**Tool 7.1: Inventory of Potential Financing Activities**

You can use this template to collect critical information for your inventory of potential financing options. An example has been provided below.

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| Financing Option:  |
| Potential Actions: |  |
| Description: |  |
| Who Offers: |  |
| Pros: |  |
| Cons: |  |
| For More Information: |  |
| Next Steps: |  |

***Example:***

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| Financing Option:  |
| Potential Actions: | Streetlight replacement, City Hall upgrades |
| Description: | Special debt obligations for EE and RE support - enables qualified government issuers to borrow money at attractive rates to fund energy conservation projects. |
| Who Offers: | * U.S. Congress authorized $3.2 billion of QECB issuance capacity, which has been allocated to states, local governments and tribal governments based upon population.
* City is the qualified issuer, or an entity empowered to issue bonds on behalf of the city
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| Pros: | * Could provide a substantial amount of low-cost capital that can be infused into new/ existing programs
* Among the lowest-cost public financing tools available because the Treasury subsidizes the issuer's borrowing costs
* Engages private investors
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| Cons: | * Issuance process requires an investment of time on the part of the City
* Issuance costs may be high relative to capital raised for small QECB allocations
* The City may be averse to taking on more debt
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| For More Information: | See DOE Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECB) Resource page and links provided there |
| Next Steps: | Issuance takes several months to structure, market, price and close. Next steps:* Select potential eligible projects
* Consult with the City’s bond counsel for more information on the QECB opportunity
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