

## **White Paper on Investing County Funds**

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### ***Introduction***

The Santa Fe County Treasurer invests in public monies in accordance to the Santa Fe County Investment Policy and Pursuant to New Mexico State Statue NMSA 6-10-10. The County Treasurer consults with the Santa Fe County Investment Committee on all investment activities and reports on the status on a monthly base.

The Treasurer invests on the safety, liquidity, and yield principle, safety being the most important element in his methodology.

The Treasurer will only invest in short term investments. 5 years being the maximum maturity of an investment with 3 years being the average.

### ***Background***

County Treasurers, statewide are restricted to certain allowable investments pursuant to NMSA 6-10-10. U.S. agencies, fixed income, Government Money Markets, Certificates of Deposits, and municipal bonds are the permissible investments according to the Santa Fe County Investment Policy.

Santa Fe County has a "Core Portfolio" that contains long term investments that were inherited and segregated from the operation part of the portfolio.

Investment policies are meant to be revisited because of market conditions. Ours is revisited yearly along with approved broker dealers.

An action and strategy plan is presented to the Board of Finance on a quarterly base.

The Treasurer and Finance work together on cash flow needs and distributions on a daily base.

### ***Action***

Fifth Third is the current custodial of all agencies, municipals and treasuries.

First National Bank and Wells Fargo hold liquidity

Guadalupe Credit Union, New Mexico Bank and Trust, Community Bank, and Washington Federal all hold certificate of deposits for the County in the maximum amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation which is \$250,000

### ***Conclusion***

The Santa Fe County Treasurer uses all best practices from GFOA and GIOA to insure that public money is safe and that there is always liquidity money available for cash flow purposes, natural disasters, or any unforeseen circumstances that might occur. Investments are laddered and barbelled so they mature in a timely manner to meet cash flow needs.

The members of the investment committee are: County Treasurer, Finance Director, County Manager, County Attorney, two (2) County Commissioners, and a member from the private sector. All of which are informed with all transactions and balances of the County's Portfolio.