

Dynamic document -

underlying assumptions

cornerstone of a successful grant strategy

is a guide for capital investments over the following fiscal cycles

drives policy and budgetary decisions

A Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)...

is a useful tool for public outreach and

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helps prevent continuation of deferred maintenance without intervention allows the community

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# **Creating a CIP**















- Work with policymakers and community to identify goals/desired outcomes of the community
- Reference planning tools, such as master plan to help
- Receive input from Departments, Elected Officials, and community stakeholders to build out your "wish-list"
- Need rough budgetary estimates along with a project list
- Identify Capital Budget availability
- 5-year forecast to identify existing funds and highlight any potential shortfalls
- Score projects based on criticality, funding availability, and impact on overall goals/ objectives of the community
- Categorize projects into various types
- Identify key sources of funding for each project
- Work with Council present various options
- Build capital budget to be tied into upcoming fiscal year budget
- Finalize CIP with a funding plan for following years
- Request Council authorization of CIP annually

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# **Identifying Projects**

### Seeking Help

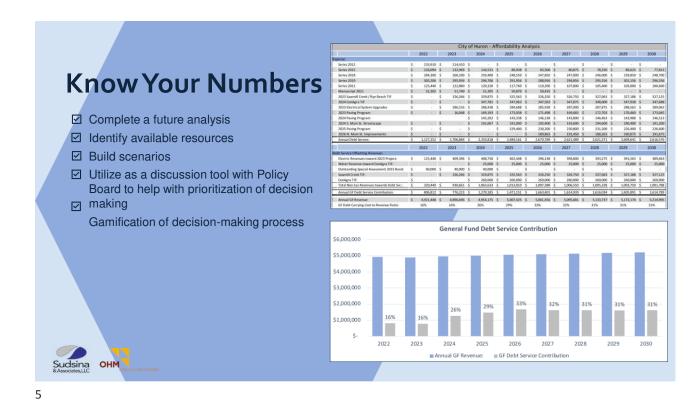
Engaging with a planning firm to bolster city services is often a great investment. Here's why:

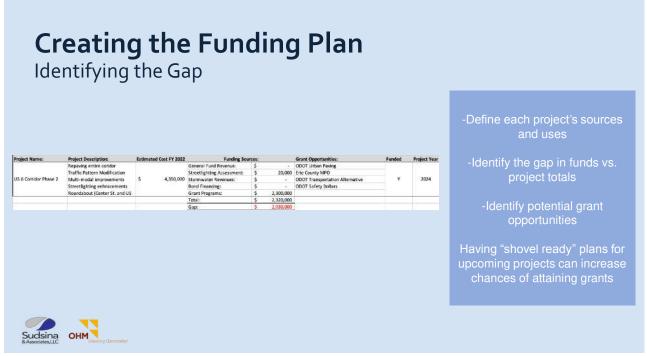
- Plan will be rooted in community goals and initiatives
- · Adds visual interest
- Plan will include best and latest community planning practices
- · Projected costs will be rooted in historical data
- · Takes the burden off staff
- · Firms are effective in grant acquisition

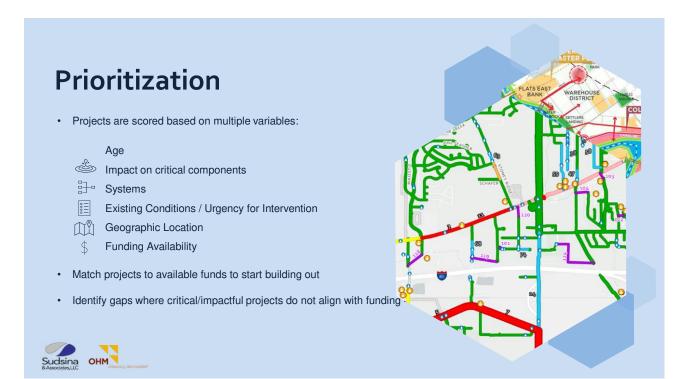




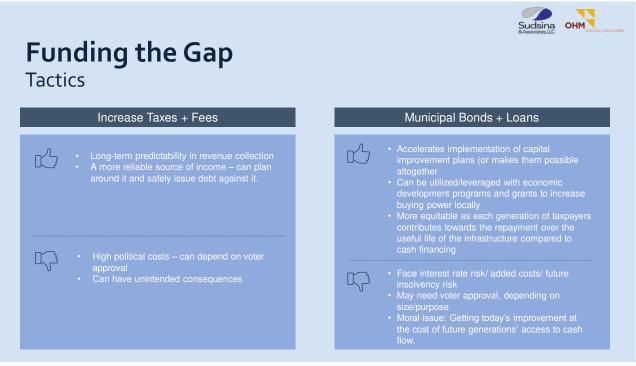








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# **Funding the Gap**

### **Tactics**

### State Programs



- Accelerates implementation of capital improvement plans (or makes them possible
- Can be utilized/leveraged with economic development programs and grants to increase buying power locally
   More equitable as each generation of taxpayers contributes towards the repayment over the useful life of the infrastructure compared to cash financing



- insolvency risk May need voter approval, depending on size/purpose Moral issue: Getting today's improvement at the cost of future generations' access to cash flow.

#### **Economic Development Tools**



- generate revenue sources that shift the cost burden of capital to the developer Way to maximize impact of a development in your community



- Revenue sources are not as iron-clad as traditional tax revenues

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#### Public Private Partnerships



- Can free the city from some general regulations private enterprise has more flexibility
   Both public and private entity about risk
- Can be used as a bridge to a wholly public solution (broadband)

  Expand access to capital for public agency



- Mixed results on cost effectiveness, both for gov't and for end users ensure sound financial analysis
   Adds profit incentive to projects ensure
- fees/proforma are fully vetted out ahead of time





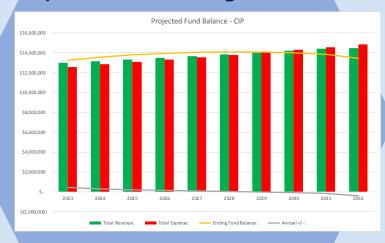
#### Grants





- Don't become overly reliant on them great to target, but not sufficient to fund capital programs solely on unreliable/one-time grant funding.

## **Analysis of CIP Funding Plan**



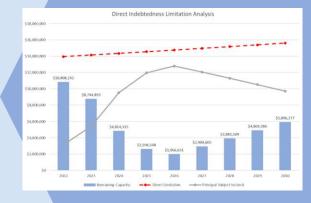
- Assess Future viability of funding plan
- Use the tool to explore various scenarios for decision making
- Allows you to have long-term planning conversations
- Drive decisions based on financial outcomes – visible and easy to digest for policy board members

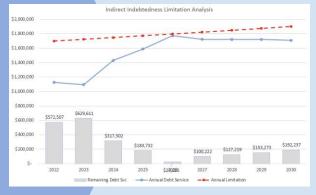




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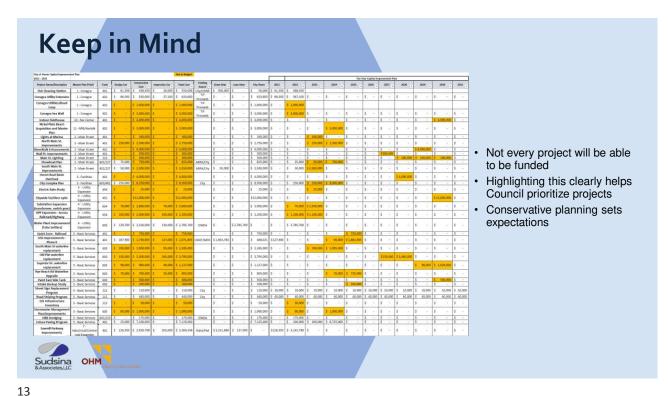
## **Debt Forecasting**





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- Analysis of agency's ability to fund the gap utilizing bond financing within ORC guidelines
- Includes both capacity analysis and affordability analysis



# **Finalizing and Utilizing Your CIP**

- Build a CIP book (use of an external firm can help with this)
- Add visual interest tools such as GIS or budgeting software can help
- Get Policy Board buy-in: include as a budget document each fiscal year
- · Report use it to highlight your community's successes (both past and anticipated future)
- · Tie it back to your master plan if available
- · Make it public and easy to find

