

## Vermont Bond Bank




## SUMMER 2023 APPLICATION WEBINAR MARCH 29, 2023

## Market Update




## Current Bond Bank Rate Assumptions

10 Year: 2.94\%

20 Year: 3.68\%

30 Year: 3.93\%

## Second Annual Capital Planning Forum

## SECOND ANNUAL <br> Vermont Capital Planning Forum

Bond Bank

An in-person event for governmental units of all sizes and associated professionals to explore Vermont specific best practices in capital planning.


## WHEN

Thursday, April $13^{\text {th }}$
from 9am to 4 pm

WHERE
Alumni Hall
20 Auditorium Hill
Barre, VT

## COST

Free but space limited!
Register soon to ensure spot.

TOPICS / AGENDA
Capital Plan 101
How to make it happen
Vermont Capital Planning Awards
Use of Local Option Tax to Support Capital Investment

- Capital Planning for Climate Change Adaptation


## Green Energy and Energy Efficiency Lending

How can Bond Bank support renewable energy and energy efficiency projects?

- New program hopefully emerging by late 2023
- Solar installations, storage, and related expenses likely eligible
- Other uses likely eligible too - details TBD
- Complementary with the Bond Bank's Pooled Loan Program and with other subsidies
- Rates and terms TBD


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## Bond Bank Financing Relationships

## Pooled Loan Program

- Provides access to financing for:
- Towns, cities, counties, incorporated villages
- Special Districts (water, fire, solid waste, etc.)
- School Districts
- Essentially any type of government institution
- For any type of physical infrastructure:
- Roads, bridges, sidewalks, streetscapes
- Water, sewer, stormwater
- Buildings
- Energy efficiency projects
- Equipment
- Refinance FEMA debt
- Refinance USDA debt


## State Revolving Funds

- Conducts financial underwriting on all loans
- Manages billing, payments and disbursements, in conjunction with M\&T Bank
- Owner of loan agreements


## Program Highlights

## Advantages

- Bond Bank maintains AA+ rating with low interest rates passed along to borrowers
- Bond Bank provides technical expertise in organizing, structuring and pricing bonds
- Economies of scale in accessing the capital markets
- No upfront and/or on-going fees
- Streamlined process from application to receipt of funds
- Active market monitoring for refinancing opportunities with savings passed on to borrowers
- Term of financing and amortization will always match (i.e. no "put" or balloon maturity)
- No on-going risk of "catch-up" payments should tax rates change (investors not borrowers own tax risk)


## Considerations

- Must comply with rules for tax-exempt financed (like all tax-exempt loans)
- Availability of funding subject to Bond Bank schedule (typically winter and summer pools)
- Refinancing of redemption subject to Bond Bank approval
- Semi-annual payment of interest on May 1st and November 1st
- Annual payment of principal on November 1st
- Funds must be requisitioned from the Disbursement Agent (typically arrive in < 24 hours)


## Loan Terms

|  | Description | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loan Amount | Up to 100\% financing of project costs | No loan limits but the overall debt capacity of the borrower will be evaluated during underwriting. |
| Interest Rate | Market rate based on the Bond Bank's "AA+" rating | The Bond Bank issues bonds to fund loans, which will establish the loan rate. Rates are "locked-in" on the date the bonds are priced. |
| Loan Term / Amortization | - Must match useful life of asset(s) financed up to 30 years <br> - Applicants may request up to 5 years interest only | Requested term will be reviewed by local bond counsel to ensure statutory compliance. Municipal and school district loans may have level or declining principal payments. Utilities and other qualifying local bonds may have level debt service payments. |
| Payment Dates | Payments are due semi-annually on May 1st (interest only) and November 1st (interest and principal) | Our bond trustee, US Bank, invoices 45 days prior to payment dates. Borrowers retain the responsibility to make payments with or without invoices. |
| Underwriting / Credit Review | We will review timing of supporting revenue vs debt service, financial statements, and local economic condition |  |
| Fees | No fees are charged associated with applying receiving loans through the Bond Bank |  |

## Life Cycle of Bond Bank Bond

## Town of Middlebury - 2008 Series 1 Loan (Refunded by 2015-5 Bonds)

Refunding savings passed along as "rebate" to avoid costs associated with new loan agreement

## NIC of remaining maturities Prior to Refunding $=4.71 \%$

| DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Principal | Interest | Rebate | Debt Service |
|  | 3,055,000 | 1,711,800 |  | 4,766,800 |
| 5/1/2016 | 0 | 69,218 | - | 69,218 |
| 11/1/2016 | 135,000 | 69,218 |  | 204,218 |
| 5/1/2017 | 0 | 66,680 |  | 66,680 |
| 11/1/2017 | 135,000 | 66,680 |  | 201,680 |
| 5/1/2018 | 0 | 64,048 |  | 64,048 |
| 11/1/2018 | 135,000 | 64,048 |  | 199,048 |
| 5/1/2019 | 0 | 61,341 |  | 61,341 |
| 11/1/2019 | 135,000 | 61,341 |  | 196,341 |
| 5/1/2020 | 0 | 58,567 |  | 58,567 |
| 11/1/2020 | 135,000 | 58,567 |  | 193,567 |
| 5/1/2021 | 0 | 55,725 |  | 55,725 |
| 11/1/2021 | 135,000 | 55,725 |  | 190,725 |
| 5/1/2022 | 0 | 52,823 |  | 52,823 |
| 11/1/2022 | 135,000 | 52,823 |  | 187,823 |
| 5/1/2023 | 0 | 49,880 |  | 49,880 |
| 11/1/2023 | 135,000 | 49,880 |  | 184,880 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 11/1/2037 | 130,000 | 6,331 |  | 136,331 |
| 5/1/2038 | 0 | 3,166 |  | 3,166 |
| 11/1/2038 | 130,000 | 3,166 |  | 133,166 |

NIC of remaining maturities with rebate = 3.68\%

| DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Principal | Interest | Rebate | Debt Service |
|  | 3,055,000 | 1,711,800 | $(374,749)$ | 4,392,051 |
| 5/1/2016 | 0 | 69,218 | $0^{*}$ | 69,218 |
| 11/1/2016 | 135,000 | 69,218 | $(3,809)$ | 200,409 |
| 5/1/2017 | 0 | 66,680 | 0 | 66,680 |
| 11/1/2017 | 135,000 | 66,680 | $(3,721)$ | 197,959 |
| 5/1/2018 | 0 | 64,048 | 0 | 64,048 |
| 11/1/2018 | 135,000 | 64,048 | $(3,870)$ | 195,177 |
| 5/1/2019 | 0 | 61,341 | 0 | 61,341 |
| 11/1/2019 | 135,000 | 61,341 | $(18,860)$ | 177,481 |
| 5/1/2020 | 0 | 58,567 | 0 | 58,567 |
| 11/1/2020 | 135,000 | 58,567 | $(21,442)$ | 172,125 |
| 5/1/2021 | 0 | 55,725 | 0 | 55,725 |
| 11/1/2021 | 135,000 | 55,725 | $(22,528)$ | 168,197 |
| 5/1/2022 | 0 | 52,823 | 0 | 52,823 |
| 11/1/2022 | 135,000 | 52,823 | $(23,119)$ | 164,704 |
| 5/1/2023 | 0 | 49,880 | 0 | 49,880 |
| 11/1/2023 | 135,000 | 49,880 | $(24,830)$ | 160,049 |
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| 11/1/2037 | 130,000 | 6,331 | $(6,331)$ | 130,000 |
| 5/1/2038 | 0 | 3,166 | 0 | 3,166 |
| 11/1/2038 | 130,000 | 3,166 | $(3,166)$ | 130,000 |

## Application Highlights

## In preparation, collect/complete/review:

- External audited financials- minimum one year, three preferred
- Bond counsel opinion letter (list of approved bond counsels @ https://www.vtbondbank.org/approved-legal-counsels)
- List of debt, including capital leases, on provided spreadsheet
- Capital Plan
- Impact data- details about the project
- Complete State of Vermont Auditor's checklist- https://auditor.vermont.gov/local
- 5 largest tax/ratepayers; 5 largest employers (GA app only); delinquent taxes/ratepayers
- Declaration of Official Intent- contact Bond Counsel for template
- Special District/Enterprise specific:
- Rate structure, post-project revenue/expense projections
- School District specific:
- Education spending for past two and current years
- Homestead tax rate for all towns in SD
- Annual Post Issuance Compliance form must be received if current Bond Bank loan participant
- https://vtbondbank.org/borrower-reporting


## Application Highlights

## While completing:

- Choose the correct application; may need to complete multiple. Must complete one application and submit before starting another
- Use Chrome or Firefox or Edge, not Windows Explorer
- Contact should be the person completing the application and who will be contact throughout the loan process; to add an alternative contact, use the 'Is there anything else you would like...' at the end of the application
- Use of funds- Project 1, 2, 3
- Brief project description
- Choose desired loan term and interest-only payments
- Impact data- not all categories will apply to your project
- Debt spreadsheet- download/upload
- Connections- Special District/Enterprise Fund specific
- Will automatically save as progress through application; no need to 'save draft' at each page
- Page number across the top does not correlate to pages completed/remaining
- NEW!!!! Review application in its entirety prior to submitting; once submitted it cannot be edited
- NEW!!!! Submission confirmation
- NEW!!!! Save a PDF of application after submission


## Getting Started with Application



## Completing Application

Application can be accessed at
"Apply Now"

You will see "My Submissions" Tab Once Logged in


## Navigating the Application



Critical to select correct application type as it will change requested information

Can move forward and backward at bottom of page


## Submitting the Application



New! Now you must review the application prior to submitting

New! Submittal confirmation
and downloadable PDF of application
you for submitting your form, the Bond Bank will reach out to you with any questio
Download PDF of submission

## Illustrative Timeline

## Bond Bank Anticipates Winter and Summer Pools from 2018 Forward

November / April


December / May

Application due to
Bond Bank
Bond Bank begins
internal credit review

Underwriting may occur simultaneously

January / June

Board approves reccomended applications

Term sheet and commitment letter signed

Bonds that will find new loans prices and interest raters locked-in

## Post Closing

Funds available for requisition following closing

Post issuance compliance updates submitted (on use of proceeds)

Financial updates submitted as requested

Bonds and local loans closed 1-2 weeks after pricing

Loan agreements signed and released by bond counsel at closing

Closing on or about February 28 and July 31

## Post-Closing: Accessing Funds

## Download Forms

Disbursement Agent - Appointment of Authorized Representative

Disbursement Agent - Investment Authorization

Sample Post Issuance Compliance Procedures

US Bank Loan Requisition Form

Borrowers will also be sent directions and forms shortly after loan closing

## Post Closing: Reporting



- Annual Post Issuance Checklist - DUE MARCH $1^{\text {ST }}$ - Online form to be completed annually for all outstanding loans
- Financial Reporting - DUE MARCH $1^{\text {ST }}$ - Annual submission of financial statements
- Certificate of Project Completion - Completed when Bond Bank funded project has 'substantially completed so as to permit efficient use in operations of the borrower'


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