#### **Long-Term Debt**

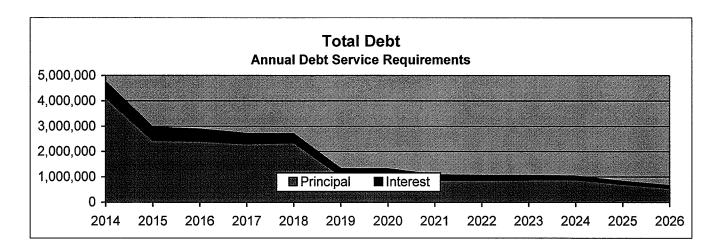
The Debt Service Fund is a legally required fund. The fund administers the payments for all of the City's general obligation debt, including payments on Tax Increment Financing bonds. Revenue bonds are administered in the enterprise fund that is securing the debt. Currently the Sewer fund is the only enterprise fund with debt outstanding.

The debt service property tax levy finances the bond and interest payments that are not being secured from other revenue sources. The levy rate for debt service for FY14 is \$0.56 compared to \$0.52 for FY13.

The total debt service requirements for debt currently held by the city are as follows:

Year Ending	General Obligation Bonds	Tax Increment Financing Bonds	 apital Loan Notes Financing	 Total Interest	Total
2014	435,000	605,000	2,370,000	301,470	3,711,470
2015	450,000	100,000	1,155,000	227,000	1,932,000
2016	465,000	100,000	1,180,000	188,060	1,933,060
2017	485,000	140,000	1,005,000	145,273	1,775,273
2018	500,000	145,000	1,030,000	99,778	1,774,778
2019		155,000	210,000	49,718	414,718
2020		160,000	220,000	38,403	418,403
2021		165,000		25,673	190,673
2022		170,000		19,815	189,815
2023		180,000		13,780	193,780
2024		185,000		7,030	192,030
2025					
2026				 	
	\$ 2,335,000	\$ 2,105,000	\$ 7,170,000	\$ 1,115,998	\$ 12,725,998

Table does not include the debt service to finance the sewer & water treatment facility upgrades through the State Revolving Fund and internal financing. The table also does not include the debt service on bonds expected to be sold in calendar year 2013.



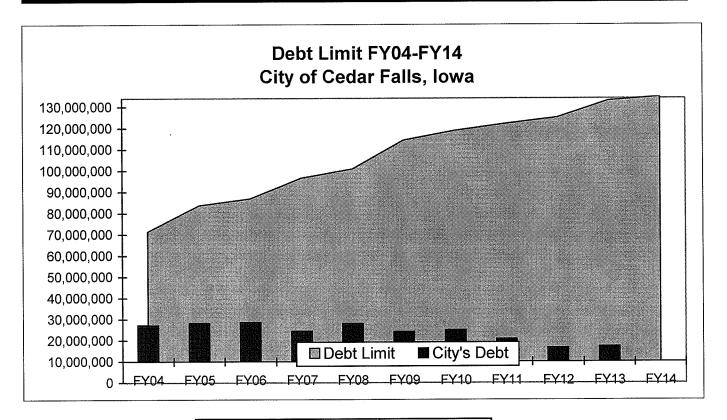
During FY12, the City issued \$4,140,000 to current refund two outstanding issuances. The refunding was undertaken to reduce total future debt service payments. The transaction resulted in an economic gain of \$304,562 and a reduction of \$309,147 in future debt service payments.

The City of Cedar Falls was upgraded to a Aa1 rating from Moody's Investor Services for all general obligation issuances. This was a result of Moody's recalibrating their U.S. municipal rating scale.

### **Impact on Property Taxes**

During calendar year 2013, the City expects to sell approximately \$4,000,000 in Capital Loan Notes. These proceeds will be used for various citywide projects, including Levee Improvements, New Fire Truck, Highway 58 Pedestrian Crossing, and West 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

During calendar year 2013, the city may sell revenue bonds to finance several sewer projects including Park Drive Lift Station and Dry Run Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements



Year	Debt Limit	City's Debt
FY04	71,356,357	27,265,000
FY05	83,695,100	28,260,000
FY06	86,872,828	28,660,000
FY07	96,587,924	24,555,000
FY08	100,807,511	28,070,000
FY09	114,324,931	24,235,000
FY10	118,846,750	25,005,000
FY11	122,094,381	20,770,000
FY12	125,016,901	16,660,000
FY13	132,967,751	17,205,000 *
FY14	134,706,318	

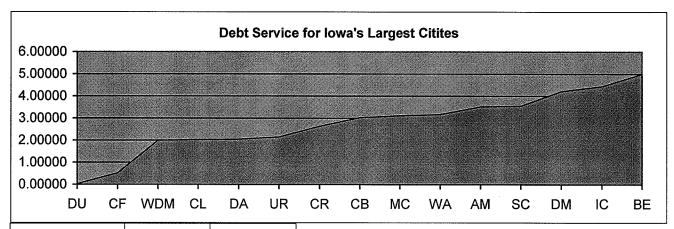
<sup>\*</sup> estimate

#### **Debt Service Levy**

The City of Cedar Falls' debt levy is very low compared to similar sized cities in Iowa. This is caused by two reasons:

- 1. The City of Cedar Falls tries to maintain its outstanding debt relatively stable by only issuing replacement debt.
- 2. The City currently pays some of its debt service out of the \$8.10 levy, while maximizing the trust and agency levy.

By maintaining the debt service rate at low levels, taxpayers avoid fluctuations year to year from debt service. The City utilizes its Capital Improvements Program to project how projects will affect the debt service levy over the next 3-5 years.



City	FY13 Debt Service	2010 Population
Dubuque	0.02729	57,637
Cedar Falls	0.51821	39,260
W. Des Moines	2.00000	56,609
Clinton	2.03039	26.885
Davenport	2.05000	99,685
Urbandale	2.15000	39,463
Cedar Rapids	2.63605	126,326
Council Bluffs	3.02695	62,230
Mason City	3.11309	28,079
Waterloo	3.17159	68,406
Ames	3.52343	58,965
Sioux City	3.56041	82,684
Des Moines	4.21982	203,433
Iowa City	4.44287	67,862
Bettendorf	5.00000	33,217
Average:	2.76467	

Cedar Falls' debt service levy is approximately \$2.25 below the average of the State's fifteen largest cities. If state mandated rollbacks continue, the debt service levy may have to increase dramatically in FY14 and FY15.

#### **Debt Limitation**

The debt limit for lowa cities is 5% of the actual value of taxable property within the City. Debt subject to the debt limit includes general obligation debt, bond anticipation notes, and revenue bonds issued pursuant to lowa Code Chapter 403 (tax increment). Revenue and special assessment bonds, except for bonds issued pursuant to lowa Code Chapter 403, are not subject to the City's debt limit. The City's debt limit for the fiscal year 2014 is based upon actual property valuation at January 1, 2012.

The Constitution of the State of Iowa, Article XI, Section 3, provides as follows:

"Indebtedness of political or municipal corporations. No county, or other political or municipal corporation shall be allowed to become indebted in any manner, or for any purpose, to an amount, in the aggregate, exceeding five per centum on the value of taxable property within such county or corporation to be ascertained by the last State or County tax lists, previous to the incurring of such indebtedness."

The outstanding obligation debt of the City does not exceed its legal debt margin computed as follows:

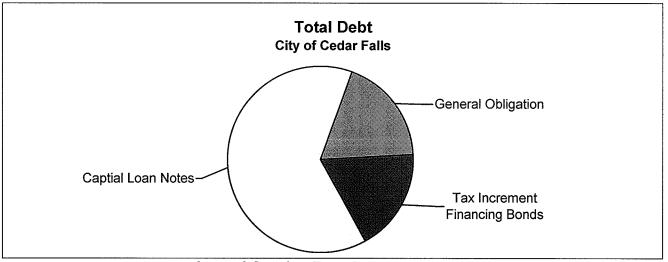
Estimated actual valuation of taxable property within the City - Jan 1, 2012	\$ 2,694,126,364
Debt limit - 5% of total actual valuation Debt applicable to debt limit:	\$ 134,706,318
General Obligation Bonds/Notes General Obligation Bonds/Notes - CFU Communication Bonds	12,200,000 1,440,000
Legal Debt Margin	\$ 121,066,318
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	10.13%

Debt History						
Legal	Debt	Margin				

20,770,000	\$ 125,016,901	\$ 132,967,511
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	16,660,000	17,205,000
5 101,324,381	\$ 108,356,901	\$ 115,762,511
17.01%	13.33%	12.94%
	17.01%	17.01% 13.33%

<b>Principal Annual</b>	<b>Maturities</b>
As of January	1, 2013

Year	General Obligation Bonds	Tax Increment Financing Bonds	Capital Loan Notes
2013	420,000	580,000	2,300,000
2014	435,000	605,000	2,370,000
2015	450,000	100,000	1,155,000
2016	465,000	100,000	1,180,000
2017	485,000	140,000	1,005,000
2018-2024	500,000	1,160,000	1,460,000
Total	2,755,000	2,685,000	9,470,000



**Annual Service Requirements** 

The annual debt service requirements to service the outstanding indebtedness of the City's are as follows:

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Year	General Obligation Bonds	Tax Increment Financing Bonds	Capital Loan Notes
2013	513,993	638,729	2,492,386
2014	515,972	671,758	2,523,740
2015	516,835	148,938	1,266,228
2016	516,760	146,638	1,269,663
2017	520,718	184,038	1,070,518
2018-2024	518,500	1,333,355	1,522,341
Total	3,102,778	3,123,454	10,144,874

## City of Cedar Falls Outstanding Bond Report As of January 1, 2013

Bonded Debt Description	Maturity Date	General Obligation Bonds/Notes	Utility Bonds
Capital Loan Notes Sewer GO Communication Utility Capital Loan Notes 2010 TIF 2010 GO 2012 GO Bonds 2012 Sewer GO 2012 Sewer Internal Financing*	06/01/18 06/01/18 12/01/24 06/01/24 06/01/14 06/01/18 06/01/16 06/01/32	3,045,000 2,755,000 3,105,000 1,125,000 740,000 3,320,000 820,000 11,200,000	1,595,000
Total		\$26,110,000	\$1,595,000

<sup>\*</sup>This represents the amounts the health trust fund and capital project fund have loaned to the sewer fund.

City of Cedar Falls

# **Debt Service for FY14**

Bonds Due 06/30/14	Principal	Interest	Total
2008A Essential Corp. Purp.	685,000	81,890	766,890
2008B Sewer GO	435,000	80,970	515,970
2009A Capital Loan Notes	175,000	37,650	212,650
2009B Communication Utility	155,000	46,560	201,560
2010 TIF Bonds	575,000	17,250	592,250
2012 Sewer Financing	560,000	280,900	840,900
2009A Capital Loan Notes - TIF	30,000	49,510	79,510
2010 Capital Loan Notes	375,000	11,250	386,250
2012 Refunding Notes	935,000	18,660	953,660
2012 Refunding Notes - Sewer	200,000	4,290	204,290
2013 GO Bonds*	196,400	113,500	309,900
2013 Sewer Bonds*	593,570	371,250	964,820
	\$ 4,914,970	\$ 1,113,680	\$ 6,028,650

<sup>\*</sup>Estimated Actual amounts to be determined after bonds are sold.