## **Letters of Credit for Public Unit Deposit Accounts**

As the finance manager of a public entity, you are responsible for securing your public funds. For prudent business reasons, you might only accept AAA-rated securities as collateral. It is likely, however, that your state allows you to accept standby letters of credit (LCs) from FHLBank Pittsburgh, an entity rated Aaa/AA+,\* in lieu of securities collateral.

Financial institutions, when serving as the custodian of your funds, may be required to monitor and report on the value of securities collateral, which only adds to your oversight burdens. With an LC, your time and resources may be deployed to other matters since the value of an LC is consistent and stable.

An LC issued by FHLBank Pittsburgh offers the following advantages:

- Ensures the safety of your deposits and provides timely payout, if the need arises
- Eliminates market value fluctuations and collateral calls for securities, since an LC's notional amount remains fixed
- Reduces monitoring and reporting required for securities collateral

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What is a Letter of Credit?

An LC is an independent, irrevocable,

unconditional obligation that is issued

by one party on behalf of another to a third-party beneficiary. When FHLBank

payments to you if and when the need

Pittsburgh issues an LC to you on our behalf, it agrees to make certain

states accept FHLBank Pittsburgh LCs as collateral

## Aaa and AA+

FHLBank Pittsburgh credit ratings\*

## About the Federal Home Loan Bank System and FHLBank Pittsburgh

FHLBank Pittsburgh is one of 11 government-sponsored enterprises that constitute the Federal Home Loan Bank System. Established by Congress in 1932, the FHLBanks are intermediaries between global capital markets and local lenders. Their mission is to serve as reliable sources of liquidity to their member financial institutions, which include banks, savings institutions, credit unions, community development financial institutions and insurance companies. Through eight decades and regardless of economic cycles, the System has assured the flow of credit used to support affordable housing finance and community lending.

FHLBank Pittsburgh serves more than 280 member financial institutions located throughout Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Visit <a href="https://www.fhlb-pgh.com">www.fhlb-pgh.com</a> for more information.

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