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# Authorities Budget Office Policy Guidance



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## 2014 Operations & Accomplishments Report

Date Adopted: April 21, 2015

### Name of Public Authority:

The Town of Huntington Local Development Corporation (the "TOH LDC")

### Public Authority's Mission Statement:

The Mission of the TOH LDC is to promote community and economic development and the creation of jobs in the not-for-profit and for-profit sectors for the residents of the Town of Huntington by developing and providing programs for not-for-profit institutions, manufacturing and industrial businesses, and other entities to access low-interest cost tax-exempt and non-tax-exempt financing for eligible projects.

Additionally, the TOH LDC seeks to facilitate resident training and development; to improve or develop the employment skills and capabilities of the residents of the Town of Huntington, and to provide and/or help make available residential housing, through, including, without limitation, construction, rehabilitation and leasing.

### 2014 Activities:

2014 marks the TOH LDC's third year, following its first bond financing transaction in 2012.

The first bond transaction by the TOH LDC was the issuance of \$19,220,000 in Tax-Exempt and \$434,000 in Taxable Revenue bonds on behalf of a Huntington/Smithtown-based not-for-profit, Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc. ("DDI"). DDI subsequently reported that 75 new jobs in various programs within the organization were created as a result of that bond issuance.

In this case and in all subsequent bond financing transactions, the TOH LDC serves only as a conduit for the financing, with the actual bond funds raised through the private market.

In late 2014, the LDC learned that a not-for-profit who had submitted an application to the TOH LDC requesting tax-exempt bond financing in 2013, opted not to move forward with the transaction. The LDC is currently in discussions with another not

for profit entity interested in tax exempt bond financing who is preparing to submit an Application for Financial Assistance.

Meanwhile, The TOH LDC continues to communicate with potential borrowers (not for profits) located in the Town of Huntington via both one-on-one and group meetings. For example, the TOH LDC Executive Director serves on the steering committee of the Huntington Community Council, an organization comprised of not for profits, most of which are based in the Town of Huntington. Additionally, the TOH LDC Executive Director, its General Counsel and Bond Counsel continue working together to network with potential borrowers to maintain the Corporation's visibility and communicate its services and financing capabilities.

In 2014, the TOH LDC continued to maintain its Internet presence at the Town of Huntington's website: <http://huntingtonny.gov> that provides information about its services, makes available its Application for Financial Assistance, Policies, Reports, Budgets as well as other corporate documentation as required by PARA.

The TOH LDC also continues to explore ways it can support other Town of Huntington community and economic development entities, and their separate but similarly-aligned initiatives, so as to further its own mission and purposes. One such entity identified in 2014 is the Huntington Opportunity Resource Center that provides resume preparation, helps with job searches, explores career options, provides access to training, gives tips for interview success, job readiness, DSS applications assistance, not-for profit service referrals and fields general human services questions.