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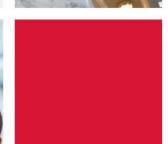
**Financing Affordable Mortgages 101: Mortgage Revenue** Bonds, TBA, and **Securitization Basics** 





MRBs and Other Federal **Homeownership Programs JANUARY 11 – 13** 









Section 8 and **Other Federal Multifamily Programs JANUARY 11 – 13** 



**HOME** and **Housing Trust** Fund JANUARY 8 - 10







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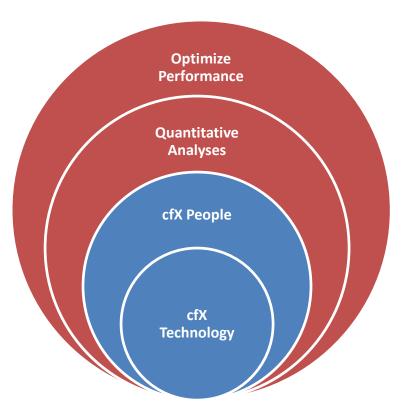
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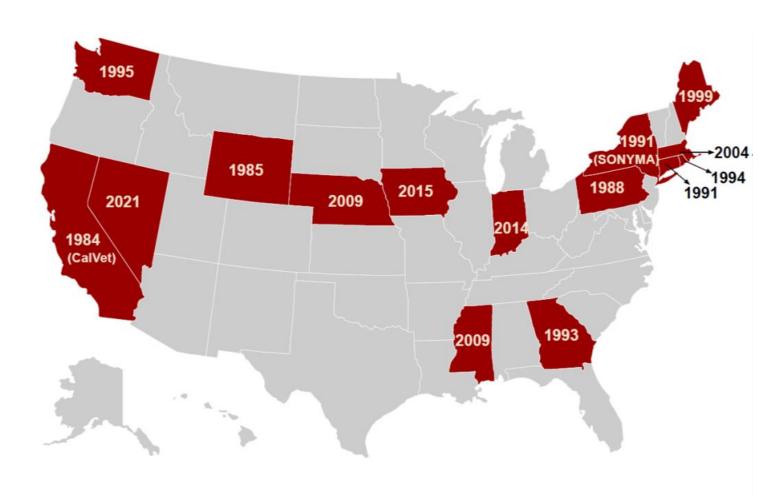
#### cfX Technology

- 30 years of continuous investment
- Unmatched HFA-specific applications, databases and data feed translators
- Attention to data security and sustainability

#### cfX People

- Largest group of experienced housingfocused advisors
- Commitment to the mission and clients
- Reliable, long-term partner

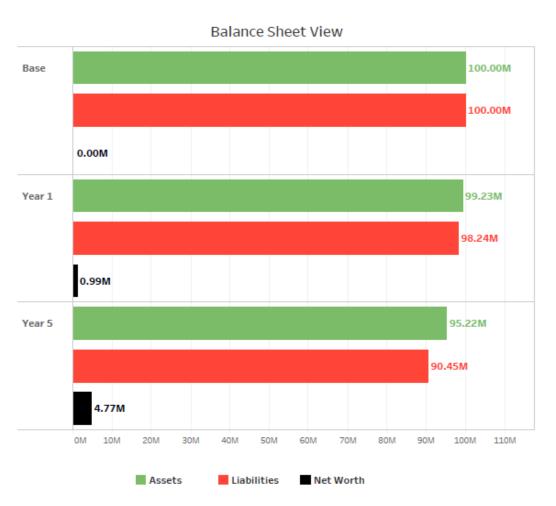
### cfX – Current HFA Clients



#### **HFA Basics – Business Model**

- General business model is simple yet very effective
  - Borrow tax-exempt and lend at an interest rate greater than the cost of bond debt
  - Matched book: loan assets = bond liabilities in amount and term. Net assets (parity) grow through positive net income over time (spread from difference between loan rate and bond rate)
  - Simple example: Borrow \$100M at 3% and lend \$100M at 4% - match bond and loan principal amortization

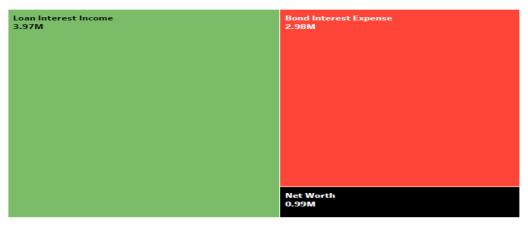
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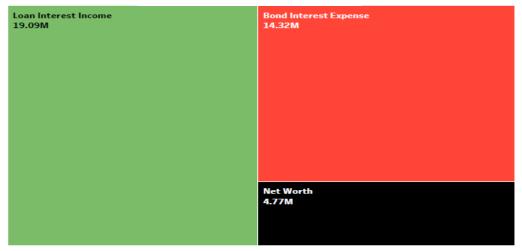


### **HFA Basics – Business Model**

#### Income Statement: Year 1



#### Income Statement: Year 5





### **Business Model Complexity**

- Several factors lead to added complexity of HFA business model
  - **Scale:** 40–50-year program history billions of assets and liabilities
  - Optionality: 30-year fixed rate mortgages can be prepaid without penalty at any time during the life of the loan
  - Compliance: IRS rules and regs create compliance obligations (ex. limit on potential earnings).....and opportunities
  - Market: HFAs can only sell debt that investors want to buy and lend at rates that are competitive
  - **Credit:** loan delinquency and foreclosure rates effect borrowing costs and capital requirements

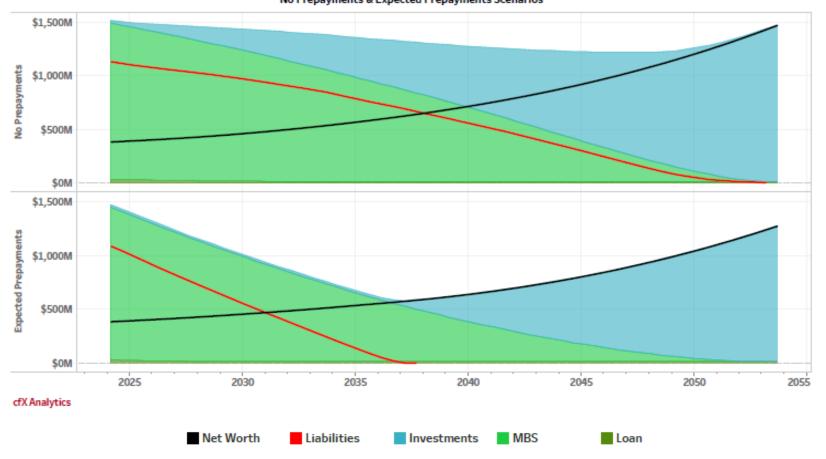


### **Parity Indenture**

- To manage business complexity efficiently, most HFAs issue bonds in a parity indenture
  - All assets support all liabilities now and into future
  - Legal structure flexibility for issuer vs investor acceptance
  - Growing parity to manage difficult market and credit environments
  - Rating agencies require stress cash flows to support high credit ratings – parity needed to "pass" stress tests
  - Open structure allows for volume cap preservation and tax compliance optimization

#### ABC Housing Finance Authority: Single Family Housing Bonds

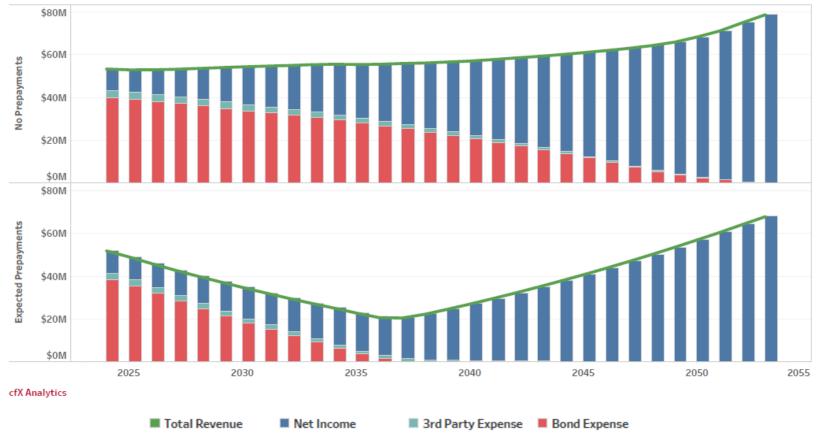
Outstanding Assets and Liabilities
No Prepayments & Expected Prepayments Scenarios





#### ABC Housing Finance Authority: Single Family Housing Bonds

Income Statement Flows
No Prepayments & Expected Prepayments Scenarios



#### ABC Housing Finance Authority: Single Family Housing Bonds

Combined Revenue Fund Inflows & Outflows (Annual)
No Prepayments & Expected Prepayments Scenarios





#### ABC Housing Finance Authority: Single Family Housing Bonds

Bond & Mortgage Principal Payments (Annual)
No Prepayments & Expected Prepayments Scenarios



### **Conclusion**

- Original HFA business model has benefited borrowers and HFAs over time
  - The ability to generate spread and grow parity has led to strong financial performance and program development
    - Below market interest rates
    - High LTV lending
    - Down payment assistance programs
  - Parity indentures help grow wealth and manage complexities of the mortgage lending business and economic cycles

### MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS

# TAX-EXEMPT BOND REQUIREMENTS



# Basis for Tax Exemption

#### Internal Revenue Code



- it's the framework for Treasury to raise \$\$ to run government
- tension between raising \$\$ and steering social policy
  - ex. of social policy: encourage home ownership
  - encourage charitable giving
- Congress provides the categories of possible tax-exemption (loss of tax revenue in exchange for public good)
  - » single-family housing (MRBs) is such a category
- Code imposes many rules to assure public purposes are met



# MRB Code Requirements

- Programmatic Requirements
  - qualifying the borrower
  - qualifying the residence
  - qualifying the amount of the loan
- Non-programmatic Requirements
  - pre-bond issue matters such as public hearing
  - bond closing requirements, such as volume cap



### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS





## **New Homebuyers**

- 1st-time homebuyer requirement
  - really 3-year rule
  - exception for targeted-area lending
  - exception for veterans (once)
  - rule applies to each borrower
  - 5% exception
  - same rule for MCCs (except 5% exception)







- based on expectations
- 60-day safe harbor
- only land that provides basic livability
- limited, if any, business use of home
- 2, 3 or 4-family building is ok with certain restrictions
- same rule for MCCs



### **INCOME**

- family income limits
  - HUD § 8 rules control
  - limits for
    - small (1-2) families (100% AMGI)
    - and large (3+) families (115% AMGI)
  - higher limits for targeted areas (120%-140%)
  - high housing cost area adjustment (up to 140%)
  - same rule for MCCs





### PURCHASE PRICE

- purchase price limits
  - based on acquisition cost, not loan amount
  - limits based on
    - FHA insurable limits/factor (1.083 in 2022)
  - 90% of such limits, except 110% in targeted areas
  - higher limits possible if more accurate data
  - issuer study requires separate data for new and existing
  - same rule for MCCs



### mortgage loans must be new, not refi's

- MRB proceeds may not be used to pay off borrower's existing indebtedness
- exception for bridge, construction or temporary loans
- same rule for MCCs



### **ASSUMPTIONS**

assumptions permitted if new owner qualifies

-transfer of an MCC follows same rules



## NON-ACQUISTION LOAMS



- home improvement loans
  - \$15,000 limit, with higher limits for certain disaster areas
  - must improve basic livability or energy efficiency
- qualified rehab loans
  - generally in connection with acquisition; cost is added to acquisition cost
  - residence must be >20 years old
  - must add 25% or more to basis of home
  - specific rules about retention of interior and exterior walls
- same rules for MCCs



### COMPLY!

- Importance of Program Compliance
  - a single non-compliant loan could render bond issue taxable
  - Issuer would negotiate with IRS to avoid its bondholders being taxed
  - settlement may be possible, but costly
  - finding of taxability could jeopardize Issuer borrowing opportunities or raise borrowing costs





### SAFE HARBOR

Better alternative....



- safe harbor compliance
  - obtain affidavits of borrower, seller
  - 3 years tax returns
  - have comprehensive program guide
  - remove any non-complying loan when discovered
- similar rules for MCCs (but cannot pull the loan)



### NON-PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS





### **USES**

limit on use of bond proceeds for other than making loans

- costs of issuance (not more than 2%)
- bond reserve fund (not more than 10%)
- down payment assistance ok



# "TEFRA" Hearing



- public hearing and elected official approval
  - newspaper, radio or TV public notice or internet
  - 7 days in advance of hearing is safe harbor
  - hearing conducted by issuer to get public comment
  - highest elected official of issuer's jurisdiction gives approval after hearing



### Yield on Loans

 limit on interest rates and points charged on loans

- limit is on yield not coupon
- 1-1/8% over bond yield
- is aggregate of all loans allocated to bond issue





### Rebate



- payments of certain excess earnings to IRS every 5 years
  - called "rebate"
  - is only on non-mortgage loan investments
  - pay net excess of earnings over bond yield



# Targeted Areas

- Required set-aside of 20% of proceeds for loans in 'targeted areas'
  - targeted areas are qualified census tracts or 'areas of chronic economic distress'
  - one year 'set-aside'
  - higher purchase price and income limits for these loans
- Program requirement is active promotion of product



# Recapture

- borrower may be required to pay certain gain on sale of home back to feds (Recapture)
  - never more than 6.25% of loan amount
  - limited to ½ gain on sale
  - won't owe if income hasn't increased
  - won't owe if sale is more than 9 years after purchase
  - ~25 issuers "indemnify" (reimburse) borrowers





### Reimbursement

- Issuer must declare "official intent" if it expends money before bonds are issued
  - needed if Issuer "warehouses" loans before bonds are issued
  - reimbursement must occur within 18 months of loan funding
  - intent is declared by resolution or similar official documentation





 certain tax returns must be filed at time of bond issuance and annually

- within specified time after bonds are issued
- every August 15<sup>th</sup>, an annual mortgagor report



## Limit on Bonds Issued

## Volume Cap

- each State has limit of private activity bonds that can be issued annually
  - based on population of State (with small state minimum)
  - 2022: \$110 x population or \$335,115,000
  - not just single-family and multi-family housing (12 categories of bonds use cap)
  - unused cap may be carried forward for 3 years



## Volume Cap (continued)

- "new money" bonds, use \$1 of volume cap for \$1 of bonds
- refunding bonds only use "cap" if bond maturity is extended past certain limits
- MCCs use \$4 of "cap" for every \$1 of MCCs



## 10-Year Rule

- loan repayments must be used to redeem bonds and not used to re-lend ("10-year rule")
  - generally, won't apply first 10 years
  - applies sooner for refunding bonds



## Refundings

- refundings: bond proceeds used to pay off outstanding bonds
  - used to lower debt costs of issuer
  - used to "recycle" at current lending rates
  - trust indentures dictate when/if old bonds can be redeemed early
  - certain maturity limits on refunding bonds



## **Unexpended Proceeds**

 bond proceeds not used to make loans within 42 months must be used to redeem bonds

only applies to 'new money' bonds



## **AMT**

bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax

- an extra tax, meant to apply to very wealthy (< 100 taxpayers when enacted in the 1960's)</li>
- began applying to housing bonds in 1986
- eliminated in 2008 for housing bonds



## **MCCs**

# Additional MCC program requirements...





## **MCCs**



- homebuyer gets credit on income tax
  - % of mortgage interest paid (20%-50%) up to amount of federal income tax for year
  - gets credit each year that loan is outstanding,
     so long as occupying house as principal
     residence
- borrower must be able to use any qualified lender to obtain loan

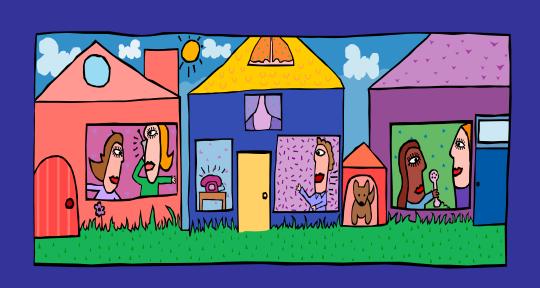


## **MCCs**

- CERTIFICATE
- may not use with tax-exempt bond loan
- any loan product permitted
- Issuer may not control source of loan funds
- Issuer may approve an MCC being transferred to one assuming loan
- MCC "disappears" when loan is repaid



## Questions?





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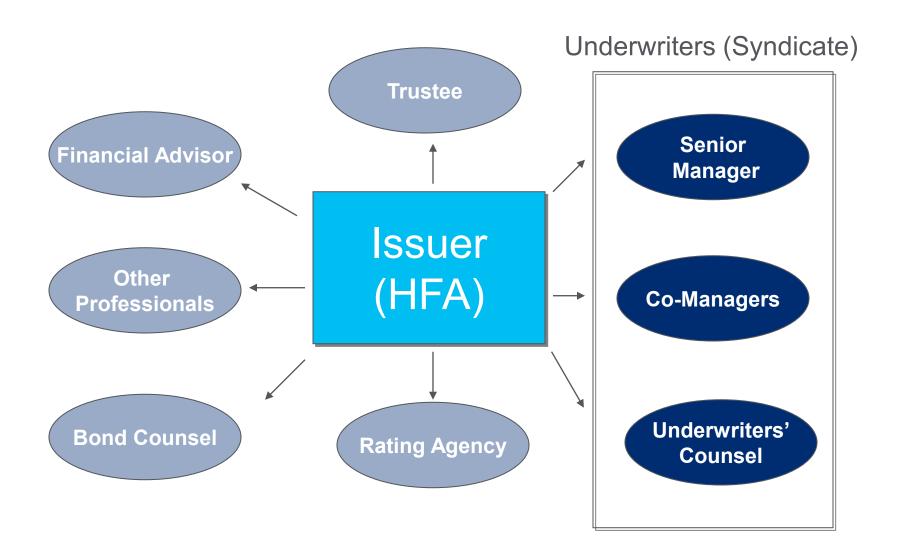
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#### **Finance Team Members**





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Parties Involved	Respective Role
Issuer	Entity under whose name the bonds are issued. However, the issuer is not always the entity liable for the bonds. For example, hospitals may issue through the local health facilities authority or an airline issue could be sold through a port authority.
Issuer's Counsel (General Counsel)	Either an internal or outside counsel, who generally gives an opinion on the legality of the issuer's actions under the issuer's enabling statutes.
Financial Advisor	A consultant who advises the issuer on matters pertaining to a new bond issue, such as structure, timing, marketing, fairness of pricing, term and ratings.
Bond Counsel	An outside counsel to the issuer who gives an opinion (1) on the tax exemption of the bonds and (2) on the validity of the bond issue.
Underwriters / Syndicate	
Senior Managing Underwriter	The Underwriters (Syndicate) agree to purchase all of the bonds from the issuer and resell them to investors, as per the terms of the Bond Purchase Agreement (the "written award")
	The Senior Manager is the book running manager for the issue whose responsibilities include working directly with the issuer to develop the plan of finance, structure the marketing plan, prepare documents and lead the Syndicate.



## Finance Team Members (Continued...)

Parties Involved	Respective Role
Co Managing Underwriters	Other underwriting firms involved in the financing (part of the Syndicate). Usually their role includes assisting in the marketing process and sale of the bonds.
Underwriter's Counsel	Legal counsel hired by the underwriters to assist in documentation, preparation of the official statement, disclosure and state securities filings ("blue sky"), and preparation of the Bond Purchase Agreement ("BPA")
Trustee	The Trustee handles the payments of interest and principal to the bondholders. Trustees have a fiduciary role to serve as representative of the bondholders in relation to the issuer.
Rating Agencies	The organizations (generally in housing Moody's Investor Services, Fitch and Standard & Poor's) which provide publicly available ratings of the credit quality of municipal and corporate issuers.
Servicer	Collects principal and interest payments from single family mortgage borrowers and remits to the Trustee.
Credit Enhancement Providers	An insurance company or commercial bank providing a letter of credit guaranteeing the timely payment of principal and interest on the bonds. The credit enhancement provider will also guarantee debt service payments if the issuer is unable to make payments. The issuer in return will reimburse the credit enhancement provider.



## Bringing Bonds to Market: The Pricing Process

#### **Prior to Pricing**

#### **During Pricing**

#### **After Pricing**

POS
Posting &
Begin
Marketing

Price Views & Pre-Marketing

Retail Order Period Institutional Order Period 5

Verbal Award & Written Award

Closing & Delivery

- Prior to the POS
   posting, no
   communication
   with potential
   investors
- The POS
   contains the
   preliminary bond
   structure,
   expected credit
   ratings, call
   features of
   bonds, and the
   security of the
   bonds
- The POS does <u>not</u> contain coupon / yield indications (Pricing Information)

- POS is used to market bonds/gauge investor interest
- Recent housing bond transactions (Comparables) used as starting point
- The entire syndicate submits • their preliminary rate indications to the Senior Manager
- After indications are collected the senior manager will put together a consensus scale to be used for Pre-Marketing

- To start the order period, the Senior Manager puts together a document known as a ROP Wire that contains the bond structure and proposed yields
  - Orders will only be taken from individuals from the Issuer's state, individuals in other states and institutions on behalf of individuals, with the Issuer's state individuals typically receiving priority

- After the ROP concludes, the IOP begins with the Preliminary Pricing Wire
- Note that during the ROP, the underwriters reach out to large institutions such as insurance companies and money managers to gauge their specific demand/appetite for the bonds offered based on pricing levels offered during the **ROP**
- Occurs at the end of the IOP Wrapup Call
- The verbal award signifies that the Issuer and the Senior Manager have agreed on the coupon and price of bonds (the Underwriter agrees to buy and Issuer agrees to sell the bonds)
- The Written
  Award or Bond
  Purchase
  Agreement
  finalizes these
  terms in writing
  and completes
  the sale

 At closing, money is exchanged (via wire) for the sale and purchase of the bonds



#### 1. Marketing: Leading up to Pricing / Bond Sale

- Marketing: The process of marketing the bonds to the investor community (the community of municipal bond buyers); includes the following:
  - Communicating terms of bonds being offered, via the "Preliminary Offering Statement" (POS)
  - Marketing also involves a solicitation of indications of interest from potential investors
    - Permits the Syndicate to get a sense of where the market is prevailing price levels
  - E.g., it may also bring out specific bond features than an investor is willing to "pay up" for (pay a higher price), ultimately benefiting the transaction
- Marketing commences with the posting of the POS
  - The POS should be "On the Street" a week or so in advance of sale
    - Prior to official public dissemination of the POS (its "Posting") no communication is permitted
    - Current regulatory environment has strict limitations on communications apart from (or in advance of) the POS Posting
  - Certain information is excluded from the POS as it is only known at final pricing
    - E.g., final structure, coupons, prices, etc.
    - This final information is only available for the final Official Statement ("OS")

#### NEW ISSUE - BOOK-ENTRY ONLY

This Official Statement has been prepared on behalf of the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority to pr information with respect to the initial issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds. Certain information is presented on this cover page for the convenience of the user. To make an informed decision regarding the 2021 Series A Bonds, a prospective investor should read this Official Statement in its entirety. Unless otherwise indicated, capitalized

#### \$101,235,000 GEORGIA HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY Single Family Mortgage Bonds 2021 Series A (Non-AMT)

Dated Date/Issue Date

The 2021 Series A Bonds will be delivered in book-entry only form via The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") in New York, New York on their Issue Date. See "APPENDIX B-BOOK-ENTRY ONLY BONDS, DTC AND GLOBAL CLEARANCE PROCEDURES".

June 1 and December 1 as shown on the inside front cover page hereof June 1 and December 1, commencing June 1, 2022.

\$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

Tax Exemption

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, assuming compliance with certain covenants contained in the Resolutions and the other Program Documents, under existing laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions, interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes as described herein and is not a specific item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax provisions of the Code. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the 2021 Series A Bonds

the Code. In the further opinion to Bonta Coursel, interest on the 2021 series X Bontas is exempt from taxation within the State of Georgia. For a more complete discussion of tax aspects, see "TAX EXEMPTION".

All or a portion of the 2021 Series A Bonds will be subject to, as applicable, special, mandatory or optional redemption at the times, under the conditions and at the prices

set forth in "THE 2021 SERIES A BONDS - Redemption".

The 2021 Series A Bonds will constitute general obligations of the Authority

payable out of any of the Authority's revenues, money or assets legally available therefor subject only to agreements heretofore and hereafter made with holders of notes and bonds other than the 2021 Series A Bonds pledging par revenues, money or assets for the payment thereof. The 2021 Series A Bonds will not be deemed to constitute a debt of the State or its agencies or a pledge of the faith or credit of the State or its agencies. The issuance of the 2021 Series A Bonds will not directly or indirectly obligate the State to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefor or to make any appropriation for payment of the 2021 Series A Bonds. The Authority has no taxing power. See

"SECURITY FOR BONDS".

Kutak Rock LLP, Atlanta, Georgia, Bond Counsel; Butler Snow LLP, Atlanta, Georgia, Legal Counsel Underwriters' Counsel

U.S. Bank National Association

The 2021 Series A Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and accepted by the Underwriters, subject to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice, subject to certain conditions and subject to the approval of legality by Kutak Rock LLP, Atlanta, Georgia, Bond Counsel.

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June 1, 2	2028	1,275,000	1.30	37353PGU7
Decemb	er 1, 2028	1,300,000	1.40	37353PGV5
June 1, 2	2029	1,325,000	1.55	37353PGW3
Decemb	er 1, 2029	1,345,000	1.65	37353PGX1
June 1, 2	2030	1,365,000	1.80	37353PGY9
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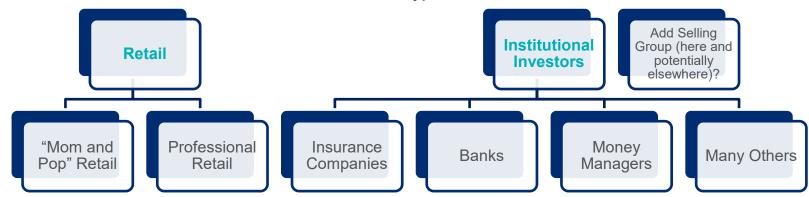
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#### 1. Marketing: Who Buys Housing Bonds?

- Targeted Investors and Investor Types: Retail versus Institutional
  - Bond buyers are interested in municipal debt because of the credit, the pricing levels, and most importantly, the tax-exemption
    - Municipal housing buyers are a smaller group: one willing to purchase bonds that are backed by housing (mortgage loan revenues) and acceptant of underlying "loan prepayments"
- A <u>Retail Investor</u> is an individual ("Mom and Pop") <u>or</u> a manager on behalf of an individual (Professional Retail or Separately Managed Account "SMA")
  - Tend to purchase shorter dated maturities and they buy-and-hold (they do not hedge and are less concerned with future market price fluctuations)
- Institutional investors are firms such as insurance companies, money managers and banks
  - Institutional investors traditionally purchase bonds with longer maturities and PAC bonds
  - They tend to buy longer dated bonds and thus "reach out" on the "yield curve" for more yield
  - Also, they are more likely to be concerned with average life expectations as they may be hedging their longer term investment for price and other fluctuations
- A typical bond structure needs and benefits from both type of investor





#### 2. Price Views & Pre-Marketing: The "Syndicate"

- Syndicate: The firms selected to sell the bonds inclusive of the Senior Manager and Co-Managers
- Senior Manager: The firm that is responsible for coordinating the sales efforts, sometimes called the Lead or the "Book" Running Manager
  - This firm is given the authorization through an Agreement Among Underwriters ("AAU") to act on behalf of all syndicate members
  - Orders for bonds are taken by the Senior Manager, and final determinations of prices and allotments are made by the Senior Manager

#### **Example Underwriters**

Role	Liability
Senior	60%
Co-Manager 1	20%
Co-Manager 2	20%
Selling Group 1	0%
Selling Group 2	0%
Total	100%

- Co-Managers (Co-Senior/Co-Manager): These are the other members of the syndicate who sell bonds on behalf of the Authority but do not have the above listed responsibilities as book-running senior manager
  - Their main job is to bring in orders, especially from "retail" investors, which are passed along the Senior Manager who is actively maintaining and managing the "Book"
- Selling Group Members: These are underwriters who have no underwriting liability on the transaction, but can bring in orders to support the transaction; they typically bring in retail orders
- Agreement Among Underwriters: Defines each underwriters' liability in the sale this represents each underwriter's risk in the event bonds are underwritten (not sold to investors)



#### 2. Price Views & Pre-Marketing: Initial Price Indications

- Price Views: As pricing approaches, and based on the communications described previously, each member of the syndicate provides their opinion of where each bond maturity should price
  - The Senior Manager collects these on behalf of the syndicate (co-seniors / co-managers, but not selling group members)
  - Price views are either taken as absolute levels or as a spread to a benchmark index
  - For tax-exempt municipal issuances, the index used is Municipal Market Data (MMD)
    - MMD is a benchmark tax-exempt yield curve that provides a proxy for where the highest "AAA" rated state general obligation bonds' should price.
- Consensus Scale: After the price views are gathered from the Syndicate, the senior manager generates a scale which takes into account market considerations and all syndicate members' price views
- Pre-Marketing: The day before a formal order period starts, the senior manager will release the consensus scale to the market; this is the first time the market will be able to see rates associated with the bonds and this allows the syndicate to obtain more robust investor feedback before opening up the order period

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	Interpolated MMD (01/18)	Consensus Spread (to 01/18 MMD)	Indicative Rates (Based on 01/18 MMD)	Senior Mgr	Co Mgr 1	Co Mgr 2
2023 Series 1 (Non-AMT)						
2023 Series 1 Serials						
11/15/2023	1.00	10	1.10	10	15	20
11/15/2024	2.00	20	2.20	20	25	25
11/15/2025	3.00	30	3.30	30	35	30
11/15/2026	4.00	40	4.40	40	45	35
2023 Series 1 Terms						
11/15/2041	5.00	10	5.10	10	15	100
11/15/2046	6.00	20	6.20	20	25	105
11/15/2051	7.00	30	7.30	30	35	110

Theoretical Example Price Views



#### 3. Retail Order Period: Entering the Market

- Retail Order Period Call/Discussion and "Release into the Market"
  - The Pricing Wire is prepared and provides the amount, coupon and price by maturity of bonds being offered
  - The Release of a pricing wire signifies the start of an order period and official order taking
    - It should be noted that the Wires are not offering documents and the transaction terms are still governed by the POS – though the Wire will update amounts being offered, prices, etc.
- Retail Order Period: During this order period, only retail investors can submit orders
  - This allows retail investors to have a first chance to place orders for bonds
  - It may be the case that not all bonds are offered to retail, some maturities may be held back in order to:
    - Avoid selling to retail buyers a more sophisticated product that is inappropriate for them, such as a PAC
  - Retail investors are generally less price sensitive than other investors, and for this, and other reasons, they
    are usually given the first opportunity to buy
  - This allows the underwriting desk to build a book at attractive prices, while commencing the further solicitation of "Institutional" investor interest.
- Retail Order Period Priority Policy Order in which investors will receive bonds:
  - In State Retail
  - National Retail
- Retail Wrap-up and Institution Pre-Pricing Call / Discussion: Takes place at the end of the Retail Order Period
  - Reviews the results of the retail order period
  - Discusses feedback from institutional investors
  - Proposes any structure or yield adjustments



#### 4. Institutional Order Period: Targeting Institutions

- Institutional Order Period: This is generally the second and last order period which is targeted toward Institutions
  - Though it typically occurs the day after the Retail Order Period, if there is significant investor interest during the Retail Order Period the Institutional Order Period might be accelerated and take place in afternoon following ROP
  - Allows institutions first priority since they were not allowed to participate in the retail order period
  - Typically bonds that have been fully sold to retail investor will not be offered during the institutional order period
     Order Book Example
- Institutional Order Period Priority Policy Order in which investors will receive bonds:
  - Net Designated Orders or Group Net (Institutional Orders)
  - In State Retail Orders
  - National Retail Orders
  - Member Orders (Syndicate Orders)
- Designation Policy. This applies only to institutional orders and dictates how the bond takedown / sales commission should be allocated by the institutional investor to syndicate members. (Note that for Retail and Member Orders, the firm that sold the bond receives all the sales commission.)
  - At least [XX] firm(s) must be designated
  - No firm may receive more than [XX]% of any designations

		Retail	Institutional	Total	
Maturity	Par	Orders	Orders	Orders	Subscription
11/15/2023	5,000	2,000	8,000	10,000	2.0x
11/15/2024	5,000	2,000	8,000	10,000	2.0x
11/15/2025	10,000	3,000	12,000	15,000	1.5x
11/15/2026	10,000	3,000	12,000	15,000	1.5x
Total	30,000	10,000	40,000	50,000	1.7x





#### 5. Verbal Award & Written Award: Pricing Wrap Up

- Institutional Wrap-up / Verbal Award Call: Takes place at the end of the Institutional Order Period
  - Reviews the results of the institutional order period
  - Verbal Award: any final yield adjustments / structure changes are made and the underwriter and issuer verbally agree to the final terms of the sale
- Bond Purchase Agreement (BPA): The written contract signed by the underwriter (on behalf of the syndicate) and the issuer
  - The parties are bound to the sale as defined by the terms laid out in the BPA (i.e., the conditions for delivering the bonds at closing in exchange for the agreed upon price)
  - It formalizes the prior verbal "handshake" that took place at the end of the institutional order period
  - It is executed when both parties have signed the agreement, typically the day following institutional pricing

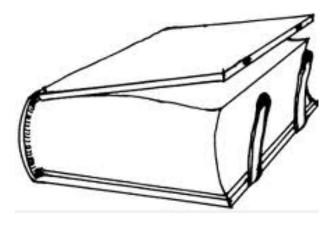






#### 6. Significant Post Pricing Events

- Official Statement (OS):
  - The OS is the bond document that lays out the final terms upon which the bonds are sold to investors
  - It should differ from the POS only in terms of market dependent final characteristics of the bonds being offered
- Leading up to Closing
  - Finalizing of bond documents, tax certificate, etc., based on the final structure and pricing results
- Bond Closing: The day money is exchanged (via wire) for the sale and purchase of the bonds





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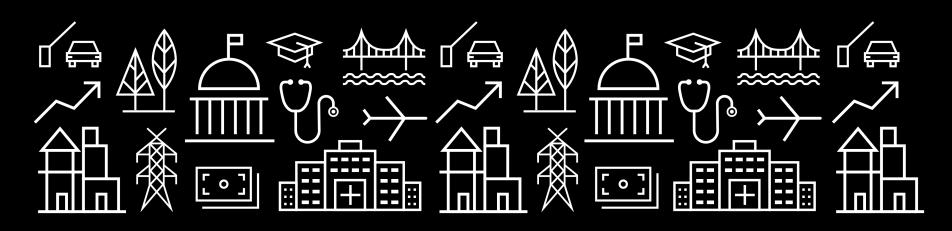
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## Credit Rating Basics and Overview of HFA Bond Ratings

Financing Affordable Mortgages 101: Mortgage Revenue Bonds, TBA, and Securitization Basics



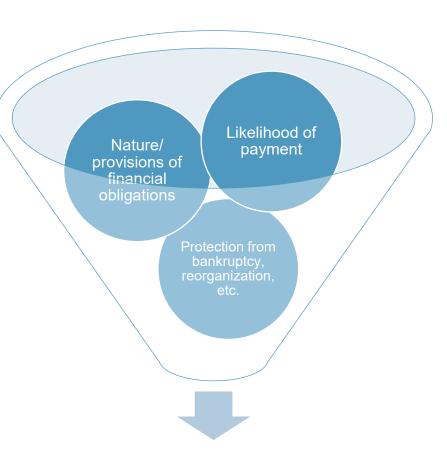
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### What is a credit rating?

- A forward-looking opinion about an issuer's (or program's) relative creditworthiness.
- Establish a common and transparent global language for investors to form a view on, and compare the relative likelihood of, whether an issuer may repay its debts on time and in full.
- "Credit ratings help facilitate an efficient capital marketplace. They provide transparent third-party information that's not only forward-looking but standardized for consistency."
- Personal finance analog: Credit Scores



**S&P Credit Rating** 

### **Uses of Credit Ratings**

#### Additionally, credit ratings provide investors with:



Common terminology to describe different levels of creditworthiness (e.g., AAA)



Third-party opinions



Information to help make more informed decisions



Assistance in understanding and measuring credit risk, and emerging risk types: sustainability & climate change, cyber risk, technology & digital disruption

#### Smooth functioning of the capital market enables:



People to start and grow businesses



Governments to improve infrastructure



Manufacturers to build factories and create jobs

## **S&P Global Ratings' Impact**

>35,000 issuers helped to access capital markets

>1 million credit ratings outstanding on government, corporate, financial sector and structured finance entities and securities.

\$47 Trillion in outstanding debt surveilled

\$75 Trillion in debt rated by S&P Global since 2000

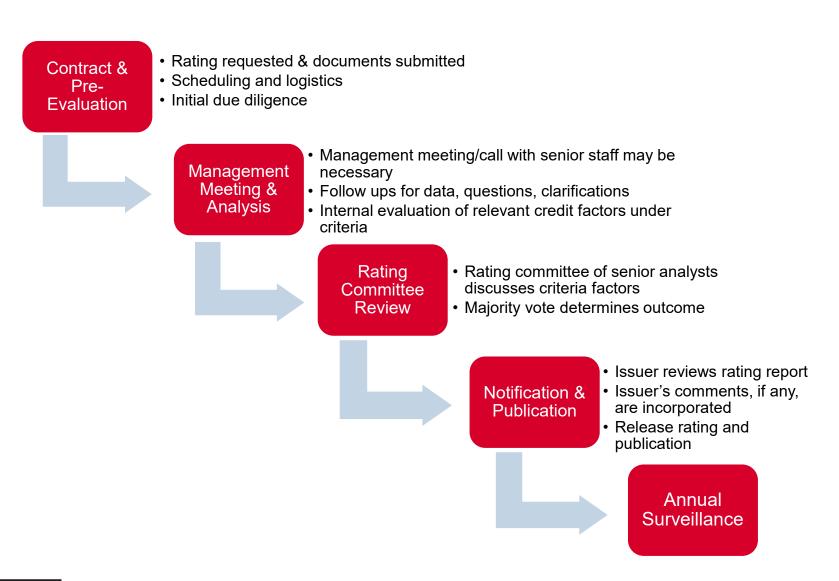
## **S&P Global's Credit Rating Definitions**

	Rating Category	Description
מ כ	AAA	The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is extremely strong.
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	A	More susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is still strong.
		An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.
		Regarded as having <b>significant speculative characteristics</b> . While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposure to adverse conditions.
		An obligation rated 'D' is <b>in default or in breach of an imputed promise</b> . The 'D' rating also will be used upon the <b>filing of a bankruptcy petition</b> or the taking of similar action and where <b>default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions</b> .
	*Ratings from ' categories.	AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating

## **HFA Ratings In Perspective**

S&P Rating	
AAA	Microsoft Johnson Johnson
AA+	Alphabet Median HFA Bond Rating
AA	Walmart amazon Save money. Live better.
AA-	Chevron SAMSUNG
<b>A</b> +	COSTCO Pfizer TOYOTA
A	MARS Honeywell
Α-	Qualcom Edison RALPH LAUREN HONDA

#### **S&P Rating Process Overview**





### Other Things to Know About S&P's Ratings

- An assortment of personnel on various S&P teams play a role in generating a given rating
- Timelines to produce a rating vary by sector, security, and analyst/team capacity
- Avoid the "F-word" (fees) when interacting with your analysts!
- Analysts are strictly prohibited from "structuring" transactions
- A criteria RFC provides a formal method to provide feedback, but S&P Global Ratings accepts feedback on criteria 365 days/year

### Types of S&P Ratings for HFAs

#### **Issuer Credit Ratings (ICRs)**

- Reflects the general creditworthiness of an HFA
- Sometimes referred to as the "General Obligation" (GO) pledge of the HFA, meaning all legally available revenues
- Rated using Methodology And Assumptions: Housing Finance Agencies And Social Enterprise Lending Organizations, published Dec. 27, 2016
- Rated Universe: 23 HFAs
- Information sources: audited financials, questionnaires, conversations with HFA management
- Criteria framework: Financial strength (capital adequacy, profitability, asset quality, liquidity); Management, legislative mandate, or federal designation; and Economy

#### **Program/Issue Ratings**

- Reflects the credit strength of an HFA program/indenture/resolution
- Covers bonds backed by pools of mortgage loans on residential properties, which are typically established and overseen by a state or local HFA
- Rated using the Methodology For Rating U.S. Public Finance Mortgage Revenue Bond Programs (MRBP), published Oct. 10, 2022
- Rated Universe: ~74 program ratings
- Information sources: cash flow runs, questionnaire, periodic disclosures, conversations with HFA management
- Criteria Framework: Legal framework analysis; Program management & operational risk analysis; Credit quality of the asset pool; Cash flow analysis; Modifiers & holistic analysis; Application of other criteria

#### **HFA Programs By The Numbers**

#### **Median Rating**

Single-family programs

AA+/Stable

Multifamily programs

AA+/Stable



Median program size

Portfolio

\$931 Mil.

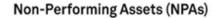
Single-family



\$1.75 Bil.

Median asset-to-liability parity

Multifamily



Median whole loan delinquency rate as of Q2 2022

4.75%

0.30%

Single-family

Multifamily

118%

Single-family



133%

Multifamily



Single-family insurance support

of whole loan portfolios carry government loan insurance



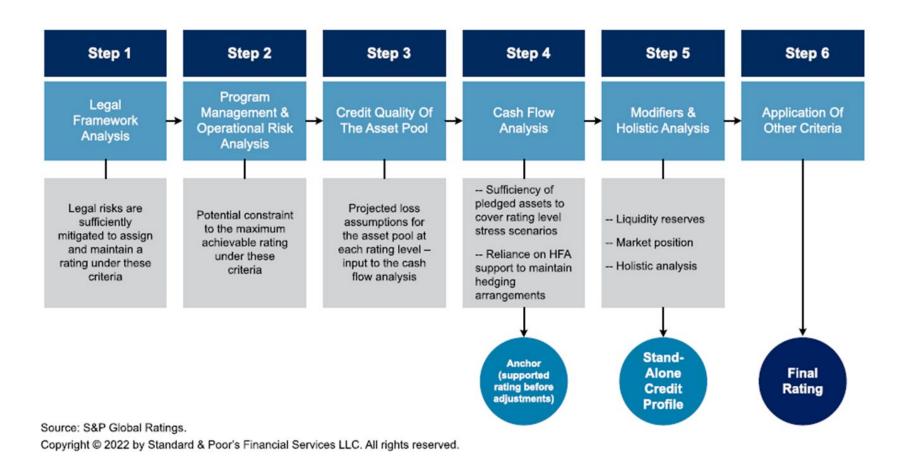
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## New HFA Program Criteria (MRBP) – Key Changes

- Established a comprehensive framework capturing all aspects of HFA programs' performance & operation vs. asset type approach
- Emphasize the HFA's active role in the program & dependency on the HFA (support or risks)
- Updated our single-family credit quality analysis to integrate state nuances (economy/taxes/foreclosure process) and market value changes
- More explicit analysis of the sufficiency of liquidity reserves
- Establish direct linkage to the HFA's issuer credit rating based on derivative support or events of default

## Mortgage Revenue Bond Program (MRBP) Methodology



**S&P Global** Ratings

## MRBP Analysis Step 2: Program Management & Operational Risk Analysis

### Program Management & Operational Risk Factors

See Table 2 in Criteria for Examples

1.	Program strategy & governance
2.	Loan origination & monitoring
3.	Asset & liability management
4.	Liquidity risk management
5.	Counterparty risk management

Table 1

Determining An MRB Program's Maximum Potential Rating Based On Program Management And Operational Risks

Number of factors assessed as negative	Maximum potential rating
0	No constraint
1-2	'AA' category
3-4	'A' category
5	'BBB' category

The presence of a specific attribute may not lead to a negative assessment if we view the identified risk as otherwise mitigated

#### **MRBP Analysis Step 3:** Credit Quality of the Asset Pool

#### <u>Projected loss assumptions for single-family whole loan pools</u>

 We first determine a rating level foreclosure frequency (FF) and loss severity (LS) for each cohort; we then determine a weighted average foreclosure frequency (WAFF) and weighted average loss severity (WALS)

#### **WAFF** x **WALS** = **Projected loss assumption at each rating level**

- The typical pool definition and base foreclosure frequency assumptions are benchmarked against our U.S. RMBS criteria "Methodology And Assumptions For Rating U.S. RMBS Issued 2009 And Later"
- Based on the calibration of these criteria, the FF assumption for a typical pool of loans originated or purchased by HFAs would be *approximately 0.7x the FF assumption for a U.S. RMBS pool* with otherwise similar borrower characteristics
  - We have observed stronger credit performance of loans originated or purchased by HFAs, through periods of stress, relative to other U.S. mortgage loans to borrowers with similar characteristics

## MRBP Analysis Step 3: Credit Quality of the Asset Pool (continued)

#### Overview Of Foreclosure Frequency Adjustments For Single-Family Whole Loan Pools

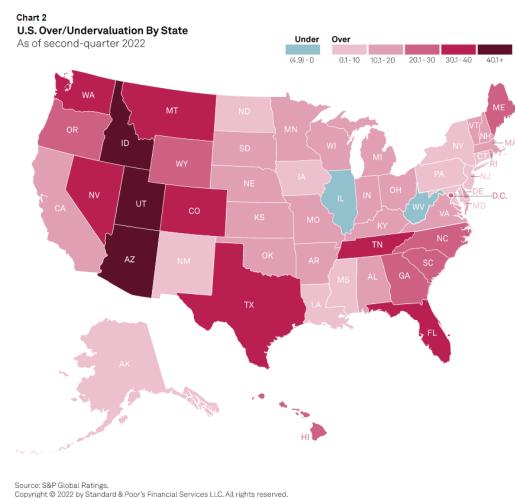
haracteristic Adjustment factor				
Adjustments reflecting loan characteristics				
0.7x-2.1x for LTVs in the range 75%-95%, with an adjustment of approximately 1.0x for LTVs of 82%, increasing exponentially for higher LTVs (see chart 8)				
0.5x-1.0x applied to performing loans with at least five years' seasoning (see table 11)				
1.5x for loan types other than fixed-rate 30-year maturity amortizing loans. Can increase to 3.0x for balloon or negam loans, if applicable (see table 10)				
1.1x-2.0x for property types other than single-family residences (see table 12)				
2.5x-5.0x for loans that are at least 30 days delinquent, with 100% foreclosure frequency assumed for loans 90 days delinquent and above (see table 13)				
acteristics				
0.9x-2.5x for FICO scores ranging from greater than 725 to below 620 (see table 9)				
Applies to pools of fewer than 250 loans (see chart 10)				
1.0x-2.0x, applied where servicing or origination standards deviate significantly from the norm for HFA managed pools (see paragraph 64)				



## MRBP Analysis Step 3: Credit Quality of the Asset Pool (continued)

#### **Loss severity**

- Brings state-level nuance into loss assumption
- Calculated based on the following components (detailed in Appendix I)
  - Market value decline (MVD) assumptions for the underlying properties;
  - Over/undervaluation adjustments (based on long-term price-to-income ratios) for current housing market conditions in the relevant state;
  - Forced sale discount;
  - Foreclosure and preservation costs; and
  - Lost-interest, taxes and insurance over the course of the liquidation timeline



Source: "Housing Overvaluation May Be Peaking: How It Affects U.S. RMBS"



## What we're watching in 2023 – S&P's Sector Outlook for HFAs

#### Stable sector outlook overall

- Shallow recession expected, with GDP growth expected to weaken by 0.1% in 2023, pushing unemployment to a peak of 4.5% in Q42023
  - However, HFA balance sheets remain strong, with sufficient liquidity
  - Prudent underwriting and high levels of gov't insurance
  - Continued shift away from TBA
  - Minor weakening of Asset/Liability parity in programs and HFA ROA for ICRs
- With inflation outpacing wage gains, pressure on low-income households will only intensify
  - DPA will be continue to be an integral part of HFA financing
- HFA management teams continue to demonstrate the foresight and resilience to steer their organizations profitably through uncharted territory.

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