



How Much Do I Need? Creating a Capital Project Budget

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Introductions

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Overview

Who's asking?

- Capital campaign manager
- Financial underwriter
- Existing creditors
- Potential investors
- Grant agencies
- Constituents
- Designers

Why?

- Debt capacity
- Covenants
- Credit rating
- Bond issuance terms
- Business planning
- Capital reserve planning
- User fees
- Design contract





Terminology

Capital funds vs. operating funds

Budget vs. commitment/encumbrance vs. expenditures

Project budget vs. construction budget

Hard costs vs. soft costs





O. Site Acquisition

- Purchase versus lease
- Closing costs on the land deal
- Impact of existing tenants
- Impact of acquisition timing (taxes, utilities)
- Infrastructure available versus needed





1. Sitework

- Number of parking spaces and type
- Accessibility of utilities
- Amount of demolition and clearing needed
- Amount of landscaping desired
- Amount of environmental remediation





2. Construction

- Cost/SF
 - New construction vs. renovation
 - Geographic market
 - Participation goals
 - Union agreements
 - Contract type
- General conditions (staffing, schedule duration)
- Fee (overhead and profit)





3. FF&E

- Reuse of existing equipment
- Expectations within annual operating budgets
- Options and features
- CFCI, OFCI, OFOI





4. Architecture & Engineering

- Basic Services
- Additional Services
 - Civil engineering
 - Food service
 - Landscape design
 - Lighting design
 - Fundraising renderings
- Reimbursable expenses
- Scale of fee to size of project





5. Owner's Consultants

- Topographic survey
- Geotechnical survey
- Traffic study
- Air quality study
- Legal services
- Material testing
- Building inspection





6. Permits

- Demolition fee
- Tree removal fee
- Building permit fee
- Public space permit fee
- Permit expeditor fees





7. Owner Expenses

- Couriers
- Reproductions
- Visits to other facilities
- Ceremonies (groundbreaking, topping out, opening)





8. Start-Up Costs

- Hiring staff before opening
- Marketing
- > Conferences and professional affiliations
- Training





9. Contingency

- General responsibility to cover unforeseen costs
 - Discovery, miscoordination, approval agency requests
- Institutional requirements
- Lender requirements





10. Program Management

- Extent of lines 1 through 9
- Means of providing
 - In-house, cooperative, fully out-sourced





11. Financing Costs

- Debt Issuance Fees
- Credit Insurance
- Lender Requirements
 - Independent inspector, wiring fees, interest reserve





12. Miscellaneous

- > Full site security during construction
- Ancillary projects
- Swing space
- Schedule acceleration
- Sustainability design goals





Advice

- Check for Hard:Soft cost ratio
- Note "unknown" or "not included" (vs. just omitting)
- Engage and identify all sources

- PM of a previous project
- Estimator
- Expeditor
- Designer
- Peer

- City records
- Lender
- Vendor
- Builder
- Institutional memory





But it's not being spent today...

- Inflation on:
 - Construction contract
 - FF&E
- Interest on:
 - Funds from when you receive them





Example

Audience Participation with Excel template





Budget Management

Tracking:

- Commitments against Budgets
- Expenditures against Commitments
- Allowances
- Contingency





Budget Management

Scenarios:

- Over budget
 - need to find other sources of \$
- Under budget
 - left "money on the table" that could have been put into the building
- On budget
 - squeezed full value out of every dollar, prioritizing contingency spending





Q&A

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Site Acquisition

Inflation

Interest

Active management tool:

Planning

Design

Construction





Thank you!

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