Charlotte LISC Update

March 4, 2019



# Local LISC Charlotte Office Update

- Opened office at 201 South Tryon Street
- Hired two staff: Executive Director and Senior Program Officer
- Executive Director introductory event hosted in April
- Finalizing Local Advisory Committee membership
- Investing \$25 million
  - In 2019, up to \$1 million in community development resources, including technical assistance and trainings
  - Raising national funding to support local Charlotte programmatic activity

# **Local Engagement**

- Government: Mayor and City Council, City Manager and County Manager
- Funders: Foundations, Banks, Private Investors
- Developers
- Community/ Advocates

# **Targeting the First Charlotte Neighborhood**

- Beginning work in the Historic West End to preserve affordable housing and support small businesses
- First capacity building grant for Historic West End Partners (HWEP); working with Knight Foundation and Charlotte Center City Partners
- Opportunity Zone convening with:

✓ Historic West End community

✓ Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

✓ Johnson C. Smith University

✓Knight Foundation

# **Charlotte Housing Opportunity Investment Fund (CHOIF)**

- Raised \$21M to date
- Initial mission is to focus on mixed income, multifamily housing for people making 30- 120% AMI
- Partnership between the City, the funding community, a number of investors, and others
- LISC serving as the fund manager



# **Charlotte Housing Funding To Date\***

(Fund closing scheduled for March 31)

Type of Investment	Housing Opportunity Investment Fund	Philanthropic Investments	City's Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
Grants	\$6 million		
Land Donations		\$9.75 million	
Low Return Equity	\$ 2.5 million		
Low Return Debt	\$12.5 million		
Reduced Lending Rate		\$50 million	
Subsidy			\$38.3 million**
Other Housing Investments		\$17.5 million	
Total	\$21 million	\$77.25 million	\$38.3 million

\*March 4, 2019

\*\*Shows balance remaining of \$50M after deals approved by City Council. Anticipate reserving portion for usual 9% deal.

# **Strategy to Maximize Impact Example**

### As Funded

With CHOIF

This approach enables Two Deals (4% LIHTC) Two Deals (4% LIHTC) the City of Charlotte to: Funding: Funding: \$5M \$9.7M Produce nearly twice ullet**City HTF City HTF** the number of units \$4.7M **CHOIF** Get twice as much for each dollar of HTF \$9.7 million \$9.7 million Saved \$4.7 million in HTF

## Comprehensive Review, Input & Approval Process- Phase 1 30- 45 days

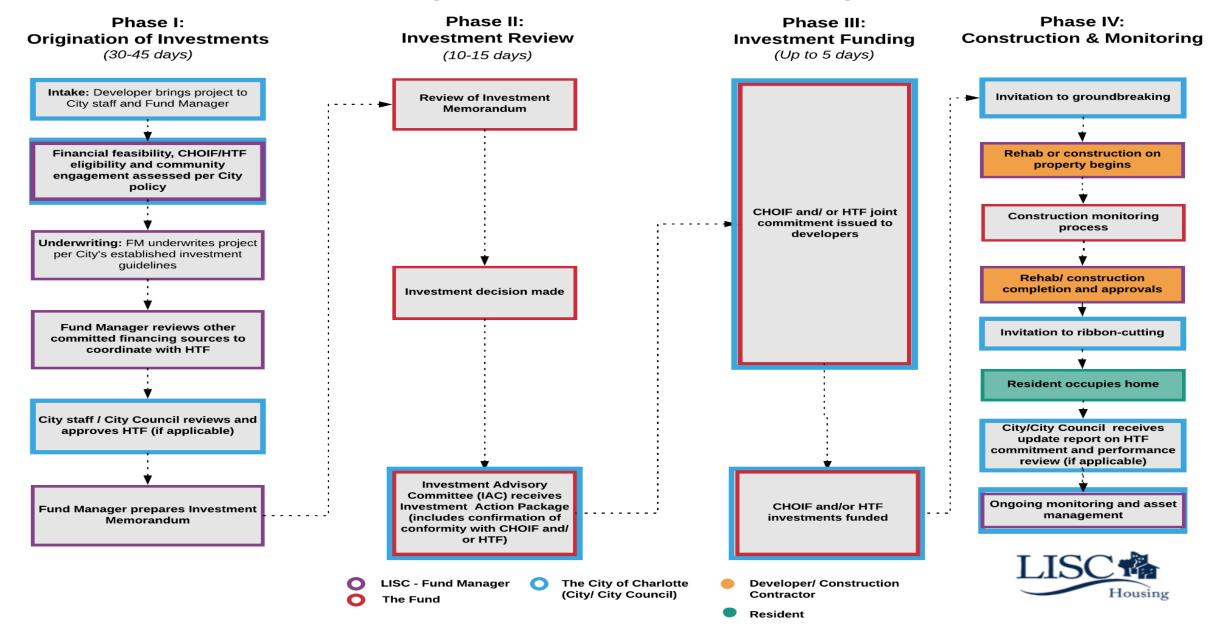
Intake:

City and LISC, review requests for 4%, 9% and NOAHs

Council notified deal is being reviewed Pre-Underwriting: Financial feasibility, CHOIF/HTF eligibility, community engagement, leverage ratio, AMI, rent subsidy, affordability terms, city housing goals, etc. verified

City staff & LISC inform Council of recommendation (conforming/ nonconforming) Underwriting: Fund Manager underwrites project per City's established investment guidelines Fund Manager reviews other committed financing sources to coordinate with HTF City staff & City Council reviews & provides HTF commitment (if applicable) FM prepares Investment Memorandum DRAFT

#### Charlotte Housing Opportunity Investment Fund ("CHOIF") Proposed Investment Process Map



# **Next Steps**

- Finalize operating agreement between LISC and the City to manage the CHOIF
- Currently vetting deals for funding approval in May



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