# **Small Balance Loans (SBL) Product Update**



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## **New Scattered Site Loan Size Requirement**

Effective immediately, scattered site properties are subject to a minimum \$2M loan size.

## **Regulatory Agreement & Affordable Housing Reminders**

As we emphasized in our Seller meetings at CREF, it is critical to the success of SBL as a whole for us all to focus time and energy on deals that cleanly fit the SBL credit box. Below are a few reminders and clarifications about regulatory agreement/affordable housing features that are and are not permissible in SBL. See the full Term Sheet here.

#### **Permitted**

- Tenant-based housing vouchers
- Rent subsidies for 10% or fewer units from local housing authorities or non-profit agencies, but <u>only if</u> the subsidy is not contingent on the owner's initial or ongoing certification to the authority/agency of tenant eligibility
- Land Use Restriction Agreements (LURAs) for tax credit deals where the investor has exited the project, provided the LURA is in *either* (1) the final 24 months of the initial compliance period *or* (2) the extended use period
- Regulatory Agreements that impose income or rent restrictions <u>if</u> borrower has already received all related funds
  <u>no new money</u>.

#### **NOT Permitted**

- Regulatory Agreements or Housing Assistance Payment/Subsidy Agreements under which Borrower is still receiving funding; remember – <u>no new money</u>.
- HUD Foreclosure Use Agreements, HUD Foreclosure Deed Restrictions, or similar these impose remedies that fail the SBL Regulatory Agreement Questionnaire analysis.

### No Subordinate Financing

As a reminder, third party subordinate financing is not permissible under the SBL product.

## No Historic Tax Credits with Master Lease Structure

As a reminder, master lease structures are not permissible in SBL. To qualify for many Historic Tax Credit (HTC) programs, borrowers must establish a master lease for the property. Before considering a property with HTCs, determine the type of credits and whether there is a master lease in place. We have added a clarifying note in the Term Sheet.

If you have any questions, please contact <a href="mailto:SBL\_Production@freddiemac.com">SBL\_Production@freddiemac.com</a>

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