



## Freddie Mac Prices First Fixed-Rate Tax-Exempt ML Certificates

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### \$266 Million Offering Continues Support for Multifamily Affordable Housing Projects

MCLEAN, Va., March 25, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Freddie Mac](#) (OTCQB: FMCC) recently priced a new offering of credit risk transfer securities backed by Tax-Exempt Loans (TELs) made by state or local housing agencies and secured by affordable rental housing. This is the company's fifth ML Certificate offering, and the first to offer fixed-rate securities.

The company expects to guarantee approximately \$266 million in fixed-rate ML Certificates (ML-05 Certificates) that are supported by pools of fixed-rate TELs. Freddie Mac has divided the securities into California only and non-California classes, allowing California's state tax exemption to pass through to investors in the California classes. The ML-05 Certificates are expected to settle on or about March 28, 2019.

"We are pleased to now offer fixed-rate ML certificates, following several successful offerings of floating rate affordable housing securities," said Robert Koontz, Senior Vice President of Multifamily Capital Markets. "The ML securitization series allows us to fulfill our mission by delivering liquidity to the affordable housing market. The loans securitized in ML-05 are for properties that provide thousands of low-income housing units across ten states."

ML Certificates are designed to create more liquidity for affordable multifamily housing while simultaneously protecting taxpayers from mortgage risk. The proceeds will be used to finance multifamily affordable housing projects.

### ML-05 Pricing

Class	Principal/Notional Amount (mm)	Weighted Average Life (Years)	Spread (bps)	Coupon	Yield	Dollar Price
A-US	\$168.472	12.64	S + 55	3.400%	3.234%	\$101.6867
A-CA	\$97.686	12.41	S + 50	3.350%	3.180%	\$101.7091
X-US	\$168.472	12.64	T + 350	0.474%	6.005%	\$4.3084
X-CA	\$97.686	12.41	T + 425	0.248%	6.750%	\$2.1720

### Details

- Lead Manager and Bookrunners: Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Jefferies LLC
- Co-Managers: Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Samuel A. Ramirez & Company, Inc. and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated
- Rating Agency: S&P Global Ratings

### Related Links

- [ML-05 Offering Circular Supplement](#)
- Tax-Exempt Loan Securitization Program [Investor Presentation](#) [pdf]
- Freddie Mac Multifamily [Investor Presentation](#) [pdf]
- [Multifamily Securities Investor Access](#) database of post-securitization data from Investor Reporting Packages

The ML-05 Certificates are issued by FRETE 2019-ML05 Trust (ML-05 Trust). The Class A-US and A-CA Certificates are senior principal and interest certificates, which are rated as AA+(sf) by S&P Global Ratings and the Class X-US and X-CA Certificates are interest-only certificates. The Class A-US and A-CA and Class X-US and X-CA Certificates are guaranteed by Freddie Mac. The ML-05 Trust will also issue Class B-US and B-CA Certificates, which will not be guaranteed by Freddie Mac.

[Freddie Mac Multifamily](#) is a leading issuer of agency-guaranteed structured multifamily securities. ML-Deals are part of the company's business strategy to transfer a portion of the risk of losses away from taxpayers and to private investors who purchase the unguaranteed subordinate bonds. ML Certificates typically feature a wide range of investor options with stable cash flows and structured credit enhancement.

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