



The FHLBanks are Committed to Helping Members and the Communities they Serve Navigate the Impact of Covid-19

Here's How

Providing Liquidity to Members

The economic fallout arising from the pandemic has resulted in unpredictable deposit flows and elevated demand for credit. On a system-wide basis the FHLBanks have responded, with advances to members rising by \$165 billion, or 25%, since year end 2019.

Targeting Programs to Address the Economic Fallout from the Pandemic

All 11 of the district FHLBanks have launched customized advance programs with preferential terms that allow members to address lending needs arising from the economic impact of the pandemic.

Operating Resiliency and Protecting Our Employees

The FHLBanks have strong operating resiliency since the beginning of the pandemic, with nearly all employees across the system working from home in order to protect their health and the health of their families and communities. Both regular order business activities and elevated demands arising from the crisis have been met while upholding our normal high standards of enterprise risk management.

Why this Matters

American families and businesses must maintain confidence in the ability of the financial system and the financial institutions that they rely upon to operate reliably through the pandemic. The FHLBanks are operating at full capacity and stand ready to continue to fulfill their mission of providing dependable liquidity to members. The FHLBanks serve nearly 7,000 members comprised of banks, credit unions, community development institutions and insurance companies of all sizes across the country. These institutions and their normal operation are critical to maintain the flow of mortgage and other credit. FHLBanks operate as cooperatives, and advances to members expand and contract based upon the immediate needs of members.

Programs to Help Minimize the Economic Fallout

All 11 FHLBanks [**have launched advance programs**](#) having discounted cost and other advantageous terms when deployed to members to offset the economic fallout from the pandemic. These programs represent billions of credit capacity. As a federally chartered, member-owned cooperative, the system has an obligation to help financial institutions provide credit on the best possible terms, without compromising the system's strong risk management practices and high regulatory standards. The FHLBanks are committed to the role they can play in helping members and the communities they serve navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

[**View list of programs.**](#)



FHLBank Actions to Support Communities During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Atlanta – FHLBank of Atlanta is making available \$10 billion in discounted advances, with terms up to six months, with a per-member limit of \$500 million. The bank also is working with the Federal Reserve Banks of Atlanta and Richmond to allow members to pledge SBA Paycheck Protection Program loans as collateral to the Federal Reserve.

Boston – Through its Jobs for New England (JNE) program, FHLBank Boston will provide a total pool of up to \$1 billion in six-month or one-year 0% interest-rate advances to finance small business working capital loans. The JNE Working Capital Lending Program targets small businesses that need assistance in addition to or outside the parameters of the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

Chicago – The COVID-19 Relief Program makes available approximately \$30 million to support \$2.7 billion in zero-rate advances, providing up to \$4 million per member. In addition, grants of up to \$20,000 per member are available to aid small businesses and nonprofit organizations, and a grant program to help nonprofit lenders impacted by the pandemic has been expanded to provide \$500,000.

Cincinnati – Offering \$3.5 billion in discounted and new Advance programs for COVID-19 relief. RISE (Responsive, Inclusive, Supportive, Empowering) program offers up to \$2 billion in six-month Advances at zero percent interest to support COVID-19 related assistance. Also expanded existing discount Advances program for community and economic development to \$1.5 billion.

Dallas – COVID-19 Relief Program of discounted advances: \$5 billion in Fixed-Rate, Fixed-Term advances with terms up to six months or less at 25 bps; and \$3 billion in Fixed-Rate, Fixed-Term advances with terms greater than six months through five years at the Bank's cost. In addition, expanded grant aid to small businesses and nonprofits and gave \$1 million to food banks in its district.

Des Moines – FHLB Des Moines is offering Relief funding that consists of discounted short-term advances for terms from 3 or 6 months, up to \$30 million per member to assist with funding or Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) needs.

Indianapolis – FHLBank Indianapolis is offering \$4 billion in advance specials that provide both short- and long-term flexibility.

New York – The FHLB New York’s COVID-19 Relief Program includes \$1 billion in disaster relief funding, \$5 million in small business grants, and \$500,000 in charitable donations. In addition, the FHLBNY will invest \$1 million to provide zero percent funding to members lending to small businesses through its Business Development Advance when the product is launched later in the year.

Pittsburgh – In response to COVID-19, FHLBank Pittsburgh offered discounted short-term advances, and began accepting the Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans as eligible collateral. FHLBank modified and/or further positioned its voluntary community investment programs: 1) Banking On Business (“BOB”) supports small businesses, and the funding can be used for working capital. FHLBank is offering deferrals on BOB loan repayments. 2) Home4Good supports those experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. This year’s funding is being accelerated and restructured as block grants to in-district Continuum of Care organizations in light of the many challenges presented by COVID-19. 3) FHLBank is exploring options for additional funding to existing voluntary community investment programs and/or creating new ones.

San Francisco – FHLBank San Francisco is making \$10.7 billion available to its members for COVID-19 relief and recovery solutions. Among the programs are the bank’s new Recovery Advance loan, a zero percent interest, six-month or one-year credit product members can use to provide immediate relief to property owners, businesses, and other customers struggling with the financial impacts of the pandemic. Other programs include member matching funds for nonprofits and small businesses and additional funding for economic development grants that typically support innovative projects and programs that benefit lower-income people, neighborhoods, and communities.

Topeka – FHLBank of Topeka is offering \$3 billion in discounted COVID-19 Relief Advances: \$1.5 billion in zero cost 6-month advances; and \$1.5 billion in 6-month to 2-year maturity advances that are priced at FHLBank’s debt cost.