

EPA Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF): Models and Strategies to Finance Zero Emission Transportation

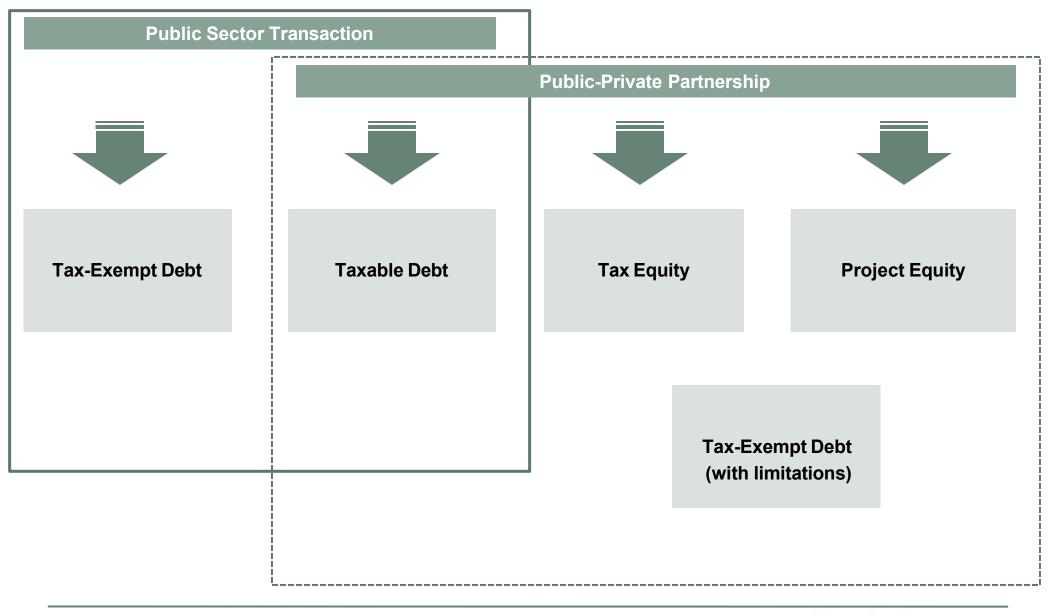
CAPITAL MARKET

- The US Capital Market is vast. Estimated at around \$55 Trillion as of July 2024. Plenty of capital available for well structured opportunities.
- There are multiple types of capital that can be deployed
 - Equity retail or institutional
 - Debt taxable or tax exempt
 - Securitization
 - Project finance
- Important to utilize financing instrument best suited to achieve successful outcome

DRIVERS FOR DEVELOPING THE FINANCING PLAN

- D Project: Type, Risks and Available Revenues
- Public Entity's Objectives and Constraints
 - Political
 - Legislative
 - > Economic
 - Programmatic
 - Policy
- □ Private Sector's Appetite Not all project types have the same appeal
 - Don't let the Financing tools drive the process as this approach will not optimize the business model for the public benefit

FINANCING TOOLS: THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS



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TAX-EXEMPT AND TAXABLE DEBT

Tax Exempt—Public Sector Transaction

- Retail investor driven investment product
- Requires traditional credit/revenue streams
- > Generally must obtain a published credit rating
- Fundamentals allow for 100% leverage and/or public entity can contribute cash equity
- > Public ownership is preferred/necessary
- "Public Offering" costs of issuance

Taxable Debt—Private Sector Transaction

- Multiple institutional investor types/classes to access
- Accommodates more diverse credit/revenue streams
- > A published credit rating not required
- > Maximum leverage is credit/structure driven
- Private ownership is typical
- "Private Placement/Loan" costs of issuance
- > Municipal vs. Corporate Taxable Markets

TAX EQUITY AND PROJECT EQUITY

Tax Equity

- > Cash contributions in exchange for tax benefits/portion of project cash flows
- Return is based on "after-tax" basis, which incorporates tax savings it receives from ITC/PTC/depreciation benefits
- Limited investor universe
- Various structures available, such as lease pass-through and partnership-flips, and direct pay

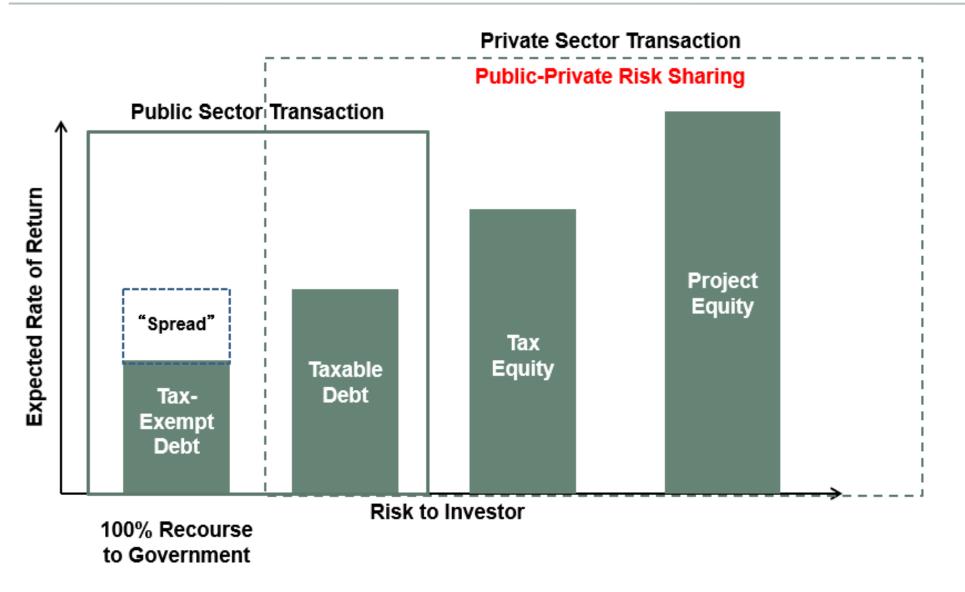
Project Equity

- > Investor equity return requirements
- > Equity from developer/sponsor, venture, private sources
- Money can be left in the deal to act as equity (e.g., deferred development fee)
- Passive or active investor

7 STEPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PPP

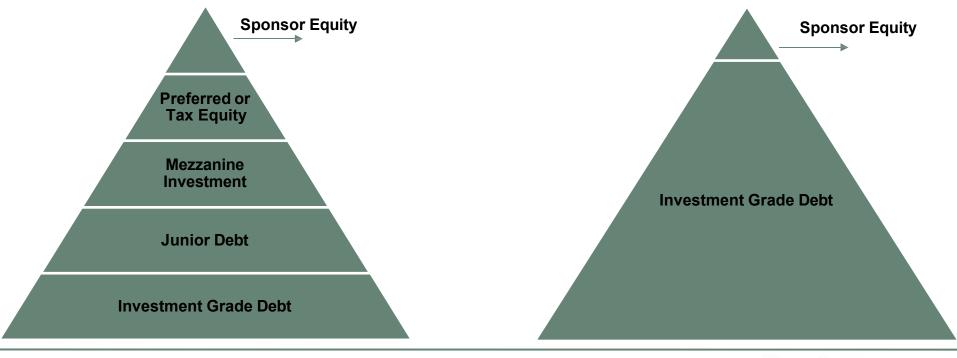
- Alignment of objectives does each party really understand the objectives of the other and do they believe they can achieve their own objectives without bringing them in to conflict with their partners?
- 2. Effectiveness of communications are meetings and communications focused on the right issues and is the information believable or is all just about telling good news and then backstabbing behind the scenes?
- 3. Clarity of decision-making is the process of decision-making across the partnership clear to all and are the right people involved at the right time?
- 4. Clarity of accountabilities do people understand who is accountable for what, or is there much duplication of effort across the partnership?
- 5. **Right skills in the right place –** are all partners getting people with the right skills in the right place to manage the partnership, or are skill gaps being ignored?
- 6. **Partnering behavior of leaders –** do people believe that their leaders are acting for the good of the whole partnership or do they see them pushing their own agendas?
- 7. Responsive ways of working are all parties willing to adapt their ways of working to resolve interface issues and meet the needs of others or do they say just do it my way?

COST OF FUNDS



PPP CAPITAL STACK

- Typically, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be the owner of the project. The SPV can have many different sources of capital or a simple debt/equity structure.
- D The capital stack demonstrates a positive relationship between risk and return.
 - Investment grade debt assumes the least amount of risk and requires lowest return
 - Sponsor equity assumes the greatest risk and requires the highest return



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