Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority

Innovative Funding and Finance Approaches

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Port-financed community projects in excess of \$1.5 billion over 13 years

Assisted public and private sectors in retaining and creating 13,000 jobs in Northeast Ohio



Rock & Roll
Hall of Fame
and Museum

\$38,995,000 fixed & variable rate revenue bonds

Received at closing: \$2,400,000 (refinanced twice)
Ongoing revenues: \$240,000

7/ Promote tourism on the waterfront as well as culture and education



















Development Finance Programs

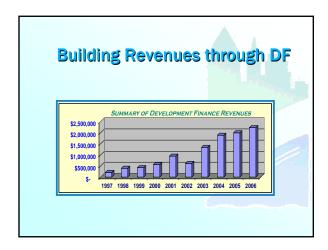
- Packaging incentives
- o Long-term fixed rate financing
- Use of Port Authority bonds
 - Fixed rate/ Systematic
 - Stand Alone/ Custom-designed

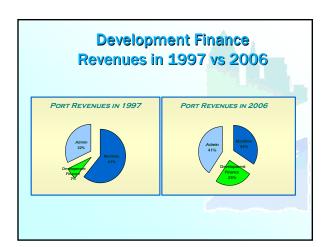
Advantages of Stand Alone/ Custom-designed

- o Improve balance sheet and earnings
- o Manage bank convenants
- o Reduce real estate risk
- o Preserve banking relationships

Benefits of Development Finance

- o Job creation and retention
- o Preserve debt capacity (public and private)
- o Revitalization; elimination of blighted areas
- Sales Tax Exemption on Construction Materials





Port Revenue Profile o Port can diversify operating revenues o Fees received are non-tax operating revenues

