



Debt Service



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There are various mechanisms for government borrowing, either long-term or short-term, and they can be repaid through tax revenues, user fees, or special assessments.

Long-term debt is a commonly used means of financing large capital assets such as infrastructure, buildings, and large pieces of equipment. By spreading out the debt payments over many years, local governments can also smooth out their expenses and create a more predictable cash flow.

Short-term debt can be used to cover a temporary cash-flow deficit or provide for an interim method of financing until long-term borrowing has been secured.

General obligation (GO) debt is secured by the full faith and credit of the government issuing the debt. The County pledges its tax revenues unconditionally to pay the interest and principal on the debt as it matures. If the debt is in the form of a bond, the bond owners have a legal claim on all the general income of the jurisdiction if a default occurs.

Revenue debt relies on taxation for repayment and is guaranteed by the specific revenues generated by the issuer.

Special assessment debt is debt repaid from assessments against those who directly benefit from the project the funds have been used to finance.

Bond Rating. “Alachua County has a very good credit position, and its Aa2 rating matches the US counties median of Aa2. Notable credit factors include a robust financial position, an extensive tax base and a healthy wealth and income profile. It also reflects a negligible debt burden and a somewhat elevated pension liability.” - Moody's Investors Service. New York: Moody's Investors Service, 19AD. Issuer Comment December 16, 2020.



ALACHUA COUNTY BOND RATING Aa2

Debt Limitation is total current debt service on “Direct Debt” less any dedicated limited ad valorem debt service measured as a percent of the current total General Fund revenue less any General Fund ad valorem revenue. The current debt service shall not exceed 35% of the total General Fund CBA revenue. Debt service cost shall not exceed 5% of total General Fund revenue, total net direct indebtedness shall not exceed 3% of the full valuation of taxable property in the county, total direct indebtedness shall not exceed \$500 per capita and per capita debt shall not exceed 5% of per capita income.

You will find the current County Debt Schedule in the Summary Reports Section.

PROJECT	PLEDGE FUNDING SOURCE	FUND	AMOUNT	INTEREST	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	THEREAFTER	TOTAL
Acquire bldg at 515 N. Main, new fire station, new rescue station, HVAC system for Criminal Courthouse, and ERP financial software	Local Government 1/2 Cent Sales Tax	293	\$ 9,900,000	2.09%	\$ 1,095,775	\$ 1,096,339							\$ 2,192,114
Public Defender Building	\$20 Citation Surcharge FS 318.18	285	\$ 3,800,000	2.25%	\$ 424,164	\$ 424,040	\$ 423,714						\$ 1,271,918
8th Ave Extension, SW 61st Extension, SW 61st/SW 24th Ave Intersection	1-5 Cent Local Option Gas Tax	280	\$ 13,200,000	2.98%	\$ 1,878,153	\$ 1,878,387	\$ 1,877,131	\$ 1,879,385					\$ 7,513,056
Refund 2007A PI Bond	Local Government 1/2 Cent Sales Tax	286	\$ 12,637,000	2.25%	\$ 1,515,897	\$ 1,517,003	\$ 1,520,333	\$ 1,518,898					\$ 6,072,131
2 Fire Stations	Local Government 1/2 Cent Sales Tax	289	\$ 2,120,000	2.74%	\$ 254,605	\$ 256,166	\$ 255,522	\$ 126,713					\$ 893,006
Medical Examiner Building	Non Ad Valorem General Fund & Rent Revenue	295	\$ 3,750,000	1.38%	\$ 407,191	\$ 407,085	\$ 406,910	\$ 406,666	\$ 406,353	\$ 405,971	\$ 405,520		\$ 2,845,696
Tax Collector Building	Non Ad Valorem Tax Collector Fees	292	\$ 4,400,000	1.41%	\$ 523,927	\$ 522,230	\$ 525,462	\$ 523,553	\$ 526,573	\$ 524,453	\$ 522,262		\$ 3,668,460
AG Equestrian Center/Auditorium/IFAS Building	Non Ad Valorem General Fund & Tourist Development Tax	294	\$ 12,500,000	1.45%	\$ 1,492,970	\$ 1,493,395	\$ 1,488,530	\$ 1,488,448	\$ 1,493,075	\$ 1,492,340	\$ 1,491,315		\$ 10,440,073
Refund 2007A (Balance and 2007B PI Bond)	Local Government 1/2 Cent Sales Tax	287	\$ 24,430,000	1.89%	\$ 843,314	\$ 848,239	\$ 847,813	\$ 842,135	\$ 846,155	\$ 839,874	\$ 838,342		\$ 5,905,872
Sports Event Center	Tourist Development Tax	299	\$ 30,000,000	1.75% & 2.07%	\$ 684,807	\$ 687,795	\$ 690,695	\$ 693,507	\$ 686,232	\$ 689,045	\$ 691,770	\$ 32,263,255	\$ 37,087,106
Court Services Building; Fire Station 21; Fire Station 80	Non-Ad Valorem General Fund / Fire Assessment	282	\$ 34,000,000	3.52%	\$ 2,077,512	\$ 2,080,656	\$ 2,077,568	\$ 2,078,424	\$ 2,078,048	\$ 2,081,440	\$ 2,078,424	\$ 35,336,952	\$ 49,889,024
Armory - Purchase & Renovate for Emergency Operations & Fire Rescue/EMS	Non-Ad Valorem General Fund	291	\$ 8,000,000	4.21%	\$ 560,282	\$ 601,486	\$ 599,908	\$ 602,910	\$ 600,280	\$ 602,229	\$ 603,546	\$ 7,463,597	\$ 11,634,236
			\$ 158,737,000		\$11,758,597	\$11,812,821	\$10,713,586	\$10,160,639	\$6,636,716	\$6,635,352	\$6,631,179	\$75,063,804	\$139,412,692
PLEDGED SOURCES													
	Local Government 1/2 Cent Sales Tax		\$ 49,087,000		\$ 3,709,591	\$ 3,717,747	\$ 2,623,668	\$ 2,487,746	\$ 846,155	\$ 839,874	\$ 838,342	\$ -	\$ 15,063,123
	\$20 Citation Surcharge FS 318.18		\$ 3,800,000		\$ 424,164	\$ 424,040	\$ 423,714	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,271,918
	1-5 Cent Local Option Gas Tax		\$ 13,200,000		\$ 1,878,153	\$ 1,878,387	\$ 1,877,131	\$ 1,879,385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,513,056
	Non Ad Valorem General Fund		\$ 38,437,500		\$ 3,101,000	\$ 3,142,209	\$ 3,140,391	\$ 3,141,664	\$ 3,143,125	\$ 3,144,115	\$ 3,140,844	\$ 26,156,844	\$ 48,110,190
	Fire Assessment		\$ 16,000,000		\$ 978,508	\$ 979,989	\$ 978,535	\$ 978,938	\$ 978,761	\$ 980,358	\$ 978,938	\$ 16,643,704	\$ 23,497,730
	Tourist Development Tax		\$ 38,212,500		\$ 1,667,181	\$ 1,670,449	\$ 1,670,148	\$ 1,672,906	\$ 1,668,675	\$ 1,671,005	\$ 1,673,055	\$ 32,263,255	\$ 43,956,674
	TOTAL		\$ 158,737,000		\$ 11,758,597	\$ 11,812,821	\$ 10,713,586	\$ 10,160,639	\$ 6,636,716	\$ 6,635,352	\$ 6,631,179	\$ 75,063,804	\$ 139,412,692