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Torch Program Recognizes Dedication to Continuing Education and Service

Deadline to Apply is Sept. 1

The League of California Cities' Mayors and Council Members Department honors the hard work and dedication of its peers through the [Torch Program](#). This voluntary and self-reported program is for elected officials who are seeking continuing education to enhance their own knowledge and skills in order to better serve the public. *For more, see Page 2.*



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$74 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in Daly City

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the [California Statewide Communities Development Authority](#) (CSCDA). *For more, see Page 2.*



Apply for Funding to Support Education and Outreach on California Earned Income Tax Credit

Applications Due Aug. 31

The Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) has released a [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\) for Education and Outreach activities in support of the California Earned Income Tax Credit \(Cal EITC\)](#). *For more, see Page 2.*

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Each year, officials from throughout the state earn recognition as they progress upward through three sequential levels of achievement:

- Level I — Leadership;
- Level II — Advanced Leadership; and
- Level III — Leadership in Action.

Elected city officials who complete the mayors and council members continuing education Torch Program can be recognized by the League in a variety of ways.

To honor your achievements, a recognition ceremony before your colleagues will be held at the department meeting at the League's Annual Conference. Alternatively, you can choose to be recognized in your own city at an appropriate occasion and/or via a press release provided by the League. Upon completion of levels two and three, you will be awarded an Academy Graduation Certificate and lapel pin.

A list of mayors and council members who have received recognition since 2003 is available on the [League website](#).

If you are interested in learning more about this program, or would like to receive an application and a full list of graduation requirements, please contact [Caitlin Cole](#), conference program manager or visit www.cacities.org/TorchProgram.

Sept. 1 is the deadline to submit an application to be recognized during the Annual Conference & Expo, Sept. 13-15 in Sacramento.

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This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of \$74,000,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the Brunswick Street Apartments in Daly City.

About Brunswick Street Apartments

Brunswick Street Apartments is the new construction of 206 affordable housing units by The Pacific Companies. The benefits of the Project for Daly City and San Mateo County include the following:

- All of the affordable rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income senior tenants;
- The project comprises 204 studio apartments and two manager's units; and
- The project is in close proximity to recreational facilities, parks, grocery stores and other shopping facilities.

CSCDA and The Pacific Companies partnered with Citibank and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP to provide \$74,000,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the Project. The financing for the Project requires the affordability of units for low-income senior tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit [CSCDA's website](#) for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

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The purpose of this NOFA is to support Cal EITC education and outreach activities and increase awareness of the credit and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program among low-income individuals and families. CSD seeks to engage established organizations that maintain an existing community presence and trusted relationships; have demonstrated extensive experience conducting similar outreach campaigns; and regularly engage culturally-diverse hard-to-reach populations.

Key Dates

The timeline is outlined below.

- NOFA released: Aug. 8
- Bidders conference: Aug. 15
- Notice of intent to apply: Aug. 22
- Applications due: Aug. 31

The [NOFA](#) and other related documents can be found online.

Please send questions regarding this NOFA to CSBG.DIV@csd.ca.gov with the subject "2017 Cal EITC NOFA."
