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# FINANCIAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

School Revolving Renovation Program Borrowers

Long Term Bonds for financing:

School Renovation Projects

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#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions have been designed to help you complete the School Revolving Renovation Program Financial Application. Please carefully read the instructions before completing the Financial Application. Keep a copy and mail the original Application, along with the required documentation, to: SRRF Program Officer at the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, 127 Community Drive, P.O. Box 2268, Augusta, Maine 04338-2268.

Department of Education (DOE): DOE is the School Revolving Renovation Program project administrator; the Bond Bank is the financial administrator. A school administrative unit must first apply to the DOE to determine project eligibility and priority ranking. Once DOE issues the eligibility certificate, the borrower can submit their School Revolving Renovation Program Financial Application to the Bond Bank. The Bond Bank will review the financial application to determine if the borrower has the ability to repay the loan.

Notification to the Bond Bank: The Department of Education develops a list of priority projects, approved for funding and notifies the Bond Bank of the approval. Each approved school administrative unit, and the Bond Bank, shall receive an eligibility certificate, which includes the following information:

- 1) name of school administrative unit that is eligible;
- 2) amount of the loan;
- 3) amount and percentage to be forgiven; and
- 4) length of the loan.

For school district applicants, both district and municipal financial information are required. Each municipality being served by the school district must provide financial information requested on Pages 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Financial Application to the district. The District will forward each municipality's financial information to the Bond Bank along with the completed Application.

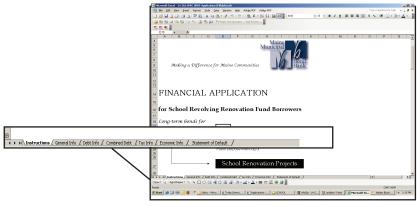
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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Downloadable Forms - To obtain the most current version of the Financial Application and Instructions, please visit our web site - www.mmbb.com. The Application and Instructions can be downloaded to your PC and viewed using the Adobe Acrobat Reader application.

Fillable Forms - The fillable application is set up in Microsoft Excel as a workbook with several tabs. Each section of the application has been titled and set up on seven separate worksheets.

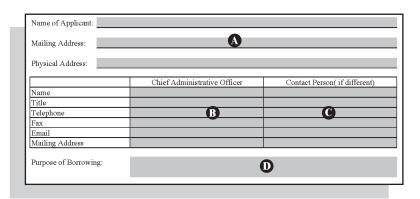
At the bottom of the workbook screen there are seven tabs each with the section title on it. Several of these worksheets contain more than one page, please make sure that you have completed the entire worksheet before moving onto the next section.



All yellow areas of this application must be completed in order to correctly process the application.

If you need assistance completing the application, please call the School Revolving Renovation Program Officer at 1-800-821-1113 or 207-622-9386.

# GENERAL INFORMATION - TAB 2

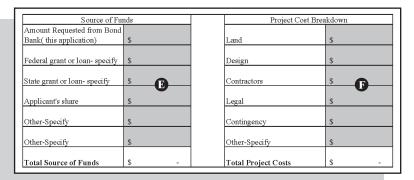


Please provide the municipality's name and address (A) along with the Chief Administrative Officer's name and contact information (B). Please provide the name, title and contact information of the person most knowledgeable about the proposed project detailed in this application (C). This person may be contacted by the Bond Bank if there are any questions regarding this application.

Below the applicant contact information, please describe the overall project that will be paid for with the School Revolving Renovation Program loan proceeds (D). Please include improvements that will be paid for with the School Revolving Renovation Program loan proceeds along with improvements that will be paid for with other funds. Please be as specific as possible when describing the proposed improvements. An attached project budget is recommended.

# FUNDING & PROJECT COST - TAB 2

Please indicate the total amount of the project to be paid for with the School Revolving Renovation Program loan proceeds requested in this application. Then indicate what sources the remaining cost of the project will come from, which includes: Federal Grants or Loans, State Grants or Loans, Other Sources or the Applicant's contribution. The total source of funds (E) should equal the total project costs. (F)

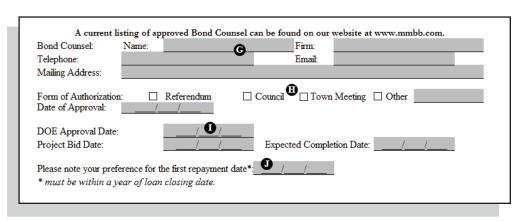


Please breakdown all costs associated with projects, as applicable, to the following categories: Land, Design, Contractors, Legal, Contingency and Other costs. Please contact architects, engineers, contractors and bond counsel for estimates of these costs (F).

## BOND COUNSEL & AUTHORIZATION- TAB 2

Provide the attorney's name, firm's name, address, telephone and fax number of the local bond counsel that you have hired to provide a legal opinion (*G*). An applicant will need to hire local bond counsel with expert knowledge of bond procedures and related state and federal regulations. An applicant will work closely with their bond counsel when determining the necessary approval to incur debt under the School Revolving Renovation Program. For a list of approved Bond Counsel, please visit the Bond Bank's website at www.mmbb.com.

The Form of Authorization (H) depends the structure of the entity governmental requesting a School Revolving Renovation Program loan. The applicant may begin the approval process before submitting the



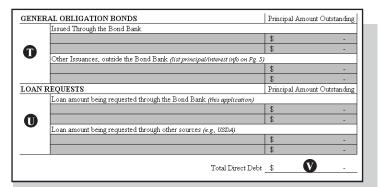
application to the Bond Bank. However, local authorization must be in place before the loan closes.

Department of Education Approval Date, Project Bid Date, and Expected Completion(I)- Indicate the date on the DOE's eligibility certificate. State the date the project was awarded to the winning bidder. If the award has not been made, please indicate the expected award date. Indicate the anticipated date this project will be complete. If the project is being done in phases, identify the anticipated completion date of the final phase.

First Repayment Date(J)- Please state the month and year you want the first payment to be due. The first payment must be made within I year of the loan closing date.

## **DEBT INFORMATION - TAB 3**

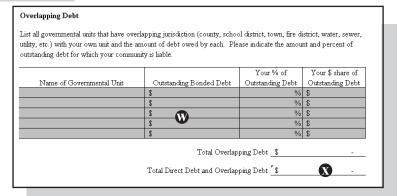
General Obligation Bonds (T)- Please indicate the total outstanding principal amount of bonds issued through the Bond Bank and issued through other lenders as of the most current fiscal year. Please provide the amortization schedule, illustrating the remaining payments for each outstanding bond that was not issued with the Bond Bank.



Loan Requests (U)- Please state the School Revolving Renovation Program loan amount requested through this application along with all other loan amounts requested from other sources.

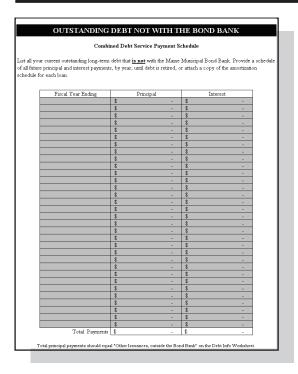
Total Direct Debt (V)- Please add the total Principal Amounts Oustanding and Loan Requests to equal the Municipality's amount of Direct Debt

Overlapping Debt (W)- Refer to the most recent Audited Financial Statements to identify the governmental units that have overlapping jurisdiction. Fill in the municipal/governmental unit name(i.e. school, county, etc), outstanding bonded debt, and the % and dollar amount of the debt the applicant is responsible for paying. Add together the amounts in the last column and place the total in the space titled - Total Overlapping Debt.



Add all Direct and Overlapping debt together and total (X).

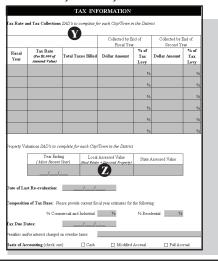
# COMBINED DEBT SERVICE - TAB 4



Current Outstanding Debt Not With the Bond Bank – List the future principal payments and interest payments, by year, until maturity, of the outstanding debt not with the Bond Bank. In lieu of aggregating this information you can attach a copy of the amortization schedule for each loan.

## TAX INFORMATION - TAB 5

Tax Rate and Collections (Y) - Beginning with the most recent fiscal year and 4 previous fiscal years, provide information regarding the municipality's tax rate, taxes billed, dollar and percentage of taxes collected by fiscal year end, as well as dollar and percentage of taxes collected in the second year.

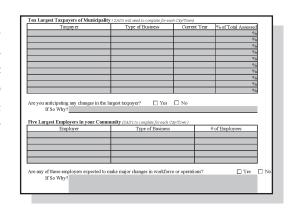


Property Valuations (*Z*)- Identify the local assessed value by adding together real estate and personal property valuations. If the applicant does not know the State Assessed Value, the Bond Bank can obtain this information, on the applicant's behalf. Please include the year of the municipality's most recent valuation assessment.

Date of Last Re-evaluation, Composition of Tax Base, Tax Due Dates, and Basis of Accounting - Please complete with current information.

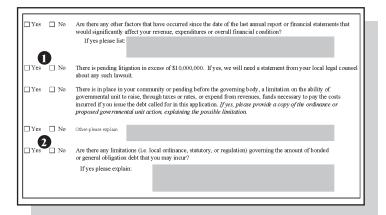
# ECONOMIC INFORMATION - TAB 6

Please provide information regarding the 5 largest employers and 10 largest taxpayers of the municipality. In the column entitled, "% of Total Assessed Value", please calculate the percentage rate of the taxpayer's assessed value in relation to the Town's or City's assessed value (page 7, tab 5 (z)). Please indicate any expected changes in any of the taxpayer's or any of the employer's operations or financial condition.



# ECONOMIC INFORMATION- TAB 6

Check off any factors that have occurred since the date of the most recent audited financial statements that would significantly affect your revenue, expenditures or overall financial conditions (1).

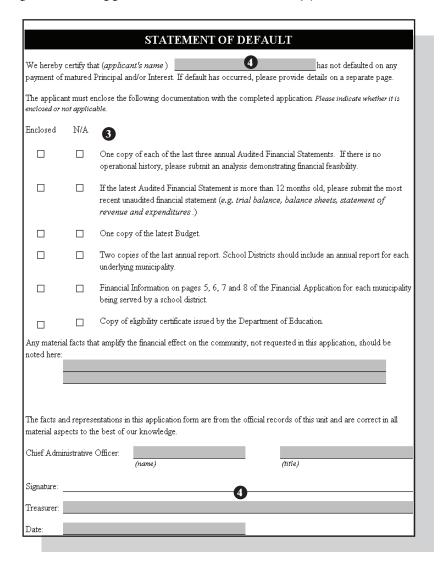


If there is pending litigation in excess of \$10,000.00 dollars, the applicant should obtain a detailed explanation from their attorneys (or provide one themselves) (1).

If there are limitations (i.e. local ordenance, statutory, or regulation) governing the amount of debt or revenues the applicant can incur, check "yes" and provide a detailed explanation (2).

## STATEMENT OF DEFAULT - TAB 7

Please go through the application checklist to make sure that all of the documentation needed to process the application has been included. (3).



By signing this statement of default, the applicant certifies that they are not in default on any outstanding loan. If a default has occurred, the applicant will need to provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances including the lender name, amount past due and reason for defaulting on the loan (4).

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

The applicant is encouraged to provide additional pages to the application identifying any financial or economic facts, not requested in this application, which will assist the Bond Bank in their evaluation of the application.

Completed financial applications will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Bond Bank's Board of Commissioners, which typically occurs each month. If approved the Bond Bank will issue a Letter of Commitment to the applicant. The approval is valid for one year from the date appearing on the approval letter.