

**Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE)**

**Principal Stability Fund Ratings Definitions**

**AAAm** A fund rated 'AAAm' demonstrates extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. 'AAAm' is the highest principal stability fund rating assigned by S&P Global Ratings

**AAm** A fund rated 'AAm' demonstrates very strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. It differs from the highest-rated funds only to a small degree.

**Am** A fund rated 'Am' demonstrates strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk, but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than funds in higher-rated categories

**BBBm** A fund rated 'BBBm' demonstrates adequate capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a reduced capacity to maintain principal stability.

**BBm** A fund rated 'BBm' demonstrates speculative characteristics and uncertain capacity to maintain principal stability. It is vulnerable to principal losses due to credit risk. While such funds will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

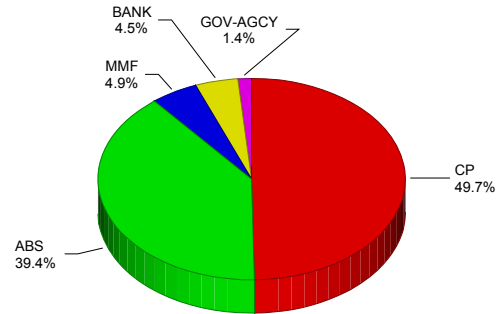
**Dm** A fund rated 'Dm' has failed to maintain principal stability resulting in a realized or unrealized loss of principal.

**Plus (+) or Minus (-)**  
The ratings may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.

**About the Pool**

Pool Rating	<b>AAAm</b>
Pool Type	Stable NAV Government Investment Pool
Investment Adviser	Morgan Stanley
Portfolio Manager	Glenn Scott & Nicholas Yip, CFA
Pool Rated Since	November 1995
Custodian	U.S. Bank National Association, CO

**Portfolio Composition as of September 27, 2018**



CP - Commercial Paper; ABS - Asset-backed security; MMF - Money Market Fund; BANK - Bank Deposits; GOV-AGCY - Agency and Government

**Fund Highlights**

- Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE) has a weighted average maturity to reset (WAM(R)) that is managed at under 60 days.
- Deposit above FDIC insurance levels are required to be collateralized under Colorado's Public Deposit Protection Act.

**Portfolio Assets**

The portfolio of the trust is comprised solely of investments that are permissible under its indenture of trust and state law and meet S&P Global's 'AAAm' money-market fund criteria. The trust invests primarily in U.S. Treasuries, agencies, repurchase agreements, bank deposits, 'AAAm' rated SEC registered money-market funds and highly-rated commercial paper. The final maturity of securities purchased by the pool may not exceed 397 days. To provide the pool with sufficient liquidity and to limit fluctuations in net asset value, the weighted average maturity to reset (WAM(R)) for the pool is managed under 60 days. Additionally, the fund operates in conformity to GASB 79 which requires the fund to maintain 10% overnight and 30% 5-business day liquidity.

**Rationale**

Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE) is rated 'AAAm' by S&P Global Ratings. This is the highest money-market fund rating and is based on an analysis of the pool's management, investment guidelines, portfolio holdings, and market price exposure. The rating signifies our forward-looking opinion about a fixed-income fund's ability to maintain principal value (i.e., stable net asset value, or 'NAV'). This is accomplished through conservative investment practices and strict internal controls. S&P Global monitors the fund's portfolio on a weekly basis.

**Overview**

CSAFE is a local government investment pool established on October 3, 1988. It provides a pooling of Colorado's local government funds for an effective and convenient means of investing. CSAFE operates in accordance with Colorado State Statutes 24-75-601 et. seq., 24-75-701 et. seq. CSAFE seeks preservation of capital, daily liquidity and competitive yields. CSAFE is overseen by the Colorado Securities Commissioner.

**Management**

The pool's investment adviser is Morgan Stanley. U.S. Bank National Association, Co. serves as the pool's custodian. Oversight for the pool is provided by a board of trustees, which is comprised of eight members who are or have been finance officers of participating local government entities.

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*Participants should consider the investment objectives, risks and charges and expenses of the pool before investing. The investment guidelines which can be obtained from your broker-dealer, contain this and other information about the pool and should be read carefully before investing.*

**Principal Stability Rating Approach and Criteria**

A S&P Global Ratings principal stability fund rating, also known as a "money market fund rating", is a forward-looking opinion about a fixed income fund's capacity to maintain stable principal (net asset value). When assigning a principal stability rating to a fund, S&P Global Ratings analysis focuses primarily on the creditworthiness of the fund's investments and counterparties, and also its investments' maturity structure and management's ability and policies to maintain the fund's stable net asset value. Principal stability fund ratings are assigned to funds that seek to maintain a stable or an accumulating net asset value.

Generally, when faced with an unanticipated level of redemption requests during periods of high market stress, the manager of any fund may suspend redemptions for up to five business days or meet redemption requests with payments in-kind in lieu of cash. A temporary suspension of redemptions or meeting redemption requests with distributions in-kind does not constitute a failure to maintain stable net asset values. However, higher rated funds are expected to have stronger capacities to pay investor redemptions in cash during times of high market stress because they generally comprise shorter maturity and higher quality investments.

Principal stability fund ratings, or money market fund ratings, are identified by the 'm' suffix (e.g., 'AAAm') to distinguish the principal stability rating from a S&P Global Ratings traditional issue or issuer credit rating. A traditional issue or issuer credit rating reflects S&P Global Ratings view of a borrower's ability to meet its financial obligations. Principal stability fund ratings are not commentaries on yield levels.

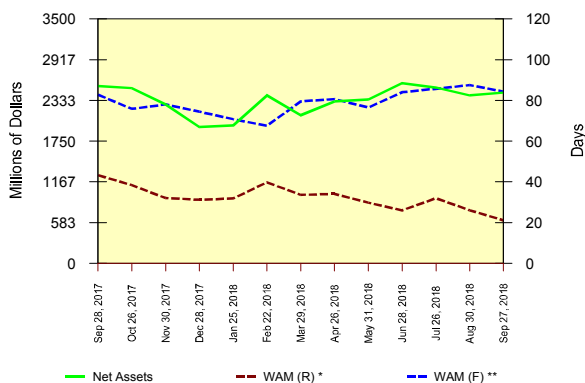
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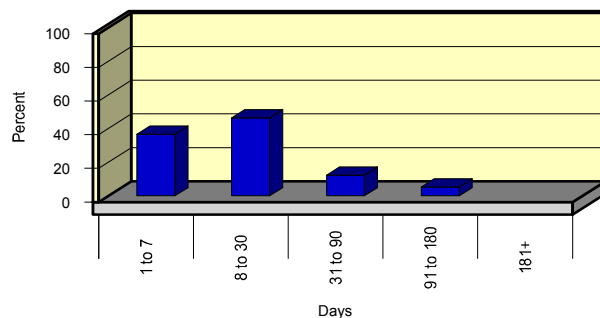
**Data Bank as of September 27, 2018**

Net Asset Value per Share.....	\$1.00016	Net Assets (millions).....	\$2,445.00	Inception Date.....	October 1988
WAM (R) * .....	21 days	WAM (F) **.....	84 days	7 Day Yield.....	2.12%
* Weighted Average Maturity (Reset)		** Weighted Average Maturity (Final)			

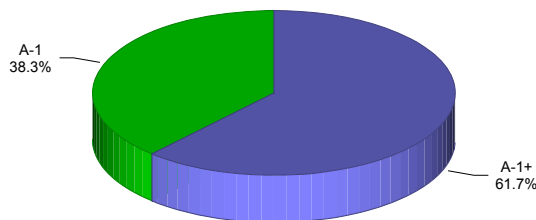
**Net Assets, WAM (R) and WAM (F)**



**Portfolio Maturity Distribution as of September 27, 2018**

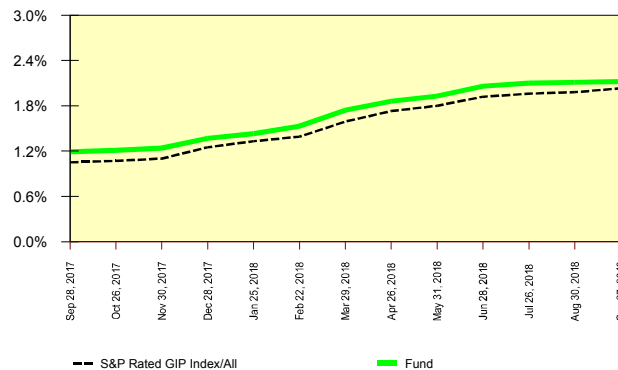


**Portfolio Credit Quality as of September 27, 2018 \***



\*As assessed by S&P Global Ratings

**Portfolio 7 Day Net-Yield Comparison \***



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