

Tax Increment Financing: An Overview

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TIF: An Overview





Revenues are used to pay for redevelopment project costs either by paying bonds or by "pay as you go"



Eligible Areas and Eligible Costs

Eligible Areas

- Conservation area
- Blighted area
- Pre-1992 Enterprise Zone

Eligible Costs

- Land Acquisition
- Site work and horizontal infrastructure
- Parking and landscaping
- Vertical construction costs generally ineligible

Key Terms: Base Year and Tax Increment

Base Year Assessed Valuation (BYAV)

Determined on date district is established

Tax Increment

- Property taxes collected in excess of BYAV
- Begins upon establishment of district
- Excludes certain ineligible mill levies (28 mills USD; 1.5 mills State)

TIF Fund

- Increment deposited in separate TIF Fund
- Funds can be utilized only upon adoption of TIF Plan

Two-Step Process

Step One: Establish District

- Establishes geographic area
- Sets BYAV
- Begins collection of increment

Step Two: Adopt TIF Project Plan

- Can be multiple project areas/plans with a district
- Permits spending of TIF Funds
- Begins 20-year statutory TIF clock

Step One: TIF District Process

- ✓ Resolution calling for Public Hearing on District Day 1
- ✓ Mailed Notice to Taxing Districts & Property Owners Day 5
- ✓ Publish Notice Day 25
- ✓ Public Hearing on District Day 35
- ✓ Ordinance Approving District Day 35
- ✓ County/USD Protest Period (if applicable) Day 35 to 65

Step Two: TIF Project Plan Process

- ✓ TIF Plan prepared and submitted to City Day 60
- ✓ Negotiation of Redevelopment Agreement
- ✓ Planning Commission Conformance Finding
- ✓ Resolution for Public Hearing on TIF Plan Day 70
- ✓ Mailed Notice to Taxing Districts & Property Owners Day 75
- ✓ Publish Notice Day 91
- ✓ Public Hearing on TIF Plan Day 101
- ✓ Ordinance Approving TIF Plan (Requires 2/3 vote) Day 101