

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2010

Adopted February 2, 2010

AUTHORIZING THE INCORPORATION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND, A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR THE NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE FORMATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE CORPORATION; ALL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION


1. In furtherance of the objectives of the California Community Redevelopment Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33334.2), the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco (the "Agency") undertakes programs for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of slums and other blighted areas in the City and County of San Francisco (the "City"), as well as increasing and preserving the supply of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income households.
2. The Agency, in partnership with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, desires to form a new corporate entity to apply for a designation as a Community Development Entity ("CDE") for the purpose of applying for a New Markets Tax Credit ("NMTC") allocation from the United States Treasury in 2010.
3. Once created, this new entity, a California nonprofit, public benefit corporation called the San Francisco Community Investment Fund ("SFCIF"), will serve as the applicant for the NMTC program. Only CDEs can apply for an allocation of New Markets Tax Credits. As their primary mission, CDEs provide investment capital for low-income communities and their respective projects.
4. The SFCIF will act as a bridge between the capital markets and low-income communities by taking the investment capital it receives and lending it to qualified projects. The SFCIF will maintain accountability to residents of low-income communities through representation on its Advisory Board.
5. On January 19, 2010, staff provided a workshop to the Agency Commission and identified several authorizations that would be needed to commence implementation of NMTC application process. The first such Commission action is authorizing the incorporation of the SFCIF and approval of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws.

6. The proposed Articles of Incorporation state that the purpose of the SFCIF is to make qualified Low-Income Community investments in the City and County of San Francisco or other activities which qualify for the New Markets Tax Credit.
7. The proposed Bylaws will be considered for adoption by the SFCIF board of directors, who will be appointed initially by the Agency's Executive Director, as incorporator, pursuant to California Corporations Code Section 5134.
8. The incorporation of SFCIF will allow the Agency and the City to seek investment capital to increase the level of investment in projects in low-income communities throughout San Francisco.
9. Authorizing the incorporation of the SFCIF in order to apply for the NMTC Program will allow the nonprofit public benefit corporation, to seek and provide for investment capital. Incorporation of the SFCIF and the fund raising activities of the SFCIF would not directly cause any change in the physical environment and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Executive Director is authorized to incorporate the San Francisco Community Investment Fund, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, for the purpose of applying for the New Markets Tax Credit Program and authorizing the performance of any and all actions necessary for the formation and organization of the corporation.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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