Study Committee On the Investment and Use of School Trust Funds The West Allis Experience

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ALLIS DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE



A city is not gauged by its length and width, but by the broadness of its vision and the <u>height of its dreams</u>. Herb Caen





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Grow or start your business in the diverse and thriving community o

State Trust Fund - Considerations

- One of few tools available to communities
 - Helps both large and small cities
- Borrowing offers assistance to economic development
- Infrastructure projects across the state



School Trust Funds- West Allis

Helpful resource

Example:> Established a TIF

 Purchased blighted property



Vacant Truck Terminal



Why did West Allis use the School Trust FUND

- Timing
- No Costs other than the project costs attached to the loans
- Fewer resources from local governments
- No future call dates on the debt and not prepayment penalties
- Efficiency

Cost to issue bonds

Part of Savings

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Costs of Issuance ²	
Ehlers (Municipal Advisor)	\$18,500.00
Quarles & Brady LLP (Bond Counsel)	12,950.00
Moody's Investors Service (Rating Agency)	14,000.00
Bond Trust Services Corporation (Paying Agent)	489.00
Total Costs of Issuance	

45,939.00

Interest Savings

84th & Greenfield





\$43 million development





School Trust Fund Loan

 \$5 million City participation
 Interest rate was 4 % for 20 years



- Interest goes to school
- Win Win for everyone

Closing

 Capital Stack
 Partnership of public and private resources

- Private Equity and Investors
- TIF and HUD 221 (d)(4) Insured Financing





Deal Structure

- TIF is both upfront and Developer funded TIF
- TIF is the "incremental taxes"
- Waterfall of payments
 - City receives first portion to fund debt service
 - Developer the balance
- Two financial consultants review pro formas



In this case....the Advantage

- Fluidity of Closing Timing
 Quicker and Streamlined
 - Less than 30 days compared to typical 60-90 days
- General Obligation borrowing
 - Interest Costs
 - > Rating Costs

Needed Program

Financially strapped communities > High interest rates > Fund allows for smaller loans Soing to the market would be disadvantage Output can be paid off with no penalties Federal rules on bonds makes loans more desirable • Extremely secure financing

Summary and Closing







CREATE JOBS

LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES

Thank you and Questions

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