Who is FHLBank Topeka?

OUR MISSION

FHLBank Topeka makes a difference by helping our members build their communities.

ABOUT US

- Chartered in 1932 pursuant to the Federal Home Loan Bank Act
- Wholly owned by 670 member banks, thrifts, credit unions, insurance companies and community development financial institutions in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma
- Supervised and regulated by the Federal Housing Finance Agency as a Government Sponsored Enterprise
- Highly rated by Moody's and Standard & Poor's
- More than $79.2 billion in assets and $4.1 billion in capital*
- $44.3 billion in outstanding advances to members and $8.9 billion in purchased mortgages*
- Employs 267 people and is based in Topeka

* Based on third quarter 2024 financials.

FHLBANK TOPEKA PROVIDES NEEDED LIQUIDITY AND FUNDING TO OUR DIVERSE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION MEMBERSHIP. Because we're an old-fashioned cooperative owned by our member banks, thrifts, insurance companies, community development financial institutions and credit unions, we provide the products and services that allow our members to pass along the value of our scale and lower rates for borrowers. As a result, our members lend with confidence, fuel their communities and serve as a critical source of durability, safety and soundness for the nation's financial infrastructure.

WHAT DO THE FHLBANKS DO?

With more than 90 years of service to the financial industry, the Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBanks) continue to raise billions of dollars in the financial markets for the benefit of their members connecting Wall Street to Main Street. Through the FHLBanks, local lending institutions have access to those funds to provide affordable credit within the communities they serve.

The FHLBanks recognize homeownership and economic development as the cornerstones of strong communities. Through 2023, the FHLBanks have contributed more than $8 billion in Affordable Housing Program grants toward the completion of more than one million affordable housing units.

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

The Federal Housing Finance Agency oversees the issuance of FHLBank debt through the Office of Finance. Our primary funding source, called consolidated obligations, are debt instruments that constitute the joint and several obligations of all FHLBanks. Although consolidated obligations are not obligations of, nor guaranteed by, the U.S. government, the capital markets have traditionally viewed the FHLBanks' consolidated obligations as "federal agency" debt. As a result, the FHLBanks have historically had ready access to funding at relatively favorable spreads to U.S. Treasuries. Additional funds are provided by deposits, other borrowings and the issuance of capital stock.

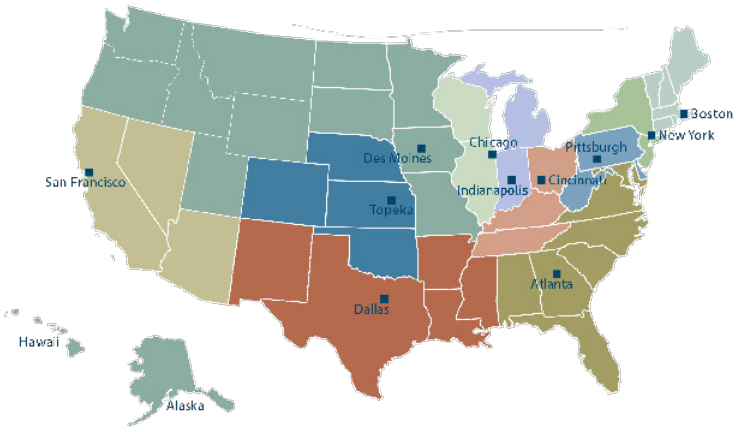
While the collective strength of the FHLBank System establishes our core stability, each FHLBank operates as a separate corporate entity with its own management, employees and board of directors. We are exempt from federal, state and local taxation, except for real property taxes. Our members are required to purchase and hold our capital stock as a condition of membership and more funds when they borrow from us. Only members are permitted to purchase capital stock.

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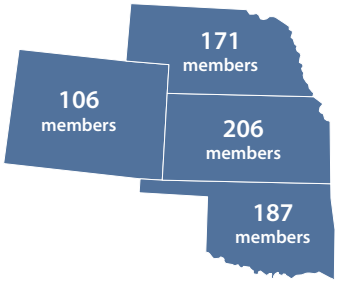
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The FHLBank System

Playing a Critical Role Across the Country



FHLBank Topeka District



FHLBANK TOPEKA IS ONE OF 11 INDEPENDENT DISTRICT BANKS IN THE NATIONWIDE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK SYSTEM. The System is comprised of approximately 6,500 members, including 670 FHLBank Topeka members in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

WHAT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES DO WE OFFER?

ADVANCES - Wholesale funds (i.e., collateralized loans) that provide members liquidity and help them manage interest rate risk

LETTERS OF CREDIT - An alternative to using traditional collateral to help secure public unit deposits as well as the ability to use confirming letters of credit to enhance bonds issued to fund local projects

MORTGAGE PARTNERSHIP FINANCE® PROGRAM - A unique secondary market alternative where members can sell fixed rate mortgage loans to their FHLBank

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - A wide array of grant programs and reduced cost advances help our members support affordable housing and economic development

DEPOSIT SERVICES, SAFEKEEPING & WIRE SERVICES - Include demand deposit accounts, overnight deposits and certificates of deposit. Comprehensive safekeeping for all types of securities.

WHY ARE THE FHLBANKS IMPORTANT NOW?

The cooperative structure of the FHLBanks enables them to expand and contract as the needs of member financial institutions and their communities change over time. This flexibility and reliability provide the foundation for the FHLBanks' unique and necessary role in the financial system.

The FHLBanks are the lender of first resort with our members in every economic cycle by providing reduced-cost funding to support small business, agriculture and industry. Coupled with the continued demand for smarter regulations, more prudent underwriting and consumer-friendly financial instruments, the FHLBanks' role in keeping low-cost funds flowing to communities remains key to our country's economic health.

Congress dictates the mission and purpose of the FHLBank System. Lending institutions, policymakers and community leaders agree that the stability provided by the FHLBanks has never been more important.