# The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

**Options in Capital Asset Financing** 

**January 22, 2019** 



# The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

**Opening** 

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William Murdock Executive Director





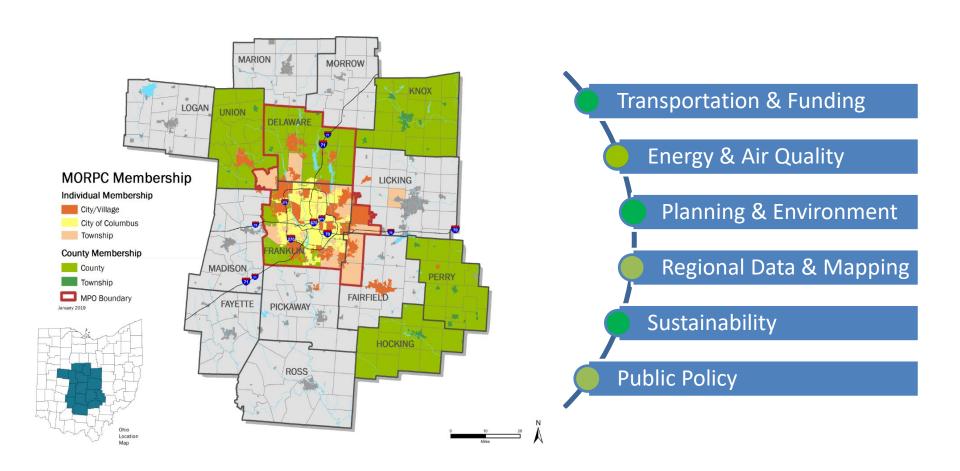
#### Welcome to MORPC!

Name

Community

Role





#### Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Presents



We welcome Public Service Officials from Villages, Townships, Cities and Counties in the Northwest Central Ohio Communities located in Marion, Logan, Madison (North), Union, Delaware (West), and Franklin (Northwest portion) Counties as well as our partners in transportation & community planning.









#### **REGIONAL COLLABORATION NW**

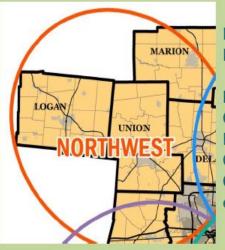
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Time: 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Location: Liberty Township

7761 Liberty Rd., Powell, Ohio 43065

#### Welcome & Introductions

- MORPC-updates
- SE Studies & Plans
- Infrastructure Projects & Community Planning



No charge to attend. RSVP at Eventbrite.

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#### Positive Workplace Cultures in Local Government

Thursday, February 14, 2019

11:30 a.m. Network; 11:45 a.m. Lunch

**Location: MORPC** 







Featured speaker: Cheryl Mueller, President & Managing Principal for the Columbus and Dayton regions of HORAN. A leading advisor in employee benefits and financial services, HORAN was named one of the 2018 Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America and a certified Great Place to Work!



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#### Learn about the future of local and regional transportation

Spring 2019 Fridays March 1,8,15,22,29

**Central Ohio is growing – so is the insight2050 Academy!** 

We invite elected and appointed officials from Central Ohio communities, to join engineers, transportation officials, and other advocates of transportation options. It will showcase the experiences of Central Ohio communities that have adopted, or are developing, complete streets policies.

To learn more, visit:

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Or contact: **Brian Williams** 

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#### STATE OF THE REGION 2019

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MORPC's **State of the Region** luncheon brings together our region's and state's top political, business, and civic leaders to celebrate community accomplishments.

Make sure to save the date on your calendar. We will be announcing our exciting keynote speaker and opening registration soon!

For State of the Region sponsorship opportunities, contact <u>Amanda McEldowney</u> at 614 233 4112.

April 2019

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11 a.m. Networking 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Program

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# The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

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**January 22, 2019** 





#### **Panel**



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#### **Options in Capital Asset Financing**



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## Unlocking Bond Financing in Central Ohio



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#### What is Development Finance?

- Development finance is the efforts of local communities to support, encourage and catalyze expansion through public/private investment in physical development/redevelopment and/or business/industry.
- It is the act of contributing to a project/deal that causes that project/deal to materialize in a manner that benefits the long term health of the community.



#### What Does DF Include?

- Debt, equity, credits, liabilities, remediation, guarantees, collateral, credit enhancement, venture/seed capital, early stage, workforce, technical assistance, planning, short-term, longterm, incentives, gap, etc.
- Proactive approaches that leverage public resources to solve the needs of business, industry, developers and investors.



### Why is DF Important?

- Businesses need working capital and the ability to invest in themselves
- Developers need assistance to achieve an acceptable ROI
- Communities need infrastructure and amenities
- Citizens need opportunities for advancement jobs, small business, education, etc.
- Regions need economic prosperity



### Development Finance Agency (DFA)

- Development finance agencies (DFAs) can be either public or quasi-public/private authorities that provide or otherwise support economic development through various direct and indirect financing programs.
- DFAs may issue tax-exempt and taxable bonds, provide credit enhancement programs, and offer direct lending, equity investments, or a broad range of access to capital financing mechanisms.
- DFAs can be formed at the state, county, township, borough or municipal level and often times have the authority to provide development finance programs across multi-jurisdictional boundaries.



#### **DFA Examples**

- Industrial development authorities, boards or corporations
- Economic development authorities, corporations or councils
- Special purpose authorities (port, transportation, parking, development, energy, air, water, infrastructure, cultural, arts, tourism, special assessment, education, parks, healthcare, facility, etc.)
- Local and community development authorities, corporations or institutions
- Departments of development or commerce and finance authorities, divisions, or departments within state and local government
- Business development corporations, centers or districts
- Development and redevelopment authorities, commissions or districts



#### High Impact DFA

- Every state has authorizing language to allow for the creation of the DFAs
- DFAs that are able to manage and implement a variety of toolbox programs are considered "high performing"
- For those communities that do not have the means or capacity to create a high performing DFA, partnerships are critical



#### Landscape of Tools – 100s of Them

Tax Increment Finance

Microlending

New Markets Tax Credits

504 Loans

Municipal Bonds

Grants

Collateral Support Linked Deposit Programs

EB-5

Community
Reinvestment Act

Revolving Loan Funds

Impact Investing

Historic Tax Credits

Property Assessed Clean Energy

Seed & Venture Capital

Special Assessment

501(c)3 Bonds

Industrial Development Bonds

Credit Enhancement

Mezzanine Funds

Tax Abatements



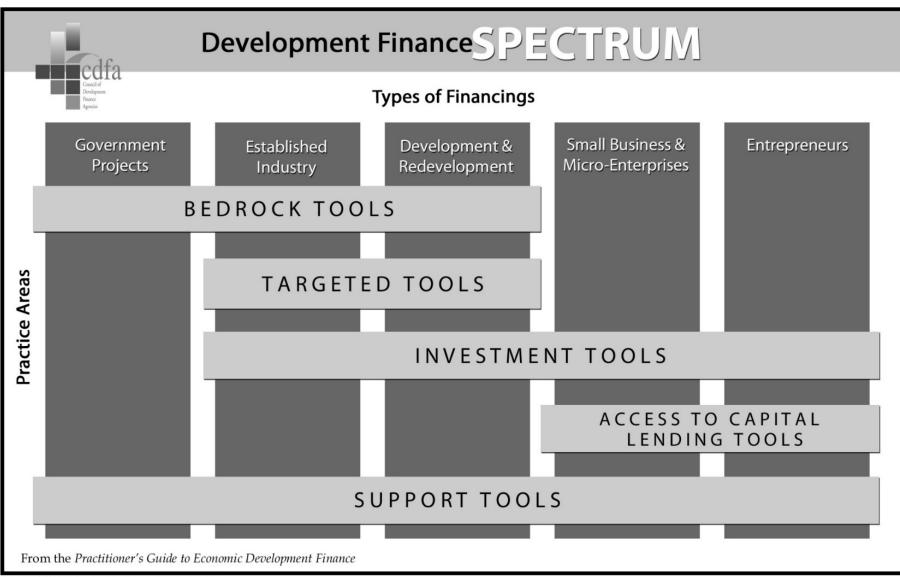
### Economy, Environment & Equity

- Many roadblocks to supporting sustainable development including
  - Credit quality borrowers, project, community
  - Disinvestment crumbling infrastructure, stressed workforce
  - Environmental challenges blight, contamination
  - Costs sustainability is expensive
  - Resistance equitable development is threatening to many
  - Rebounding economy easier paths to success (short lived as they may be)



#### Economy, Environment & Equity

- How do we address these roadblocks?
  - Analytics What is the cost of doing development in the old manner and how can we monetize the savings to be sustainable?
  - Scope What problem are we trying to solve and can that problem be solved with a wider scope? One-offs hurt progress.
  - Local Initiative, Wide Support How do we engage the local community to not only support equitable development but to also invest in it? And, how do we get larger players (private entities) to foot the bill?
  - Leverage Using small public dollars to leverage large private investment





#### The Toolbox & Financing Spectrum

#### **5 Practice Areas**

**Practice Area 1: Bedrock Tools** 

Bonds and the Basics of Public Finance

**Practice Area 2: Targeted Tools** 

Tax Increment Finance, Special Assessment Districts, Government Districts, Project Specific District Financing & Tax Abatements

**Practice Area 3: Investment Tools** 

Tax Credits, EB-5

**Practice Area 4: Access to Capital Lending Tools** 

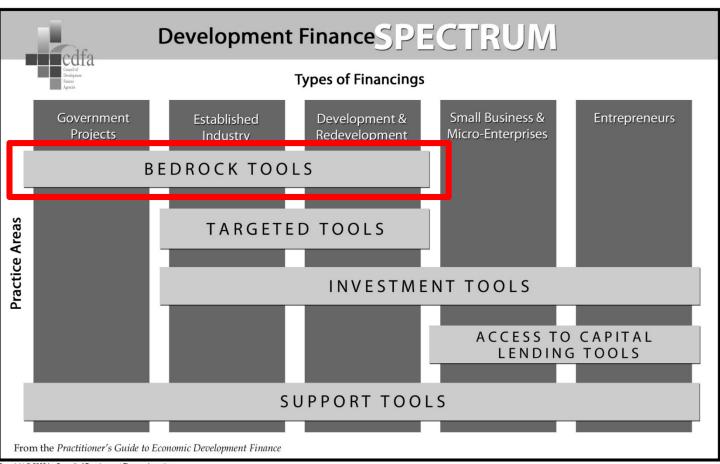
Revolving Loan Funds, Mezzanine Funds, Loan Guarantees and Microenterprise Finance, Seed & Venture Capital

**Practice Area 5: Support Tools** 

Federal Funding







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#### **Bonds**

- Bond use dates back over 100 years with the tax reform act of 1986 shaping today's use
- A bond is a loan. A loan is a promise to pay
- Units of government (called issuers) borrow routinely in the tax-exempt bond market by pledging revenues to pay back the bonds (loans)
- Investors (bond buyers) buy these loans and are afforded exemption from income tax on interest income on these investment
- Government (GO) Bonds are tax-exempt, used for public projects
- Private Activity Bonds (PABs) are tax-exempt, utilized for economic development



#### What do Bonds Finance?

- Roads, bridges, sewers, water treatment plants, dams
- City halls, prisons, schools, hospitals, libraries, YMCAs, museums
- Parks, swimming pools, community centers, universities,
- Stadiums, theaters, music halls, clinics
- Recycling plants, energy generation facilities, solar fields
- Small manufacturing facilities, first-time farmers, non-profits, affordable housing
- And much more



#### Simplified Process

- 1. Issuer identifies a project and determines if it qualifies for tax-exempt financing
- 2. Counsel and underwriters prepare documents, legal opinions and offering statements to price and sell bonds in capital markets
- 3. Underwriter places (sells) bonds to investors (bond buyers) in capital markets raising cash for project
- 4. Issuer pledges revenues (taxes, fees, appropriations, proceeds, etc.) to pay back bond buyers (i.e. loan)

#### Note:

Issuer and borrower are not always the same entity. (i.e. conduit bonds)



#### Simplified Process

- Bond (loan) is paid back over course of time with both regular principle and interest payments
- 2. Trustee acts as fiduciary agent on behalf of bond holders (bond buyers) and manages payments
- 3. Under certain scenarios, issuer may refinance issuance at a later date
- 4. Bond holder (bond buyer) receives relief from federal/state income taxes on interest earnings on bonds



#### Types of PABs

- Exempt Facility Bonds Can be used for airports, docks, wharves, mass-community facilities, etc.
- Qualified Redevelopment Bonds Infrastructure projects that do not meet the requirements of GOs may qualify for taxexemption if they meet several tests of "qualified redevelopment bonds; " e.g., proceeds used for redevelopment purposes in designated blighted areas, etc.
- Qualified 501(c)(3) Bonds Bonds used to finance projects owned and used by 501(c)(3) organizations. Two types hospital bonds and nonhospital bonds
- Qualified Exempt Small Issues IDBs for qualified manufacturing projects including purchase, construction, extension and improvement of warehouses, distribution facilities, industrial plants, buildings, fixtures and machinery.
- Aggie Bonds Support beginning farmers and ranchers with eligible purchases of farmland, equipment, buildings and livestock.
- Other Revenue Bonds Allow revenue-generating entities to finance a project and then repay debt generated revenue. Toll roads and bridges, airports, seaports and other transportation hubs, power plants and electrical generation facilities, water and wastewater (sewer).



#### Why Communities Use Bonds?

- Opportunity to invest in projects and businesses and the ability to influence ROI in development projects
- Easy to promote and monitor with performance measures
- Low cost and secure source of support to industry
- Can issue on conduit basis without backing (IDBs)



### Why Industry Uses PABs?

- Lower interest rates (conventional loans vs. taxexempt)
- Tax-exempt status to buyers of bonds attractive
- Lower cost to borrower
- Cheaper money (but not free)



#### Important Players

- **Issuers** 55,000+ nationwide, must have authority to issue
- Bond Counsel legal public finance experts
- Underwriters sells and/or places the bonds in market
- Trustee fiduciary agent for the bondholders
- Investors those who actually purchase the bonds
- Financial Advisor independent reviewer for issuer
- Rating Agencies independent credit review entities



#### **Notes on PABs**

- Market forces at play when traditional interest rates are low, bond use tails off, when traditional interest rates go up, bond issuance tends to go up
- Need good bond counsel on transactions don't risk an issuance going taxable if it is not a qualified PAB
- Many rules and regulations learn the programs before making any determinations



## Colorado Housing & Finance Authority



CLOSURE // CHFA will close at Noon on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 for our Annual All Staff meeting. We will resume normal business hours on Thursday, January 28.

- homeownership

  Make your dreams of
- rental housing

  Let CHFA help you build and
- business lending Get capital to grow your business.

home mortgage customers





## Colorado Housing & Finance Authority

#### loan program:

CHFA works with lenders to help businesses finance owner-occupied commercial real estate acquisition, renovations, and equipment purchases.

Our fixed rate loans and lower equity requirement give you the stability to grow your business.

#### tax exempt bonds

Manufacturing businesses and nonprofits can take advantage of low interest rate financing available for real estate that tax exempt bonds help make possible.

Click below to access the bond programs for:

- Manufacturers
- Nonprofits

#### access to capital

Take your business to the next level using CHFA's access to capital programs. Acquire additional collateral to secure financing with our Cash Collateral Support program.

Or use our credit reserve programs to connect with lenders actively serving small business customers.

#### new markets tax credits

New Markets Tax Credits (NMTCs) are an economic development tool designed to encourage private investment in underserved communities.

Make a difference in a local low income community by using this flexible financing tool to locate or expand your business in the area.

## fresh food financing fund

The Colorado Fresh Food Financing Fund (CO4F) generates jobs and access to healthy food in underserved Colorado communities by financing grocery stores and other forms of healthy food retail.

#### resources

CHFA partners with the lending community and economic development professionals to help your business succeed.

Check out these resources if you are looking for more information about small business finance or how to grow your business.

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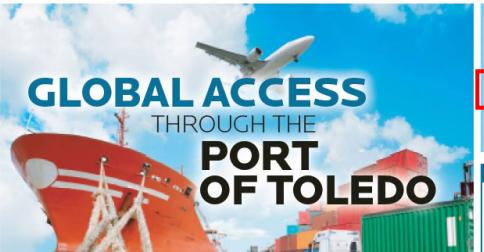
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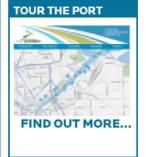
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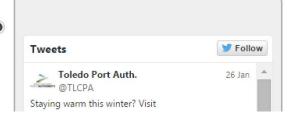
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#### FINANCING SERVICES

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#### INNOVATIVE FINANCING PROGRAMS

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority has developed a national reputation for innovative business financing, assisting over 340 economic development projects representing a total investment of more than \$1.9 billion while helping to create and retain nearly 18,500 jobs.

#### Financing Options include:

- Fixed Interest Rate Revenue Bonds
- Infrastructure Financing
- Conduit Revenue Bonds
- · Ohio 166 Regional Loan Program
- U.S. Small Business Administration 504 Loan Program

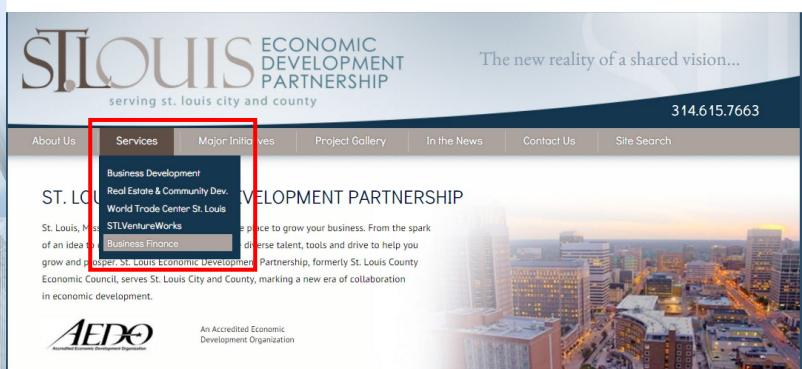
#### INITIAL PROJECT INFORMATION FORM



Initial Project Information forms are needed to determine whether a project meets the requirements of any of the Port Authority development financing programs. Initial Project



## St. Louis Economic Development Partnership



#### **NEWS & EVENTS**



#### IN THE NEWS

- St. Louis has a banner year for attracting venture capital
- Watlow plans \$30 million expansion
- Six Reasons Why Immigrants Should Head To St. Louis

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#### LOANS AND BONDS

#### BIG ON IDEAS BUT SHORT ON FUNDING?

The Business Finance Division provides expert advice and finance solutions to help grow your business. Whatever your needs, our professional staff can assist you in determining which loan is best for you.





#### Fixed-Asset Loans

- · SBA 504 Loan Program
- BOOST Loan Program

#### Tax-Exempt Loans, Bonds

#### **Private Equity Investment**

· Regional Growth Capital

#### **Specialty Business Loans**

- Contractor Loan Guaranty
- · Brownfields Cleanup Loan
- Micro loan
- St. Louis County Recycling Loan
- STLVentureWorks Revolving Loan



Your Business

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#### Take the Next Step in Building your Business

Low-interest debt financing and creative debt restructuring have always been core competencies at CCEDC. Over the course of its 50-plus year history, CCEDC has closed over \$2 billion in loans utilizing federal (SBA 504 and 7a), state (PIDA, SBFF, MELF, Tax-exempt) and local loan programs. With an experienced, eight-person lending department, the CCEDC utilizes professional expertise to design loan packages and blend various funding programs together to offer clients a customized, business-specific funding structure.

CCEDC's SBA Certified Development Company affiliate, South Eastern Economic Development Company of Pennsylvania (Seedcopa), has evolved to become the statewide leader in SBA lending. Seedcopa has become the largest SBA 504 lender in Pennsylvania serving companies throughout the state as far north as Pike County and as far west as Dauphin and York Counties. In addition, Seedcopa recently became a Lender Service Provider (LSP) providing SBA 7a processing and packaging services to 12 regional bank partners.

#### Related Programs & Resources:

Site Selection »

Tax-Exempt Financing »

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SBA Financing »

#### Ouestions?

Sherwood Robbins, 610.321.8241 srobbins@seedcopa.com

#### A CCEDC Initiative



A CCEDC affiliate program specializing in SBA 504, 7A, and USDA financing for small businesses.

#### News

#### August 2013

Seedcopa was awarded \$2,000,000 in funds by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development as part of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) program established by the Federal Jobs Act of 2010. These funds are being used by Seedcopa to establish a direct loan fund to enhance its current government [...]

#### Case Studies

Communications Test Design, Inc. (CTDI)

Appeeling Fruit, Inc.

Walmoore Holsteins Inc.

See all Case Studies >



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## **Options in Capital Asset Financing**



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## State Infrastructure Bank Loan Program

Can Finance: Roads; Lighting; Bridges; Airports; Rail; Parking Facilities

- 3% fixed interest rate;
- Loan terms up to 20 years;
- Amounts up to \$2,500,000;
- First year interest free;
- Second year interest can accrue;
- Eligible Borrowers are Political Subdivisions;
- Various repayment streams are acceptable;
  - Non-Tax revenues: gas tax collections; parking revenues; TIF.
- Must provide a secondary repayment source;

#### **Projects**

- Hamilton Rd. (S Curve)
- City of Dublin (33/270 exchange)
- West Broad St. (Reconstruction)
- Rickenbacker Intermodal



## Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Can Finance: Roads; Water; Sewer; Lighting; Parking Facilities; Signalization

- Redirect increased property taxes from new private development to finance public improvements;
- TIF revenues (payments in lieu of taxes) assigned by taxing authority to Bond Trustee;
- Qualified public improvements
- Up to 30 years;
- Create a minimum payment concept to maximize leverage of TIF payments;

#### Bond Sale Challenges

GO-backed; LOC backed; Stand-alone rating; Developer buys bonds;

#### **TIF Projects**

- Vision Hilliard (roads, lighting and signals)
- One Neighborhood (parks, fencing and improvements)
- Battelle (parkland)
- Harrison West (roads, parks and improvements)



## Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)

Can Finance: Energy Efficiency Improvements – Windows; HVAC Installation; Boilers; Roofs

- Created in 2011;
- Allows for creation of an Energy Special Improvement Distract (ESID);
- Allows a Special Assessment to be placed on the property;
- Assessment equals debt service over the term of the debt;
- Tax collection process through county;
- Why is this important:
  - Allows under utilized property to be rehabilitated;
  - PACE can not be accelerated;
  - Increases loan to value:

#### Columbus Projects

- PNC Tower Downtown
- Long St./ Front Brad DeHays
- Wasserstrom HQ
- Dublin Office Buildings
- Worthington Hills Country Club
- Trinity Lutheran Seminary



## Columbus – Franklin County Finance Authority Central Ohio Regional Bond Fun

Can Finance: Public Improvements or Private Assets

- Rated A by S&P Global
- \$1,000,000 \$7,000,000
- Public Infrastructure Up to 30 years
- Corporate assets; 15 to 20 years
- Long-term/Fixed rate
- Can purchase TIF/NCA/PACE Bonds



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## "Things you should know about issuing debt"

David C. Tiggett

KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc.

Public Finance Investment Banking

A Presentation to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission on 1/22/2019



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## Theory of Public Finance of Capital Projects

- Why do communities issue debt?
  - ✓ Costs are too high for cash payment of a project
  - ✓ Spread the cost of a project over current and future generations
    - Benefits are spread over several generations - costs should be as well
    - One generation should not subsidize the next
  - ✓ Payments should equate to useful life of assets or less
  - Example of public purposes for which debt is issued:
    - Building schools both for K-12 and higher educational institutions
    - Road projects new roads and highways as well as maintenance on existing roads
    - Public power projects
    - Sewer & Water and other utilities
    - Economic Development

## Types of Bonds

#### General Obligation

- Obligations of a community backed by the property tax base of that community
- ✓ May be self-supporting OR paid by either income tax or some clearly defined revenue stream
- ✓ Issuer must always have the millage set aside to make debt payments
  - But not levy the millage unless, and until, the revenue stream or other resources can not support debt

#### Conduit Bonds

- ✓ Issuer enters into an arrangement with a private conduit borrower in which the bond proceeds are loaned to the conduit borrower and the conduit borrower repays the loan to the issuer.
- For most conduit bonds, although the governmental issuer of the bonds is legally obligated for repayment, that obligation usually is limited to the amounts of the loan repayments from the conduit borrower.
- ✓ If the conduit borrower fails to make loan repayments, the governmental issuer typically is not required to make up such shortfalls.
- ✓ Thus, unless the bond documents explicitly state otherwise, investors in conduit bonds should not view the governmental issuer as a guarantor on conduit bonds.



## Types of Debt Issued

- General Obligation (GO) Bonds
  - ✓ Backed by property taxes of community
    - Income taxes may pay for debt service and thus the millage is not levied
  - ✓ Subject to constitutional / statutory limitations
- Revenue Bonds
  - ✓ Completely self-supporting
  - ✓ Backed by a particular source of revenue.

#### **Types of Revenue Bonds:**

- Income Tax Bonds
- Sales Tax Bonds
- Utility Bonds
- Certificates of Participation (COPs)
  - ✓ Secured by the revenue stream of the lease payments; subject to annual appropriation



## Constitutional Limitations – GO Debt

- Indirect Debt Limitation
  - ✓ Ten-mill limitation based on total outstanding debt service
    - Maximum aggregate to be levied on any single piece of property
    - "Inside" millage must first be used for the payment of debt service on unvoted GO debt of the subdivision
  - ✓ Limited Tax General Obligation (LT GO) UNVOTED
    - Allows for the raising of property taxes up to the "Ten-mill" limitation
  - ✓ Unlimited Tax General Obligation (UT GO) VOTED
    - Allows community to levy taxes on property sufficient to support debt service
  - Exclusions
    - Revenue bonds and notes



## Statutory Limitations – GO Debt

- Direct Debt Limitation
  - ✓ Based upon the value of all property in the community as listed and assessed for taxation
    - Unvoted GO debt may not exceed 5½%
    - Voted AND unvoted GO debt may not exceed 10½%
  - ✓ Exempt Debt Debt not included in the direct debt limit calculation.
    - Self-supporting GO debt, i.e. revenues from the facilities financed are sufficient to pay applicable operating and maintenance expenses and related debt service and other requirements
    - Bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of special assessments
    - Revenue bonds
    - Note issues in anticipation of the collection of current revenues or in anticipation of the proceeds of a specific tax levy
    - Notes issued for certain emergency purposes
    - Bonds issued to pay final judgments

## Recent Municipal Market Changes

1. **Current Refunding** – Refunding Bonds are issued within 90 days of Call date.

\*\*Rule of Thumb is to refund if present value of savings is at least 3% of principal being refunded\*\*

- 2. Advanced Refunding Refunding Bonds are issued more than 90-days before Call Date.
  - Refunding Bond proceeds held in an escrow of US Treasury securities until Call Date.
  - IRS allows only one opportunity.
  - Complicated, but used more frequently than Current Refunding.

## **Debt Issuance Process**

#### Underwriter - Investment Bankers

- Perform due diligence on disclosure
- Provide financing plan assistance
- Provide rating agency & bond insurer preparation assistance
- Provide investment advice and advance refunding services

Sales Force – Market the Bonds

## Rating Agencies / Bond Insurers (Rating / Insurance Policy)

- Review credit worthiness of the Issuer
- Rating agencies issue bond rating
- Insurance companies insure issue (if economically beneficial)

## Issuer (Official Statement)

- Approve bond legislation
- Assist with preparation of disclosure data
- Develop financing plan
- Make rating & insurance presentations (if applicable)
- Make bond payments

#### Investors

- Purchase bonds
- Receive interest and principal payments from paying agent

#### Municipal Advisor

- Provides financing options
- Guidance on rating strategy/preparation
- Provides financial analysis
- Reviews bond documentation
- Provide pricing guidance and review
- Provide legal opinion to investors

## Bond Counsel (Legal Opinion)

- Prepare bond resolution
- Provide Official Statement/disclosure preparation assistance
- Prepare various deal related legal documents
- Provide legal opinion to investors

## Paying Agent / Registrar (P&I Payments)

- Authenticate bonds
- Receive interest and principal payments from Issuer
- Make interest and principal payments to investors



## Recent Municipal Market Changes

The tax reform bill of late 2017 has many potential effects on the refinancing options for issuers. Below are options for refinancing bonds.

#### **Issuing Taxable Debt**

Taxable bonds are exempt from federal tax law, therefore a taxable refinancing is not subject to the "one
advance refunding" rule, like a tax-exempt issuance. This option would allow issuers to execute an advance
refunding and secure interest savings on bonds that can only be currently refunded or were advance
refunded.

#### **Current Refunding with Forward Option**

Using a forward option, an issuer can execute a refinancing outside of the traditional 90 day time frame for a current refunding. Under this option, an issuer would price their debt a number of months in advance, and close within 90 days of the call date of the refunding opportunity. Typically, for each month between pricing and closing, issuers will have to pay investors between 5-10bps in extra yield.

#### **Current Refunding**

The tax-reform bill eliminated advance refundings, but maintained the legality of current refundings; the major distinction between the two is that current refundings occur within 90 days of a call date. Going forward, we expect to see optional redemption dates of fewer than 10 years from the original dated date.

#### Option 1

Refund outstanding debt on a taxable basis. Taxable bonds are exempt from federal tax laws.

#### Option 2

Execute a current refunding months before the call date, but close within 90 days of the call date.

#### Option 3

Refund outstanding debt within 90 days of the call date



## **Credit Rating Process**

#### **Bond Rating Services**

		Moody's Investors Service	STANDARD &POOR'S	Fitch Ratings
(Lower Interest Rates)	Best Quality	Aaa	AAA	AAA
	High Quality	Aa1 Aa2 Aa3	AA+ AA AA-	AA+ AA AA-
	Upper Medium Grade	A1 A2 A3	A+ A A-	A+ A A-
	Medium Grade	Baa1 Baa2 Baa3	BBB+ BBB BBB-	BBB+ BBB BBB-

## **Credit Rating Process**

- Inform Agency of Upcoming Sale
- Provide Necessary Information
  - Financial Statements, Budgets, Audits, POS
- Analyst Performs Review
- Issuer Financing Team Interaction with Analyst
  - Presentation or Conference Call
  - Follow-up Questions and Clarifications
- Credit Committee Presentation
- Rating Determination & Issuer Credit Report

## Rating Factors

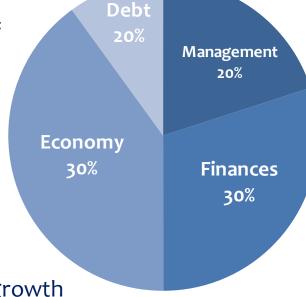
- 1. Demonstrate your ability to manage District finances
  - Show non-traditional sources of liquidity, if any
  - Establish Board policy for end-of-year carryover balance
- 2. Describe the ongoing efforts to maintain voter support for levies
  - Emphasize the quality of the educational "product" provided
- 3. Demonstrate your ability to manage through demographic changes
  - Provide examples of enrollment projection and tracking systems, including examples of projections from previous years compared with actual results
  - > Provide copies of capital facilities planning materials, and describe planning process
  - Describe communications with major developers, commercial taxpayers and County Auditor
- 4. Maintain an ongoing and consistent relationship with the rating analysts

## Rating Factors

## Four Primary Credit Factors<sup>1</sup>

#### **Debt**

- Amount outstanding as % of full valuation
- Structure and composition
- Other long-term commitments



#### **Economy**

- A.V. and historic growth
- Diversity of economy, taxpayer concentration
- Unemployment rates, median income

#### **Management**

- Financial planning and budgeting
- Realistic assumptions
- Policies and historical performance
- Timely disclosure

#### **Finances**

- Multiyear financial trends
- Available cash on hand
- Operating flexibility to raise revenue or cut expenditures
- Budget predictability

<sup>1</sup>Moody's Investors Service



## Questions

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