REQUEST FOR CITY OF AUSTIN RESOLUTIONS & OTHER REQUIREMENTS

2020 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits

This is the Application for developers requesting resolutions (Requestors) required by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credit applications in 2020. **This form and all attachments will be considered on a rolling basis on the first business day of each month**. All resolutions being requested are subject to approval by the Austin City Council.

1.	Austin. Please indicate each applicable resolution requested from the City of
	Resolution of No Objection from the Local Governing Body (will be provided to all Requestors completing this form and providing all attachments)
	Twice the State Average Per Capita (will be provided to all Requestors completing this form and providing all attachments)
	One-Mile/Three-Year Rule
	Limitations on Developments in Certain Census Tracts
	Development is located within a census tract that has a poverty rate above 40% for individuals (the development must meet criteria outlined in section 4 below, Preference Criteria)

- **2.** <u>Application Requirements.</u> For the Resolution request to be considered, please certify this Application and include the following information in the Application PDF:
 - 1) Please complete the Project Summary Form (Excel) and attach it as a PDF to the Application behind the appropriate tab. The Project Summary Form is available on NHCD's website.
 - 2) S.M.A.R.T. Housing Certification Letter. Applications for S.M.A.R.T. Housing certification go through a separate review process. For more information on the <u>S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program</u>, email Sandra Harkins, Project Coordinator, at sandra.harkins@austintexas.gov.
 - 3) Provide an aerial map indicating the Development's location and the distance a resident would have to walk on a paved surface to get to the nearest transit stop. Attach the map to the Application behind the appropriate tab.
 - 4) Provide a **flood plain map** generated by <u>www.ATXFloodPro.com</u> with the property parcel identified and the legend displayed showing the various types of FEMA Flood Plain zones, if any. Attach the map to the Application behind the appropriate tab.
 - 5) Provide information about the Developer's experience and development history. Attach this information to the Application behind the appropriate tab.
- 3. Preference Criteria. In order to receive a Resolution acknowledging that the development is located in a census tract with a poverty rate above 40% and authorizing the development to move forward, a development must meet one of the following criteria. If applicable, please select one:

	1)	The development is located in a High Opportunity Area, according to the City of
		Austin RHDA/OHDA Application Map Series.
	2)	The development is located in a Gentrification area, according to the City of Austin
		RHDA/OHDA Application Map Series (all tracts but "susceptible" are eligible).
ĺ	3)	The development is located within 0.5 miles of an Imagine Austin Center/Corridor or
ı		a Mobility Bond Corridor, according to the City of Austin RHDA/OHDA
		Application Map Series.
I	4)	The development will meet the TDHCA definition requirement for Supportive
•		Housing.
I	5)	20% of the units in the development will be dedicated to the local Continuum of Care.

5) How to Submit. Applications should be sent by email to Patrick Russell at patrick.russell@austintexas.gov. Please include the PDF with all the incorporated attachments and please include the excel version of the Project Summary as well. If Requestors are unable to submit by email, Applications may be submitted to Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 1000 East 11th Street, 2nd Floor, Austin, TX 78702 to the attention of Patrick Russell. For more information, contact Patrick Russell at 512-974-3141 or by e-mail at patrick.russell@austintexas.gov.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A ROLLING BASIS ON THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF EACH MONTH.

Development Name: Cascades at Onion Creek

The undersigned hereby certifies that the information provided in this Application, including all attachments and supporting materials, is true and correct under penalty of law, including Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code titled Perjury and Other Falsification and is subject to criminal penalties as defined by the State of Texas. The undersigned also affirms understanding of Texas Government Code Chapter 552, Public Information Act, which gives the public the right to access government records through public information requests, and acknowledges that this submitted Application will be treated as a government record.

Applicant (Entity Name) to TDHCA	Cascades at Onion
Authorized Representative Signature	
Authorized Representative Printed Name	Robert Rugio
Authorized Representative Title	
Date	

Attachment 1 - Project Summary

(please insert a PDF of the Excel Project Summary Form)

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16) Is the property within 1/2 mile of an Imagine Austin Center or Corridor?										
17) Is the property within 1/4 mile of a High-Frequency Transit Stop? No										
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19) The property has	19) The property has Healthy Food Access?									

20) Estimated Sources and Uses of funds

<u>Sources</u>						
Debt	31,500,000					
Third Party Equity	11,356,622					
Grant						
Deferred Developer Fee	903,687					
Other						
Previous AHFC Funding						
Current AHFC Request						
Future AHFC Requests						

Total \$

43,760,309

<u>Uses</u>	<u>s</u>	
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Contractor Fees		3,459,527
Soft Costs		3,920,861
Financing		3,292,307
Developer Fees		4,629,210
Total	\$	43,760,309

Attachment 2 – S.M.A.R.T. Housing Certification Letter

(S.M.A.R.T. Housing Certification Letter. Applications for S.M.A.R.T. Housing certification go through a separate review process. For more information on the <u>S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program</u>, email Sandra Harkins, Project Coordinator, at <u>sandra.harkins@austintexas.gov</u>)



City of Austin

P.O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767 www.cityofaustin.org/housing

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department

August 29, 2019

S.M.A.R.T. Housing Certification
Cascades at Onion Creek Apartments, L.P. – Cascades at Onion Creek (ID 671)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Cascades at Onion Creek Apartments, L.P (development contact: Robert Ruggio, 512.517.1118; bopbr@cadencetexas.com) is planning to construct a 264 unit, multi-family development at S IH 35 and Cascades Blvd, Austin TX 78747. The project is subject to a minimum 5 year affordability period after issuance of certificate of occupancy, <u>unless project funding requirements are longer</u>.

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) certifies the proposed project meets the S.M.A.R.T. Housing standards at the pre-submittal stage. This project has received a Transit Oriented Waiver, see Attachment 1. Since an estimated 19% of the units (14) will serve households at or below 30% Median Family Income (MFI), 12% of the units (22) will serve households at or below 40% MFI, 11% of the units (24) will serve households at or below 50% MFI; 52% of the units (138) will serve households at or below 60% MFI and the remaining 66 units will serve households at or below 70% MFI, the development will be eligible for 100% waiver of fees listed in Land Development Code, Chapter 25-1-704, as amended or other fees waived under a separate ordinance. The expected fee waivers include, but are not limited to, the following fees:

AWU Capital Recovery Fees Site Plan Review **Land Status Determination Building Permit** Misc. Site Plan Fee **Building Plan Review** Concrete Permit **Construction Inspection** Parkland Dedication (by **Electrical Permit** Subdivision Plan Review separate ordinance) Mechanical Permit Misc. Subdivision Fee **Plumbing Permit Zoning Verification**

Prior to issuance of building permits and starting construction, the developer must:

- Obtain a signed Conditional Approval from the Austin Energy Green Building Program stating that
 the plans and specifications for the proposed development meet the criteria for a Green Building
 Rating. (Contact Austin Energy Green Building: 512-482-5300 or greenbuilding@austinenergy.com).
- Submit plans demonstrating compliance with the required accessibility or visitability standards.

Before a Certificate of Occupancy will be granted, the development must:

- Pass a final inspection and obtain a signed Final Approval from the Green Building Program.
 (Separate from any other inspections required by the City of Austin or Austin Energy).
- Pass a final inspection to certify that the required accessibility or visitability standards have been met.
- An administrative hold will be placed on the building permit, until the following items have been completed: 1) the number of affordable units have been finalized and evidenced through a sealed letter from project architect and/or engineer, 2) a Restrictive Covenant stating the affordability requirements and terms has been filed for record at the Travis County Clerk Office.

The applicant must demonstrate compliance with S.M.A.R.T. Housing standards after the certificate of occupancy has been issued or repay the City of Austin, in full, the fees waived for this S.M.A.R.T. Housing certification.

Please contact me by phone 512.974.3128 or by email at <u>Sandra.harkins@austintexas.gov</u> if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Sandra Harkins, Project Coordinator

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development

Cc: Rosa Gonzales, AE

Jonathan Orenstein, AWU

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S.M.A.R.T. Housing Transit Oriented Walver Request

Address of Floject
Name of ProjectCascades at Onion Creek
Applicant Name:Cascades at Onion Creek Apartments, L.P
Walking Distance from site to nearest transit route over 2 miles
i, Robert Ruggio formally request a waiver from the S.M.A.R.T. Housing transit-oriented requirement. My project meets one of the following criteria.
Answer the following questions and provide documentation as it pertains to the proposed project listed above:
1. Per the Enterprise Community Partners Opportunity 350 database; determine if your project's opportunity value. Go to this link:
https://auslin.maps.arcqis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=f4aa2b13f1664280ba55075f68e4c375
☐ Very High ☐ High ☐ Moderate ☐ Low ☐ Very Low
Provide a Letter from CAP Metro confirming a future route is documented in agency plans.
Provided a letter from Cap Metro.
 Developer has applied for State or Federal Government funds, including the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, related to this project.
 Project affirmatively furthers fair housing as determined by the Director and in consideration of the City's Analysis of Impediments.
Authorized Representative Date

The aforementioned project is approved to receive a walver from the transit-oriented requirements (B)(4) of Ordinance No. 20141106-124 by meeting the criteria of: Providing a letter from CAPMetro confirming a future route and/or service.
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Attachment 3	- Map and Nearest Tran	nsit Stop
(please insert a map indicating the property l to	location and the distance a resident we get to the nearest transit stop)	ould have to walk on a paved surface



August 28, 2019

Mr. Joel Pollack Cadence Multifamily 11621 FM224 Bldg.1, Ste. 140 Austin, TX 78738

Re: Cascades at Onion Creek Project - Request for Service Commitment Status

Dear Mr. Pollack:

Thank you for providing Capital Metro planning staff with the site plan for your Cascades at Onion Creek apartment project. We appreciate receiving information on development projects early enough to offer a thorough review of transit-related issues. We regret to inform you that based upon current levels of development in the area, we will not be able to commit to fixed-route transit service at this time. However, Capital Metro may want to consider introducing transit service in the future when the surrounding area develops, and we believe that it can be successful.

Based upon the findings in our review, fixed-route service may be considered when the following conditions are met (further explanation is provided in Attachment A).

- 1. Appropriate arterial street upgrades (shoulders, continuous sidewalks, curb ramps, lighting, drainage improvements, and turn-out lanes for transit vehicles)
- 2. Reduction of arterial street speed limits to a maximum of 45 m.p.h. to ensure the safety of pedestrians, passengers, transit operators, and other motorists
- 3. Appropriate street infrastructure to reverse transit vehicle direction (signalized intersection or 4-way stop for protected turns onto arterial street)
- 4. Appropriate street infrastructure within the development to ensure that all residents are within ¼ mile walking distance to a transit route (e.g., pedestrian cut-throughs in cul-desacs).

For now, other services including MetroAccess would become immediately available to residents of your development once it is completed. In addition, your residents will have access to high-frequency routes that allow direct access to downtown Austin and UT from our Park and Ride at Southpark Meadows.

We encourage you to continue to work with Capital Metro staff as your project and the surrounding area develops. We will be happy to reevaluate transit-related issues as necessary. If you would like to further discuss this issue, please contact me at 512-389-7491 or by email at Daniella.Madubuike@capmetro.org.

Sincerely,

Dani Madubuike

Strategic Planning and Development Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority



ATTACHMENT A

Cascades at Onion Creek Project Background

The Cascades at Onion Creek apartment project site is just over 15 acres in southern Austin, just north of the intersection of IH-35 and SH-45 SE. Project developers have indicated that by final build-out, they expect the Cascades at Onion Creek apartment project to include 514 multi-family residential dwelling units, 68 townhomes, 54 condominiums and 441 single family lots.

Potential Transit Service Review

Capital Metro reviews locations for potential transit service based upon service guidelines that allow us to assess cost, potential ridership, and other issues that help us introduce successful and productive services. We also consider conditions that we believe help us safely accommodate pedestrians, potential transit passengers, and our operators. Some key factors used in this review are as follows:

Annexation Status

Capital Metro can provide transportation service options in fully annexed portions of our member jurisdictions. At present, this area is fully annexed into the City of Austin and just within our service area.

Service Extension Cost

Another key factor is the distance that buses would travel to reach the proposed development. Extension of service would require at least one dedicated vehicle (annual cost of approximately \$350,000 in current dollars) in order to maintain a minimum of hourly service each weekday. Based upon distances required, Capital Metro would need at least 100 to 150 riders each weekday to justify a service extension to the Cascades at Onion Creek.

At present, this expense is not budgeted but depending on the changes to the other factors evaluated, it could be a future consideration.

Road Infrastructure

A factor considered is the design and condition of the road infrastructure that a route will travel, and the presence of appropriately posted speed limits. Safety of pedestrians, passengers, transit operators and other motorists is of utmost importance to Capital Metro. We believe that arterial roads should be adequately sized and paved to safely accommodate transit vehicles. In some cases, 150-foot (in length) bus turn-out lanes are required to ensure this. We believe that it is not safe to operate transit vehicles on arterial streets where traffic regularly flows at speeds higher than 45 m.p.h. In addition, sidewalks, lighting, and drainage improvements should be present and in accordance with ADA guidelines so that pedestrians and potential transit passengers are safely accommodated.

At present, automobile and truck traffic along this section of N Interstate 35 Frontage Road often travels at speeds in excess of 55 m.p.h. Until improvements would be made

to reduce speeds and upgrade the Frontage Road to include shoulders or a 150-foot (in length) bus turn-out, sidewalks, curb and gutter construction, and lighting that would allow safe and continuous accommodation for passengers and transit vehicles, Capital Metro would not be able to operate regular fixed-route service.

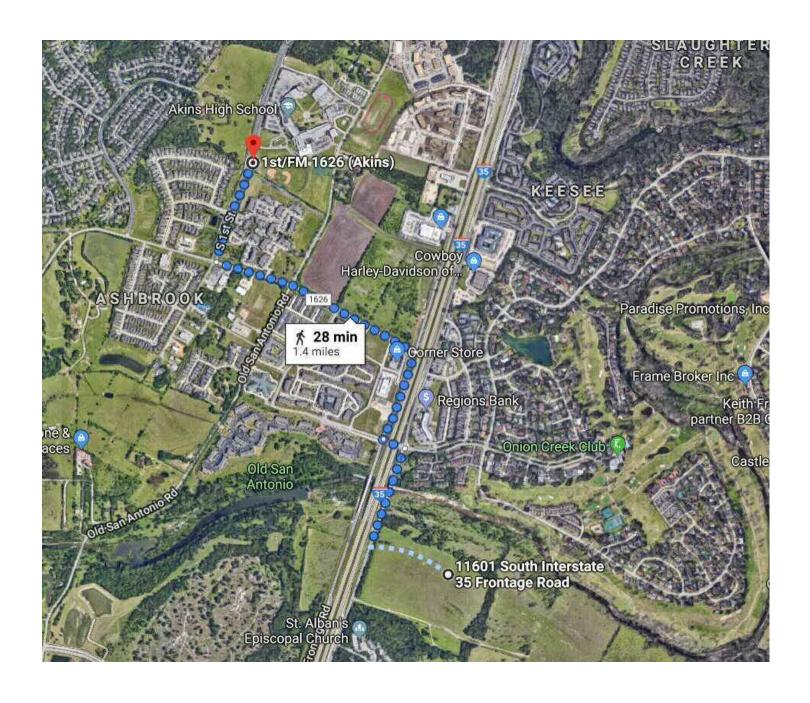
Nearby Capital Metro Services/ Park and Ride

Capital Metro offers services nearby, with routes that originate and terminate at Southpark Meadows, a major retail center in South Austin. These services include Frequent route #10, MetroRapid #803, and routes #10 and #201, and allow direct access to downtown Austin and UT, and provide numerous opportunities to transfer to most other Capital Metro bus routes. This area also features a park and ride where residents of Cascades at Onion Creek who may wish to drive or be dropped off would have access to these services.

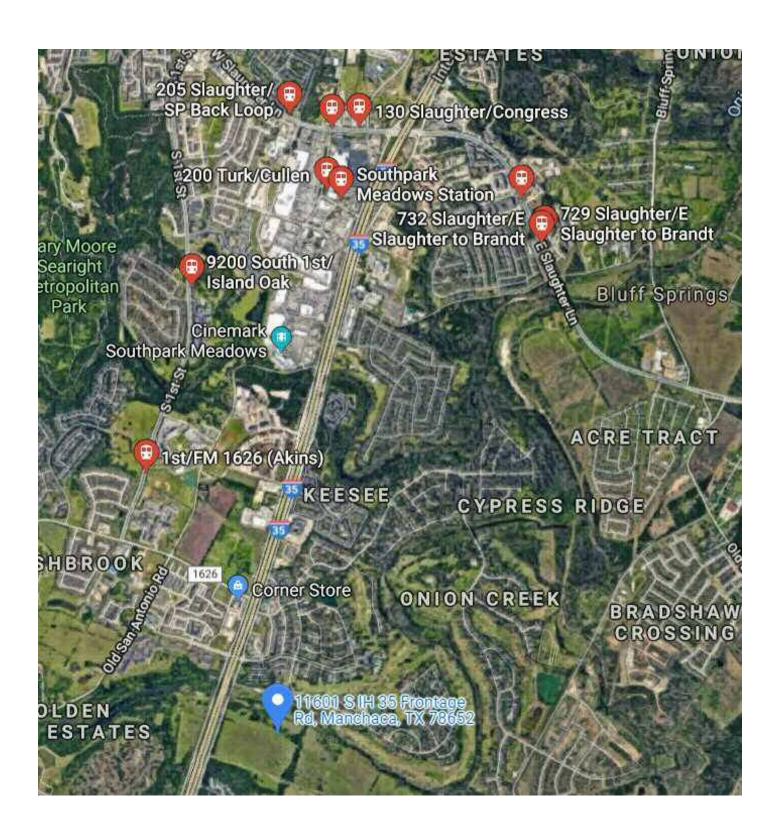
Additional Capital Metro Services

Other service options available to residents would include our MetroAccess service for persons with disabilities, and our vanpooling program. Our MetroAccess program provides transportation for qualified individuals with mobility impairments who are unable to ride other services. The current fare for this service is one dollar seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per trip and requires advance reservations. For more information, please call 512-389-7480 or visit the MetroAccess page on the Capital Metro website at https://capmetro.org/metroaccess/.

Map from Onion Creek Apartments to Closest Bus Stop

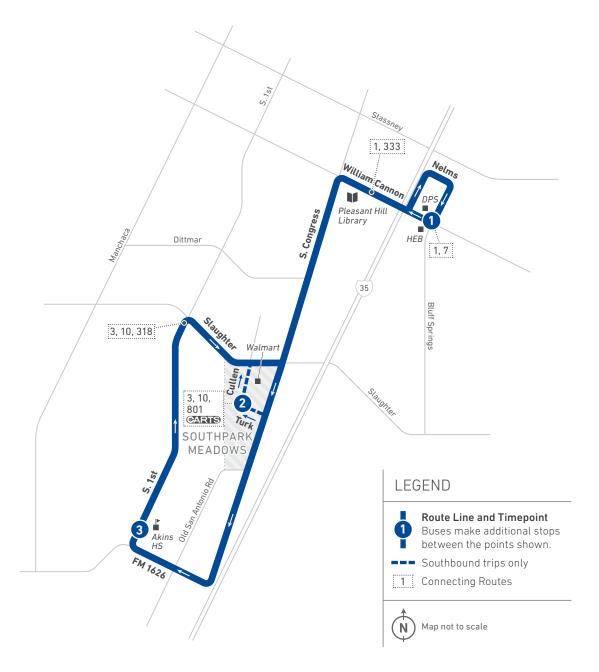


Other Bus Stops in the Southpark Meadows area



201 Southpark Meadows







Scan the QR code to see an online version of this route map.

DESTINATIONS

- Department of Public Safety
- Pleasant Hill Library
- Southpark Meadows
- Walmart
- · Akins High School

NOTES

Turk at Cullen (Southpark Meadows) is a timepoint only going Southbound.

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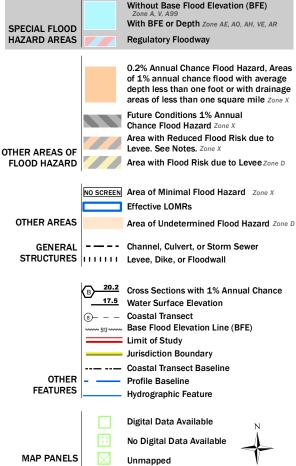
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National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

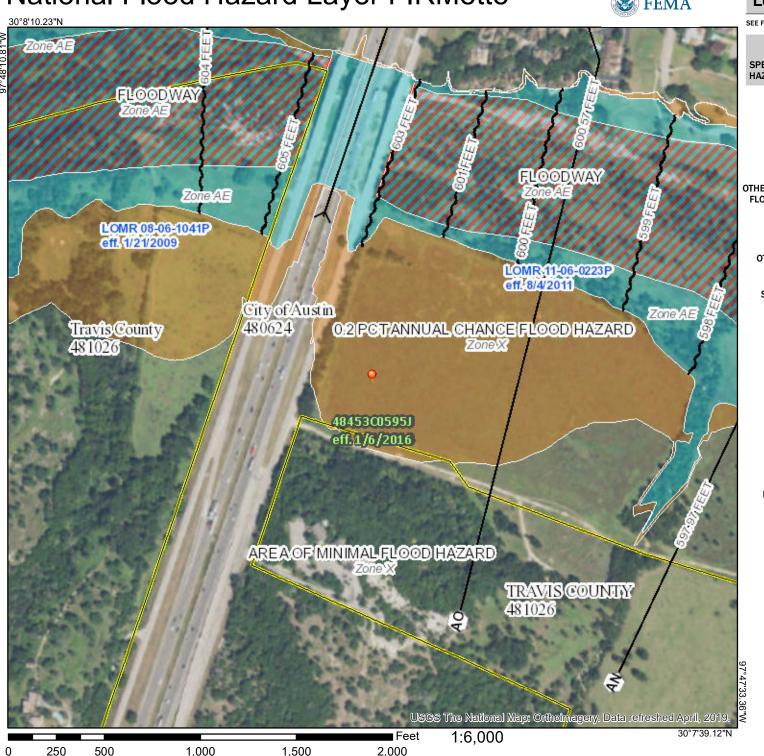


The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.

This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards

The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 1/6/2020 at 11:28:31 AM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time.

This map image is void if the one or more of the following map elements do not appear: basemap imagery, flood zone labels, legend, scale bar, map creation date, community identifiers, FIRM panel number, and FIRM effective date. Map images for unmapped and unmodernized areas cannot be used for regulatory purposes.



Attachment 5 - Developer's Experience and Development Background (Please provide resumes and/or detailed narratives of the Development members' relevant experience, especially as it pertains to LIHTCs and affordable housing, and please provide a development experience summary, including the property names, their locations, number of units developed, populations served, years of placement in service, and the financing structures)

DEVELOPMENT SPONSOR

Cadence Multifamily, LP will be the lead development sponsor for the proposed. Cadence is a real estate development firm headquartered in Austin, Texas. Cadence's strategy is centered entirely upon profiding affordable and market rate multifamily communities to markets where demand far exceeds supply. The primary markets for this group are Austin, San Marcos, and San Antonio.

Cadence successfully developed Blanco River Lodge (FHA 115-35558), a 186 unit multifamily development financed through the 221 (d)(4) program which was completed in 2011 and achieved 100 percent occupancy within 4 months.

Cadence recently closed and began construction on a 168-unit 221(d)(4) property located in Dripping Springs, Texas titled Headwater Apartments (FHA 115-35811). The property is currently ahead of schedule for construction and pre-leasing has began with the community currently 25% leased. The community is scheduled to open in September with first occupancies occurring.

Cadence is closing on a 151-unit age restricted (62+) community located within Circle C Ranch in Southwest Austin. The community is being financed with a 221(d)(4) (FHA 115-35834). The community is scheduled to close in early September with construction to start immediately.

PMCA Partners will be a partner in the proposed. Joel Pollack, Principal of PMCA has been involved in affordable housing for the past 10 years, consulting to Non-Profit Development entities on four communities in the 9% competitive tax credit allocation round through TDHCA. The projects consisted of Sunflower Apartments located in La Feria, Texas an 80 unit family community financed with a 221(d)(4) FHA 115-35707; Sunrise Terrace located in La Feria, Texas a 70 unit family community financed with a 221(d)(4) FHA 115-35692; Sunquest Apartments, located in Primera, Texas, a 128 unit family community financed with a 221(d)(4) FHA 115-35707 and Casitas Los Olmos an 80 unit family community in Raymondville financed with a 221(d)(4) FHA 115-35735

PMCA consulted and closed 3 communities in 2017 that are currently under construction totaling 587 units in San Antonio. The communities received awards of 4% tax credits from TDHCA and are financed with tax exempt private activity bonds. They project's consist of Brookwood Apartments, a 197 unit age restricted community financed with a 221(d)(4) FHA 115-35793; LIV Boerne, a 161 unit age restricted community financed with a 221(d)(4) FHA 115-35809, and St. John's Apartments, a 228 Historic Seminary financed with a Fannie M-TEB.