



Ohio Revised Code

Section 164.01 Aid to local government improvement definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

(A) "Capital improvement" or "capital improvement project" or "project" means the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, planning, and equipping of roads and bridges, appurtenances to roads and bridges to enhance the safety of animal-drawn vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles, waste water treatment systems, water supply systems, solid waste disposal facilities, and storm water and sanitary collection, storage, and treatment facilities, including real property, interests in real property, facilities, and equipment related or incidental to those facilities.

(B) "Local subdivision" means any county, municipal corporation, township, sanitary district, or regional water and sewer district.

(C) "Bond proceedings" means the resolutions, orders, trust agreements, indentures, and other agreements, credit facilities and credit enhancement facilities, and amendments and supplements to the foregoing, or any one or more or combination thereof, authorizing, awarding, or providing for the terms and conditions applicable to or providing for the security or liquidity of obligations, and the provisions contained in those obligations.

(D) "Bond service charges" means principal, including any mandatory sinking fund or redemption requirements for retirement of obligations, interest and other accreted amounts, and any redemption premium payable on obligations. If not prohibited by the applicable bond proceedings, bond service charges include costs of credit enhancement facilities that are related to, and represent or are intended to provide a source of payment of or limitation on, other bond service charges.

(E) "Bond service fund" means the fund, and any accounts in that fund, created by section 164.10 of the Revised Code, including all moneys and investments, and earnings from investments, credited and to be credited to that fund and accounts as provided in the bond proceedings.



(F) "Cost of capital improvement projects" means the costs of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, expanding, improving, and engineering capital improvement projects, and related financing costs.

(G) "Credit enhancement facilities" means letters of credit, lines of credit, stand-by, contingent, or firm securities purchase agreements, interest rate hedges including, without limitation, interest rate swaps, insurance or surety arrangements, reserve or guarantee funds, and guarantees, and other arrangements that provide for contingent or direct payment of bond service charges, for security or additional security in the event of nonpayment or default in respect of obligations, or for making or providing funds for making payment of bond service charges to, and at the option and on demand of, holders of obligations or at the option of the issuer under put or similar arrangements, or for otherwise supporting the credit or liquidity of obligations, and includes credit, reimbursement, marketing, remarketing, indexing, carrying, purchase, and subrogation agreements, and other agreements and arrangements for reimbursement of the person providing the credit enhancement facility and the security for that reimbursement. As used in this division, obligations include debt obligations of local subdivisions.

(H) "Financing costs" means all costs and expenses relating to the authorization, issuance, sale, delivery, authentication, deposit, custody, clearing, registration, transfer, exchange, fractionalization, replacement, and servicing of obligations, including, without limitation, costs and expenses for or relating to, or payment obligations under, publication and printing, postage and express delivery, official statements, offering circulars, and informational statements, travel and transportation, paying agents, bond registrars, authenticating agents, remarketing agents, custodians, clearing agencies or corporations, securities depositories, financial advisory services, certifications, audits, federal or state regulatory agencies, accounting services, legal services and obtaining approving legal opinions and other legal opinions, credit ratings, original issue discount, credit facilities, and credit enhancement facilities. Financing costs may be paid from any moneys lawfully available for the purpose, including, unless otherwise provided in the bond proceedings, from the proceeds of the obligations to which they relate and from the same sources from which bond service charges on the obligations are paid and as though bond service charges.

(I) "Issuer" means the treasurer of state, or the officer who by law performs the functions of that officer.



(J) "Obligations" means bonds, notes, or other evidences of obligation of the state, including any interest coupons pertaining thereto, issued pursuant to sections 164.09 to 164.12 of the Revised Code.

(K) "Special funds" or "funds" means, except where the context does not permit, the bond service fund, and any other funds, including reserve funds, created under the bond proceedings and stated to be special funds in those proceedings, including all moneys and investments, and earnings from investments, credited and to be credited to the fund. Special funds do not include the state capital improvements fund created by section 164.08 of the Revised Code or, if so provided in the bond proceedings, a rebate fund or account established for purposes of federal tax laws.

(L) "Net proceeds" means amounts received from the sale of obligations pursuant to this chapter, excluding amounts used to refund or retire outstanding obligations, and does not include amounts required to be deposited in special funds pursuant to the applicable bond proceedings, or financing costs paid from such amounts received.

(M) "Local debt support" means the subsidization of the interest rate on a loan obtained by a subdivision.

(N) "Principal amount" refers to the aggregate of the amount as stated or provided for in the bond proceedings authorizing the obligations as the amount on which interest or interest equivalent is initially calculated.