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Operator: Good day and welcome to the HOME program Webinar on the consolidated and further

continuing appropriations act of 2012 for acquired underwriting and developer capacity for HOME

rental projects conference call. Today's conference is being recorded.

At this time, I would like to turn the conference over to Miss Marsha Tonkovich. Please go ahead,

ma'am.

Marsha Tonkovich: Thanks, Lynette and welcome, everybody, to this course in the series of HOME

Webinars related to the 2012 requirements. We're glad to have you with us this afternoon, and

just a quick heads up. If you would like to print out the slides, you could do it from the HOME TA

Web site, or also from the list serve message that went out, or if you want to you can, on the

bottom right hand corner of your screen you should see a little printer icon. It's sort of the fourth or

fifth on the right hand side. You can click on that; it will print to a PDF and then you can print out

that PDF if you would like to have that printed out now or at the end of the presentation.

So with that, let me move into introducing my co-trainers, and as I - before we do, as I mentioned,

this is in a series of HOME Webinars. There are two more yet to go on general capacity and we

will talk more at the end of this session about those Webinars coming up.

So without further ado, let me introduce my HUD colleagues, Marcia, and I'll let you guys

introduce yourselves.

Marcia Sigal: Good afternoon, everybody, or good morning, depending on where you are. Here at HUD

headquarters, this is Marcia Sigal. I'm the director of the policy division in the office of affordable

housing programs. Ginny Sardone whose name is up on your slide actually couldn't join us, but

we do also still have Earl Cook who's an affordable housing specialist in the office of affordable

housing programs and Mandy Wampler who is one of our key coordinators of this Webinar series,

and an affordable housing specialist with us as well.

Marsha Tonkovich: Great, thanks, Marcia, and my co-trainer today is Anker Heegaard from Compass

Group, and Anker, I'll let you introduce yourself.

Anker Heegaard: Morning, everybody, or afternoon. I'm Anker Heegaard with Compass Group and I'll be

doing the training today, so glad to be here.

Marsha Tonkovich: Great. So let me just - for those of you who may be new to these Webinars, some of

you may have been on others. Some of you may be new to the HOME series, just a quick

overview of how this looks logistically. We will take a mid-session break and then we'll take

questions at the end, and you'll see - we'll let you know when we're ready to take those

questions, although you can certainly get in the queue.

To get in the queue to ask a question, we ask you to do a couple different things. One is to

change your status in Live Meeting. If you look at your feedback button on the top right hand

corner you'll see that it's currently green. We ask that you change that to purple, and the reason

we ask that is it gives us a sense of how many people are waiting to ask a question, and that way

we'll have sort of an idea of what the volume is, but that won't get you into the gueue.

So what you need to do is press star one on your phone, and that will get you into the audio

queue, and then we'll take those questions in the order they are received. If someone else has

already asked a question and you no longer need to ask it, press star two and that will take you

out of that queue. If you don't want to use the audio function of the questions and you'd rather

write them in, at the top of the screen there's a Q&A header that you should see there, and you

can click on that and you can type in and send your questions, and we'll also go through the

questions that come into queue that way as well.

We are going to ask that you stick with questions that are related to the rental underwriting and

developer capacity assessment for rental projects. We know there are a number of other

requirements in the 2012 notice that people have questions about that were covered on previous

Webinars or future Webinars. Because of our time constraint we're going to try to stick to those

rental questions. We probably even with that will not have enough time to get to every question,

so we may aggregate some questions together if they sound similar, if they're covering the same

issue, or if we've covered it once we probably won't go back to it again.

We are going to do a set of FAQs that will come out on the HOME TA Web site after all the

Webinars are done, so you'll get an aggregated set of FAQs. There have been some questions

that have kind of cut across Webinars, so you'll get an organized set of FAQs by each of the topic

areas that the Webinars have covered and that are covered in the 2012 notice.

In terms of our agenda for today, so we're going to very quickly go over the 2012 requirements,

the breadth of the broader requirements, again, very briefly on that, and then a little more in detail

about the specifics of the assessment for rental underwriting and developer capacity. We're then

going to jump into some suggestions about how to look at developer capacity and some sort of

construct about thinking about underwriting and good practices.

After a break, we'll then come back and we'll do a sample transaction, and there was a case

study that was sent out on the list serve this morning. It was - it's also on the HOME Web site,

and we will be showing it. We'll be linking to it. If you haven't printed it out, you may want to do

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so. Again, you can go into the list serve message and just click on that link that was provided, and

we'll walk through that sample transaction.

So I'm going to turn this over to HUD at this point to give us a little bit of the context.

Marcia Sigal: Thank you, Marsha, and again, good afternoon and good morning to all of you. I'm very

pleased that you joined us. This is Marcia Sigal. I'd like to welcome you to this Webinar on

Assessing Developer Capacity and Underwriting, very key important topic. As Marsha mentioned

- the other Marsha mentioned - a moment ago, this is a Webinar series. We've had Webinars on

how to analyze market. We've had Webinars about the new requirements of certifications in IDIS.

We've had Webinars about underwriting for home buyer.

All of these are key important topics to meeting the requirements of the FY 2012 HOME

appropriations law. The schedule for all the Webinars is up on the HOME page Web site. It's

www.hometa.info, and I just want to go into a couple of caveats before we get started, context as

Marsha called it, and as many of you know or I hope you all know by now, HUD has published a

proposed rule in December 2011 that on the HOME program, that includes many of the changes

in the 2012 appropriation are similar to some of the changes that we proposed back in December.

Congress in fact had a copy of our proposed rule and took some of those provisions that we were

thinking about proposing and put them into the 2012 appropriations language. However, I want to

stress, stress, it's very important for all of us to remember that the proposed rule is still just

that, proposed, and we're back here at headquarters very carefully and extensively reviewing the

comments that you all sent in, but there's nothing in the proposed rule that is currently applicable

to the HOME programs, and nothing in that rule becomes effective until HUD issues final rule-

making.

That's the process we're involved right now, and we expect the final rule will be published this fall.

So the focus here today on this Webinar and in this Webinar series on the 2012 appropriations for

HOME is on the existing HOME regulations, and how the specific provisions of the FY 2012

appropriations law changed existing HOME program requirements.

One of the issues that Congress expressed their concern about with respect to the HOME

program is the underwriting that is conducted when HOME funds are put into a project, when

HOME projects are funded. They were very, very concerned about stalled projects, failed

projects, and the connection to perhaps the lack of underwriting or insufficient underwriting that

may have occurred that led to these projects being failed or stalled. They're very concerned about

a proper evaluation of developer capacity and whether those developers that are receiving these

HOME funds to develop projects you know, are fiscally sound.

And so you know, they put a requirement in the 2012 appropriations that says no funds provided

may be committed to any project as part of the - unless the participating jurisdiction certifies that it

has conducted an underwriting review, assessed developer capacity and fiscal soundness, and

examined the neighborhood market conditions to ensure that there's an adequate need for the

project, and part of underwriting is determining whether there's an adequate need for a project.

We did have a separate Webinar which is posted now on our HOME TA Web site about market

analysis, about what data you looked at independently from the underwriting or as part of the

underwriting, and I encourage you to listen to that Webinar. It had some great information about

data sources and how you use their data to look at the market demand.

But today we're going to talk about underwriting, and about doing the underwriting yourself on

staff, about reviewing the underwriting of others. We're going to have a really very good example

of what you do when you underwrite a project that Anker's going to walk you through and talk a

lot about developer capacity as a total package. You'll hear Anker refer many times to assessing

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the risk and you know, when you're making an investment, you always want to assess the risk,

and that's really essentially what a lot of underwriting is about.

And so I want to turn you over to Anker and Marsha, who are going to talk about developer

capacity, the fiscal soundness of developer, how you assess a project, how you underwrite it,

how you review the underwriting of others, and how you relate that to ((inaudible)). I know that

underwriting sometimes has a mystique to it that can seem overwhelming or foreboding or you

know, but this will be one Webinar that we offer and - but this won't be the only training and

technical assistance we plan to offer to you as we go forward, both with the 2012 appropriations

requirements, and once we issue the final rule.

HUD will provide a lot of training and technical assistance to help PJs and ((inaudible)) do a really

good job in underwriting and assessing the developer capacity. Our goal here is to have HOME

funds invested in projects that meet the needs of their communities and have - are structured for

success, and you know, result in appropriate long term fiscal physical viability. With that I'm going

to turn it over back to I guess, and I think Marsha Tonkovich.

Marsha Tonkovich: Yes. Hi, guys. So let's jump into an overview, then, given Marcia's context about what

you have to do related to rental projects, and so we're going to boil it down into some very quick

summary of the requirements, and then we'll jump into how to do it with Anker in just a moment.

So the key thing is that there are three things you have to assess about every rental project that

you fund.

And one of the things that's come up in past Webinars as we've talked about this is there's a

confusion between assessing the project and the upfront work you have to do to set your program

in place and make program design decisions. This isn't an assessment of your program, although

your program has to obviously lead to effective projects. This assessment is every single project.

The requirement is for every single project that you fund before you enter into a legally binding

agreement, and we'll talk about that timing in just a moment, you have to do these three things.

So one is that you have to assess the market, and you have to establish that there is really need

and demand and a market for these units that you are developing. Two is that you have to ensure

and you have to document and certify to the effect that the developer who you're funding has the

capacity and the financial where with all to do this kind of a deal, and three, you're going to certify

that you have in fact evaluated the underwriting or done underwriting of this project and ensured

that it is in fact financially viable..

So you have to - not only the certification that you did these things, but you have to have back

office documentation that in fact you did, that the certification is backed up. Now the timing as I

said is you have to do all of that before you can enter into your HOME agreement, your funding

agreement. So before you sign a firm commitment, your funding agreement, your HOME

agreement, whatever you call it, with that developer, you must have done this analysis in order to

then be able to certify an IDIS that we will talk about a little bit later.

In order to do that, as I said it does have to tie back to your program, and it has to tie back to the

policies and procedures and the way you have designed your programs. So you can see how it

will tie back to your underwriting criteria for your programs, the process you use to collect data

from others, the process that you use to select developers and do applications and all of that. All

that has to be documented to feed you into being able to do these three things that I talked about.

So you want to ensure you have written policies and procedures in place that answer questions

like, when is the underwriting going to be done? Who at my agency is going to do it? Who's going

to review it? How are we going to decide whether this project is in fact a go or a no go? What

criteria are we going to use for the underwriting or for the developer capacity? So those sorts of

things and much more need to be in your policies and procedures that your staff then follow.

This is going to apply then to all the rental projects that you fund, whether or not you're doing

acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, any combination of all of those things, and

furthermore this is one of the key questions we've been getting. It doesn't matter how the HOME

((inaudible)) feels. If it's a rental deal and there's somebody in it you have to do it.

So even if you owned a place and the land and some other source is paying for the construction,

doesn't matter. If you've got HOME money in there and a rental deal, you are going to have to do

this assessment. It is okay for you to go ahead and contract that out with a third party or to use a

tax credit agency's underwriting if you want to defer to another party's underwriting, but you do

have to make sure that you have carefully reviewed it, and we'll talk a little bit later in this session

about how to carefully review.

You remain legally on the hook for having this certification, having looked at, so it's not enough to

just say, yay, the date that you dated it. And then you're going to certify to the effect that you did

all these things, that you've done those key three things, market, developer capacity,

underwriting, and that that's backed up by policies and procedures when you fund each of these

projects in IDIS.

So here's the IDIS certification. There's language in there that you have indeed sworn that you

have done these and it'll be virtually signed by someone who is allowed to do that signing. It's

going to come up and it's applicable to all projects that are set up in your 2012 action plan, all

rental projects, for your 2012 action plan. Now because of IDIS peculiarities, it's actually going to

show up for all projects, all IDIS activities, and all years of funding.

And you can just click yes for those other ones because it's not applicable to them. It's only

actually applicable to 2012, although obviously we encourage you to use a similar process for all

of your activity. So with that I'm going to go ahead and turn it over to Anker, who will get us into

how to search rental developer capacity.

Anker Heegaard: Thanks, Marsha. So to start I just want to give everybody a little bit of an overview

about how we've structured this. We're going to start with a fairly high level overview of both

assessing developer capacity, and conducting underwriting. Granted, we only have a short period

of time to cover some fairly complicated material, so the decision was that we would do a high

level overview, and then we would take questions and answers for a period of time, and then in

order to ground the high level overview into something practical, we'll illustrate a lot of these

principles in a practical application and an actual deal memorandum. And then we'll take

questions and answers again, and that should conclude the session.

So let's start now with a few slides about assessing rental developer capacity and fiscal

soundness. And the best way to begin thinking about this is to talk about a framework for how

you're going to undertake doing it and a framework for how you're going to think about it. So

ultimately in order to assess developer capacity, you're going to need to get information. It

sounds obvious, but the information that you get will come through your RFP or your submission

requirements.

So in a sense, the answers that you get and the knowledge that you obtain is going to be a

function of the quality and nature of the questions that you ask and when you ask those questions

within your overall process, so be specific and ask specifically for what it is you need in order to

make the assessments. I say that in contrast to trying to make the assessment without having

obtained the information. That's obviously more difficult.

So just as you're going to base your decision on the information that you get, you're going to base

your decision by looking at the information that's provided and contrasting it against the standards

that you employ, so one of the obvious requirements is that you're going to want to have fair and

consistent standards for what's required.

Secondly, you're going to want to use those fair and consistent standards to avoid the bad

outcome of approving one developer and denying another against substantially similar fact

patterns. So let's talk a little bit about standards. Standards in the case of rental housing

development are going to be very contextual. That is, the standards that you impose are going to

flow from the risk factors in the deal that you're considering funding.

For instance, you might have different informational requirements and standards for a five-unit

100% HOME-funded project than you might have for a 100-unit home light tech project that's got

multiple funding sources and a lot of different forms of complexity in the deal. So the assessment

would be related to the project that you're considering funding, so you might consider things like

developer capacity with respect to the number and types of sources and the complexity in getting

them to show up and work together in the financing of the deal, developer capacity with respect to

the cost and size of the deal overall.

In other words, all else equal, bigger deals take more technical operational and financial capacity

than smaller deals. Another area you might think about is developer capacity with respect to

market risk. Does the developer have the ability to rent and operate these units to this target

population? So remember, and this'll come up a lot as we go through additional slides, you're

underwriting to address your risk factors in the deal, and one of your biggest risk factors is

whether the developer has all of the skills to succeed and has the capacity to get the deal done.

So what specifically do you consider? At a meta level, you're looking at things like years in

business, staffing, organizational strength as opposed to personality strength, and the words I like

to use here are recent, similar, successful experience. So if they've got recent, relevant, similar

experience, deals of the nature that you're considering funding, then that's a good indication that

they'll be successful in those aspects with your deal.

If they don't have recent, similar, successful experience in a particular area or with a deal of that

type, it doesn't mean you can't do a transaction with them, because you obviously want to grow

the capacity of your development partners. But it does mean that you'll want to find other ways of

establishing that they've got the qualifications to succeed. So let's move to the next slide.

This pie chart illustrates the different areas of development teams and what they might have to

undertake, the types of skills and types of expertise that's necessary to be successful. So for

instance, you'll want to look at their experience managing affordable rental projects that are

similar in nature and size and complexity to the one that you're looking to fund. You want to look

at their experience in developing affordable housing that's similar in nature and size, types of

construction, the combination of multiple subsidies.

These are all different areas. In other words, it isn't one sort of flat perspective. Any one

developer is going to have strengths in some areas and weaknesses in others, and the risk factor

that you're looking to address comes in terms of identifying where there's - those weaknesses

are, and how those weaknesses can be mitigated through either partnering or through training,

technical assistance, guarantees, additional mechanisms for reducing your liability as a PJ that

the project could fail because of a capacity issue. Move on.

I think this slide well illustrates the various - the extreme breadth of skills necessary for someone

to be successful at developing a complicated federally subsidized affordable multi-family rental

project. You need to have good project management. You need to have the capacity to undertake

and apply, understand, and act upon market analysis. You need to obtain a good site and control

that site. Property management, planning and construction, design, architecture, and engineering

- these are all areas of expertise that are critical to the overall success of a development partner.

So your application or funding should require that your development partners or your applicants

for funding speak to their capacity in these areas, and friendly advice, you want to make this as

easy as you can on yourself by asking specific questions, rather than having them submit rings of

information in terms of capability statements that require you to filter through that information and

synthesize it in order to make that assessment.

So in other words the better your question the more efficient and easier the answer will be to deal

with. So let's talk a little bit about fiscal soundness. It's important to have development partners

that are financially capable of supporting the project through both development and its operating

future. Those are two different things, of course. One of the things you'll want to request from

development partners is financial statements that will get - that will give you a perspective on their

current financial status.

We acknowledge of course that developers don't always have a lot of cash on hand, but their

cash is working, and you wouldn't necessarily always expect or it wouldn't necessarily be a good

idea to always rely upon only development partners who have a lot of liquidity. However, you still

need to be able to answer a basic question, which is if there's a cost overrun in the development

of the deal or if there's an operating deficit in the long term operations of the deal, would your

development partner be able to rise to that obligation and assist financially in supporting the

property for some period of time?

One of the thing that we want to make sure we point out here is that developers usually have

portfolios of properties as you're aware, and in assessing a developer's overall fiscal soundness.

it then becomes essential to look at their overall portfolio. You might have a developer who's got

10 properties, and 8 are struggling, and the development organization is feeding those 8

properties. That's a fact pattern that should cause you some concern.

One of the things that you can ask for in these sorts of situations is for a projection of overall

unrestricted positive or negative cash flow for all of the properties. In other words, try and get a

overall picture of the financial condition of the properties and how that relates to the financial

obligations of the developer. We've certainly seen many times in the past where a development

entity will undertake doing a deal because they need the cash to support their portfolio. You

should take that as a warning sign that that deal is supporting the developer and not the other

way around, and you want to have situations in which you can rely on developers to support the

deals.

When you're assessing new developers with whom you haven't worked before or developers who

haven't undertaken the type of deal that you're looking to fund, you can't necessarily rely upon a

standard of recent, similar, successful experience. I mean, that's okay, because in many cases

one of the things that the PJ is doing is trying to build the capacity of their development

environment, so you - in these cases if you can't look at recent, similar experience, you want to

evaluate the capacity of the staff and one of the key things to look at is whether they have

organizational capacity or whether they are dependent on certain individuals in their organization.

As small development organizations grow, the successful ones migrate from being dependent

upon the contributions of certain individuals to being organizationally independent of any

individuals, and organizations that have that strength don't carry with them the risk factor of

having somebody leave or be unavailable or otherwise, you know, change careers or become

sick.

You want to evaluate whether they can use experts to fill the gaps in their own expertise, whether

they have good partnerships in terms of architectural engineering, project management. Lots of

small development entities will bring in financial advisors to help them pull together the

complicated aspects of underwriting and financing a transaction, and that's okay and in that case

that's one of the things you're going to want to assess.

In other words, you're looking at the overall team not just the developer entity. Warning signs, I

just want to go through a couple of warning signs that you might think about. It's okay to ask other

PJs what their experience is with that development entity or the housing finance agency or low

income housing tax credit allocator. You might find that they report delays or compliance issues

or administrative issues, and if that's the case, it doesn't necessarily mean you can't or shouldn't

do the deal with that entity, but it does mean that you're going to have to get clarity about why

that isn't going to occur in the context of your deal.

Another warning sign would be some recent history of high or material staff turnover. Another

warning sign is difficulty in getting financed. The private first mortgage lenders with whom you're

partnering in these deals are often looking at the very same thing you are, and the inability for a

development entity to get private financing in a transaction could be a warning sign that the

financing entities - prior financing entities have the same concerns about capacity that you should

be having.

And then lastly, and as I mentioned before, a key warning sign is whether the development entity

is expressing to you or coming across to you in some way as needing the transaction. Sometimes

when you need the transaction you tend to do a deal that you wouldn't otherwise do. That's a

problem in and of itself, and needing to do a transaction signals quite strongly and loudly that they

don't have the financial capability to support the deal and instead as I said before they need the

deal to support them.

Okay, so that covers sort of an introductory overview of some concepts and considerations

regarding a framework for looking at assessing developer capacity. We're going to talk very big

picture about key elements of underwriting first. So underwriting should flow from public policy,

and underwriting should start with meta level considerations about the community housing needs,

who the developer community is and what their capacity is, what the market is, and internally with

the tolerance for risk?

So let's talk about these individually. Community's housing needs - in order to understand what

the PJ and the political environment and administrative environment in which it operates, what's

your community's housing needs are, you could do a formal or informal housing needs

assessment that begins to parse out, you know, not just that you need affordable housing at a

base level, but more -with more granularity, what kinds of housing do you need? Do you need

housing that serves seniors or families? Does the housing need to provide supportive housing

resources?

With the affordable housing, what depth of affordability is most needed to be addressed in your

community? Do you need to provide a deep subsidy or deep affordability, or is the community

more in need of moderate affordability or what we might call work force housing? Are there

transportation issues within your community's housing needs? In other words, how do people get

to and from, and can the housing be situated in such a way that it works in a healthy and

productive way with respect to transportation?

Are there neighborhood renewal considerations? So let's move onto developer community. You

know, who are the for and non-profits that are capable of sponsoring deals in your jurisdiction?

What are the strengths and weaknesses of these partners, and how can you tap the strengths

and counterbalance the weaknesses? Your housing priorities, in other words, have to dovetail

with what your development community is capable of getting done. To put it in a very simple way,

it doesn't make any sense to have a housing priority about supportive housing in your community

if there's no development capacity in a practical way to get that built and operating.

In terms of market, is your market driven by condition issues? Is there adequate supply of

inadequate quality housing? Is there inadequate supply in certain sectors? Will the market

support the types of housing that you want it to support, or that you want to develop? And then

lastly in terms of tolerance for risk you've got construction period risk, operating finance risk, and

we're going to talk about a number of risk factors, but the meta level risk factor to consider is

what's the PJ's affordability loss risk? In other words, what's a tolerance for being put on the hook

to repay a HOME investment back to HUD in the event that the project fails to comply with the

HOME affordability period and restrictions?

So once you've thought about the meta level public policy issues in terms of what it is that you

want to accomplish and what is the topography and fabric of the housing needs that you're facing,

how do you get that done? And the terminology we like to use is intentional underwriting. And the

idea behind intentional underwriting is that you're underwriting flows from your vision for rental

housing. You've considered, in other words, the outcomes you want and the risks that you're

willing to take to get there, and then you make deal specific decisions against that framework.

So let's talk about risk level overall, because this is sort of a large issue with respect to how you

approach underwriting. Overall, more funding per project will equal low - I mean, by more funding

I mean more soft funding, more HOME money - per project, all else equal, would result in lower

risk, or would also result in fewer units produced. It's a coin, and if you flip it the other side says

that less funding per project, all else equal, equals greater risk but also equals a greater number

of units produced.

There's no right or wrong answer to that. However, in the construct of intentional underwriting, it's

very important to make a conscious decision about how you're going to approach the tradeoff

between volume and quality. The second thing to say about risk level overall is with respect to

foreclosure proof use agreements, you need to make as PJs a conscious decision whether you're

going to have your affordability period deed restricted so as to survive foreclosure of the first

mortgage.

The problem with that is that sometimes banks don't like it but on further investigation what we've

found is that the banks simply feel that it constrains the LTV, the loan to value against which

they're going to loan funds. In other words, they believe that it reduces the value of the property

as security for their loan, which can be okay. The offset to that is you might have to put in more

soft money and less private first mortgage money into a multi-family transaction, and you might

essentially as a consequence of that have to buy a foreclosure proof use agreement.

The decision to do that traces back to your comfort with the overall risk level of transactions and

your own priorities and concerns. Some other key considerations in developing an underwriting

policy, how green do you want to approach the development or rehab of housing? Green can cost

more up front, but can save money on utility costs down the road. Sometimes green housing

investments are not necessarily economically self-justifying, but they can provide health and

societal benefits.

That's a conscious decision made in the context of developing an underwriting policy about how

the PJ will approach green housing. Another one might be preservation versus new development.

In your community, is it important to invest in the preservation of existing housing, or is new

development a better and different alternative? And each answer is going to be very locationally

specific so that we're not saying there's a right or wrong answer, but there is a benefit to having

thought about this and having intentionally selected an approach.

Geographic targeting, what neighborhoods, what types of neighborhoods maybe, what project

types, elderly families, special populations, and then in terms of targeting income levels or maybe

there would be a preference or a desire to invest HOME funds into mixed income properties that

have a greater amount of diversity economically.

Marsha Tonkovich: Now, Anker, just to give you a quick time update, we have about 13 minutes to the

break for questions, so for folks who are on the phone, if you do want to get in the queue, please

press star one to get in the queue to ask a question, or write in your question at the Q&A.

Anker Heegaard: Thanks, Marsha. Okay, so we'll be okay, I think. So let's talk about underwriting to risk

areas, because that's how we'd like to approach this discussion from a fairly high level. So one

way to look at underwriting is underwriting is the job of identifying everything that can go wrong in

the investment end and development of and operation of a multi-family property that has all kinds

of compliance requirements, and then figuring out how you can get comfortable that there's a

relatively low likelihood that those things are going to go wrong or to the extent that they do go

wrong, that you've identified how you're going to solve that problem and you've left yourself an

option.

So sponsor risk as a key risk area is really all about our earlier discussion with respect to

assessing developer capacity and fiscal soundness, so we sort of already covered that. Market

risk - is it a feasible location? Is there a level of demand for these types of units at these rents in

this location? Is there a positive demographic data? In other words, is the population growing? In

other words, is demand increasing relative to supply? Is it a transportation efficient site?

Another area of underwriting risk is HOME compliance risk. From an underwriting perspective,

we're talking about things like is this an eligible activity? Does it include at least the minimum

number of HOME assisted units? Does the pro forma use the correct HOME rent? In terms of

other federal requirements, you know, have things like lead based paint, Davis-Bacon, URA,

environmental, have they all been addressed?

And to a certain extent, all of this HOME compliance risk as you'll probably have figured out is

also related to sponsor risk. If you have a sponsor who's got a lot of developmental capacity in

terms of technical know-how and experience, then your HOME compliance risk would be

reduced. Design risk is another area that you want to address in your approach to underwriting.

So does the - not only does the architecture fit into the neighborhood, but can the buildings be

constructed in a cost effective way?

Will the materials be long-lasting? Are the unit sizes appropriate to the target population? Are the

features and amenities of the property the right features and amenities for that type of property in

that location for that type of market tenant population? And importantly, and this can often be a

huge problem, you know, has the property met accessibility requirements of 504 and ADA? I

should mention here with respect to design risk that the HOME rule requires - the existing HOME

rule requires that PJs have written standards for rehab, and the place to impose those written

standards is well in advance of construction bids.

In other words, you don't want the construction to be bid and then you look at whether the bid

matches your written standards for rehab. You want to publish your written standards for rehab as

an exhibit to your NOFA for instance, and require that any work conform to that. The earlier you

stick your requirements out there, the more likely they are to be followed and the more strength

that you have in enforcing them.

And then lastly, the last bullet on this is environmental risk. You know, has the environmental

review been completed, lots of sort of alphabet soup here, LBP, ACMs, PCBs, and my favorite

which is LUST, which is leaking underground storage tank, which can be an environmental risk of

no small measure. So let's move on to the next slide. I've basically got a few slides on

underwriting to risk areas.

Another risk area is revenue risk. Are the rents feasible? Do you know what the true market rent

is for these units in this location? It's obviously not ever enough to rely on the HOME restricted or

low income housing tax restricted rent without paying careful attention to whether the market rent

is lower, because of - as a practical matter, not as a regulatory matter but as a practical matter,

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you simply can't rent the units for more than the market rent, and there have been a number of

HOME projects that have given short shrift to measuring or assessing the market rent potential,

and they've underwritten to the affordable rent only to find out that the actual market rents were

lower and the project couldn't generate enough revenue to stay operationally viable.

Operating expense risk - this is obvious in a certain sense. Can the project be operated

successfully at or below the underwritten expense level over the HOME affordability period?

You'll want to look deeply at things like the real estate tax estimate, the insurance estimate, and

the utility cost estimate, because these are what we call uncontrollable expenses, meaning that

you know, they are what they are and no amount of management efficiency is going to change

them with some exceptions. But generally they're not easily controlled by the managing agent.

You know, other questions with respect to operating expense risk, you know, is this a special

population project? Is there a feasible plan for funding the needed supportive services? And

what's the risk that you could have to incur security expenses on the property, security expenses

being in many ways sort of the nuclear of operating expenses? Because when it hits, the project

usually doesn't have the operating cushion to survive.

Another area that you want to consider in your underwriting approach, a risk area that you want to

make sure gets addressed in your overall approach to underwriting is capital needs risk. What are

the likely major repair and replacement needs of the project over the long term? Is there an

acceptable likelihood that those needs can be met through the proposed reserves, projected cash

flow, or the potential future refinancing of the project?

A lot of rehab projects have failed because the rehab was insufficient and of course a high level

of rehab is not a cure all. The ongoing reserve deposit still has to be sufficient, so let's also talk

about cash flow risk, which is where you know, revenue and operating risk collide. Is the project

reasonably likely to produce enough cash flow to cover debt, capital needs, that can't be funded

from the reserve, and provide an adequate cushion in return to the owner?

So more risk areas, risk of inadequate sources - so the previous slide we were talking about sort

of operating risk issues. This slide talks about development risk issues. Are the projected sources

of funds in total enough to fund the estimated uses with an appropriate cushion for contingency,

and if the project exceeds the availability of sources and cushion and other resources, you know,

is there a strong financial partner behind the deal who can step into the breach?

And this is one of the reasons why we spent a lot of time earlier talking about establishing that

your development partners are fiscally sound. It's a good time to mention the importance of the

subsidy layering analysis. The PJ has to have a policy with respect to this, and the goal of the

subsidy layering process at large is to ensure both that the project is not unnecessarily

oversubsidized with public funds, and at the same time that it's not unsubsidized. In other words,

it's got enough money to survive through the period of affordability as quality housing, and that

there aren't unrealistic expectations about development costs, operating costs. There aren't

inadequate cushions, and there isn't an unacceptably high risk of failure.

On the flip side of inadequate sources are overly adequate uses or additional uses beyond those

which were planned. There are the projected uses of funds in total, sufficient to develop and

lease a successful project with this design in this location with this developer, etcetera. I think at

this point we should mention that the PJ has to review uses, ie. the construction costs or cost

reasonableness. That might involve having a third party look over the costs. They could be based

on historical cost data that the PJ has accumulated, or maybe a rule of thumb that's been proven

out by experience, but at a minimum the PJ has to have some process.

A couple more risk areas I'll just talk about very quickly, construction risk. The developer has to

have the capacity to manage the process. Simply because there's adequate sources and uses

overall doesn't follow necessarily that there's going to be adequate sources and uses at every

stage of the process, which is why you have a development period budget month by month to

show sources and uses and their availability and timing over the period of construction until the

project is placed into operation.

Lease out risk, how long it's going to take to lease out the property, is there a good plan for this

and is there a reserve that will fund the difference between the revenue that the property will be

generating while it's not yet fully occupied, and the revenue that the property needs to generate in

order to be stable? Last slide I want to talk about here in terms of reviewing others - well, two

more slides.

This one is about reviewing the underwriting of others, and we want to stress for you that

reviewing the underwriting of others does not mean substituting their underwriting for your

obligations to do underwriting. A PJ still must have its own standards, and must still apply those

standards consistently and reviewing the underwriting of other organizations or entities or

partners in the deal means looking at that organization's underwriting and seeing how it stands up

against the PJ's own standards.

The PJ also additionally has to document that it's done this review, so it can't simply say that the

HFA underwrote the deal and they usually do a pretty good job and therefore that should be the

end of it. They have to get what it is that the HFA did. They have to look at it and document that it

was adequate in that it met the underwriting standards of the PJ, and in the event that it didn't,

what the PJ did about it.

I'm only got one opportunity here to talk about process, and it's a fairly important topic. Process is

extremely important to being able to ensure that all of the sort of high level vision and standards

and expectations and risk factors have been run through the machine in a sense and have been

handled and implemented in a reasonable way. A good process ensures that the information has

been collected. A good process ensures that it's been considered to assess risk and determine

the fitness of deals against the policy framework that was at the sort of high level of this whole

discussion.

So when CPD says procedures are required, an RFP is a good place for a lot of those

procedures to live. So a couple of words about how RFPs work or notices of funding availability or

application guidelines or whatever you call it. Threshold criteria is really this - the - what types of

deals the PJ is going to consider or not consider at all. Is there a required proximity to

transportation? Is there a required level of affordability? Are there specifically required, objectively

measured developer qualifications? What are the specific limitations on funding, whether those

are expressed in terms of per unit, per deal, per developer.

And be very careful in terms in RFPs in terms of distinguishing between the words must and

should, because they mean very different things. In a practical sense they mean different things

and in a legal sense they mean different things. Another area in which process lives in an RFP is

the whole issue about timing considerations. When are applications due? When are decisions

made? Is there a process for resolving deficiencies? If so, how does that fit into the overall

timeline?

With respect to application intake, when applications arrive to you, you do an initial review. The

initial review would focus on threshold criteria obviously, because you shouldn't be funding deals

that don't meet the threshold criteria that you've set out in your RFP itself, but there's also the

issue of some deals - in fact, it's almost always the case that applications don't contain all of the

information that you need in order to make an intelligent and informed decision about funding. It's

rather rare that they do.

So what's the process that you've set forth for going back to developers, inquiring about

additional information, whether it was because they forgot to put something in their application or

instead if it was because it occurred to you that you needed further information in order to make a

decision? With respect to final review and decision-making, we're going to - after we take some

Q&A, we're going to show you just a sample presentation to a loan committee, at least the written

submission that a loan committee might look at in order to make a go, no-go type of funding

decision.

And your process should spell out, you know, how that works, what it is that's required to be

submitted and who it is that makes those decisions and how it is that concerns are addressed in

the form of contingencies on the funding.

Anker Heegaard: Okay, thanks. I'm very excited about this section of the presentation. It's something we

haven't done before. It's a little bit of an experiment, but we'll be interested in your feedback.

Maybe there's an applause button you can hit or something on your screen. I haven't found it yet.

But the challenge that we faced was that we wanted to talk about underwriting at a fairly high

level, given the time constraints, but at the same time we recognize that talking about it only in

the form of high theory could leave people wondering how do you actually put that into practice,

and how do you make the rubber hit the road in that sense?

So we're going to move to - if I can find - I have to switch it over to my PC here, right? Oh, share?

Or, program? There we go. All right. I've got this set up for a size that I think is good for viewing

purposes. Is that showing up for you all? It - okay. So what we're looking at here is roughly 20

pages that is a sample of how a deal might be presented internally for approval at a PJ after

having been underwritten, whether that underwriting was entirely done by the PJ or whether that

underwriting was done in part by reviewing the underwriting of others.

And you sort of have to imagine that you're sitting in a loan committee and somebody has

underwritten this deal and they've put this together and you've pre-read it, and the next 20

minutes, someone's going to walk you through what this transaction is, what its risk factors are,

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and whether it should be approved or not, and if it should be approved, what types and nature of

conditions should be imposed on it.

And so the way this functions a little bit is that I'm just going to go through and I'm going to

highlight various sections of this and I'm going to talk about them. In your loan committee you

might consider, you know, who has voting and who doesn't have voting rights, whether there's a

quorum requirement, you know, how many at a minimum people who are members of the

committee need to attend and vote. You'd want to consider making sure that in your approval of

transactions, different areas of your organization are represented.

If you only have one perspective in a deal, you leave yourself exposed to a lot of risk factors that

other perspectives might be more attentive to. Another thing that I want to point out here in the

overall picture of this is that the underwriter's job or the person who prepares and presents the

deal, their job is not to sell the deal, but their job is to fairly and impartially present its pros and

cons in a way that supports good decision-making by the organization. Here's what you should

know, here's what's edgy about the deal. Here's what might bite you later and how you might

counterbalance that. So that's kind of my overview.

I just also want to make sure that I reinforce for everybody that this is not a required or even

recommended format. It's being used here as an illustration of the way that the concepts in the

first part of this session can be put into practice in a real practical on the street sort of way. So

start with an overview.

Overview, somebody can digest in a moment or two, and it gives them enough of a picture that

they understand what kind of transaction financially and physically we're talking about. In the

executive summary, you can get beyond the sort of bricks and mortar description and you can get

into a description of what kinds of risks the project reflects. You'll notice that there's a statement

in here that says the project meets all the funding criteria in the PJ's NOFA. That's a useful

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statement, because it establishes sort of a written record that the PJ has submitted something for

internal consideration that's consistent with its own requirements.

That's basic, but it's important. It has a brief discussion about affordability. You'll see later there's

a lot more on unit mix, but here you get a little bit of a gist of how many HOME units we're talking

about, what the overall affordability is, that there's no market units, it's not a mixed income

property, so those two sentences or that one sentence tells guite a bit.

I personally like to talk about risk very directly and not indirectly, so in this sample, we talk about

pertinent risk factors, and then we cover them: market construction. This is a very highly

summarized approach. You don't want a loan committee presentation that somebody's going to

have to read 100 pages on. You'll never get through the work, and nobody will ever read it

anyway. But if you sort of explicitly summarize what the risk factors are and present them in a

coherent way, people can ask the right questions and make reasonably intelligent decisions

based on those risk factors.

You'll also notice here the way it's written says market risk is low, but then it says why market risk

is low. In this case, market risk is low because market rents are sufficiently above low income

housing tax credit rents, and additionally the market is strong and the project is well-located, so

those are all features of why market risk would be low. So let's move on to the next page.

Vincent Grady: Anker, before you do that, this is Vinny, since people are having a bit of trouble viewing

the screen, so I just wanted to comment and say that below this page there is a scroll bar, and

you can kind of center the page yourself so it fits your screen and you can see the whole thing.

Anker Heegaard: Right, you're talking about there's a scroll bar for all the participants to use.

Vincent Grady: Correct.

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Anker Heegaard: Okay. Yes, we - in fairness we tried this out on a few monitors, but we weren't sure how

this was going to work for everybody, so apologies if you're not able to see it as clearly, and

please also be aware that it is available for download, and Vinny, you can confirm this, but I think

the downloadable version is the enhanced PDF with all the clickable little notations.

Vincent Grady: That's correct.

Anker Heegaard: Okay. So we have covered sort of a brief half-page description of the various risk

areas, and where those risks exist. There's a property description, and then there's a

development entity and capacity description, so your obligation as PJs for assessing

development capacity and fiscal soundness would be integrated into your underwriting decision

and your funding decision, and therefore would be integral to a document like this.

Let me move forward. In this case we talk about developer capacity in four areas in this particular

template. Prior developments - have they done recent similar deals successfully? Remember that

as being one of our criteria. Here it talks about recent similar deals and the ways in which they

are or are not similar. Current operational capacity - even the best developers can overextend

themselves; even developers with a high level of sophistication organizationally and technically

when it comes to affordable housing will sometimes tell you I can't close that deal for a year

because I'm backed up.

It's a nice problem to have if you're a developer, but it also is not good as a PJ if you've got

expenditure obligations that you've got to meet, so you want to know how the deal fits into their

current workload and capacity, and you'll integrate that discussion into a document like this.

Financial strength - you know, where does this deal fit into their portfolio? Are they doing this deal

because their portfolio is struggling? If so, the deal needs to be super conservative, because the

portfolio can't be relied upon to help and instead the deal must be super-strong in order to in turn

help the portfolio.

And then the last section in this section is guarantees. Once you've established that they're

financially strong, so what? What's next? So here there's a discussion about what types of

completion and operating guarantees might be reasonable to require of the developer as a

contingency of funding the deal. Next section is location and market dynamics, and of course we

didn't get into a market - assessing market discussion here. That was on a Webinar that was held

on June 11th, but that Webinar is available as a recorded experience for everybody, so if you feel

that you need that training, please go and take that.

But ultimately when you're looking at location and market dynamics, you're looking to establish

whether the deal is in a good location. Is it positive or negative with respect to the property? Here,

there's a discussion that says that the property is in an area where population is increasing.

That's a good factor, so the various bells and whistles are being hit here. I won't go through every

one of these notations in the interest of time, but we're getting to the point where we're starting to

see a comprehensive discussion of the characteristics of the deal, the decision points for the

deal, and the risk factors of the deal.

Another section is physical character and issues, so you've got a mention of existing buildings,

but then a further mention that there's no URA or LBP issues, so that's good. In this particular

transaction there's a desire to do some green development, and there's a discussion of that, and

then there's a limited discussion of the proposed financial structure. One of the things I like to

point out is that I've learned from experience that if you put too much detailed numbers into a

narrative, you wind up having to waste a lot of time changing those numbers every time a small

number in the transaction changes, and it travels throughout the deal.

So it's usually good to talk in round numbers that's sufficient for purposes of a presentation, and

more detailed numbers would appear in the underwriting itself. Then we get to underwriting,

section A, and we can get into more detail about what the affordability mix is. Now in the case of

this transaction, they're asking for \$2 million of HOME financing, and the memorandum states

that that requires a minimum of 14 units, 14 HOME units, and of course because 20% of them

have to be low HOME, no fewer than three would have to be low HOME units and the remainder

could be high HOME units.

There's some further discussion about the functioning of low income housing tax credits, and

there's a discussion about market rents, in this case the discussion indicates that the market

rents as they've been determined methodically through and rank recoverability study are

sufficiently above the use restricted rents so as to not give rise to concern that the use restricted

rents wouldn't be achievable.

Trending is very important as an underwriting construct because basically - simply because a

property can operate successfully in its first year doesn't mean that it can operate successfully in

its 20th year, and in new construction HOME projects there's a 20-year affordability requirement.

Lots of properties get into trouble because of the failure to run this simple projection, and the

failure to consider that the cushion in the first year is inevitably going to be absorbed through the

relationship between income and expense trending over the life of the property.

We discussed vacancy and bad debts. There's a very limited discussion of operating expenses

which simply alludes to the model, and then there's a very important discussion here where it

says the proposed reserve deposit is \$250 a unit a year. This is what the state housing finance

agency is requiring. However, we don't think that this is consistent with the viability of the project

over the period of HOME affordability, and see section 11 in the memo for more discussion on

this. So we'll come back to that as we get to that point.

And here there's a discussion about resulting net operating income for debt service. It does point

out that the trend tends to move negative, but it's not so negative - I'm talking about the trend in

cash flow or trend in debt service coverage - tends to deteriorate over time but not so negatively

that the underwriter feels that it's a problem for the transaction, so good information and nuanced

information.

Here there's a discussion importantly about how the HOME loan is intended to be or proposed to

be structured. Here it's going to go in a zero - it's proposed to go in at zero as a cash flow loan

with 50% of the cash flow payable on that HOME loan, and an indication of how much that might

mean to the PJ in terms of program income. We'll come back to that in a moment.

Here there's a discussion about the affordability value of the investment. It's not necessarily

required or even expected that PJs calculate the relationship between affordability and the

investment. It's just an interesting way of looking at the deal and it happens to be with this sample

PJ likes to think about. There's a conclusion that recommends approval for a \$2 million soft

second HOME loan.

Then it says, however, sees the optional consideration and the underwriter has taken it a step

further and said essentially even though the developing sponsor has requested \$2 million, we

don't think that the reserve deposit that they've used is adequate to ensure the replacement of

capital items over the 20 year affordability period, and therefore we're going to recommend that

the committee consider actually giving them more than they asked for. Can you believe that?

And in this case also at the same time requiring a higher reserve deposit that's more consistent

with the long term viability of the deal so that it doesn't become a physical liability during the

period of affordability, just a list here of the documents that are attached, and I'm going to do a

quick walkthrough of what they are.

So the prior six or seven pages was really just a narrative summary of the deal that was built off

of an underwriting model, and in this case the underwriting model that I've used is one of my own,

and it has a highly summarized page here that just shows the first mortgage underwriting

variables, which makes it easy to sort of look at that aspect of the deal.

And then the second page is a more elaborate summary that includes the rent mix, what the rents

are for different unit configurations and affordability configurations, what the HOME funds

maximum permissible is, what the debt underwriting is, which was the prior page you just looked

at, how the tax credits are calculated, and what the summarized sources and uses are in the

transaction, so a very useful sort of one-page cheat sheet for everything, all of which is expanded

on more fully in the following pages.

So for instance, you've got these next two or three pages are the rent underwriting, so you've got

your unit mix, 22 one-bedroom units at 60% AMI, 12 at high HOME rents, and one at low HOME -

sorry, I'm misreading my own numbers. Four at high HOME and one at low for a total of 27 one-

bedrooms, so this kind of grid shows what number of units are - what number of units there are at

each unit size, at each affordability level, at each rent level.

We're going to skip that and move on. Some notes on the underwriting, in this case the note's

interesting. It's automatically driven by the model and it calculates what percentage of market the

use-restricted rents are at, so in this case what it says is that the rents that would be use-

restricted by HOME and tax credits average 70% of AMI, and that means that to the extent that

they're rented to people at less than 70% of AMI, they're affordable.

This is just a breakdown here of what rents apply, and it automatically calculates rents as being a

lesser of the use restricted or the market rent, and then of course, it continues for both two and

three bedrooms. In this case this is the expense underwriting that was referred to earlier, and the

thing I like to point out about this is that it does a series of breakdowns to assist with analysis. In

this case it shows the amount that is proposed per year for that item, and then it also shows how

much that is per unit per year, and per unit per month.

And the reason that that's valuable in assessing expenses is because you know, some expenses

you tend to look at as a total amount, and some expenses you tend to consider the cost

reasonableness of it or the appropriateness of that expense projection from the perspective of

how many dollars per unit it is, or how many dollars per unit per month, so a good format can be

very helpful in terms of doing good analytical work. The format is your friend.

So this goes on - in other words, the prior page was a continuation of the operating expense

underwriting. This page here is the mortgage underwriting for the first mortgage, and what's

important about that is you are indirectly underwriting the amount of the first mortgage when

you're doing gap loan underwriting, because your job is to see how much the gap is, and in order

to get to a reasonable determination about the size of the gap, you have to get to a - first get to a

reasonable determination about the size of supportable debt in a project to the extent there is

non-HOME funds in the deal.

This is the all-important pro forma, and this shows what the operating dynamics of the property,

income and expenses and debt service and cash flow, are going to look like every year over in

this case a 20-year period. And in this case we can look later at the next page and see that the

cushion between cash flow - the cushion that is the ratio of cash flow to operating expenses starts

to deteriorate over time.

Here we have the cash flow projection, and we just for illustration purposes, we've shown that

they're modeled in such a way that the PJ gets 50% of that cash flow, and it bears pointing out to

everybody here that because 10% of program income can be taken as an admin fee by the PJ,

this project would get \$364,000 at least as modeled of PJ cash flow, and the admin share of that

would be 10%, or \$36,000, or \$1800 a year, so as constructed, although this project would cost

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the PJ an investment of \$2 million, it would contribute \$364,000 or \$36,000 a year to the program

income of the PJ and in turn would be net contributor to the PJ's admin budget.

This is the second page of the 20-year pro forma, which is just a continuation through year 20.

This page just is a tax credit calculation, not suggesting and nor does HUD expect that PJ should

be calculating the yield or the equity investment off of tax credits. It's just that in this particular

model that's done, and as a way of sort of back-checking the numbers that are provided by the

sponsor. This is a very important page. This is the total sources and uses.

And in this case, there's a few things I'll point out about the format. First of course, your sources

have to equal your uses. Sources are here. Uses are at the bottom and continue on to the next

page. You'll also notice from the format that we have the total amount, and then we also show

those amounts in terms of dollars per unit, percent of the total or percent of the category, just as

with operating expenses, it can be extraordinarily useful to have multiple perspectives on an

amount in order to determine the cost reasonableness of that number.

You could also add columns in to show historically what some of those per unit or total amounts

have been so that the PJ in reviewing a source new statement has the information already in that

format to support that type of analysis. So let me just use this opportunity to try out the polling

tool, which many of you want to pull down the poll, or maybe I should ask the question first while

people are looking at it.

So the question is, once you've considered the \$2 million HOME investment which is here, what

is the remaining gap in the deal that needs to be solved? So the poll will come up, and if you want

to take a look at the sources and uses and see if it jumps out at you as obvious or a little bit of

investigation, what is the gap in this transaction as it's been constructed? And of course, let me-

where did my polling thing go? Ah.

Okay, so HUD take comfort that more than 4 out of 5 folks are on the right track. I've got to pull

up my presentation again. One second. Oh, content. Sorry. Okay, there we go. So let me just

move along real quickly to the last pieces of this. This is the continuation - by the way, the poll is -

the poll answer is 382 - \$382,000. I can't even read on my own screen. I've got it reduced here. I

have to zoom it in. \$382,802, so correct?

And that might be solved in this particular deal by either increasing the amount of HOME funds or

requiring that the developer take some deferral of fee. You'll notice that there's no deferred

developer fee currently modeled, or requiring that the developer find some additional sources

elsewhere.

Last page in this particular model is the cheat sheet that I used to calculate the maximum amount

of HOME investment, which is going to be the lesser of the D3 limit or the fair share. In this case

the lesser is going to be based on fair share, and it's \$2,286,000, and the \$2 million therefore is

okay. If the transaction was going to require more than that amount of HOME funds, it would of

course require more HOME units.

By the way, if the transaction were also going to increase the reserve deposit to offset the risk of

the property didn't have enough money to pay for its capital needs in the later years of the

affordability period, that increase to \$2.2 million that was called for by the underwriter wouldn't

require an additional allocation or an additional number of HOME units, because it would still be

below the number here for the 15.

So let's move back to the slide, which is here, and we can go to another Q&A session, so

Marsha, can I hand it back to you?

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Earl Cook: Okay, well, I think we're out of time, and I think Marsha, you have a few closing words.

Appreciate both of your assistance and appreciate the two hours that all of our PJs and various

folks have you know, hung in there. So Marsha?

(Crosstalk)

Earl Cook: Marsha T.

Marsha Tonkovich: Okay, great. All right, well thanks everybody for joining us. I hope this Webinar has

been helpful, and let us know if you'd like the format of the exercise and whether you thought that

was helpful and any suggestions that you have for additional tools. I know that some folks wrote

in about wanting a pro forma and things like that, and I think certainly HUD is looking into doing

that, so please when you write the evaluations let us now what would be helpful to you as you

come at these 2012 requirements.

We also do have a list of other resources that we wanted to refer you to that relate to other

operating guidance, operating templates and other things like that that we think would be helpful

to you and so these slides will be available on the Web site if you'd like to be able to download it

and to be able to resource - access some of these resources. So I think, Anker, you had some

closing thoughts you wanted to provide as well.

Anker Heegaard: Well, yes, I mean, they were up on the slides before and they're basically just sort of a

high level recap of many of the things that we said before. As a final thought, everybody should

be oriented toward and engaged in developing an approach to their underwriting based on their

goals, the resources that they're working with in terms of their own staff and in terms of the

development community that they have to partner with, and the risk factors and how they

prioritize those risk factors.

Of course ensure that you've addressed developer capacity within that framework, and have a

process. We unfortunately only had time for a single slide on process, but there's a lot to be said

about RFPs and timing requirements and the implementation of all of this and also we've

illustrated that in terms of part of the process of renewing transactions is documenting how you've

considered those risk factors and that was one of the reasons why we wanted to develop that

memorandum for everybody, and hopefully that was helpful.

And understand that all of the theory that we discussed can be grounded in practical application,

and the memo was intended to be an illustration of that so that you could move forward in an

operating kind of way with all of this.

Marsha Tonkovich: All right, well, thanks, Anker, and again, I'm going to show the evaluations, so please

fill out the evaluation and let us know what you thought, and let us know what other tools and

things would be helpful to you. So our next Webinars will be happening - HUD folks, what's the

dates of the next one?

Marsha Tonkovich: Sure, okay, well I will just actually - I will show - Vinny's going to show this slide with

the dates for the next Webinar just in case everybody...

Anker Heegaard: July 10th is the date that was on the slide, Marsha, so Tuesday July 10th is assessing

CHDO development capacity, and Thursday July 12th is CHDOs, understanding the CHDO

development capacity requirements. So one is for - the first is for PJs and the second's for

CHDOs.

Marsha Tonkovich: So the schedule is now up on the screen, so please come back and join us for the

last two Webinars. Thanks, everybody. Good afternoon.

Anker Heegaard: Bye. Thank you.

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Operator: That does conclude today's teleconference. We thank you all for your participation.

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