting and expanding WHEDA's mission to foster inclusion in affordable housing and promote equitable economic development.





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Visual aids

- WHEDA awards \$35 million in federal and state housing tax credits for 2021 | WHEDA
- Federal and State Housing Tax Credit Announcement Presentation

2021 Housing Tax Credit Announcement









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HOW WHEDA WORKS

Our mission:

To stimulate the state's economy and improve the quality of life for Wisconsin residents by providing affordable housing and business financing products.

Our work:

WHEDA offers financing and expertise to expand equitable access to affordable housing and economic opportunity.











WHEDA 2021 Federal and State Housing Tax Credit Statewide Impact

\$35.1 million total

- \$14.7 million in federal 9%
- \$7.1 million state 4%
- \$13.3 million federal 4%
 33 projects in 19 communities
 2,200 affordable units
 2,343 total units

New Qualified Allocation Plan

- Encourages diversity among participating developers
- Provides greater consideration for rural communities
- Strengthens connections between housing and supportive services
- Promotes sustainability



HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM



WHEDA 2021 Federal and State Housing Tax Credit Rural Impact

Number of applications: 16 Number of rural awards: 7 Number of housing units created: 187 Number of affordable housing units created: 179 Rural communities served: Ashland, Hayward, Lac du Flambeau, Mosinee, Oconto, Sister Bay, and Two Rivers

2021 Tax Credit Awards with Emerging Developers

18 of the 33 awarded projects feature an emerging developer as the primary or codeveloper partner.

54% of awarded projects

\$6,035,580 awarded in 9% HTCs

\$13,006,359 awarded in 4% state and federal HTCs



WHEDA 2021 Federal and State Housing Tax Credit Supportive Housing Impact

Supportive housing set-aside for federal tax credit awards:

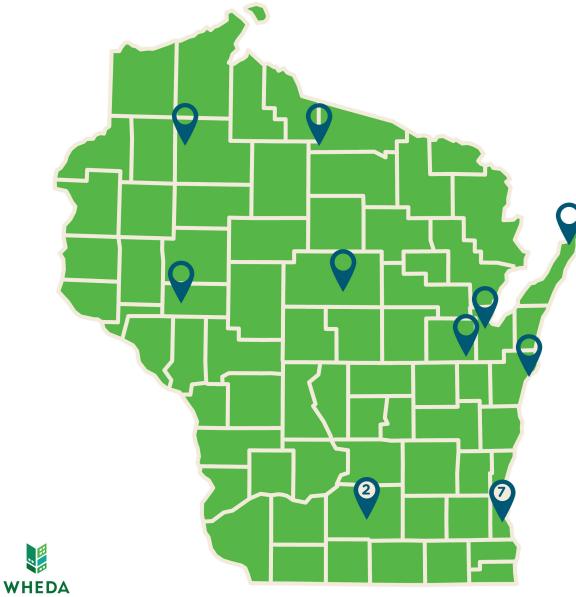
Number of supportive housing applications: 3 Number of supportive housing awards: 2 Total number of housing units created: 112 Total number of supportive housing units: 106

Federal and state tax credit applications with supportive housing:

Number of tax credit applications that received extra points for integrated supportive services: 49

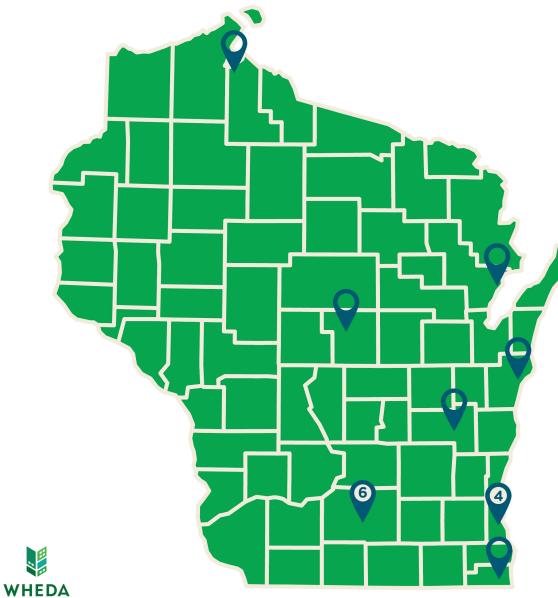


2021 Competitive Federal 9% Housing Tax Credit Awards



PROJECT NAME COMMUNITY APPLICANT **BROWN COUNTY** Berkshire - Ashwaubenon Ashwaubenon General Capital Development, LLC/Danna Capital Corp. DANE COUNTY 38Ten Parmenter Middleton Lutheran Social Services of Wisc. & Upper MI/JT Klein Company, Inc./DA Development, LLC The Heights Apartments Madison MSP Real Estate, Inc. DOOR COUNTY The Shoals Sister Bay Crown Court Properties, LTD/Mosaic Development, LLC/ Cross Management Services, Inc. EAU CLAIRE COUNTY Prairie Heights Residences, LLC Eau Claire West Cap MANITOWOC COUNTY West River Lofts Two Rivers Maures Development, LLC/Scott Crawford, Inc. MARATHON COUNTY **Greenway Cottages** Commonwealth Development Corp. of America Mosinee MILWAUKEE COUNTY Bethesda Cornerstone Village Bethesda Cornerstone Village, LLC/Cardinal Capital Milwaukee Management, Inc. Bronzeville Scattered Sites Milwaukee Maures Development Group, LLC/Scott Crawford Financial **Five Points Lofts** Milwaukee Martin Luther King Economic Development Corp./KG Development Group **River Parkway Apartments** & Townhomes Phase II Wauwatosa MSP Real Estate, Inc. **Riverworks Workforce Apartments** & Food Accelerator Milwaukee General Capital Development, LLC/KG Development, LLC Townhomes at Carver Park Milwaukee Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee Westlawn Renaissance V Milwaukee Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee OUTAGAMIE COUNTY Golden Venture Apartments Commonwealth Development Corp. of America Kaukauna SAWYER COUNTY Lac Courte Oreilles Homes VI Hayward Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority VILAS COUNTY Forest Edge Apartments Lac du Flambeau Cinnaire Solutions Corporation/Lincoln Capital Acquisition/Quasar Development Group NUMBER APPLICATIONS: 34 **NUMBER OF AWARDS: 17 TOTAL UNITS CREATED: 988 TOTAL AFFORDABLE UNITS CREATED: 866**

2021 Competitive State and Federal 4% Housing Tax Credit Awards



PROJECT NAME COMMUNITY APPLICANT ASHLAND COUNTY Commonwealth Development Corp. of America Superior View Cottages Ashland DANE COUNTY Alfred G. McConnell/James M Rodgers/Renata Bunger Avenue Square Apartments Madison Oak Ridge at University Park Madison JT Klein Company, Inc./DA Development, LLC Sun Prairie Pumpkin Patch Lot 1 Roers Investments, LLC The Waterford Northpointe Development Corp./DreamLane Real McFarland Estate Group University Park Commons Madison JT Klein Company, Inc./DA Development, LLC Uno's Madison Madison Northpointe Development Corp./DreamLane Real Estate Group FOND DU LAC **Brooke Street Lofts** Fond du Lac Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development/ Commonwealth Development Corp. of America **KENOSHA COUNTY** Kenosha Uptown Lofts Lutheran Social Services of WI & Upper MI/Gorman Kenosha & Company, LLC/One 5 Olive, LLC MANITOWOC COUNTY National Tinsel Lofts Evergreen Redevelopment, LLC Manitowoc MILWAUKEE COUNTY **Edison School Apartments** Milwaukee Lutheran Social Services of WI & Upper MI/Gorman & Company, LLC/Cupid Development, LLC Bear Development, LLC/CDA Housing, Inc./TMCG, Inc. Michigan Street Commons Milwaukee General Capital Development, LLC/Emem Group, LLC MLK Library Apartments Milwaukee Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee Westlawn Renaissance VII Milwaukee OCONTO COUNTY Crown Court Properties, Ltd/Rule Enterprises, LLC Okato Manor Oconto PORTAGE COUNTY The Grove Apartments **Stevens Point** General Capital Development/Danna Capital Corp. **NUMBER APPLICATIONS: 20** NUMBER OF RURAL AWARDS: 16 **TOTAL UNITS CREATED: 1,355**

TOTAL AFFORDABLE UNITS CREATED: 1,334

More information on the 2021 Housing Tax Credit Awards here: <u>www.wheda.com</u>

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