

# Inside NCIP

## Our objectives of safety, liquidity, and competitive yield



The North Carolina Investment Pool (NCIP or the Pool) is a professionally managed local government investment pool (LGIP). It offers North Carolina local government units an option to invest idle funds. The Liquid Portfolio's (Portfolio) objectives are to provide safety, liquidity, and yield:

- Safety of principal by maintaining a stable \$1.00 net asset value
- Daily liquidity so that you have access to your funds as needed
- Incremental yield (after the first two objectives are met)

NCIP's program administrator, PFM Asset Management<sup>1</sup> (PFMAM), and NCIP's Board of Trustees have a fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interest of its participants. Its investments are designed to comply with North Carolina law. PFMAM has more than 40 years of experience administering LGIPs and is currently a service provider to 18 nationwide.<sup>2</sup>

### Safety of principal

Investors should be confident in the safety and liquidity of public funds during times of relative stability and, especially, during economic or financial crises.

NCIP's Board of Trustees established investment and operating policies that are designed to allow the Pool to meet a primary objective of maintaining a stable net asset value (NAV) of \$1.00 per share. One of those policies is to seek a rating from two Nationally Recognized Statistical Ratings Organizations (NRSROs). The NCIP Liquid Portfolio is rated AAAm by S&P Global<sup>3</sup> and AAAMmf by Fitch Ratings<sup>4</sup>. According to the S&P Global rating criteria, AAAm signifies a LGIP's ability to maintain principal stability, as well as limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. The AAAMmf rating reflects Fitch's review of the fund's overall credit quality and diversification and low exposure to interest rate and spread risks, as well as the capabilities and resources of NCIP's investment adviser.

The Portfolio also seeks to adhere to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 79<sup>5</sup>, which incorporates robust guidance and accounting standards for LGIPs to qualify for electing to measure its investments at amortized cost from a financial reporting perspective. Those standards include, but are not limited to:



**Portfolio Quality.** Securities must be rated in the highest category of short-term ratings.



**Diversification.** No more than 5% of the portfolio's assets are from a single issuer. U.S. government securities are exempt from this requirement.

### Liquidity of funds

Having liquidity means having access to funds when needed. And because NCIP is a cash-management vehicle, those needs often translate to same-day access to monies.

Funds are accessible via Connect, a convenient online portal, or by calling the NCIP Client Services Group at 833.736.NCIP. Participants can place wire or ACH orders through Connect. If orders are received by the Pool's cutoff time, a wire can go out the same day.

In addition to the aforementioned parameters, GASB 79 established criteria regarding the Portfolio's objective of providing liquidity:

- At least 10% of the Portfolio's assets must be held in daily liquid assets, and 30% held in weekly liquid assets.
- The Portfolio must have securities with maturities of 397 days or less. The weighted average maturity must be 60 days or less, along with a weighted average life of 120 days or less.

## Competitive yield

NCIP seeks to earn a competitive yield to aid public investors in growing their funds. The Portfolio invests in high-quality commercial paper, U.S. Treasuries, and Federal Agencies, allowing local government units the opportunity to optimize interest earnings without compromising safety of principal and daily liquidity.

By investing in NCIP, participants have exposure to a diversified portfolio of high-quality fixed income securities including commercial paper, thus potentially limiting the concentration risk of investing in individual securities. Pool participants can also benefit from economies of scale and greater diversification. NCIP's investment adviser maintains an extensive credit review process that is built around the independent evaluation of issuers for the program's investments.

## How NCIP can benefit you

NCIP offers transparent tracking and reporting capabilities with its online client portal, Connect, as well as dedicated relationship managers and client service team — all of which are designed to help lessen the administrative burden for North Carolina local government units.

**To learn more or discuss in greater detail, please contact us:**

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*1 PFM Asset Management is a division of U.S. Bancorp Asset Management Inc., NCIP's investment advisor and administrator, that services public sector clients.*

*2 As of June 30, 2024*

*3 **S&P Global AAAM Rating:** S&P evaluates a number of factors, including credit quality, market price, exposure, and management. Please visit [SPGlobal.com/Ratings](https://www.spglobal.com/Ratings) for more information and ratings methodology.*

*4 **Fitch AAAMmf Rating:** portfolios with this rating denote the strongest capacity to achieve the investment objective of preserving principal and providing liquidity through limiting credit, market, and liquidity risk. Please visit [fitchratings.com](https://www.fitchratings.com) for more information and ratings methodology.*

*5 <https://www.gasb.org/standards-and-guidance/pronouncements>*

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