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FORM APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PROJECT APPLICATION

6/16

DATE: 3/7/2019

APPLICATION OF: Stewart Avenue Holdings LLC
Name of Owner and/or User of Proposed Project

ADDRESS: 2329 Nostrand Avenue, Suite 200
Brooklyn, NY, 11210

CONTACT: Joseph Friedland

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

- Type of Application: Tax-Exempt Bond Taxable Bond
 Straight Lease Refunding Bond
 Special Straight Lease

*Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency
350 Front Street, Rom 234A
Hempstead, New York 11550
516-489-5000 extension 4200*

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Part I: Owner & User Data

1. Owner Data:

A. Owner (Applicant for assistance): Stewart Avenue Holdings LLC

Address: 2329 Nostrand Avenue, Suite 200

Brooklyn, NY, 11210

Federal Employer ID #: _____ Website: N/A

Owner Officer Certifying Application: Joseph Friedland

Title of Officer: Authorized Signatory

Phone Number: _____

E-mail

B. Business Type:

Sole Proprietorship Partnership Privately Held

Public Corporation Listed on _____

State of Incorporation/Formation: Delaware

C. Nature of Business:

(e.g., "manufacturer of _____ for _____ industry"; "distributor of _____"; or "real estate holding company")

real estate holding company

D. Owner Counsel:

Firm Name: Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP

Address: 90 Merrick Avenue, 9th Floor

East Meadow, NY, 11554

Individual Attorney: Daniel J. Baker

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

E. Principal Stockholders, Members or Partners, if any, of the Owner (5% or more equity):

Name

Percent Owned

Joseph Friedland _____

F. Has the Owner, or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Owner, or any stockholder, partner, member, officer, director or other entity with which any of these individuals is or has been associated with:

i. ever filed for bankruptcy, been adjudicated bankrupt or placed in receivership or otherwise been or presently is the subject of any bankruptcy or similar proceeding? (if yes, please explain)

No _____

ii. been convicted of a felony, or misdemeanor, or criminal offense (other than a motor vehicle violation)? (if yes, please explain)

No _____

G. If any of the above persons (see "E", above) or a group of them, owns more than 50% interest in the Owner, list all other organizations which are related to the Owner by virtue of such persons having more than a 50% interest in such organizations.

N/A _____

H. Is the Owner related to any other organization by reason of more than a 50% ownership? If so, indicate name of related organization and relationship:

N/A _____

I. List parent corporation, sister corporations and subsidiaries:

N/A _____

J. Has the Owner (or any related corporation or person) been involved in or benefited by any prior industrial development financing in the municipality in which this project is located, whether by this agency or another issuer? (Municipality herein means city, town or village,

or if the project is not in an incorporated city, town or village, the unincorporated areas of the county in which it is located.) If so, explain in full:

No

K. List major bank references of the Owner:

JPMorgan Chase -

Capital One -

2. User Data

*** (for co-applicants for assistance or where a landlord/tenant relationship will exist between the owner and the user) ***

A. User (together with the Owner, the "Applicant"):

Address:

Federal Employer ID #:

Website:

NAICS Code:

User Officer Certifying Application:

Title of Officer:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

B. Business Type:

Sole Proprietorship

Partnership

Privately Held

Public Corporation

Listed on

State of Incorporation/Formation:

C. Nature of Business:

(e.g., "manufacturer of ___ for ___ industry"; "distributor of ___"; or "real estate holding company")

D. Are the User and the Owner Related Entities?

Yes

No

i. If yes, the remainder of the questions in this Part I, Section 2 (with the exception of "F" below) need not be answered if answered for the Owner.

ii. If no, please complete all questions below.

E. User's Counsel:

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Individual Attorney: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

F. Principal Stockholders or Partners, if any (5% or more equity):

Name	Percent Owned
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

G. Has the User, or any subsidiary or affiliate of the User, or any stockholder, partner, officer, director or other entity with which any of these individuals is or has been associated with:

i. ever filed for bankruptcy, been adjudicated bankrupt or placed in receivership or otherwise been or presently is the subject of any bankruptcy or similar proceeding? (if yes, please explain)

ii. ever been convicted of a felony or criminal offense (other than a motor vehicle violation)? (if yes, please explain)

H. If any of the above persons (see "E", above) or a group of them, owns more than 50% interest in the User, list all other organizations which are related to the User by virtue of such persons having more than a 50% interest in such organizations.

I. Is the User related to any other organization by reason of more than a 50% ownership? If so, indicate name of related organization and relationship:

J. List parent corporation, sister corporations and subsidiaries:

K. Has the User (or any related corporation or person) been involved in or benefited by any prior industrial development financing in the municipality in which this project is located, whether by this agency or another issuer? (Municipality herein means city, town or village, or if the project is not in an incorporated city, town or village, the unincorporated areas of the county in which it is located.) If so, explain in full:

L. List major bank references of the User:

Part II – Operation at Current Location

*** (if the Owner and the User are unrelated entities, answer separately for each) ***

1. Current Location Address: N/A

2. Owned or Leased: N/A

3. Describe your present location (acreage, square footage, number buildings, number of floors, etc.):

N/A

4. Type of operation (manufacturing, wholesale, distribution, retail, etc.) and products and/or services:

N/A

5. Are other facilities or related companies of the Applicant located within the State?
Yes No

A. If yes, list the Address: N/A

6. If yes to above ("5"), will the completion of the project result in the removal of such facility or facilities from one area of the state to another OR in the abandonment of such facility or facilities located within the State? Yes No

A. If no, explain how current facilities will be utilized: N/A

- B. If yes, please indicate whether the project is reasonably necessary for the Applicant to maintain its competitive position in its industry or remain in the State and explain in full:

N/A

7. Has the Applicant actively considered sites in another state? Yes No

A. If yes, please list states considered and explain: N/A

8. Is the requested financial assistance reasonably necessary to prevent the Applicant from moving out of New York State? Yes No

A. Please explain: N/A

9. Number of full-time equivalent employees at current location and average salary: N/A

Part III – Project Data

1. Project Type:

- A. What type of transaction are you seeking?: (Check one)

Straight Lease Taxable Bonds Tax-Exempt Bonds

Equipment Lease Only

- B. Type of benefit(s) the Applicant is seeking: (Check all that apply)

Sales Tax Exemption Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption

PILOT Agreement:

2. Location of project:

A. Street Address: 900 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, NY, 11530

B. Tax Map: District _____ Section 44 Block D Lot(s) 358

C. Municipal Jurisdiction:

- i. Town: Heampstead
- ii. Village: Garden City
- iii. School District: Uniondale

D. Acreage: 5.97

3. Project Components (check all appropriate categories):

- A. Construction of a new building Yes No
 - i. Square footage: _____
- B. Renovations of an existing building Yes No
 - i. Square footage: _____
- C. Demolition of an existing building
 - i. Square footage: _____
- D. Land to be cleared or disturbed Yes No
 - i. Square footage/acreage: _____
- E. Construction of addition to an existing building Yes No
 - i. Square footage of addition: _____
 - ii. Total square footage upon completion: _____
- F. Acquisition of an existing building Yes No
 - i. Square footage of existing building: 254,712
- G. Installation of machinery and/or Equipment Yes No
 - i. List principal items or categories of equipment to be acquired: _____

4. Current Use at Proposed Location:

A. Does the Applicant currently hold fee title to the proposed location?

- i. If no, please list the present owner of the site: Nassau County/900 Stewart Owner LLC

B. Present use of the proposed location: Office Building

C. Is the proposed location currently subject to an IDA transaction (whether through this Agency or another?) Yes No

i. If yes, explain: Current agreement with IDA

D. Is there a purchase contract for the site? (if yes, explain): Yes No

Contract entered into on 12/20/2018

E. Is there an existing or proposed lease for the site? (if yes, explain): Yes No

This is a multi tenanted building

5. Proposed Use:

A. Describe the specific operations of the Applicant or other users to be conducted at the project site: _____

Maintain & operate multi tenanted office building

B. Proposed product lines and market demands: N/A

C. If any space is to be leased to third parties, indicate the tenant(s), total square footage of the project to be leased to each tenant, and the proposed use by each tenant:

See attached rent roll

D. Need/purpose for project (e.g., why is it necessary, effect on Applicant's business):

To maintain existing IDA benefits which are necessary for this office building to

remain competitive in its market

E. Will any portion of the project be used for the making of retail sales to customers who personally visit the project location? Yes No

- i. If yes, what percentage of the project location will be utilized in connection with the sale of retail goods and/or services to customers who personally visit the project location? _____

6. Project Work:

A. Has construction work on this project begun? If yes, complete the following:

- i. Site Clearance: Yes No % COMPLETE N/A
- ii. Foundation: Yes No % COMPLETE N/A
- iii. Footings: Yes No % COMPLETE N/A
- iv. Steel: Yes No % COMPLETE N/A
- v. Masonry: Yes No % COMPLETE N/A
- vi. Other: N/A

B. What is the current zoning?: _____

C. Will the project meet zoning requirements at the proposed location?

Yes No

D. If a change of zoning is required, please provide the details/status of the change of zone request: N/A

E. Have site plans been submitted to the appropriate planning department? Yes No N/A

7. Project Completion Schedule:

A. What is the proposed commencement date for the acquisition and the construction/renovation/equipping of the project?

- i. Acquisition: May 2019
- ii. Construction/Renovation/Equipping: N/A

B. Provide an accurate estimate of the time schedule to complete the project and when the first use of the project is expected to occur: Immediately upon closing

Part IV – Project Costs and Financing

1. Project Costs:

A. Give an accurate estimate of cost necessary for the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement and/or equipping of the project location:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Land and/or building acquisition	\$ <u>50,050,000</u>
Building(s) demolition/construction	\$ _____
Building renovation	\$ <u>4,235,000</u>
Site Work	\$ _____
Machinery and Equipment	\$ _____
Legal Fees	\$ _____
Architectural/Engineering Fees	\$ _____
Financial Charges	\$ _____
Other (Specify)	\$ _____
Total	\$ <u>54,285,000</u>

2. Method of Financing:

	Amount	Term
A. Tax-exempt bond financing:	\$ _____	_____ years
B. Taxable bond financing:	\$ _____	_____ years
C. Conventional Mortgage:	\$ <u>31,906,875</u>	<u>5</u> years
D. SBA (504) or other governmental financing:	\$ _____	_____ years
E. Public Sources (include sum of all State and federal grants and tax credits):	\$ _____	
F. Other loans:	\$ <u>10,635,625</u>	<u>5</u> years
G. Owner/User equity contribution:	\$ <u>11,742,500</u>	_____ years
Total Project Costs	\$ <u>54,285,000</u>	

i. What percentage of the project costs will be financed from public sector sources?

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3. Project Financing:

A. Have any of the above costs been paid or incurred (including contracts of sale or purchase orders) as of the date of this application? Yes No

i. If yes, provide detail on a separate sheet.

B. Are costs of working capital, moving expenses, work in progress, or stock in trade included in the proposed uses of bond proceeds? Give details:

N/A

C. Will any of the funds borrowed through the Agency be used to repay or refinance an existing mortgage or outstanding loan? Give details:

N/A

D. Has the Applicant made any arrangements for the marketing or the purchase of the bond or bonds? If so, indicate with whom:

N/A

Part V – Project Benefits

1. Mortgage Recording Tax Benefit:

A. Mortgage Amount for exemption (include sum total of construction/permanent/bridge financing):

\$ 42,542,500

B. Estimated Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption (product of Mortgage Amount and .75 %):

\$ 319,069

2. Sales and Use Tax Benefit:

A. Gross amount of costs for goods and services that are subject to State and local Sales and Use Tax (such amount to benefit from the Agency's exemption):

\$ 2,541,000 *See attached for breakdown of sales tax exempt materials

B. Estimated State and local Sales and Use Tax exemption (product of 8.625 % and figure above):

\$ 219,161

C. If your project has a landlord/tenant (owner/user) arrangement, please provide a breakdown of the number in "B" above:

- i. Owner: \$ _____
- ii. User: \$ _____

3. Real Property Tax Benefit:

A. Identify and describe if the project will utilize a real property tax exemption benefit other than the Agency's PILOT benefit: Continue and maintain existing PILOT

B. Agency PILOT Benefit:

- i. Term of PILOT requested: Continue and maintain existing PILOT
- ii. Upon acceptance of this application, the Agency staff will create a PILOT schedule and indicate the estimated amount of PILOT Benefit based on anticipated tax rates and assessed valuation and attached such information to Exhibit A hereto. At such time, the Applicant will certify that it accepts the proposed PILOT schedule and requests such benefit to be granted by the Agency.

*** This application will not be deemed complete and final until Exhibit A hereto has been completed and executed.***

Part VI – Employment Data

1. List the Applicant's and each users present employment, and estimates of (i) employment **at the proposed project location** at the end of year one and year two following project completion and (ii) the number of residents of the Labor Market Area* ("LMA") that would fill the full-time and part-time jobs at the end of the second year following completion:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>	<u>Residents of LMA</u>
Full-Time	850***	_____	_____	_____
Part-Time**	_____	_____	_____	_____

* The Labor Market Area includes the County/City/Town/Village in which the project is located as well Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

** Agency staff converts Part-Time jobs into FTEs for state reporting purposes by dividing the number of Part-Time jobs by two (2).

***See attached chart

2. Salary and Fringe Benefits:

Category of Jobs to be Retained and Created	Average Salary or Range of Salary	Average Fringe Benefits or Range of Fringe Benefits
Salary Wage Earners	\$24,000 to \$600,000 per year	
Commission Wage Earners		
Hourly Wage Earners		
1099 and Contract Workers		

Note: The Agency reserves the right to visit the facility to confirm that job creation numbers are being met.

Part VII – Representations, Certifications and Indemnification

1. Is the Applicant in any litigation which would have a material adverse effect on the Applicant's financial condition? (if yes, furnish details on a separate sheet)

Yes No

2. Has the Applicant or any of the management of the Applicant, the anticipated users or any of their affiliates, or any other concern with which such management has been connected, been cited for a violation of federal, state or local laws or regulations with respect to labor practices, hazardous wastes, environmental pollution or other operating practices? (If yes, furnish details on a separate sheet)

Yes No

3. Is there a likelihood that the Applicant would not proceed with this project without the Agency's assistance? (If yes, please explain why; if no, please explain why the Agency should grant the benefits requested)

Yes No


Without it, building cannot be maintained at current market rents

4. If the Applicant is unable to obtain financial assistance from the Agency for the project, what would be the impact on the Applicant and on the municipality?


The deal would not close and building would potentially lose tenants

5. The Applicant understands and agrees that the provisions of Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law, as provided below, will not be violated if financial assistance is provided for the proposed project:


§ 862. Restrictions on funds of the agency. (1) No funds of the agency shall be used in respect of any project if the completion thereof would result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the state, provided, however, that neither restriction shall apply if the agency shall determine on the basis of the application before it that the project is reasonably necessary to discourage the project occupant from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the state or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the project occupant in its respective industry.

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6. The Applicant understands and agrees that in accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the General Municipal Law, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, new employment opportunities created as a result of the project will be listed with the New York State Department of Labor, Community Services Division and with the administrative entity of the service delivery area created pursuant to the Job Training Partnership Act (PL 97-300) in which the project is located (collectively, the "Referral Agencies"). The Applicant also agrees, that it will, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining contracts or agreements to which they are parties, first consider for such new employment opportunities persons eligible to participate in federal job training partnership programs who shall be referred by the Referral Agencies

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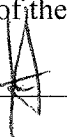
7. The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the owner, occupant, or operator receiving financial assistance for the proposed project is in substantial compliance with applicable local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.

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8. The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the submission of any knowingly false or knowingly misleading information may lead to the immediate termination of any financial assistance and the reimbursement of an amount equal to all or part of any tax exemption claimed by reason of the Agency's involvement the Project.

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9. The Applicant confirms and hereby acknowledges that as of the date of this Application, the Applicant is in substantial compliance with all provisions of Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law, including, but not limited to, the provision of Section 859-a and Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law.

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10. In accordance with Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law the Applicant understands and agrees that projects which result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the State to another area of the State or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant within the State is ineligible for financial assistance from the Agency, unless otherwise approved by the Agency as reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the project in its respective industry or to discourage the project occupant from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State.

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11. The Applicant represents and warrants that to the Applicant's knowledge neither it nor any of its affiliates, nor any of their respective partners, members, shareholders or other equity owners, and none of their respective employees, officers, directors, representatives or agents is, nor will they become a person or entity with who United States persons or entities are restricted from doing business under regulations of the Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) of the Department of the Treasury (including those named on OFAC's Specially Designated and Blocked Persons List or under any statute, executive order including the September 24, 2001, Executive Order Block Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism, or other governmental action and is not and will not assign or otherwise transfer this Agreement to, contract with or otherwise engage in any dealings or transactions or be otherwise associated with such persons or entities.

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12. The Applicant confirms and hereby acknowledges it has received the Agency's fee schedule attached hereto as Schedule A and agrees to pay such fees, together with any expenses incurred by the Agency, including those of Transaction Counsel, with respect to the Facility. The Applicant agrees to pay such expenses and further agrees to indemnify the Agency, its members, directors, employees and agents and hold the Agency and such persons harmless against claims for losses, damage or injury or any expenses or damages incurred as a result of action taken by or on behalf of the Agency in good faith with respect to the project.

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13. The Applicant confirms and hereby acknowledges it has received the Agency's [Construction Wage] Policy attached hereto as Schedule B and agrees to comply with the same.

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14. The Applicant hereby agrees to comply with Section 875 of the General Municipal Law. The Company further agrees that the financial assistance granted to the project by the Agency is subject to recapture pursuant to Section 875 of the Act and the Agency's [Recapture and Termination] Policy, attached hereto as Schedule C.

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