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# OVERVIEW OF DEBT ADMINISTRATION

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#### DEBT POLICY

"Debt management policies are written guidelines, allowances, and restrictions that guide the debt issuance practices of state or local governments, including the issuance process, management of a debt portfolio, and adherence to various laws and regulations."

**GFOA** 

Debt Management Policy Best Practice

### PURPOSE OF A DEBT POLICY



Source: Employing a Debt Management Policy, Practices Among California Local Agencies, CDIAC No. 14.02

#### GFOA BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES, CONTENT CATEGORIES, SUBCATEGORIES, AND ELEMENTS

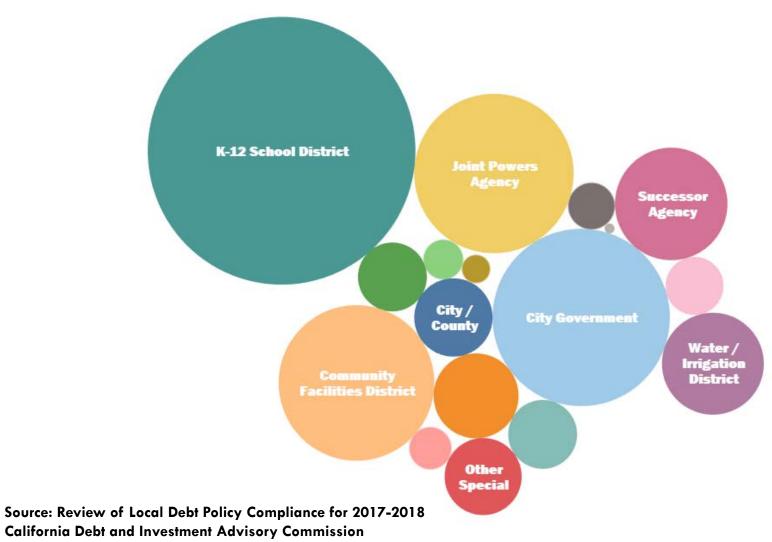
	GFOA BEST PRACTICE CATEGORIES	GFOA BEST PRACTICE SUBCATEGORY	ELEMENTS OF DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY
DEBT LIMITS	Debt Limits. The Policy should consider setting specific limits or acceptable ranges for each type of debt. Limits generally are set for legal, public policy, and financial reasons.	Purpose for which debt may be issued (Purpose Limits).	Restrictions and Uses
			Sources of Repayment
			Useful Life, Matching Asset Life
			Pay Go, Integration with Capital Plan
		Legal debt limitations, or limitations established by state, local policy (Policy Limits).	Legal/Statutory Limits
			Fiscal Condition, Ratios
			Debt Service Capacity
		Types of debt permitted to be issued and criteria for issuance (Debt Type Limits).	Short and Long Term
			Fixed and Variable
			Other Financing
DEBT STRUCTURING	Debt Structuring. The Policy should include specific guidelines regarding the debt structuring practices for each type of bond.	Structural features considered.	Call Features
			Maturity
			Credit Enhancement
			Derivative Products
DEBT ISSUANCE	Debt Issuance. The Policy should provide guidance regarding the issuance process, which may differ for each type of debt.	Credit objectives.	Ratings
			Relationships with Credit Raters
		Method of sale.	Competitive vs. Negotiated
			Direct Loans
			Private Placements
E IS			Premium Structures
		Selection of external financial professionals.	Request for Proposal (RFP)
			Contract Evaluation and Terms
			Conflict of Interest
		Refunding of debt.	Reasons for Refunding
DEBT MANAGEMENT	Debt Management. The Policy should provide guidance for ongoing administrative activities.	Disclosure (primary and secondary market).	15c2-12 Requirements
			Initial and Continuing
			Obligated Person to Communicate
		Investment of bond proceeds.	Compliance with Federal Tax Law
			Arbitrage Requirements
			Direct to Investment Policy

### DEBT POLICY ELEMENTS - CDIAC

# Government Code Section 8855 (i) requires an adopted debt policy to have the following elements:

- The purposes for which the debt proceeds may be used;
- The types of debt that may be issued;
- Relationship of debt to the issuer's capital improvement program or budget;
- Policy goals related to issuer's planning goals and objectives; and,
- A issuer's internal control procedures ensure bond proceeds with be directed to their intended use.

# WHO USES A DEBT POLICY?

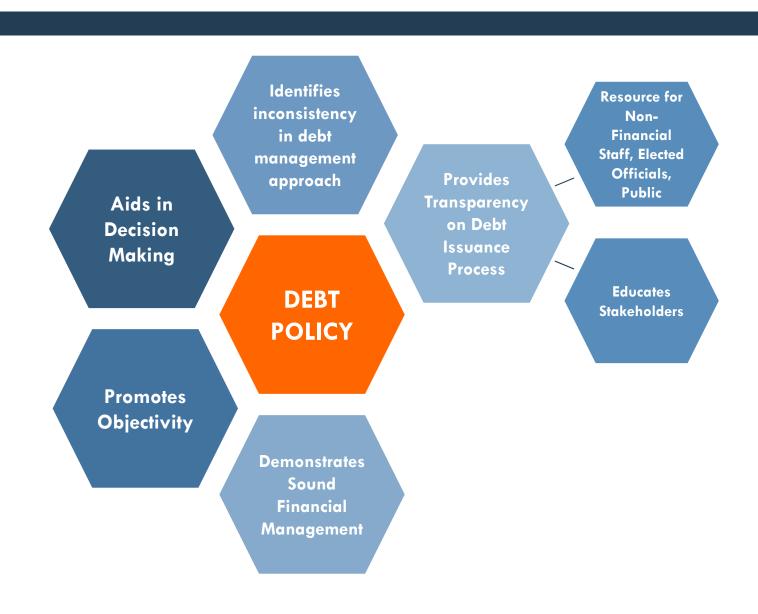


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### DEBT POLICY - POST ISSUANCE

- □ Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
  - Form 8038 certify written procedures for arbitrage, yield calculation and rebate requirements
- CDIAC
  - SB 1029 required reporting certifying an adopted debt policy with 5 specific elements
- Disclosure
  - Initial and Continuing

# DEBT POLICY BENEFITS



#### BEST PRACTICE RESOURCES

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- Task Force on Bond Accountability Final Report
  - Debt Issuance and Management Review Checklist
- Employing a Debt Management Policy, Practices Among California Local Agencies, CDIAC No. 14.02

#### □ GFOA

- Debt Management Policy Best Practices 2012
- Debt Management Policy Examples