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Proposed Agency Information Collection and Comment Request for the Call Report and the FFIEC 101

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), the Treasury, and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the "agencies", have approved the publication for public comment of a proposal to revise and extend the *Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income* (Call Reports) (FFIEC 031, FFIEC 041, and FFIEC 051) and *Regulatory Capital Reporting for Institutions Subject to the Advanced Capital Adequacy Framework* (FFIEC 101), which are currently approved collections of information. The agencies are requesting comment on revisions to the Call Reports and the FFIEC 101 related to interim final rules and a final rule issued in response to disruptions related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) that revise the agencies' capital rule, the Board's regulations on reserve requirements and insider loans, and the FDIC's assessments regulations as well as certain sections of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) for which the agencies received emergency approvals from OMB. In addition, the agencies are proposing changes to the Call Report related to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Further, the agencies are proposing revisions to the Call Report to reflect the expiration of the temporary exception for estimated disclosures on international remittance transfers and certain amendments to the Remittance Rule recently finalized by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau), which is also a member of the FFIEC.

Click [here](#) to review the proposal and to submit comments by September 21, 2020.

Proposed Revisions and Comment Request for Reports of Deposits

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, with revision, the Reports of Deposits: *Report of Transaction Accounts, Other Deposits, and Vault Cash* (FR 2900); *Annual Report of Deposits and Reservable Liabilities* (FR 2910a); *Report of Foreign (Non-U.S.) Currency Deposits* (FR 2915); and *Allocation of Low Reserve Tranche and Reservable Liabilities Exemption* (FR 2930).

The Board proposes to take steps to reduce reporting burden associated with reserve requirements by discontinuing the collection of the FR 2910a and FR 2930, ceasing the quarterly collection of the FR 2900, and refocusing items on the weekly collection of the FR 2900 and the FR 2915 to those that support the construction and analysis of the monetary aggregates.

The Federal Reserve Board invites public comment on the proposed revisions for the Reports of Deposits by November 2, 2020.

Click [here](#) to review the Federal Register Notice and to access instructions for submitting comments.

Federal Reserve Board Modifies Main Street Lending Program to Provide Greater Access to Credit for Nonprofit Organizations

The Federal Reserve Board modified the Main Street Lending Program to provide greater access to credit for nonprofit organizations such as educational institutions, hospitals, and social service organizations. The Board approved two new loan options to provide support to a broad set of nonprofit organizations that were in sound financial condition prior to the pandemic.

"Nonprofits provide vital services across the country and employ millions of Americans," Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell said. "We have listened carefully and adapted our approach so that we can best support them in carrying out their vital mission during this extraordinary time."

Based on public feedback to proposals released for comment on June 15, the minimum employment threshold for nonprofits was lowered, the limit on donation-based funding was eased, and several financial eligibility criteria were adjusted to accommodate a wider range of nonprofit operating models. Additionally, each organization must be a tax-exempt organization as described in section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Main Street nonprofit loan terms generally mirror those for Main Street for-profit business loans, including the interest rate, principal and interest payment deferral, five-year term, and minimum and maximum loan sizes. The Main Street Lending Program was established with the approval of the Treasury Secretary and with \$75 billion in equity provided by the Treasury Department from the CARES Act.

Click [here](#) to review the press release issued by the Federal Reserve Board with program details and term sheets.

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Issues Joint Statement on Managing the LIBOR Transition

The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) issued a statement that highlights the risks that will result from the expected discontinuation of LIBOR and encourages

supervised institutions to continue their efforts to transition to alternative reference rates to mitigate associated risks. While the LIBOR transition is expected to be particularly significant for larger and more complex institutions that hold a significant amount of LIBOR-denominated assets and liabilities, the transition will affect almost every institution.

The statement discusses the importance of assessing LIBOR transition risks, noting that institutions should quantify their LIBOR exposure, address contracts with inadequate fallback language, evaluate third-party service providers that use LIBOR, and address or mitigate risks to consumers. Institutions should have risk management processes in place to identify and mitigate their LIBOR transition risks that are commensurate with the size and complexity of their exposure.

Click [here](#) to view the Supervision and Regulation letter.

Federal Reserve Board Announces Extension of Lending Facilities

The Federal Reserve Board announced an extension through December 31 of its lending facilities that were scheduled to expire on or around September 30. The three-month extension will facilitate planning by potential facility participants and provide certainty that the facilities will continue to be available to help the economy recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board's lending facilities have provided a critical backstop, stabilizing and substantially improving market functioning and enhancing the flow of credit to households, businesses, and state and local governments. Each facility was created under section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act with the approval of the Treasury Secretary.

The extensions apply to the Primary Dealer Credit Facility, the Money Market Mutual Fund Liquidity Facility, the Primary Market Corporate Credit Facility, the Secondary Market Corporate Credit Facility, the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility, the Paycheck Protection Program Liquidity Facility, and the Main Street Lending Program. The Municipal Liquidity Facility is already set to expire on December 31, with the Commercial Paper Funding Facility set to expire on March 17, 2021.

Click [here](#) for further details about this and other actions the Federal Reserve has taken in response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

Ask the Fed®

Ask the Fed® is an educational program that provides critical information on recent financial and regulatory developments. The target audience consists of senior officials of bank and holding companies and their financial institution subsidiaries, state bank commissioners, and state banking organizations. Recent Ask the Fed® sessions have focused on Federal Reserve programs to support the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Click [here](#) to access the Ask the Fed® registration and login to register for upcoming sessions or to view prior sessions.

Navigating Monetary Policy through the Fog of COVID-19

The Federal Reserve remains actively committed to supporting the flow of credit to households and businesses and providing a backstop if downside risks materialize. With a dense fog of COVID-related uncertainty shrouding the economic outlook, the recovery likely will face headwinds for some time, calling for a sustained commitment to accommodation, along with additional fiscal support. Governor Lael Brainard presented a speech at the *Perspectives on the Pandemic* webinar series that was hosted by the National Association for Business Economics in Washington, D.C.

Click [here](#) to watch the speech or read the transcript.

Connecting Communities®

The Connecting Communities® webinar series is a Federal Reserve System initiative intended to provide a national audience with timely insights and information on emerging and important community and economic development topics. The webinar series complements existing Federal Reserve Community Development outreach initiatives that are conducted through the 12 Reserve Bank regional offices and at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in Washington, D.C.

Why is the Fed engaged in community development? The Fed understands that stable communities promote stable regions and, thus, a more robust economy overall. Through applied research, public programs, outreach and technical assistance, the Fed's community development departments help promote economic growth and financial stability in communities across the country, especially those in low- and moderate-income areas. Regional Reserve Banks, while connected in this shared mission, are uniquely poised to develop programs that respond to the local needs of their districts.

Webinar topics vary and will be targeted to broadening the knowledge of community development practitioners, financial institution representatives, nonprofit organizations, policymakers, and others. Each hour-long webinar will feature 30-45 minutes of speaker presentations followed by an interactive Q & A period. Recent Connecting Communities® webinars have focused on the impact of COVID-19 on the childcare market and rising food insecurity due to a lack of emergency savings.

Click [here](#) to access the Connecting Communities® webinar session links, archived materials, and related information and resources.

New Infographic Series Explores How the Fed Is Helping People and Businesses during the Pandemic

Have you heard about the Fed's responses to the unprecedented crisis caused by COVID-19 but are unsure what they all mean? [These infographics are for you.](#)

Having Trouble Finding CRA Investment Opportunities While We Practice Social Distancing? Try this Portal

There is so much we used to do that is more difficult—or no longer possible—as we adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic, including how banks look for new investment opportunities to reach their institutions' Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) goals. [Investment Connection](#) is a program presented by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland to connect funders to nonprofits with pre-screened, likely CRA-eligible projects.

Log in to the [portal](#), and you'll have access 24-7 to investment opportunities.

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