



## **Merchants Capital provides \$37m financing for three affordable housing developments**

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T-Building - Queens, NY

Queens, NY The Manhattan office of mortgage firm Merchants Capital secured \$37 million in funding for three supportive housing developments in the city utilizing the Freddie Mac Unfunded Forward Commitment.

“Merchants Capital was able to structure exceedingly beneficial terms on several developments this year by providing 35- and 40-year amortization,” said Ben Levine, senior vice president of Merchants Capital. “Given the high cost of development in New York City, this loan structure can be an important tool to provide gap funding for both preservation and new construction projects. We are pleased to offer an extended amortization loan product that has been well received by our valued counterparties at Freddie Mac and New York City HPD.

The redevelopment of T-Building, formerly the Triboro Hospital for Tuberculosis, will provide 200 units of supportive housing for special needs and homeless tenants, as well as affordable housing for low- to moderate-income households in the Jamaica neighborhood. The forward commitment of \$21 million in permanent financing was secured on behalf of affordable housing developer Dunn Development Corp. T-Building stands out as being one of the largest 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) allocations ever made in the city.

Woodlawn Senior Living is a new 80-unit, age-restricted property located in the Woodlawn neighborhood of the Bronx. The property will provide community space including space designed for tenant-based services. All of the units at Woodlawn Senior Living will be reserved for low-income tenants, with 30 units specifically reserved for formerly homeless residents. The development has been designed to be energy efficient and will meet Passive House standards. Merchants Capital secured \$10.5 million in funding on behalf of RiseBoro Community Partnership, Inc.

Castleton Supportive Housing is a ground-up, 48-unit midrise property located in Staten Island. The ground floor of the development will include a 2,000 s/f community center to provide services to the local community including financial counseling, public benefits, health education, tutoring, family and

legal services, and a food pantry. Castleton Supportive Housing will have 31 units reserved for formerly homeless tenants who will also receive rental assistance via NY 15/15, a NY rental subsidy program. Merchants Capital secured \$5.5 million in funding on behalf of The Hudson Companies and Project Hospitality.

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