

# Cooperative Housing/ Share Loan Financing

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# The NCB Story

- NCB delivers banking and financial services to cooperative organizations complemented by a special focus on cooperative expansion and economic development
- Organized under the National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act in 1978; privatized in 1981 as a cooperative financial services company
- In 1988, expanded to a full-service, deposit-taking financial institution with the purchase of the federally chartered savings bank, NCB, FSB
- Today owned by over 2,900 customers, participating in the success of NCB
- Total assets of \$2 billion; when combined with assets managed for investors, total assets under management over \$7 billion



# NCB and Housing Co-ops

*NCB is the premier lender to housing cooperatives nationwide*

- Began lending to co-ops in the early 1980's
- NCB's Real Estate group possesses the most experienced cooperative finance specialists in the nation.
- Only national lender to housing cooperatives and unit owners
- Viewed as the cooperative expert by rating agencies and investors
- Originated over \$6 billion in co-op housing loans in the last 10 years
- Currently service 3,000 co-op housing loans totaling \$5.1 billion
- Currently service 8,200 share loans totaling \$1.2 billion

# Agenda

- Loan Products
  - Unit Finance
  - Building Finance
- Underwriting Criteria
- Loan Process and Information Required

# Cooperative Project Approval for Share Loan Financing

- Components of project approval
  - **Completed cooperative questionnaire**
    - Insurance
    - Financials
    - Organizational documents
  - **Agreed Recognition Agreement**
    - An agreement that recognizes specific rights of lenders who finance share loans as well as the rights of the borrower and the co-op

# Co-op Project Approval Specifics

- Owner Occupancy of at least 50% for NCB Portfolio Financing. 80% required for FNMA Financing
- Sponsor/Investor units not to exceed 10% for FNMA Financing.
- Commercial Space not exceed 20%
- Delinquency- Shareholder Delinquency not to exceed 15%
- Reserves- 5-10% of gross annual income required
- Cash Flow- Not to exceed -5%
- Insurance- \$1,000,000 General Liability Required as well as 100% Replacement Cost Coverage

# Types of Share Loans

## **FNMA Fixed Rate Loans**

- Minimum FICO Score of 620. FICO score 740 or greater required to obtain lowest interest rate.
- Max LTV of 95%. Mortgage Insurance required with any LTV over 80%.
- No set reserve requirement for FNMA Loans. DTI Ratio (Debt-to-Income) not to exceed 45%
- Max Loan Size: \$417,000 (conforming) \$625,500 (Jumbo)
- Loans Available- 30, 20, 15, 10 year Fixed Rate Mortgages. 1/1, 3/1, 5/1, 7/1 ARM's (Adjustable Rate Mortgages)
- Current Rates (For Informational Purposes): 30/20Year Fixed- 4.25%, 15/10 FRM- 3.625%

# Types of Share Loans

## Bank Portfolio Loans

- Max LTV of 80%
- 680 minimum score
- 6 months reserves required for Portfolio Loans under \$417,000.
- DTI Ratio (Debt-to-Income) not to exceed 45%
- Max Loan Size: \$1,500,000
- Loans Available- 1/1, 3/1, 5/1, 7/1 ARM's (Adjustable Rate Mortgages)
- Current Rates (For Informational Purposes): 5/1 ARM- 4%, 7/1 ARM- 4.25%



# Home Equity Line Of Credit

- HELOC Purposes
  - Consolidate Debt
  - Unit improvements
  - College Tuition
  - **Just in case**
- Terms/ Rates
  - Interest rate is floating based PRIME plus 1% (today 4.25%)
  - 10 year interest only period, then loan repayment over 20 years thereafter
  - Will lend up to 80% combined LTV
  - Fees: \$500 Application Fee, \$75 annual maintenance Fee

# Share Loan Process

- Application can be found online at [www.ncb.coop/apply](http://www.ncb.coop/apply)
- Process can take 30-45 days

# Cooperative Underlying Mortgages

- **Co-op Underlying Mortgage Loans** (“Blanket Loans”) are financing transactions to the cooperative housing corporation
- The loans are secured by “real property,” a first or second mortgage on the land and buildings, and by an assignment of all leases, receivables, accounts and “personal property” of the co-op
- Not to be confused with co-op apartment unit **Share Loans**, which are loans to individual co-op owners secured by the co-op shares and proprietary lease (not real property)
- **A Cooperative Underlying mortgage is in first lien position**

# Why Co-ops Borrow

- To purchase or construct the property
- To refinance an existing loan
  - At maturity
  - To reduce the interest rate
- To fund repairs or capital improvement projects at the cooperative

# Initial Process to Borrow

- Research By-Laws/Governing Docs to Determine Authority
- Empower Individuals/Committee to explore financing options
- After analyzing options, Board must commit to course of action
- Assess capital improvement and maintenance needs at the Cooperative

# Loans to Housing Cooperatives

- **Underlying First Mortgage** - to the Co-op Corporation
  - Secured by a first mortgage in land and improvements.
  - Generally used to fund long-term capital improvements.
  - Typically fixed rate loans; terms can range from 10-30 years.
- **Line of Credit** - to the Co-op Corporation
  - Secured by a second mortgage in land and improvements.
  - Generally used to fund future capital improvements.
  - Typically floating or adjustable rate loans.

# Type of Mortgages

- **Balloon Loan** – loan where the principal balance is not fully paid off by the scheduled monthly payments at maturity.

At maturity the remaining principal balance ('balloon payment') is generally refinanced by another loan. Most commercial real estate loans, including the overwhelming majority of co-op mortgages, are balloon loans.

- **Self Amortizing Loan** - loan with accelerated principal repayment where the entire principal balance is paid off by the scheduled monthly payments at maturity.

Most consumer loans are structured as self amortizing loans.

## Underlying Mortgage Structure

- Payments: Monthly principal & interest payments based upon an amortization period up to 30-40 years  
(*Note: If Amortization Term > Loan Term the it is a “Balloon loan”*).
- Interest Rate:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> mortgages are typically fixed rate loans. Set at a margin above the yield on 10 Year US Treasury bonds.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgages can be adjustable rate mortgages (“ARMs”) with 3 or 5 year adjustment periods; or floating rate lines of credit (over PRIME or LIBOR).
- Max LTV: 65% of the appraised rental value.



# Initial Information Requirements

- Preliminary Application by Cooperative
  - Borrower name and mailing address
  - Amount of financing, use of proceeds
  - Age of building, year of co-op conversion
  - Unit breakdown (i.e. – number of units, types, percentage of units sold)
  - Preliminary market information (rental rates/sale prices)
  - Financial statements
- Bank issues proposal letter outlining general terms of loan

# Underwriting Criteria

- Delinquencies
  - Aggregate past due shareholder receivables in excess of 30 days may not exceed 5% of the co-op's annual budgeted maintenance.
  - The number of delinquent units in excess of 30 days at the time of underwriting may not exceed 10% of total units.
- Loan to Value
  - First and Second Mortgages: Loans shall possess a maximum LTV ratio of 65% as a rental property and 55% as a cooperative.
  - Secured Line of Credit: Maximum LTV, inclusive of all debt, of no greater than 65% as a rental.

# Underwriting Criteria

- Reserves
  - At the time of closing and throughout the loan term, the cooperative must maintain minimum replacement/capital reserves of 10% of budgeted annual maintenance/assessment charges.
- Debt Service
  - Prior to closing, the approved and certified budget of the cooperative corporation for the current period must demonstrate a Debt Service Coverage Ratio of no less than 1.0X (Total income = Total expenses, inclusive of debt service).

# Underwriting Process

- Documents needed to underwrite loan:
  - Three years audited financial statements
  - Current fiscal year budget and YTD operating statements
  - Maintenance schedule/rent roll
  - Description of property (size, location, unit breakdown, % of units sold).
  - Schedule of sublet units
  - List of recent unit sales

# Underwriting Process (cont.)

- Delinquency report
- Identification of current mortgage information (amount, rate, maturity, monthly payment, name of lender, etc.)
- Identification of capital improvement work to be undertaken (sources/uses)
- Organizational documents
- Insurance Certificate
- Typical Underwriting Time = 2 weeks

# Underwriting Process

- Collect Application fee of \$12,000 to cover 3<sup>rd</sup> party report expenses
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party reports:
  - Appraisal
  - Property Condition Report
  - Phase I Environmental Report

# Closing Process

- Once a Commitment Letter is received, the Co-op will move to the closing process
  - Loan Documents contain key provisions outlining specific requirements and restrictions of the loan

# Post-Closing Process

- Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) = 1.0X
  - Income = Operating Expenses + Debt Service
- Cash and Reserves
  - Maintain at least 10% of gross annual income in a cash or reserve account
  - Example: \$1,000,000 Income; requirement of \$100,000 in cash and reserves
- Delinquencies of no more than 5% of the gross annual income



## Post-Closing Process (cont.)

- Annual Insurance Certificates
- Annual Site Inspection Reports

# QUESTIONS