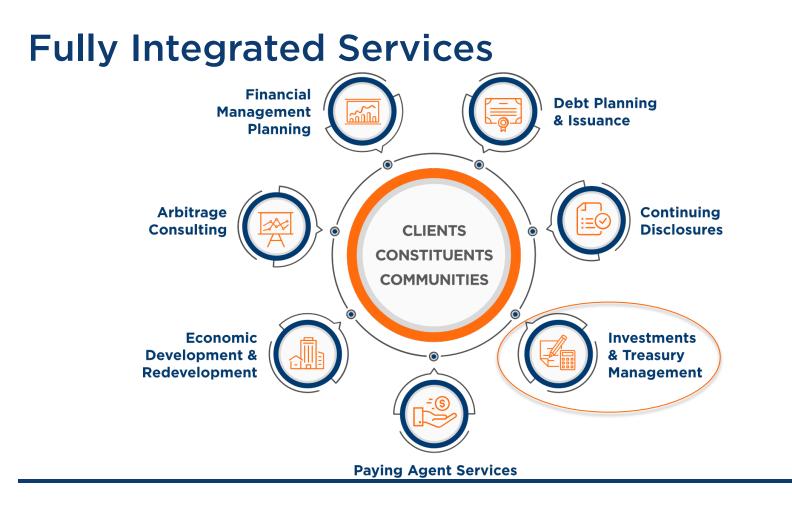


Investment Advisory Services

Village of Ridgeway



Why Ehlers Investments?

Public sector focus

- Only serve local governments, public agencies & special authorities
- Unique insight into best practices

Fiercely independent

- Fiduciary responsibility to you alone
- Prioritized principles: safety, liquidity, yield

Fee only pricing

- Transparent AUM fee structure
- Hourly or flat-rate fees for other services

Fully integrated services

- Clients rely on a cohesive team to navigate all facets of public finance
- Tailored investment solutions



Delivering Client Value





Our Process



DEVELOPMENT

Review current portfolios & policies

Complete credit analysis

Develop cash flow forecast

Draft new policies to align with community goals

Create investment strategies supporting cash flow needs

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IMPLEMENTATION

Build investment portfolio based on approved policy & analysis

Monitor portfolio performance

Rebalance & adjust asset mix (as needed)

Deliver monthly performance & benchmark reporting 3

COMPLIANCE

Examine & adjust portfolio characteristics to maintain IRS, state statute & internal policy compliance

Collaborate with Ehlers' Arbitrage Consultants to:

> Develop Arbitrage strategy

Complete necessary reporting

Conduct rebate analysis



Robust Reporting & Analysis

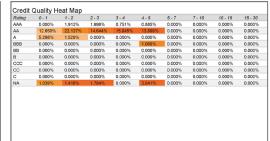
- Reports customized for each client preference or account type- board oversight
- Monthly investment cash flow to track upcoming maturities and income projections
- Monthly reporting for accounting entry or annual audit
- Arbitrage specific reporting tailored to track spend-down and yield for bond proceeds accounts

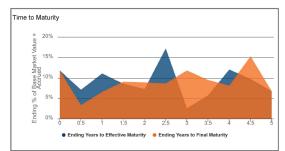


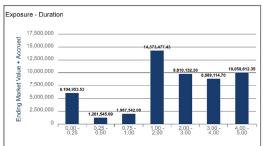
Risk Summary - Fixed Income

Sample Client

Exposure - Security Type









Competitive Pricing & In-Depth Market Analysis

Market Rate Comparison as of 03/08/2023

| | Taxable Municipal Debt Obligations | Tax-Exempt Municipal Debt Obligations | US Agency | US Treasury | National CD Markets | DMB Bank (Deforest) |
|----------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 30 Day | N/A | 3.35 | N/A | 4.65 | 4.68 | N/A |
| 60 Day | N/A | 3.29 | 4.78 | 4.78 | 4.75 | N/A |
| 90 Day | 5.00 | 3.07 | 4.87 | 4.98 | 4.90 | 4.20 |
| 6 Month | 5.20 | 3.41 | 5.29 | 5.26 | 5.10 | 4.60 |
| 12 Month | 5.23 | 3.52 | 5.45 | 5.36 | 5.25 | 4.80 |
| 24 Month | 5.50 | 3.72 | 5.23 | 5.10 | 5.25 | N/A |

National Market rates obtained through ICE Data Systems & Bloomberg

Market rates, including local bank rates, subject to change and availability.

Municipal debt obligations, US Agency, and US Treasury rates based highest rates currently available on highly rated issuers. CD Rates quoted reflective of banks and credit unions participating in FDIC or NCUA insurance coverage limits up to \$250,000,



Proposed Portfolio & Reporting Solution

- Consolidation of investments on single reporting platform where possible-One Monthly report available in uploadable XML format for efficient accounting
- Invest a portion of cash or cash-like holdings to create predictable income stream for budget
- Ehlers is a resource for investment guidance and expertise- acts as an extension of your team



Proposed Portfolio

| General Fund \$400,000 | \$12-18,000 | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Quarterly maturities with a 3 year | | |
| weighted average maturity | | |
| Sewer Fund DNR Repl \$80,000 | \$2-3,000 | |
| Quarterly maturities with a 3 year | | |
| weighted average maturity | | Est Annual Income: \$20,300-\$26,300 |
| | | Est Annual Fees: \$1,500 |
| Water Fund \$100,000 | \$3-4,000 | LSt Annual 1 ees. \$1,500 |
| Quarterly maturities with a 3 year | | |
| weighted average maturity | | Net Income: \$18,800- \$24,800 |
| RD Sewer Repl Fund \$30,000 | \$800 | |
| Annual maturity, 1 year average | | |
| maturity | | |
| 2018 SDWL DS \$19,000 | \$500 | |
| Annual maturity, 1 year average | | |
| maturity | | |
| | \$20,300- \$26,300 | |

All income projections based upon laddered reinvestment strategy with periodic maturities. Projected income based on currently available investment yields, subject to change and availability- dependent upon investment rates available at time of execution as well.

Income projections could increase or decrease, depending on the pace of actual expenditures or reinvestments. Fee estimate based upon an average monthly balance of \$629,000.



Ehlers' Investment Fees

- Transparent fees based on average monthly assets under management
 - ✓ Includes all finance committee or council meetings & travel expenses
 - ✓ Includes cash flow forecasting and strategy planning
 - ✓ All terms memorialized in Investment Advisory Agreement
 - ✓ Can establish flat fee structures for specific scopes of work
- We charge NO other management, check writing, ACH or wire fees. And No investment mark-ups
- Approximately \$1,500 annually based upon AUM average daily balances (approximately \$125 per month)



Next Steps

- Approve engagement of Ehlers Investment Partners as Advisor
- Establish custodial account for safekeeping of investments
- Execute on investment plan
 - ✓ Periodic liquidity to meet operational cash flows
 - ✓ Strategy based upon current market conditions, outlook, and cash flow projections



PERMISSIBLE INVESTMENTS

WI Statute 66.0603



WI Statute 66.0603 Summary

- Securities issued or guaranteed by federal government, its commission, board or other instrumentality "Treasuries" or "Agencies"
- Time deposits (Certificate of Deposit)
- Money Markets
- Municipal Bonds/Notes of Wisconsin municipalities
- All other securities must
 - ✓ Mature no more than 7 years from acquisition
 - ✓ Carry highest or second highest credit rating
- Securities of an open-end management investment company or investment trust if:
 - ✓ They are registered
 - ✓ Does not charge sales load
 - ✓ Invested in securities issued or guaranteed US government, commission, board or other instrumentality
- Repurchase Agreements
 - ✓ Must be collateralized by securities issued or guaranteed US government, commission, board or other instrumentality
- Local government pooled-investment fund



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