

PROJECT FINANCE

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Project Name	Howard Theatre
Location	Washington, D.C. (Metro)
Total Federal QEI	\$26.36 million
Total Project Cost	\$28 million
No. of Community Development Entities ("CDEs")	Three
Closing Date	May 25, 2011
Tax Credits Used	Federal NMTCs and Federal HTCs

On April 9-10, 2012, attorneys Delphine Carnes and Harriet Reynolds attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening reception for the historic Howard Theatre located near the corner of 7th and T Streets in Washington, DC, a venue on the "Chitlin Circuit" known for launching the careers of many famous African-



American performers. The Howard Theatre originally opened in 1910 and was dubbed the "Theatre for the People" by The Washington Bee because it unified people through music and entertainment at a time when the nation was deeply divided by segregation. The theatre was boarded up in the 1980s and was finally reborn in 2012 as a result of a collaborative effort led by Howard Theatre Restoration, Inc., the District of Columbia and several private entities. Ellis Development Group managed the reconstruction of the

Howard Theatre was made possible by a complex financing structure in which CWM represented Hampton Roads Ventures, L.L.C. (HRV) in connection with the use of \$10 million of HRV's New Markets Tax Credits allocation, combined with federal historic tax credits, Tax Increment Financing funds, traditional debt and grant monies.