Bridging the Gap



**Downtown** Housing **Assistance** 

LOUISVILLE **KENTUCKY** 

INVESTING IN RESIDENTIAL DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT



**OUR MISSION** 

is to stimulate the development of market-rate housing units in the Central Business District and adjacent neighborhoods.

# Focused on developing your plans.

#### DHA

The Downtown Housing
Assistance Fund
is an economic
development
tool designed
to stimulate
residential
development in
Downtown Louisville.

The Downtown Housing Assistance Fund, LLC (DHA) is a revolving loan fund designed to assist urban developers in financing their Downtown housing projects. Structured as a gap financing program, DHA assumes a secondary position to primary financing and offers below-market lending terms. The \$6.8 million fund is enhanced by available New Markets Tax Credits and Historic Tax Credits.

The Fund is administered by the Louisville Downtown Partnership (LDP). Loan applications are reviewed and approved by a Loan Review Committee which is comprised of representatives of several of the Fund Investors.

## **Guidelines:**

Primary to the success of the program are favorable DHA loan terms. Lower rates, combined with the Fund's willingness to bear part of the risk, brings benefit to the borrower, Louisville Metro, and Downtown Louisville. Terms may incorporate some or all of the following conditions:

- > DHA loan may be subordinate to senior financing.
- > DHA loan is generally limited to 25% of the overall project cost.
- > The interest rate will be targeted below the senior financing rate.
- > Total loan-to-value must not exceed 100% of the secured loan collateral.
- > Developer(s) will be required to provide full and adequate personal guarantees.
- > The origination fee will be targeted below the senior fee with consideration to the complexity of the transaction.
- > Ongoing due diligence will require annual financing reporting and additional information as requested.

## **Characteristics:**

DHA focuses the Fund's assets on developing housing in Downtown Louisville that meets certain criteria.

Projects incorporating some of the following features will receive the most favorable consideration:

- > Quality, high-density housing
- > Development in high-priority areas
- > Mixed use urban design projects with retail on the ground floor
- > Projects that include adaptive reuse or historic preservation
- > Energy efficient and sustainable building elements
- > Development that replaces surface parking lots
- > Projects that provide infill development

# Application Process

A complete loan application is to be submitted to the Fund for consideration.

The application is similar to the senior lender's application, and requires

project, borrower, and guarantor information. A meeting is then scheduled with the developer to review the application. The project will be reviewed by the Loan Review Committee for approval.



#### **Fund Participants**

BB&T

**Brown and Williamson** 

**Brown Forman** 

Fifth Third Bank

Humana

JPMorgan Chase Bank

LG&E-KU Capital, LLC

**Metro Bank** 

**Norton Healthcare** 

Papa John's

**PNC Bank** 

**Stock Yards Bank** 

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