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W A S H I N G T O N

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

A U T H O R I T Y

*Financing the Health Care Future*

## Agency Summary

### **Mission**

#### Legislative Mission

**“Assist the building...and modernization... of modern, well equipped and reasonably priced health care facilities... that will minimize the capital costs of construction, financing and use thereof and thereby the cost to the public of use of such facilities.”  
(Chapter 70.37.010 RCW)**

#### Operational Mission

**To effectively assist non-profit health care providers to minimize their capital costs by providing:**

- **Access to capital**
- **Information on the capital markets, and**
- **Low cost financing alternatives**

### **Success**

The Authority facilitated approximately \$93 million in “interest cost savings” to health care providers, and therefore the public health care consumers, (who ultimately pay the reduced interest costs) in calendar year 2012.

### **Customers**

Non-profit organizations which provide health care services in Washington (Participant as defined in Chapter 70.37 RCW). This includes hospitals and other non-hospitals such as cancer centers, community health center, farm worker clinics, community mental health facilities, hospices, blood centers, alcoholic treatment centers etc. See WAC 247-04-010 for complete list.

### **Services/Products**

#### Services

The Authority acts as a conduit to allow non-profit health care providers access the tax-exempt bond market. Without Authority assistance, borrowers would have to borrow at more expensive taxable interest rates, which would result in increased health care costs being passed along to consumers.

The Authority has issued a variety of tax exempt bonds including fixed interest rate, variable interest rate, insured, letter of credit backed, and private placements directly with various lenders. The Authority also offers a variety of services to assist health care providers understand the capital markets, financing options, and applicable federal tax and security laws.

### Products

The Authority offers key loan products to meet its customer's needs. Examples include **Quick Loan**, a private placement loan program primarily for smaller dollar loans and **EZ Quip**, an equipment lease/loan program.

### **Loan History**

Number of Loans:	401 loans provided
Dollar Volume:	\$13.9 billion issued
Outstanding Loans:	\$5.4 billion outstanding

### **Yearly Loan Volume**

Issue approximately 15 - 18 individual bond issues per year. One-quarter are loans for hospitals and three-quarters are loans for other health care providers.

### **Financial Accountability**

The Authority is a self-sustaining proprietary, state agency precluded from receiving any funding from the State. Authority budget is set by the Board. Yearly financial audits are performed by an outside auditor and the State Auditor conducts periodic audits.

### **Washington State Liability**

The legislature erected a "wall" between the State and the Authority when creating the Authority in order to protect the State. The State Supreme Court upheld this "wall" in the Authority test case. Bonds issued by the Authority are not obligations of the state of Washington.

### **Recipient of Washington State Quality Award - Certificate of Merit**

The Authority strives to implement business excellence practices in its operations. The Washington State Quality Award program (WSQA) recognized the Authority's excellence practices by awarding the Authority a Certificate of Merit in 2000.