

# Freddie Mac Prices \$279 Million Offering of Guaranteed Tax-Exempt ML Certificates

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#### Second Offering Continues Support for Multifamily Affordable Housing Projects

MCLEAN, VA--(Marketwired - Nov 17, 2017) - 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.

The company expects to guarantee approximately \$279 million in floating-rate ML Certificates (ML-03 Certificates) that are supported primarily by pools of fixed-rate TELs. The ML-03 Certificates are expected to settle on or about November 28, 2017.

"We are proud to continue bringing liquidity to the affordable housing market with our second offering of securities backed by tax-exempt loans," said Robert Koontz, vice president of Multifamily Capital Markets. "Our initial offering was so successful Freddie Mac was able to immediately reduce rates on our tax-exempt loans, continuing to drive down costs for this important, mission-driven activity."

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-03 Certificates Pricing**

CI	ass	Principal/Notional Amount (mm)	Weighted Average Life (Years)	Discount Margin	Coupon	Dollar Price
Α		\$279.504	12.82	38	1 mo LIBOR + 38	\$100.0000
Χ		\$310.561	13.09	Not Offered		

## **Details**

- Lead Manager and Bookrunners: Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
- Co-Managers: Jefferies LLC, Mischler Financial Group, Inc. and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated.

#### **Related Links**

- ML03 Offering Circular Supplement http://www.freddiemac.com/mbs/data/17ml03oc.pdf pdf
- Freddie Mac Multifamily Investor Presentation pdf [pdf]
- Multifamily Securities Investor Access database of post-securitization data from Investor Reporting Packages

The ML-03 Certificates are issued by FRETE 2017-ML03 Trust (ML-03 Trust). The Class A Certificates are senior principal and interest certificates, which are rated as Aaa(sf) by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and the Class X Certificates are interest-only certificates. The Class A and Class X Certificates are guaranteed by Freddie Mac. The ML-03 Trust will also issue Class B Certificates, which will not be guaranteed by Freddie Mac.

<u>Freddie Mac Multifamily</u> 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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