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Sample Capital Project #1

Construction of a New Office Building (City)

The City Council has passed a resolution to establish a capital project for the construction of a new office building. After receiving sealed bids from construction companies and proposals from engineering firms and attorneys, the project's costs are budgeted to be \$2,275,000:

- \$2,160,000 construction costs;
- \$100,000 engineering fees; and
- \$15,000 legal fees.

The project is to be financed with:

- \$2 million in issued serial bonds;
- \$225,000 of interfund transfers from the general fund; and
- \$50,000 in State aid.

The accounting entries for the project are as follows:

Year One of the Capital Project

1. To establish the budget for the capital project in accordance with the City Council's resolution.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H510 Estimated Revenues		\$2,275,000	
H5710 Serial Bonds	\$2,000,000		
H5031 Interfund Transfers*	\$225,000		
H3097 State Aid, Capital Projects	\$50,000		
H960 Appropriations			\$2,275,000
H1620.21 Engineering Fees	\$100,000		
H1620.22 Legal Fees	\$15,000		
H1620.24 Building Construction	\$2,160,000		

2. To record the transfer from the general fund.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H200 Cash		\$225,000	
H980 Revenues			\$225,000
H5031 Interfund Transfer	\$225,000		

2a. Collateral entry made in the general fund to record the transfer.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
A522 Expenditures		\$225,000	
A9950.9 Transfer, Capital Projects Fund	\$225,000		
A200 Cash			\$225,000

Note: The City Council may need to modify the general fund budget if appropriations are not available in the A9950.9 Transfer to Capital Projects Fund account.

The City submitted the appropriate forms and sent in the application to the appropriate State agency to qualify for State aid. The full \$50,000 amount has been determined to be earned and will be available within the City's availability period.

3. To record the amount of State aid after submission of the application.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H410 State and Federal, Other		\$50,000	
H980 Revenues			\$50,000
H3097 State Aid, Capital Projects	\$50,000		

4. To record the payment of engineering fees after receiving an invoice for completed work.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H522 Expenditures		\$50,000	
H1620.21 Engineering Fees	\$50,000		
H200 Cash			\$50,000

5. To record payments to contractors based on claims for completed work. Agreements with the contractors require 10 percent to be retained pending final approval of work completed and the release of the amount retained. Progress payments to contractors amounted to \$150,000 less 10 percent retained.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H522 Expenditures		\$135,000	
H1620.24 Construction Contracts	\$135,000		
H200 Cash			\$135,000

5a. Collateral entry to record retained amount of contract (10 percent of the \$150,000).

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H521 Encumbrances		\$15,000	
H1620.24 Construction Contracts	\$15,000		
H821 Reserve for Encumbrances			\$15,000

The City Council passed a resolution to issue a \$2 million bond anticipation note (BAN). This note was issued to provide cash flow for the capital project. Serial bonds will be issued at the end of the capital project to pay off the BAN issued and provide permanent financing.

6. To record the receipt of the BAN proceeds.

Account	Debit	Credit
H200 Cash	\$2,000,000	
H626 Bond Anticipation Notes Payable		\$2,000,000

7. To record the payment to bond counsel for the cost of the BAN issuance.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H522 Expenditures		\$7,500	
H1620.22 Legal Fees	\$7,500		
H200 Cash			\$7,500

8. To record payments to contractors, based on claims for completed work. Agreements require 10 percent to be retained pending final approval of work completed and the release of the amount retained. Progress payments to contractors amounted to \$1 million less 10 percent retainage.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H522 Expenditures		\$900,000	
H1620.24 Construction Contracts	\$900,000		
H200 Cash			\$900,000

8a. Collateral entry to record retained amount of contract (10 percent of the \$1 million).

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H521 Encumbrances		\$100,000	
H1620.24 Construction Contracts	\$100,000		
H821 Reserve for Encumbrances			\$100,000

The following entries will be made at the end of the capital project's first year.

9. To close project revenues at the end of Year 1.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H980 Revenues		\$275,000	
H5031 Interfund Transfer	\$225,000		
H3097 State Aid, Capital Projects	\$50,000		
H912 Unrestricted Fund Balance			\$275,000

10. To close project expenditures at the end of Year 1.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H912 Unrestricted Fund Balance		\$1,092,500	
H522 Expenditures			\$1,092,500
H1620.21 Engineering Fees	\$50,000		
H1620.22 Legal Fees	\$7,500		
H1620.24 Construction Contracts	\$1,035,000		

Year Two of the Capital Project

11. To record payments to contractors, based on claims for completed work. Agreements require 10 percent to be retained pending final approval of work completed and the release of the amount retained. Progress payments to contractors amounted to \$1,010,000 less 10 percent retainage. Contractors are nearing the completion of the work.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H522 Expenditures		\$909,000	
H1620.24 Construction Contracts	\$909,000		
H200 Cash			\$909,000

11a. Collateral entry to record retained amount of contract (10 percent of the \$1,010,000).

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H521 Encumbrances		\$101,000	
H1620.24 Construction Contracts	\$101,000		
H821 Reserve for Encumbrances			\$101,000

12. To record the final payment for engineering fees.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H522 Expenditures		\$50,000	
H1620.21 Engineering Fees	\$50,000		
H200 Cash			\$50,000

13. To record the State aid received based upon the claim filed.

Account	Debit	Credit
H200 Cash	\$50,000	
H410 State and Federal, Other		\$50,000

The City Council approved the issuance of a \$2 million serial bond for permanent financing. The City Council also approved using the proceeds to pay off the BAN principal.

14. To record the issuance of the serial bond.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H200 Cash		\$2,000,000	
H980 Revenues			\$2,000,000
H5710 Serial Bonds	\$2,000,000		

14a. Collateral entry to be made in the Schedule of Non-Current Governmental Liabilities.

Account	Debit	Credit
W129 Total Non-Current Governmental Liabilities	\$2,000,000	
W628 Bonds Payable		\$2,000,000

15. To record the BAN payment. Serial bond proceeds are used to pay off the BAN. Interest of \$20,000 on the note will be paid from the general fund as budgeted appropriations were all allocated for the building's construction.

Account	Debit	Credit
H626 Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	\$2,000,000	
H200 Cash		\$2,000,000

15a. Collateral entry made in the general fund to pay for the \$20,000 of BAN interest.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
A522 Expenditures		\$20,000	
A9730.7 BAN Interest	\$20,000		
A200 Cash			\$20,000

16. To record the legal fees incurred for the issuance of the serial bond and the BAN payment.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H522 Expenditures		\$7,500	
H1620.22 Legal Fees	\$7,500		
H200 Cash			\$7,500

The engineer notified the City Council of the project's completion, indicating that he has inspected the work and deemed it to be free of material defects. The City Council declared the project complete and approved the release of any retained funds and the closing out of the project.

17. To record the final retainage payment to the contractors. The engineer signed the release forms for the payments and the forms are attached to claim vouchers.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H522 Expenditures		\$216,000	
H1620.24 Construction Contracts	\$216,000		
H200 Cash			\$216,000

17a. Collateral entry to be made to reduce encumbered amount being held for retained percentages.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H821 Reserve for Encumbrances		\$216,000	
H521 Encumbrances			\$216,000
H1620.24 Construction Contracts	\$216,000		

18. To close revenues at the end of Year 2.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H980 Revenues		\$2,000,000	
H5710 Serial Bonds	\$2,000,000		
H912 Unrestricted Fund Balance			\$2,000,000

19. To close expenditures at the end of Year 2.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H912 Unrestricted Fund Balance		\$1,182,500	
H522 Expenditures			\$1,182,500
H1620.21 Engineering Fees	\$50,000		
H1620.22 Legal Fees	\$7,500		
H1620.24 Construction Contracts	\$1,125,000		

20. To close the capital project budget at the project's conclusion.

Account	Subsidiary Account	Debit	Credit
H960 Appropriations		\$2,275,000	
H1620.21 Engineering Fees	\$100,000		
H1620.22 Legal Fees	\$15,000		
H1620.24 Construction Contracts	\$2,160,000		
H510 Estimated Revenues			\$2,275,000
H5710 Serial Bonds	\$2,000,000		
H3897 State Aid, Capital Projects	\$50,000		
H5031 Interfund Transfer	\$225,000		

20a. Collateral entry made in the Schedule of Non-Current Governmental Assets to record the new building's value.

Account	Debit	Credit
K102 Buildings	\$2,275,000	
K159 Total Non-Current Governmental Assets		\$2,275,000

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