

## Advancements

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### President's Message to Members

The last year has been unlike any other. For the FHLB, we have navigated this year of change while providing a consistent and reliable partnership for our members throughout the pandemic. Like you, we

have been nimble—making adjustments and refining processes to best serve those with whom we do business.

At the beginning of the pandemic, the FHLB transitioned to a virtual working environment while still offering a seamless experience for our members. We met this challenge head on even as Advance balances spiked at a record pace—ultimately doubling between March and April. This transition wasn't the ideal circumstance for any of our businesses but we all stand better prepared in the event we need to move to remote operations in the future.

We also were able to look out for one another. The FHLB offered flexibility where we could, as I know you did with your customers as well. For us, that looked like our RISE program offering zero percent Advances for pandemic related needs, collateral eligibility on certain loans in forbearance, and borrower and loss mitigation relief in the Mortgage Purchase Program. I've seen the many different and creative ways our members have looked at how they provide services to their customers during this time. Together, we were the boots on the ground responding to the real financial needs of local communities.

As part of those efforts, our members have also relied on Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans to support local small businesses throughout the pandemic. To provide members with an option for managing this important economic development tool, FHLB began accepting PPP loans as collateral last year. Several of our community lenders pledged PPP loans to the FHLB as they helped their small business and agricultural customers remain viable during periods of economic shutdowns. This program partnership exemplifies the strength of the FHLB cooperative. As our members stepped up to fulfill the pandemic related needs of their customers, the FHLB in turn found a way to assist our members.

While I look forward to our operations returning to a more normal cadence, I believe we will all emerge better and stronger from our experiences and collective responses to the ways we have met this unexpected challenge. Our business is more capable, innovative and resilient than ever. No matter what the future brings, your FHLB stands ready to meet your needs.

As always, we appreciate your business and the strong cooperative partnership you allow us to provide as your Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati.

Sincerely,

Andrew S. Howell President and CEO

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### Annual Report Highlights Trusted Partnership



The FHLB's 2020 Annual Report, *Your Trusted Partner*, is now available. Our 2020 Form 10-K was also completed and filed with the SEC on March 18, 2021.

The 2020 Annual Report highlights some of the ways we provided a trusted partnership to our members throughout the

pandemic including steady funding, a transition to online events, continued progress on updating members' experience and more. The report also reviews events and results from 2020.

The document is posted on our website, www.fhlbcin.com. To obtain a printed copy, contact Communications Officer Laura Gaffin at gaffinlm@fhlbcin.com.



# Save the Date: FHLB Financial Management Conference

The FHLB intends to host its annual Financial Management Conference August 3-5 in Nashville, Tenn. The agenda will include a wide range of speakers.

To kick off the conference, FHLB President and CEO Andy Howell will address the state of banking in the Fifth District. Registration will be available on our website in July.

#### **FHLB Welcomes New Members**

The FHLB welcomed the following new member stockholders in the last quarter:

- CareSource Kentucky Co., Dayton, Ohio
- Humana Insurance Company, Louisville, Ky.



### Affordable Housing Program to Begin Accepting Applications

FHLB Cincinnati's flagship housing program the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) will begin taking applications May 31.

Given recent changes to the log-in process of our AHP online application tool, OASYS, we encourage those wishing to participate to begin their application early to ensure they have appropriate system access. A wide variety of AHP materials are available on our website at <a href="https://www.fhlbcin.com">www.fhlbcin.com</a> including recorded webinars, presentations, forms and other important documents that provide information on the program.

Live webinars on the application process will also be presented May 13 at 2:00 p.m. and May 20 at 10:00 a.m. These workshops will offer an overview of program requirements, the application process and programmatic differences from the 2020 AHP offering. Registration is now available on our website.

Should you have any questions, please contact Housing and Community Investment at 888-345-2246.

## 2021 Virtual Stockholder Meeting and Economic Update

We are pleased to invite all Fifth District members to FHLB's 2021 Virtual Annual Stockholder Meeting and Economic Update on April 28 at 10:00 a.m. ET. This virtual meeting is in place of our Regional Stockholder Meetings.

The meeting will include remarks from the FHLB's Board Chair, Lynn Anderson, as well as from President and Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Howell, and Executive Vice President and Chief Business Officer, Kyle Lawler. Many important topics pertaining to your FHLB membership will be discussed. The business session will conclude with an update on the economy and its impact on financial institutions provided by economist Don Musso from FinPro, Inc.

One CPE credit will be available for this virtual meeting. Registration is now open on fhlbcin.com.

### **Member Analytics Resources Available**

The FHLB stands ready to assist members in understanding the role the FHLB can play in managing funding needs and asset-liability management. Over the past 25 years, FHLB Cincinnati has provided members with various forms of financial modeling and relevant analytics reporting. We continue to evolve and refine these offerings to ensure members have the information they need to review and manage their balance sheets.

Our dedicated relationship managers meet with members personally on these topics and provide them with customized reporting. If you have questions or would like to see resources available to you, please see your relationship manager.

#### **FHLB Cincinnati Director Elections**

The annual FHLB Cincinnati Director Elections process will soon be under way. The process begins in June with notice from our regulator, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), confirming the number of directorships in our FHLB District. Following the FHFA's notice, we will contact all members eligible to vote with information about the electronic nomination and voting process and schedule. If you have an update to your email address or primary voting designee, please contact your relationship manager.

## 2021 Member Appreciation Golf Outings

We are pleased to invite all Fifth District members to FHLB's 2021 Member Appreciation Golf Outings. These events will include golf only at four different locations throughout the Fifth District. Member appreciation golf reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and all registrations are being offered at a buy one get one free discount.

- Gaylord Springs Golf Links, Wednesday, April 21, Nashville, Tenn.
- Oasis Golf Club, Monday, April 26, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Valhalla Golf Club, Monday, May 3, Louisville, Ky.
- Firestone Country Club, Tuesday, May 11, Akron Ohio To attend a Member Appreciation Golf Outing, register at www.fhlbcin.com.

### **LIBOR Transition Update**

With the recent announcement that commonly used tenors of US Dollar LIBOR will cease after June 30, 2023 with 1-week and 2-month tenors ceasing on December 31, 2021, FHLB remains committed to providing education and support through this transition.

FHLB continues to offer the SOFR Advance and now offers a Discount Note Floater Advance for members in need of an additional LIBOR alternative. If our current funding options do not meet your needs, please reach out to your FHLB relationship manager.

For more information on LIBOR Transition, please visit www.fhlbcin.com/libortransition or email questions to LIBORtransition@fhlbcin.com.

### **Dividend Declaration and Payment**

At its March 18, 2021, meeting, the FHLB's Board of Directors declared a dividend for the fourth quarter 2020 at a 2.00 percent annualized rate. The dividend payment occurred March 18 in the form of cash.

### Calendar

May 13	Affordable Housing Program Application Webinar	July 31	Affordable Housing Program: application
May 20	Affordable Housing Program Application Webinar		deadline
May 31	Affordable Housing Program: application opens	August 3-5	Financial Management Conference, Nashville, Tenn.

