



November 9, 2012

Mr. Roger Hunt, Assistant RMA Director  
County of Tulare  
5961 S. Mooney Boulevard  
Visalia, CA 93277

Dear Mr. Hunt:

**Subject: Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund Due Diligence Review**

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34179.6 (c), the County of Tulare Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an oversight board approved Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund Due Diligence Review (DDR) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on October 15, 2012. The purpose of the review was to determine the amount of cash and cash equivalents available for distribution to the affected taxing entities. Pursuant to HSC section 34179.6 (d), Finance has completed its review of your DDR, which may have included obtaining clarification for various items.

HSC section 34179.6 (d) authorizes Finance to adjust the DDR's stated balance of Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund (LMIHF) available for distribution to the taxing entities. Based on our review of your DDR, the following adjustments were made:

- Loan receivables in the amount of \$380,200. According to Finance's letter dated August 31, 2012, two loan receivables Item Nos. 52 and 53 on Exhibit D of the Housing Assets Transfer (HAT) Form were denied for transfer to the housing successor entity. The loan agreement was executed after June 27, 2011. Therefore, \$380,200 is added as an adjustment to account for a HAT item denied.
- Balances retained for fiscal year 2012-13 obligations in the amount of \$147,403. The Agency requested to retain the amount to satisfy obligations on the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for the periods July to December 2012 (ROPS II) and January to June 2013 (ROPS III), for Item Nos. 6, 8, 14, and 72. However, our review indicates funding requested for these items during ROPS II and ROPS III periods were Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Funding, not LMIHF. Further, Item No. 72 was denied during our ROPS III review. Therefore, the balance has been adjusted by \$147,403.

If you disagree with Finance's adjusted amount of LMIHF balances available for distribution to the taxing entities, you may request a Meet and Confer within five business days of the date of this letter. The Meet and Confer process and guidelines are available at Finance's website below:

[http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/meet\\_and\\_confer/](http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/meet_and_confer/)

The Agency's LMIHF balance available for distribution to the affected taxing entities is \$4,320,124 (see table below). Pursuant to HSC 34179.6 (h) (1) (B), any remittance related to unallowable transfers to a private party may also be subject to a 10 percent penalty if not remitted within 60 days.

<b>LMIHF Balances Available For Distribution To Taxing Entities</b>	
Available Balance per DDR:	\$ 3,792,521
Finance Adjustments	
Add:	
Denied HAT items	380,200
Requested retained balance not supported	147,403
<b>Total LMIHF available to be distributed:</b>	<b>\$ 4,320,124</b>

Absent a Meet and Confer request, HSC section 34179.6 (f) requires successor agencies to transmit to the county auditor-controller the amount of funds identified in the above table within five working days, plus any interest those sums accumulated while in the possession of the recipient.

If funds identified for transmission are in the possession of the successor agency, and if the successor agency is operated by the city or county that created the former redevelopment agency, then failure to transmit the identified funds may result in offsets to the city's or the county's sales and use tax allocation, as well as its property tax allocation. If funds identified for transmission are in the possession of another taxing entity, that taxing entity's failure to remit those funds may result in offsets to its sales and use tax allocation or to its property tax allocation.

Failure to transmit the identified funds will also prevent the Agency from being able to receive a finding of completion from Finance. Without a finding of completion, the Agency will be unable to take advantage of the provisions detailed in HSC section 34191.4. Specifically, these provisions allow certain loan agreements between the former redevelopment agency (RDA) and the city, county, or city and county that created the RDA to be considered enforceable obligations. These provisions also allow certain bond proceeds to be used for the purposes in which they were sold and allows for the transfer of real property and interests into the Community Redevelopment Property Trust Fund once Finance approves the Agency's long-range property management plan.

In addition to the consequences above, willful failure to return assets that were deemed an unallowable transfer or failure to remit the funds identified above could expose certain individuals to criminal penalties under existing law

Pursuant to HSC section 34167.5 and 34178.8, the California State Controller's Office (Controller) has the authority to claw back assets that were inappropriately transferred to the city, county, or any other public agency. Determinations outlined in this letter and Finance's Housing Assets Transfer letter dated August 31, 2012 do not in any way eliminate the Controller's authority.

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Please direct inquiries to Beliz Chappuie, Supervisor or Cindie Lor, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Szalay', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

STEVE SZALAY  
Local Government Consultant

cc: Ms. Sophia Almanza, Fiscal Manager, County of Tulare  
Ms. Rita A. Woodard, Auditor-Controller, Tulare County  
California State Controller's Office