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Managing Wisconsin's trust assets for public education

Fact Sheet - General Obligation Loans

Eligible Borrowers:	Wisconsin towns, villages, cities, counties, school districts, technical college districts, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, town sanitary districts, metropolitan sewerage districts, metropolitan sewerage systems, joint sewerage systems, consortiums, cooperative educational service agencies (CESAs), federated public library systems, drainage districts, and local professional baseball park districts.												
Loan Process:	Simple and transparent, with funds available 30-45 days from initial application.												
Loan Security:	Loans become a general obligation of the borrower and require the borrower to levy a tax sufficient to make principal and interest payments when due.												
Loan Purpose:	Loans of 10 years or less may be made to facilitate the performance of any power or duty of the borrowing municipality, including operations and maintenance. Loans greater than 10 years are restricted to the financing or refinancing of public purpose projects including "the acquisition, leasing, planning, design, construction, development, extension, enlargement, renovation, rebuilding, repair or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, equipment, or facilities", or any purpose otherwise allowed by law.												
Economic Development Lending:	BCPL is a major source of funding for economic development projects throughout the State of Wisconsin including pass-through loans for private development, funding development incentives, TID infrastructure loans, land acquisition and development for business parks, and others.												
Payments:	Annual payments are due March 15 each year. Loans funded between September 1 and March 14 do not have a payment scheduled for the following March 15. Amortization schedules are normally calculated to include equal annual payments, but BCPL can provide custom amortization schedules for projects that may take time to generate expected revenues, or that need coordination with other debt payment schedules.												
Prepayment:	Prepayments are allowed without penalty between January 1 and August 31 each year, with 30 days prior written notice. This flexibility is extremely valuable, as future budget priorities are difficult to forecast. Many finance directors get stuck with higher rate bonds and are forced to wait years prior to refunding. This is never a problem if you borrow from BCPL.												
Terms:	1 year to 20 year fixed rate loans.												
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Rate Lock:	Market-based interest rates are locked at the time of application for a period of 60 days at no cost to Borrower. This rate lock provides financial stability during the loan approval process.												
Fees:	No application fees, origination fees or prepayment fees. No fees period!												
Best Part:	Interest earned by BCPL is distributed to communities statewide for the funding of public school library materials. Check out the BCPL website to see the 2013 contribution made to your school district. This annual payment effectively reduces local tax levies by providing schools another source of funding. How many bankers or bond dealers can say that?												