

# California Public Finance Authority Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Procedures For Tax-Exempt Bonds (Qualified Residential Rental Projects)

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The purpose of these Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Procedures is to establish policies and procedures in connection with tax-exempt bonds and other obligations (the "Bonds") issued by the California Public Finance Authority (the "Authority") so as to maximize the likelihood that all applicable post-issuance requirements of federal income tax law needed to preserve the tax-exempt status of the Bonds are met. The Authority reserves the right to use its discretion as necessary and appropriate to make exceptions or request additional provisions as circumstances warrant. The Authority also reserves the right to change these policies and procedures from time to time.

## General

Inasmuch as the Authority is a responsible conduit issuer authorizing the issuance of Bonds for borrowers that own and/or operate qualified residential rental projects (each, a "Borrower"), the Authority now identifies post-issuance tax compliance procedures for all Bonds authorized by the Authority, as well as the Authority's expectations of all Borrowers concerning these procedures.

## **Post-Issuance Compliance Requirements**

## External Advisors / Documentation

For each issue of Bonds, the Authority and the Borrower shall consult with bond counsel and other legal counsel and advisors, as needed, throughout the Bond issuance process to identify requirements and to establish procedures necessary or appropriate so that the Bonds will continue to qualify for tax-exempt status. Those requirements and procedures shall be documented in the tax certificate and agreement ("Tax Certificate") and/or other documents finalized at or before issuance of the Bonds. Those requirements and procedures shall include future compliance with applicable arbitrage rebate requirements and certain other applicable post-issuance requirements of federal tax law throughout (and in some cases beyond) the term of the Bonds.

The Borrower also shall consult with bond counsel and other legal counsel and advisors, as needed, following issuance of the Bonds to ensure that all applicable post-issuance requirements in fact are met. This shall include, without limitation, consultation in connection with any potential changes in use of Bond-financed or refinanced assets.

The Authority shall encourage or require the Borrower to engage expert advisors (each a "Rebate Service Provider") to assist in the calculation of arbitrage rebate payable in respect of the investment of Bond proceeds, unless the Tax Certificate documents that arbitrage rebate will not be applicable to an issue of Bonds.

Unless otherwise provided by the indenture relating to the Bonds, unexpended Bond proceeds shall be held by a trustee or other financial institution, and the investment of Bond proceeds shall be managed by the Borrower. The Borrower shall prepare (or cause the trustee to prepare) regular, periodic statements regarding the investments and transactions involving Bond proceeds and such statements shall be delivered to the Authority if it so requests.

# Arbitrage Rebate and Yield

Unless the Tax Certificate documents that arbitrage rebate will not be applicable to an issue of Bonds, it is the Authority's policy that the Borrower shall be responsible for:

- either (a) engaging the services of a Rebate Service Provider and, prior to each rebate calculation date, causing the trustee or other financial institution to deliver periodic statements concerning the investment of Bond proceeds to the Rebate Service Provider, or (b) undertaking rebate calculations itself and retaining or obtaining periodic statements concerning the investment of Bond proceeds;
- providing to the Rebate Service Provider additional documents and information reasonably requested by the Rebate Service Provider;
- monitoring efforts of the Rebate Service Provider;
- assuring payment of required rebate amounts, if any, no later than 60 days after each 5-year anniversary of the issue date of the Bonds, and no later than 60 days after the last Bond of each issue is redeemed:
- during the construction period of each capital project financed in whole or in part
  by Bonds, monitoring the investment and expenditure of Bond proceeds and
  consulting with the Rebate Service Provider to determine compliance with any
  applicable exceptions from the arbitrage rebate requirements during each 6-month
  spending period up to 6 months or 18 months, as applicable, following the issue
  date of the Bonds; and
- retaining copies of all arbitrage reports, investment records and trustee statements as described below under "Record Keeping Requirements" and, upon request, providing such copies to the Authority.
- The Borrower, in the Tax Certificate relating to the Bonds and/or other documents finalized at or before the issuance of the Bonds, shall agree to undertake the tasks listed above (unless the Tax Certificate documents that arbitrage rebate will not be applicable to an issue of Bonds).

# Use of Bond Proceeds and Bond-Financed or Refinanced Assets:

It is the Authority's policy that the Borrower shall be responsible for:

- monitoring the use of Bond proceeds (including investment earnings and including reimbursement of expenditures made before bond issuance) and the use of the Project throughout the term of the Bonds to ensure compliance with covenants and restrictions set forth in the Tax Certificate relating to the Bonds;
- maintaining records identifying the assets or portion of assets that are financed or refinanced with proceeds of each issue of Bonds (including investment earnings and including reimbursement of expenditures made before bond issuance), including a final allocation of Bond proceeds as described below under "Record Keeping Requirements";
- consulting with bond counsel and other legal counsel and advisers in the review of any change in use or transfer of Bond-financed or refinanced assets to ensure compliance with all covenants and restrictions set forth in the Tax Certificate or the Regulatory relating to the Bonds;
- at least annually reviewing the income certifications of Project tenants to confirm that the low-income set-aside requirements are satisfied; and
- to the extent that the Borrower discovers that any applicable tax restrictions
  regarding use of Bond proceeds and Bond-financed or refinanced assets will or
  may be violated, consulting promptly with bond counsel and other legal counsel
  and advisers to determine a course of action to preserve the tax-exempt status of
  the bonds.

The Borrower, in the Tax Certificate or the Regulatory Agreement relating to the Bonds and/or other documents finalized at or before the issuance of the Bonds, shall agree to undertake the tasks listed above.

All relevant records and contracts shall be maintained as described below.

# **Record Keeping Requirement**

It is the Authority's policy that the Borrower shall be responsible for maintaining the following documents for the term of each issue of Bonds (including refunding Bonds, if any) plus at least three years:

- a copy of the Bond closing transcript(s) and other relevant documentation delivered to the Borrower at or in connection with closing of the issue of Bonds;
- Documentation evidencing that the low-income set- aside requirements set forth the Regulatory Agreement have been continuously satisfied;

- a copy of all material documents relating to capital expenditures financed or refinanced by Bond proceeds, including (without limitation) construction contracts, purchase orders, invoices, trustee requisitions and payment records, as well as documents relating to costs reimbursed with Bond proceeds and records identifying the assets or portion of assets that are financed or refinanced with Bond proceeds, including a final allocation of Bond proceeds; and
- a copy of all records of investments, investment agreements, arbitrage reports and underlying documents, including trustee statements, in connection with any investment agreements, and copies of all bidding documents, if any.

The Borrower, in the Tax Certificate relating to the Bonds and/or other documents finalized at or before the issuance of the Bonds, shall agree to retain the records listed above.