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What are Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs)?



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# 4% vs 9% Deals Comparison

9% Deals

5%: Soft Funds/DDF

#### 9% LIHTC Deals:

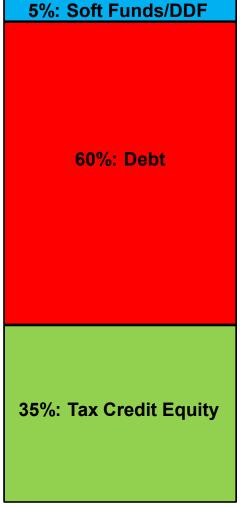
- Competitive
- Tax-Exempt Bonds are not permitted

30%: Debt **65%: Tax Credit Equity** 

#### 4% Deals

#### 4% LIHTC Deals:

- Noncompetitive
- Tax-Exempt Bonds are required

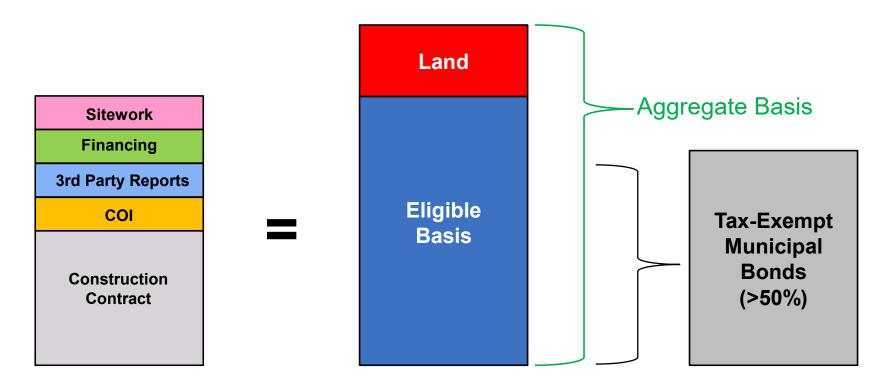


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### 50% Test

To qualify for 4% Tax Credits, the Project must utilize Private Activity Bonds greater than 50% of Aggregate Basis (which equals Eligible Basis plus Land)

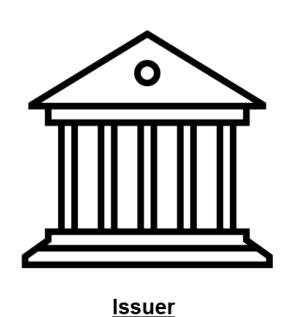


Ex: If a Project has \$20mm in Aggregate Basis, the Borrower should request greater than \$10mm in Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds

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# What are Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds?









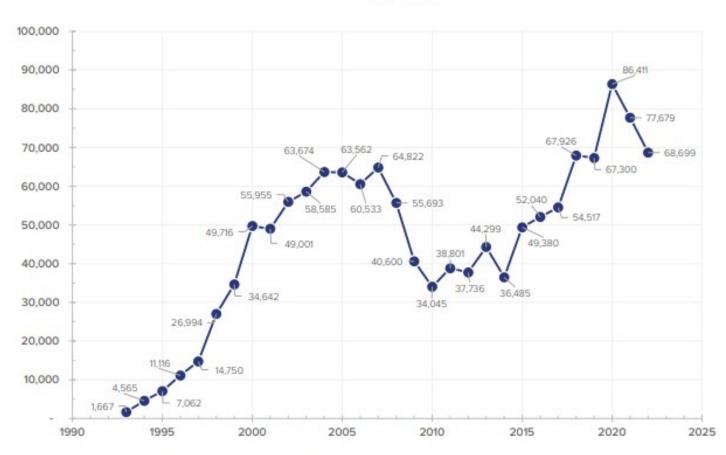
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## **GROWING INTEREST IN 4%**

#### Homes Financed With PABs

1993 - 2022



### 2-Step Process in Arizona

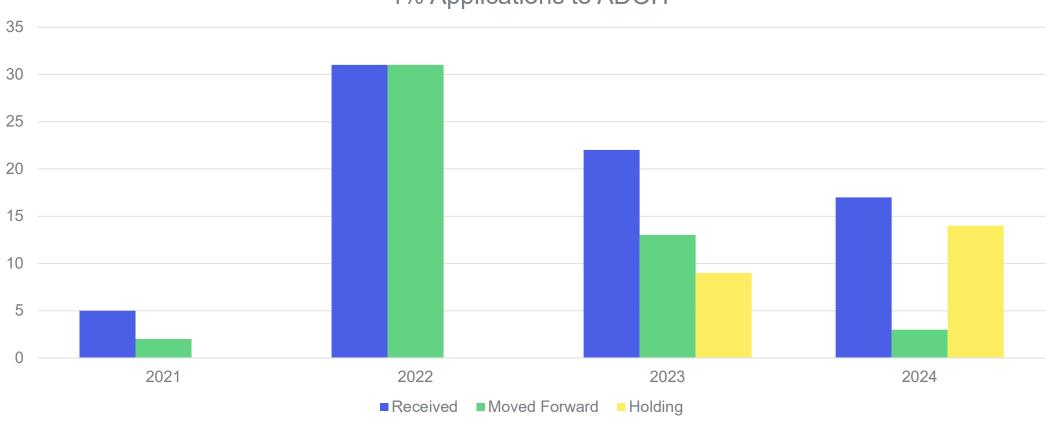
2024 Arizona PAB Volume Cap = **\$928M** 

2021 ADOH 4% = 2 projects 2022 ADOH 4% = 31 projects 2023 ADOH 4% = 22 projects 2024 ADOH 4% = 17 projects



## ADOH OUTLOOK ON 4% APPS







- 2. IDA provides a preliminary inducement
- 3. IDA provides Delegation of Determination
- 4. OPTIONAL: Preliminary ADOH 4% Application
- 5. Publish TEFRA Notice/TEFRA Hearing
  - 6. Indenture created to define responsibilities of issuer/trustee & rights of bondholder (*If Trustee used*)
  - 7. Volume Cap letter received
  - 8. Project submits complete 4% LIHTC application to ADOH
  - 9. ADOH and Project address any deficiencies in 4% application
- 10. ADOH issues 42(m) letter
- 11.Final application submitted to the IDA

- 12.Bond Purchase Agreement prepared/drafted by Bond Counsel (Between Issuer & Lender/Investor)
- 13.Loan Agreement prepared/drafted by Bond Counsel (Between Issuer & Borrower/Project) – typically Issuer assigns their rights to the Loan Agreement to the Bondholder if there is no Trustee involved
- 14. Underwriter places the bonds (Private or Public)
- 15. IDA approves bond resolution and Issues Bonds
- 16. Equity closing with all involved lenders
- 17. Bond proceeds delivered to trustee (if Trustee is used) per the Indenture & Loan Agreement
- 18. Disbursement of bond proceeds to the project as outlined in the Loan Agreement
- 19. Construction begins



# Important Market Indicators



### Long-Term Rates – Past 5 Years



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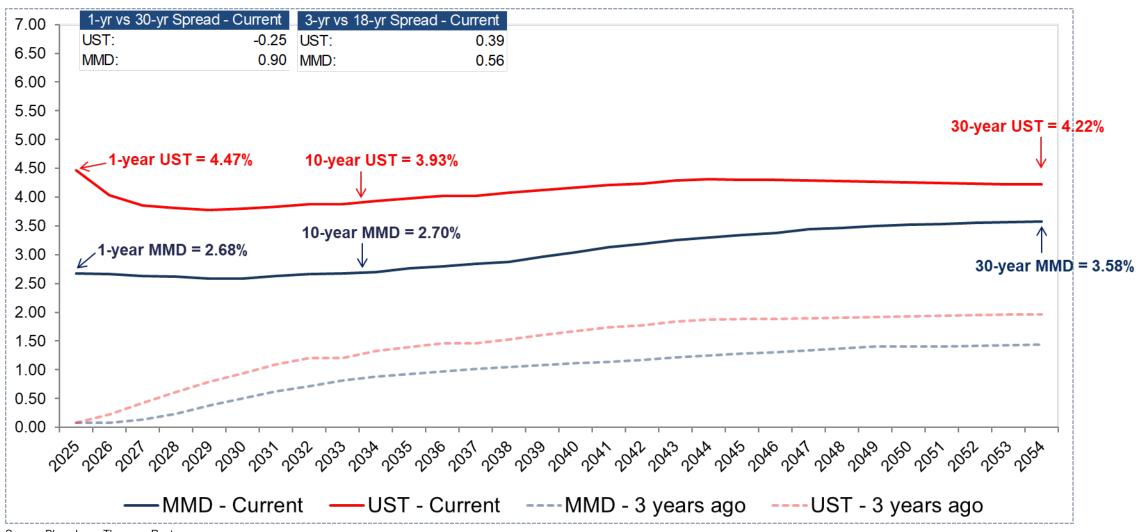
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### Yield Curve: Taxable UST vs. Tax-Exempt MMD (as of 8/9/2024)



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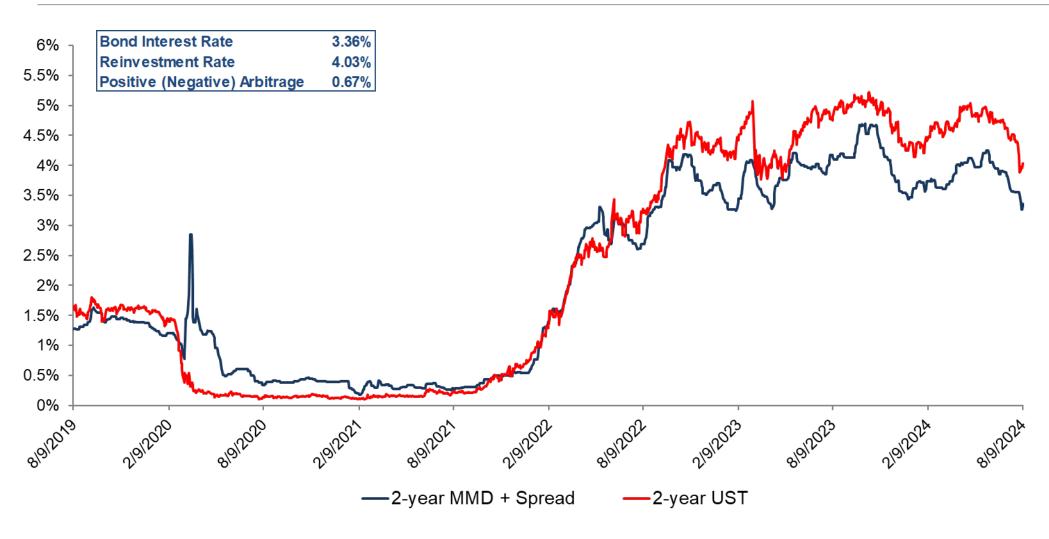
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### 2-Year Short-Term Yield Curves Year-To-Date



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Taxable Debt Executions with Short Term Cash-Backed Bonds



### Short Term Cash-Backed Bonds with Taxable Perm Loan

Taxable construction and/or perm loans still available in the current market at competitive rates including:

- FHA/GNMA (221(d)(4) / 223(f))
- Rural Development (538 / 515)
- Fannie loans (mod/light in-place rehab)
- Other (taxable) State and/or Local loan programs
- Soft funds (including CDBG, FEMA, etc.)



### Short Term Cash-Backed Bonds with FHA Credit Enhancement

### Favorable Underwriting Terms for FHA loans (223(f)/221(d)(4)) include:

- 35/40-year full term / amortization
- No resizing at conversion
- Non-recourse & integrated construction and perm
- Taxable mortgage loan is funded as needed for sub rehab / new construction deals
- FHA debt qualifies for 10-year hold exemption (for acquisition credits)
- Competitive rates still available
- Davis Bacon wages triggered for sub rehab / new construction deals

### Bond Executions with FHA Credit Enhancement

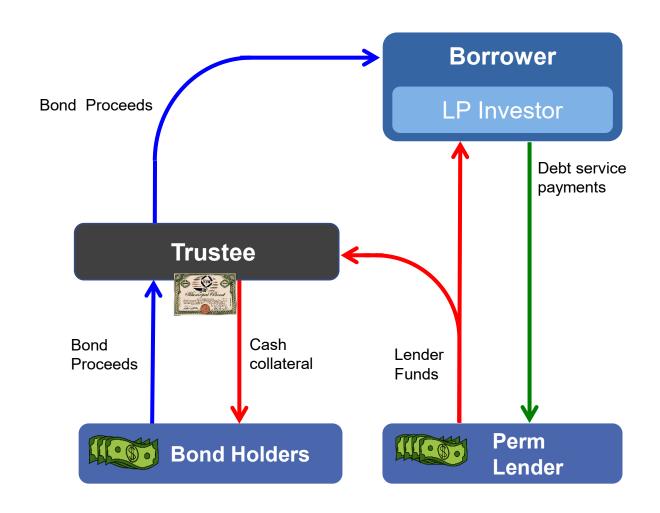
### 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits: The 50% Test

- Project still need tax exempt bonds to qualify for 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- At least 50% of aggregate basis (including building and land) must be financed with tax exempt bond proceeds
- Provides a significant (~30% or higher) additional source of funds for affordable housing transactions
- Can be used independently or with other "longer term" bond structures to meet 50% test



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## Short Term Cash-Backed Bonds





### Short Term Cash-Backed Bonds

**Bond Amount to meet 50% test < Taxable Loan Amount** 

No additional collateral needed!

**Bond Amount to meet 50% test > Taxable Loan Amount** 

Need other collateral sources of funds including:

- Subordinate Loan Proceeds
- Seller Note
- Tax Credit Equity Bridge



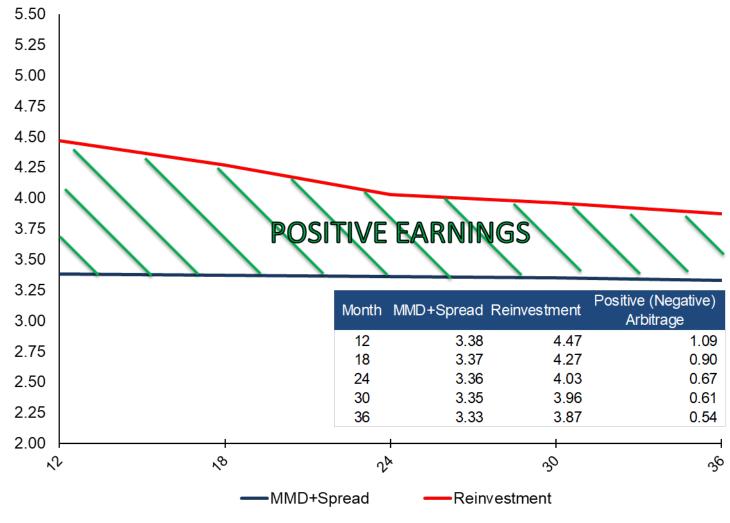
# Other Cost Saving Features/Options

### Methods to reduce transaction costs and generate more proceeds:

- Pooled financings multiple projects w/ one aggregate bond issuance
- No long-term bond related fees
- Several investment strategies by Tiber Hudson have helped to mitigate negative arbitrage
- 266 Election can generate additional tax credit equity by including bond and construction loan interest through construction completion in eligible basis\*

\*Subject to approval from Developer's accounting firm. Requires factoring in investment earnings as income, which can impact equity pricing.

### Short-Term Rates vs. Reinvestment Rates – 12 to 36 Months



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# Case Study: Las Terrazas

Project Overview	
Issuer	Arizona Industrial Development Authority
Project Type	New Construction
Financing	Short-Term Cash- Collateralized Bonds
Loan	USDA 538 and USDA 515
Mortgage Lender	Bonneville Mortgage Company
Location	Nogales, AZ
Offering Price	101.221%
Est. Positive Arbitrage	\$1,307.81
Units	104



## **Private Placements**



# Forward Tax-Exempt Loan (TEL)

- Lender provides forward commitment
- The Initial Funding Lender provides a Funding Loan to the Governmental Lender in installments throughout the construction phase
- Upon Conversion, the Permanent Lender will purchase the Funding Loan from the Initial Funding Lender, and then subsequently sell to Credit Enhancement Provider shortly thereafter
- 15-18 Year Loan Term
- Eliminates complexities of credit-enhanced, publicly offered bond deals
- Competitive loan terms for projects which meet the structure parameters



### Forward TEL

At Closing **TEL Borrower Proceeds Fiscal Agent** Governmental Note **Perm Lender Initial Funding** 



Lender

**Equity Investor** 

## Cash-Backed Forward Structure

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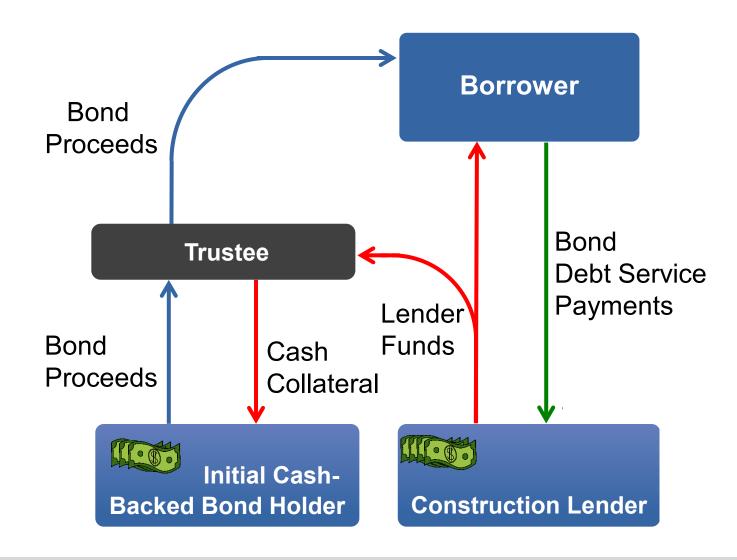


### Cash-Backed Forward

- Works with any Tax-Exempt financing that involves a forward commitment from a Permanent Lender to purchase the debt at conversion
- Takes advantage of inverted yield curve and provides other significant benefits
- Provides positive earnings during Cash-Backed mode, as well as additional equity to the project\*
- Allows Equity Investor to also serve as Construction Lender without certain tax implications
- In Texas, significantly reduces interest costs on construction loan due to draw down structure

Subject to approval from Bond Counsel and Developer's accounting firm

### Cash Backed Forward



## Cash-Backed Forward Benefits



# Cash-Backed Forward Yield Blending

1. Positive Earnings During Cash-Backed Mode (subject to bond counsel approval to blend yields)

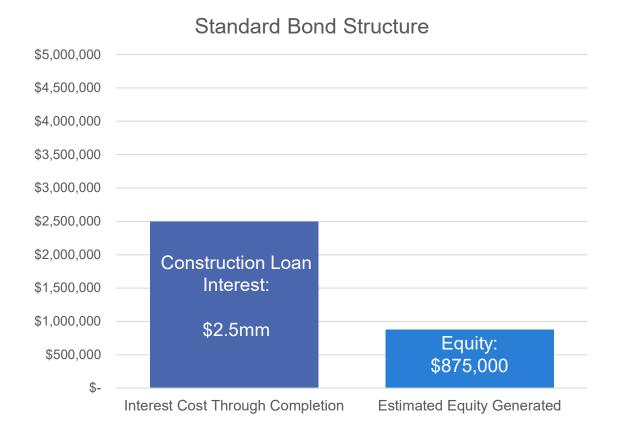
"Yield Blending" refers to the ability to blend the short-term bond yield with the long-term bond/note yield over the first 5 years for arbitrage rebate purposes.

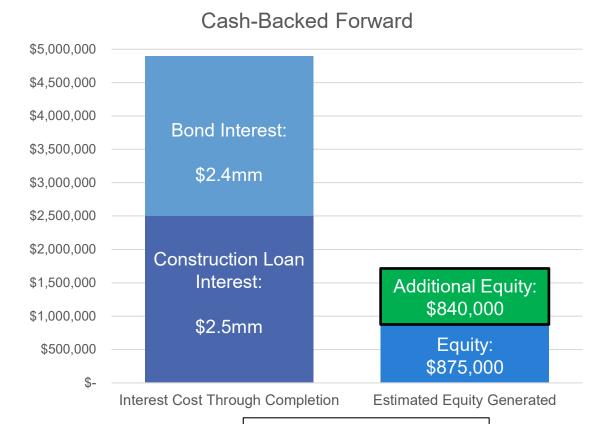
The resulting blended bond yield often results in the ability to retain certain earnings at or below such rate (subject to bond counsel approval).



### Cash-Backed Forward Benefits

#### Additional equity generated when counting bond interest through completion in eligible basis\*





Est. Savings: \$840,000

- Inclusion of bond and construction loan interest subject to approval from Developer's accounting firm.
- Assumes \$30mm par amount and 3-year initial term to Conversion, 24-month construction period, with level draw schedule.
- Equity generated assumed to be 35% of interest cost through completion. Confirm impact of investment income with equity investor Additional equity generated from taxable construction loan interest in situations where equity investor and construction lender are not related parties



### Possible Added Costs Of Cash-Backed Forward\*

Additional Costs of Issuance for Publicly Offered bonds

Expense	Est. Cost
Underwriter's Fee	\$180,000
Underwriter's Counsel	\$60,000
Rating Agency	\$5,500
Verification Agent	\$2,500
Other Costs	\$2,000

Additional Equity Generated from COI				
Total Estimated COI	\$250,000			
Est. Additional Basis**	\$166,666			
Est. Additional Equity***	\$60,000			

Est. Net Expense: \$190,000

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Possible added cost from taxable construction loan interest in situations where equity investor and construction lender are not related parties

A portion of Costs of Issuance allocable to the cash-collateralized bond issue can count towards Eligible Basis, pro rated for the portion of the initial term prior to construction completion

Additional Equity is assumed to be 35% of Additional Basis

# Cash-Backed Forward Comparison

Summary of Overall Structure				
	Standard Draw-Down Bond Structure	Cash-Backed Forward	Savings*	
Est. Positive Earnings	\$0	\$675,000	\$675,000	
Est. Additional Equity	\$875,000	\$1,715,000	\$840,000	
Est. Additional Costs of Issuance	\$0	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	

Est. Savings: \$1,325,000

4.4% of Bond Amount\*\*

Lower savings in situations where equity investor and construction lender are not related parties

<sup>\*\*</sup> Assumes \$30mm bond amount

### Cash-Backed Forward Other Benefits

1. Earnings on bond proceeds count towards 50% test

#### **Standard Bond Structure:**

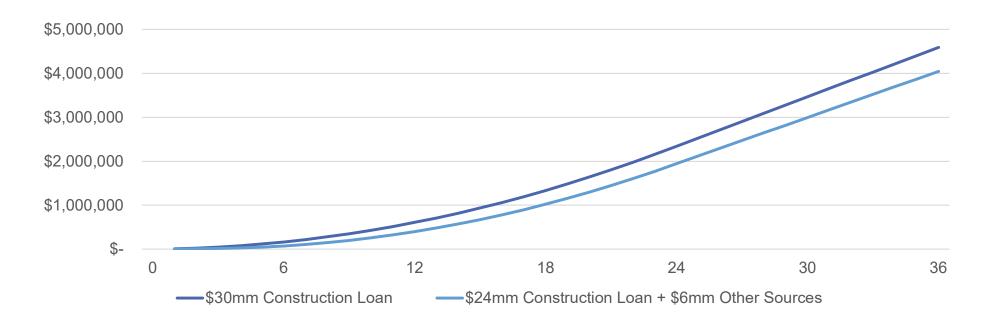
#### **Cash-Backed Structure:**

#### Without Bond Interest in Basis:

### Cash-Backed Forward Other Benefits

If Bond Amount > Perm Loan, allows other funds to be used as collateral (reduced construction loan)

If instead of a \$30mm Construction Loan collateralizing the bonds, \$6mm of collateral came in the form of a cheaper source of funds, then the net interest cost could reduce by roughly \$500k.



### Cash-Backed Forward Other Benefits

3. Allows Equity Investor to also serve as Construction Lender without triggering program investment test\*, which is triggered when total issuer fees exceed 12.5 bps annually.

Standard Bond Structure		
Bondholder:	<b>Equity Investor:</b>	
Construction Lender	Construction Lender	
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Cash-Backed Forward		
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<sup>\*</sup> Program Investment Test requires total issuer fee (including upfront and ongoing fees) to not exceed 0.125% of the bond amount per year for the full term of the bonds.

# Case Study: The Ranches at Gunsmoke

Project Overview	
Issuer	Arizona Industrial Development Authority
Project Type	New Construction
Financing	Cash Backed Forward to TEL
Est. Positive Earnings	\$1,342.11
Additional Basis	\$4,587,657.89
Location	Maricopa, AZ
Maturity Date	March 1, 2058
Units	271



# Case Study: The Ranches at Gunsmoke

Benefits	
Positive Arbitrage	\$1,056,280
Add. Const. Interest Equity Generated	\$2,070,719
Add. Developer Fee Equity Generated	\$496,973
TOTAL	\$2,567,692

\*3.23% bond rate / 3.98% re-investment rate

\*\$4.5m of construction period interest

\*ADOH 24% Developer Fee on \$4.5m of const. interest

Costs	
Equity Investor Income Allocation	\$1,140,336
Add. Bond Costs	\$175,000
Add. Issuer Fees	\$16,922
Add. Const. Loan Interest (TE to Taxable)	\$143,680
TOTAL	\$1,475,938
NET BENEFIT	\$1,091,754

\*\$5.4m income allocation at 21%

\*\$2.8m of additional PAB needed

\*15 bps spread difference

## Fannie Mae Structures

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## Combine MTEB with Additional Fannie Mae **Products for Maximum Value**







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WORKFORCE HOUSING



**COST OF ISSUANCE** REIMBURSEMENT



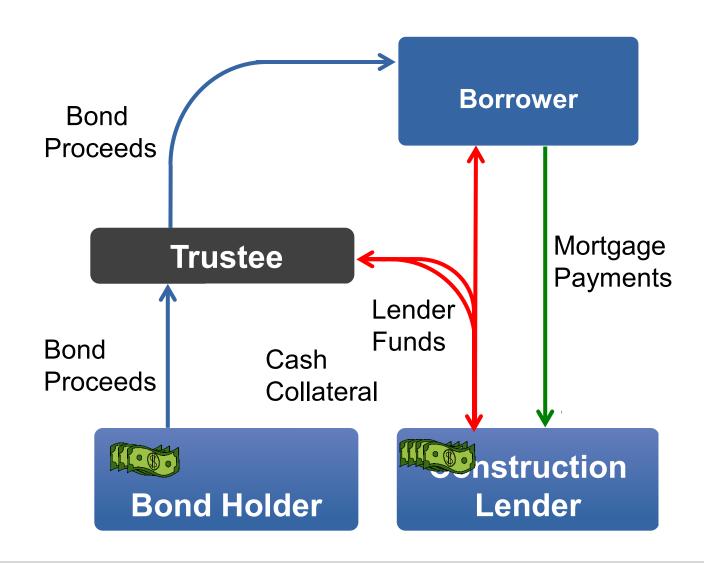
PREMIUM BONDS

### Fannie Mae MTEB/MTEM Overview

- Flexible Interest-Only Period; 35-year amortization (40 years for some deals)
- Total Bonds issued in the amount equal to the greater of:
  - Permanent Loan no other series of Tax-Exempt Bonds needed
  - 55% of Aggregate Basis second cash-backed or other series of Tax-Exempt Bonds needed
- Seller note, equity, or other soft funds can be used to securitize cash-backed bonds
- Taxable Supplemental or Tax-Exempt Earn-Out available
- Fully integrated bond and underwriting documents developed by Tiber Hudson can be utilized
- Fannie Mae / Lender provides forward commitment
  - Hybrid structure (Immediate/Forward) available for some mod/sub rehab deals
  - For new construction or sub-rehab deals Construction Lender needed prior to conversion
  - Bonds initially secured by cash collateral and construction loan funds, then replaced at conversion with MBS
  - Negative Arbitrage on Perm amount prior to conversion
    - Yields can often be blended to reduce or eliminate total negative arbitrage for the deal)
  - Fannie to credit 75 bps for Bond related costs
    - Paid upon conversion
- Competitive Rates Available: Often results in additional net loan proceeds despite some upfront costs



### Fannie Mae Forward MTEB



## Forward MTEB Benefits



## Forward M-TEB Yield Blending

Under the Forward M-TEB structure\* "Yield Blending" refers to the ability to blend the short-term bond yield with the long-term bond/note yield over the initial computation period for arbitrage rebate purposes.

The resulting blended bond yield often results in the ability to offset a portion of the long-term bond interest cost with excess earnings on the short-term bonds.

<sup>\*</sup> Also applicable for Risk-Share transactions with two series



# Forward M-TEB Yield Blending

	Series A: M-TEB	Series B: Short-Term
Bond Amount	\$20,000,000	\$10,000,000
Est. Bond Yield	4.85%	4.00%
Est. Investment Yield	4.75%	4.75%
Est. Interest Earnings	(\$60,000)	\$225,000

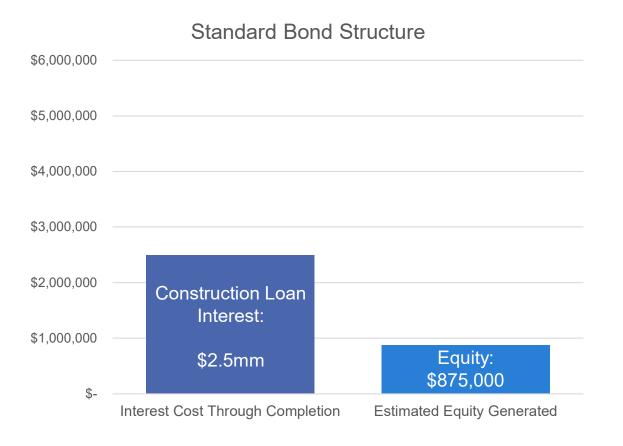
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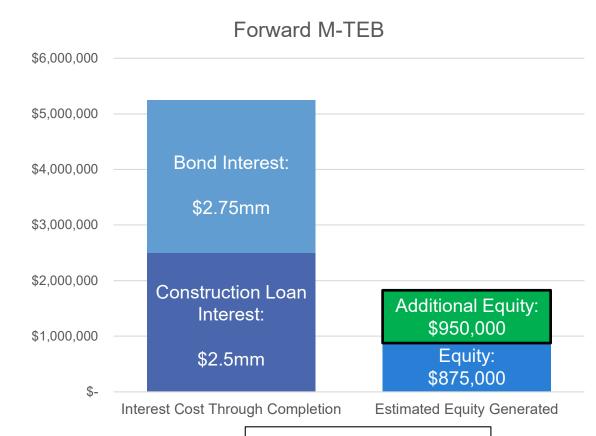
#### With Yield Blending:

M-TEB Negative Arbitrage:	(\$60,000)	M-TEB Negative Arbitrage:	(\$60,000)
Short-Term Earnings:	\$225,000	Short-Term Earnings:	\$225,000
Rebate Due to IRS:	<u>(\$225,000)</u>	Rebate Due to IRS:	<u>\$0</u>
Net Earnings:	(\$60,000)	Net Earnings:	\$165,000

#### Forward M-TEB Benefits

2. Additional equity generated when counting bond interest through completion in eligible basis\*





**Est. Savings: \$950,000** 

- Inclusion of bond and construction loan interest subject to approval from Developer's accounting firm.
- \* Assumes \$20mm MTEB par, \$10mm STCB par, and 36-month initial term.
- \*\*\* Equity generated assumed to be 35% of interest cost through completion. Confirm impact of investment income with equity investor

  \*\*\*\* Additional equity generated from taxable construction loan interest in situations where equity investor and construction lender are not related parties



## Forward M-TEB Benefits

Potential for greater permanent loan proceeds in debt service constrained transactions\* 3.

	Standard Bond Structure	Forward M-TEB
Est. Mortgage Rate	6.25%	5.85%
Est. Annual Payment	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
Est. Loan Proceeds	\$19,000,000	\$20,000,000

Assumes 1.15x DSCR, 40-year amortization, \$1.4mm NOI

### Possible Added Costs Of Forward M-TEB\*

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Expense	Est. Cost
Underwriter's Fee	\$180,000
Underwriter's Counsel	\$60,000
Rating Agency	\$20,000
Verification Agent	\$2,500
Other Costs	\$2,500

Additional Equity Generated from COI		
Total Estimated COI	\$265,000	
Est. Additional Basis**	\$175,000	
Est. Additional Equity***	\$65,000	

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Est. Net Expense: \$200,000

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Est. Additional Equity	\$875,000	\$1,825,000	\$950,000
Est. Additional Costs of Issuance	\$0	(\$200,000)	(\$200,000)

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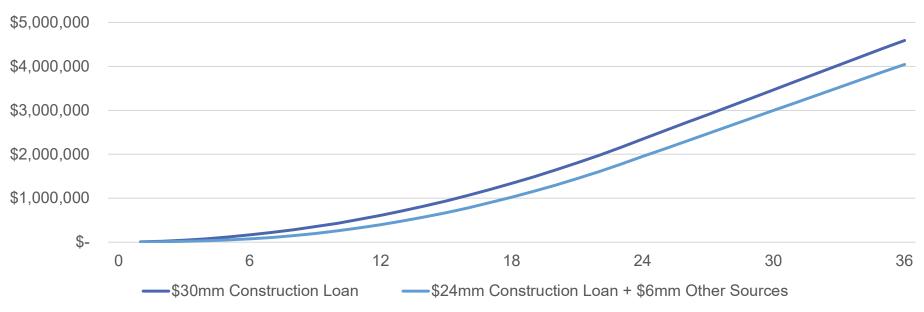
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