



# County of Los Angeles Redevelopment Bond Refunding Program

## Program Overview

The County of Los Angeles Redevelopment Bond Refunding Program (the "Program") enables successor agencies to former redevelopment agencies within the County to achieve savings through a refunding of their outstanding tax allocation bonds. Refunding savings will benefit local taxing entities, including participating cities that receive a share of property tax revenues generated by the dissolution of redevelopment agencies.

On June 27, 2012, the California Legislature approved and the Governor signed AB 1484. AB 1484 makes several amendments to ABx1 26 and includes provisions for the refunding of tax allocation bonds. The Program is designed to comply with the requirements of AB 1484 and assist successor agencies with the issuance of refunding bonds in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

In December 2013, the County issued its inaugural series of refunding bonds for the benefit of seven successor agency participants. As of December 2014, the County has issued over \$360 million of bonds and produced in excess of \$103 million in debt service savings for local taxing entities. Depending on the various credit and financing characteristics of the prior obligations, the refunding bonds may be issued by the County on either a stand-alone basis or as part of a larger pooled structure. The County expects to issue refunding bonds through the Program on a regular basis over the next several years.

## Benefits

- **County Assistance** - The County will lead the effort to prepare all legal documents and Official Statements, solicit credit ratings and market the bonds.
- **Department of Finance** - The Program has been assigned dedicated staffing by the Department of Finance that will streamline the approval process required under AB 1484.
- **Continuing Disclosure** - The County will assume substantial responsibility for continuing disclosure related to the refunding bonds.
- **Efficient Procurement Process** - The County has put together a team of financial and legal experts to work on all aspects of the financing process.
- **Economies of Scale** - With multiple participants in the financing pool, the successor agency can achieve reduced costs of issuance.
- **Enhanced Financing Structure** - The Program will feature structural enhancements that improve the marketability of the bonds and increase savings to local taxing entities.

## Participation

In order to participate in the Program, the County will require that a resolution is passed by the successor agency's oversight board directing the successor agency to issue refunding bonds under the Program. A draft of the resolution can be provided upon request to the County.

## Contact

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