

COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
November 30, 2018

The County maintains separate and restricted trust accounts with trustees for almost all outstanding general obligation debt. These separate and restricted trust accounts are managed by the County's Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Current tax collections are transferred into individual trust accounts to satisfy the above liabilities as they become due. The County invests the principal in the accounts in accordance with the provisions of each bond ordinance. Investments are primarily investment grade commercial paper, certificates of deposit, treasury notes and money market funds.

(2) Agency Funds

The Agency Funds maintain their own cash and investment accounts to manage the various fiduciary responsibilities of the County. The funds are governed by the County's Taxpayers Interest Assurance Ordinance, which requires that all cash held by the fee offices be placed into interest-bearing bank accounts and for those amounts in excess of insured limits, to be collateralized at 102% except for economic reasons or if funds are prohibited by law from being invested (i.e. trust funds). The County's Public Guardian (Agency Fund) is the court appointed guardian of the assets of individuals deemed disabled and unable to control their estate. The Public Guardian does not actively manage the funds, but is simply a custodian. The investments are valued by the financial institutions/funds that manage the investments and are generally reported at fair value.

(3) Trust Funds

The Trust Funds are administered by the respective fund's Retirement Board and its cash and investments are held by a designated custodian. The Funds are authorized to invest in bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, mortgage notes, real estate, stocks, debentures or other obligations as set forth in the Illinois Compiled Statutes. Investments are reported at fair value. Certain alternative investments are carried at fair value using net asset value per share as a practical expedient.

2. Receivables and Internal Balances

Inter-funds/Internal Balances – Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as “due to/from other funds” (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans). Any residual balances outstanding between governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as “internal balances.”

Loans – Cook County HOME Investment Partnership Program (“HOME”) funds are awarded to eligible public, private or non-profit entities for the development of affordable housing within Suburban Cook County. These funds are awarded as loans with terms negotiated on a per-project basis. The County has established a formal program to monitor the status and repayment of these loans. In accordance with its policy, the County has recorded an allowance for loan losses for all loans past due 120 days or greater. Total loans outstanding at November 30, 2018 total \$125,122,937 and are offset with an allowance of \$114,450,197, resulting in a net loan receivable balance of \$10,672,739.