

STRENGTH MATTERS Boot Camp on Financial Reporting for Rental Housing Nonprofit Enterprises

Module 8: Operations Issues

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Meet the Presenters

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Getting Started

- If you have a technical issue, including issues with Polls, please contact the Host via Chat.
- Please use the Chat feature to submit all content questions.
- We will pause for questions during the presentation.
- Participants will be muted during the course presentation. Participant breakout rooms offer small group discussion with audio and video sharing.



Module 8: Operations Issues 90 min/1.5 CPEs

 See CPE Summary handout for Core Competencies and Learning Objectives.

Module 8 Materials

Please have your Handouts PDF available for reference.

- Equity Section of Restoration Housing LP's financial statements – Year 1
- 2. Restoration Housing LP's Limited Partnership Agreement-Section 10

Topics covered to date

- Module 1
 - Identify the Deal; Grants, Contributions & Exchange Transactions; Predevelopment Best Practices
- Module 2
 - Entity Formation and Deal Structure
- Module 3
 - Deal Structure, Deal Cycle & Participants, QAP, LIHTC calculations and the State Determination Letters
- Module 4
 - Financial Projections, Investor Letters of Intent
- Module 5
 - New Construction, Rehab & Funders Requisition
- Module 6
 - Cost Certifications & 8609's
- Module 7
 - Transition to Operations, Key Operating Documents

Module 8: Operations Issues

Topics for this session:

- Operations
- Accounting issues
- Best practices



Operations Poll 1

- 1. When do you typically receive the deal's operating or partnership agreement?
 - A. Before construction commences
 - B. During the construction period
 - C. Once operations begin

Operations

Accounting issues arising during operations

- Construction payables during the year separate from Trade Payables
- Related party transactions some in the form of fees payable

Operations

Accounting issues arising during operations (continued)

- Fees paid above and below the line some cumulative and some non-cumulative
 - Property management fee
 - Partnership management fee
 - Asset management fee
 - Incentive management fee
 - Accounting/bookkeeper fee
 - Compliance fee
 - Other fees





Accounting Issues Poll 2

- 1. Which of the fees discussed will most likely be accrued only when there is sufficient surplus cash:
 - A. Property management fee
 - B. Accounting/ bookkeeper fee
 - C. Developer fee
 - D. Incentive management fee
 - E. C & D above

Operations

Please use the Breakout Room for this Exercise.

Class Exercise

 Identify the fees that you can find in Restoration Housing's Partnership Agreement – use the definitions section and/or section 10

Operations Class Exercise – Answer Key

- Identify the fees that you can find in Restoration Housing's Partnership Agreement – See section 10.1
- Asset Management Fee (Step 1)
- Development Fee (Step 3)
- Partnership Management Fee (step 5)
- Supervisory Management Fee (step 11)
- Property Management Fee not in the LPA

Operations

Accounting issues arising during operations

Sponsor loans

GAAP – Does not allow step-up in value when you sell one asset to affiliated organization. The difference between the purchase price of the assets and the carrying value is recorded as equity – See example in handouts

The sponsor loan <u>may</u> be recorded as an equity contribution by the general partner or as a loan payable to the sponsor.

- Tax Allows the step-up in value to be counted in fixed assets and allows for the recognition of the Sponsor Loan
- > Allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable
 - inter-company receivables allowance policy





Accounting Issues Poll 3

- 1. When would GAAP allow you to record fixed assets at market rate upon purchase?
 - A. When fixed assets are purchased from a related party.
 - B. When fixed assets are purchased from an unrelated party.

Operations

Accounting issues arising during operations

- Reserve funding/withdrawal issues/surplus cash distributions
 - Agreements can contain contradictory provisions for the funding and withdrawal of replacement/operating reserves
 - Debt lien position can have significance when contradictions arise – in other words, the definition provided by the lender that is in the highest position for payment would most likely be used.

Break

- We will take a 10-minute break.
- Remain logged in during the break.
- Please return promptly.
 - This is especially important for participants seeking CPEs so that you may receive full credit.



Checking In Poll 4

Please use the **Zoom Chat** to share what has been most helpful.

- 1. Have you learned anything today that you already know will directly impact your work?
 - A. Yes, definitely.
 - B. Maybe.
 - C. No, definitely not.
 - D. Not sure.

Operations

Best Practices

- Everything you do for the auditors should be done monthly
- All balance sheet accounts should be reconciled monthly
- Know the investor financial reporting requirements
- Maintain a surplus cash workbook that tracks surplus cash distributions so that you know who is to receive the surplus!





Best Practices

- 1. Operational Issues should best be considered
 - A. During pre-development
 - B. During the construction period
 - C. When operations commence

Operational Issues to think about early on:

- system for utility monitoring
- choice of equipment for units based upon operating experience
- reserve requirements can the operating reserve be written to sunset off with positive operating results
- can surplus cash be allocated to fees rather than distributions as they can look better on a statement of operations

Operations

Please use the **Zoom Chat** to share what has been most helpful.

- What are the key elements of a partnership agreement for you to pay attention to?
- How important is the definitions section of the LPA?
- What other agreements should you read and understand from the closing binder?

QUESTIONS?

- Please use the Zoom Chat to submit questions.
- Instructors will remain on the line to answer remaining questions.

Next Session: Financial Statement Presentation & Intro to Surplus Cash Date: November 17, 2021 Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern

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