

TITLE 10	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PART 1	TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
CHAPTER 49	2011 HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN AND RULES
RULE §49.7	Application Process

(h) Underwriting Evaluation. The Department shall underwrite an Application to determine the financial feasibility of the Development and an appropriate allocation of Housing Tax Credits. In making this determination, the Department will use the Underwriting Rules and Guidelines found in §1.32 of this title. The Department may have an external party perform the underwriting evaluation to the extent it determines appropriate. The expense of any external underwriting evaluation shall be paid by the Applicant prior to the commencement of the aforementioned evaluation.

(i) Compliance Evaluation. After the Department has determined which Developments will be reviewed for financial feasibility, those same Developments will be reviewed for evaluation of the compliance status in accordance with Chapter 60 of this title (relating to Compliance Administration), and will be evaluated in detail for eligibility under §49.4 of this chapter.

(j) Site Evaluation. Site conditions shall be evaluated through a physical site inspection by the Department or its assigns. Such inspection will evaluate the Development Site based upon the criteria set forth in the Site Evaluation form. The evaluations shall be based on the condition of the surrounding neighborhood, including appropriate environmental and aesthetic conditions and proximity to retail, medical, recreational, educational facilities, and employment centers. The site's appearance to prospective tenants and its accessibility via the existing transportation infrastructure and public transportation systems shall be considered. "Unacceptable" sites include, without limitation, those containing a non-mitigable environmental factor that may adversely affect the health and safety of the residents. For Developments applying under the TRDO-USDA Set-Aside, the Department may rely on the physical site inspection performed by TRDO-USDA.

(k) Application Process for Rural Rescue Applications under the 2012 Credit Ceiling. The Rural Rescue Applications will be reviewed according to the process outlined in this subsection.

(1) Submission Requirements. Rural Rescue Applications may be submitted during the Rural Rescue Application Submission Period as identified in §49.3 of this chapter. A complete Application must be submitted at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Board meeting at which the Applicant would like the Board to act on the proposed Development. Applications must include the full Application Fee as further described in §49.14 of this chapter. Applicants must submit documents in accordance with the application checklist provided in the Tax Credit (Procedures) Manual for all Volumes, including Volume IV.

(A) Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications unable to meet all Administrative Deficiency and underwriting requirements within thirty (30) days of the request by the Department, will remain under consideration, but will lose their submission status and the next Application in line will be moved ahead in order to expedite those Applications

ready to proceed. Applications for Rural Rescue will be processed and evaluated as described in this paragraph. Applications will be reviewed to ensure that the Application is eligible as a rural "rescue" Development as described in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(B) Prior to the Development being recommended to the Board, TRDO-USDA shall provide the Department with a copy of the physical site inspection report performed by TRDO-USDA, if applicable.

(2) Eligibility and Threshold Review. All Rural Rescue Applications will be reviewed pursuant to §49.8 and §49.9 of this chapter. Additional eligibility requirements include the criteria listed in subparagraphs (A) - (C) of this paragraph. Applications found to be ineligible will be notified.

(A) Applications must be funded through TRDO-USDA;

(B) Applications must be able to provide evidence that the loan:

(i) has been foreclosed and is in the TRDO-USDA inventory; or

(ii) is being foreclosed; or

(iii) is being accelerated; or

(iv) is in imminent danger of foreclosure or acceleration; or

(v) is for an Application in which two adjacent parcels are involved, of which at least one parcel qualifies under clauses (i) - (iv) of this subparagraph and for which the Application is submitted under one ownership structure, one financing plan and for which there are no market rate units; and

(C) Applicants must be identified as in compliance with TRDO-USDA regulations.

(3) Selection Criteria Review. All Rural Rescue Applications will be evaluated against the Selection Criteria pursuant to §49.9 of this chapter and a score will be assigned to the Application. The minimum score for Selection Criteria as identified in §49.9(a) of this chapter is not required to be achieved to be eligible.

(4) Credit Ceiling and Applicability of this chapter. All Rural Rescue Applicants will receive their credit allocation out of the 2012 Credit Ceiling and therefore, will be subject to the rules and guidelines identified in the 2012 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP). However, because the 2012 QAP will not be in effect during the time period that the Rural Rescue Applications can be submitted, Applications submitted and eligible under the Rural Rescue Set-Aside will be considered to have satisfied the requirements of the 2012 QAP by having satisfied the requirements of the 2011 QAP, to the extent permitted by statute.

(5) Procedures for Recommendation to the Board. Consistent with subsection (c) of this section, staff will make its recommendation to the Committee. The Committee will make Commitment recommendations to the Board. Staff will provide the Board with a written, documented recommendation which will address at a minimum the financial and programmatic viability of each Application and a breakdown of which Selection Criteria were met by the Applicant. The Board will make its decision based on §49.10(a) of this chapter (relating to Board Decisions). Any award made to a Rural Rescue Development will be credited against the TRDO-USDA Set-Aside for the 2011 Application Round, as required under subsection (g)(3) of this section.

(6) Limitation on Allocation. No more than \$350,000 in credits will be forward committed from the 2011 State Housing Credit Ceiling. To the extent Applications are received that exceed the maximum limitation; staff will prepare the award for Board consideration noting for the Board that the award would require a waiver of this limitation.