### **Timeline**

January 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Applicants update VHFA on budget assumptions and project materials

February 5<sup>th</sup>:

VHFA's Board of Commissioners will approve 3-4 projects to move forward into deal structuring

VHFA will then work with applicants to finalize financing package



## **Applicant Guidance**

- Please be sure VHFA has your latest and most up to-date project proforma and development budget no later than January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
- Ensure your project proposed rents are set at levels that prioritize households between 80-120% Area Median Income:
  - https://www.housingdata.org/documents/Purchase-price-and-rent-affordability-expanded.pdf
- If your project is also seeking Rental Revolving Loan Fund resources, please note program materials are now available (pending formal program launch: <a href="https://vhfa.org/rentalhousing/developers/rrlf">https://vhfa.org/rentalhousing/developers/rrlf</a>



# Key project budget assumptions

- Due to high level of demand \$8 million is likely maximum for single project.
- For projects that include a residential and commercial component, VHFA is working with VEDA on potential subsidy for non-residential portion of project.
- Rates & Terms:
- 5 Year Term: 2.5%
- 10 Year Term: 3.0%
- 15 Year Term 3.5%
- Longer amortization periods are permitted (20-30 year)



## **Prioritization: Impact Criteria**

Projects are being analyzed and scored under four qualitative impact prioritization criteria

Investments in housing that directly contributes to community/regional economic development efforts and strengthen Vermont's economic centers

Housing development that leverages and rewards communities making substantial municipal infrastructure investments

Housing investments that demonstrate economic innovation that will inspire advancement in manufacturing and design

Geographic balance with a focus on communities struggling to attract investment



### **Prioritization: Technical Criteria**

In additional to project qualitative impact, VHFA's recommendation will consider the following project factors

Readiness to proceed

Confidence in financial model and budget assumptions

Amount of subsidy needed does not exceed available funding

Term and amortization help meet tenure investment goals of Treasurer

sponsor in executing the proposed plan

Identification and/or commitment of other critical resources





#### COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Minimum Affordability Period: Lesser of 7
  Years, Loan Repayment, or Term of the
  Loan (between 7-30 years)
- ✓ Rent increases capped at 3% annually, and rents certified annually by the agency
- ✓ Rents may not increase more than 3% for 3 years after property exits the program
- ✓ Income certification is required only at move-in, tenants may not be displaced for income eligibility reasons
- ✓ Owners/Managers required to demonstrate continued relationships with local employers when prioritized for economic development



### **LIAC Income Limits**

Maximum rent and purchase price affordability thresholds by income and household size, May 2023



Area	Income level (% of median income)	INCOME THRESHOLD BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE**					MAX GROSS RENT AFFORDABLE (INCLUDING UTILITIES)***				MAX PURCHASE PRICE AFFORDABLE****			
		ONE PERSON	TWO PERSON	THREE PERSON	FOUR PERSON	FIVE PERSON	STUDIO	1 BDRM	2 BDRM	3 BDRM	1 BDRM	2 BDRM	3 BDRM	4 BDRM
(also applies to all	50%	34,400	39,300	44,200	49,100	53,050	860	921	1,105	1,276	111,000	134,000	154,500	173,000
10 counties not	60%	41,200	47,100	53,000	58,900	63,700	1,030	1,103	1,325	1,532	133,500	161,000	186,000	214,000
listed below*)	80%	55,050	62,900	70,750	78,600	84,900	1,376	1,474	1,768	2,043	179,000	215,500	249,000	278,500
	100%	68,800	78,600	88,400	98,200	106,100	1,720	1,842	2,210	2,553	224,500	270,000	312,000	348,000
	120%	82,400	94,200	106,000	117,800	127,400	2,060	2,207	2,650	3,065	269,000	323,500	374,500	430,000

✓ Priority Economic Development Housing projects are encouraged to focus on households between 80-120% Area Median Income

