



Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust



**INFORMATION STATEMENT FOR
THE COLORADO SURPLUS ASSET
FUND TRUST CASH AND COLORADO
CORE FUNDS**

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CERTAIN TERMINOLOGY

Administrator: shall mean any Person or Persons appointed, employed, or contracted with by the Trustees pursuant to the Indenture of Trust and C.R.S. §24-75-703.

Board of Trustees or Trustees: means the board of trustees of CSAFE composed of members that are selected from among the designees or other local officials empowered to invest the funds of Local Governmental Entities, and any other independent and unaffiliated trustees named by such members.

Colorado Core Fund: the AAAf/S1-rated ultra-short duration enhanced cash fund offered by CSAFE that seeks to maintain a \$2.00 transactional share price.

C.R.S.: means Colorado Revised Statutes as amended from time to time.

Custodian: shall mean any Colorado bank with trust and/or custodial powers, appointed, employed, or contracted with by the Trustees under the applicable provisions of III(C) hereof.

CSAFE or the Trust: shall mean the Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust.

Cash Fund: the AAmmf-rated stable \$1.00 NAV Fund offered by CSAFE.

Distribution: shall mean any Person or Persons appointed, employed, or contracted by CSAFE to provide distribution and general program administration services to the Trust under the applicable provisions of the Indenture of Trust and Part 1, Sect. III(G) hereof.

Fitch: Fitch Ratings, a NRSRO providing credit ratings and fund volatility ratings for CSAFE Funds.

Funds: Local Government Investment Pools operated by CSAFE and offered to local governments; Participants may elect to open and fund accounts in either or both of the CSAFE Funds.

GASB: the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issuing Statements which set accounting standards for governmental entities. GASB Statements 31, 72, and 79 are of particular relevance to the operation of CSAFE's funds.

Indenture of Trust: shall mean the CSAFE Indenture of Trust as amended, restated, or modified from time to time.

Investment Advisor: shall mean any Person or Persons appointed, employed, or contracted by CSAFE under the applicable provisions of the Indenture of Trust and C.R.S. §24-75-701(5).

Investment Policy: shall mean a document adopted by the Board of Trustees which lists the criteria for eligible securities, investment objectives, certain characteristics for each Fund, as well as other restrictions or requirements for the investment of the Funds' assets.

LGIP: a Local Government Investment Pool, which is the generic term that identifies both the



governing body and the pooled portfolio Funds offered to local governments by a Trust established pursuant to C.R.S. §24-75-7 (“Investment Funds—Local Government Pooling”).

Local Governmental Entity or Local Government Entities: shall mean the State of Colorado; any institution, authority, county, municipality, city and county, city, town, school district; special district or political subdivision of the state, or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof, or any political or public corporation of the state or any entity existing as a local government entity under the laws of the State of Colorado, including home rule governments, or any other entity to the extent permitted by law and in accordance with C.R.S. §24-75-601 et seq., as amended, and C.R.S. §24-75-701 et seq., as amended.

NAV – The Net Asset Value of the fund which is defined as net assets divided by outstanding shares.

NRSRO – A Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization as designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. A NRSRO issues credit ratings that are recognized under applicable Colorado law for establishing conformity to certain minimum requirements for a security to be eligible for investment by Participants.

Participant – shall mean the Local Government Entities that execute and adopt the CSAFE Indenture of Trust.

Shadow NAV – shall mean the market value of all assets of the fund divided by the number of outstanding shares.

Weighted Average Life or WAL – WAL is calculated by taking the final maturity of the underlying money market instruments held by the fund, weighted according to the relative holdings per instrument.

Weighted Average Maturity or WAM – WAM is calculated by taking the average length of time to maturity (fixed rate) or the next interest rate reset (floating rate) for each underlying money market instrument weighted according to the relative holdings per instrument.

PART 1: OVERVIEW

I. PUBLIC PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF THE FUNDS

The intent of the Board of Trustees in establishing the Funds is to:

- enable Participants to efficiently meet investment and cash management objectives in accordance with the Colorado Pooling Act, all relevant Colorado revised statutes, and the Code of Colorado Regulations;
- reduce public entity administrative costs and improve auditing and transparency;
- improve portfolio liquidity and market access in Participants’ asset allocation;
- provide meaningful diversification options for local governments in alignment with Safety-Liquidity-Yield principles; and
- provide leadership in the development and implementation of best practices for the prudent investment of public funds.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



CSAFE is a Local Government Investment Pool Trust Fund that was established in 1988 pursuant to C.R.S. §24-75-703. CSAFE is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the Participants. CSAFE has entered into Agreements with an investment advisor and a distribution and administration service provider. Both of these firms—the Zephyr Group at Morgan Stanley and Ridgeline Public Advisors, LLC—maintain a sole LGIP business focus upon CSAFE. Neither the Zephyr Group at Morgan Stanley nor Ridgeline Public Advisors, LLC are engaged by LGIPs in other states, nor possess outside investor interests.

For additional organizational details including a list of current board members please visit www.csafe.org.

III. OPERATION OF THE TRUST

A. Participants

Local Government Entities that execute and adopt the Indenture of Trust become Participants. Participants are vested with the authority to take the actions set forth in the Indenture of Trust.

B. Rating Agencies

Fitch Ratings provides rating services for the CSAFE Cash and Colorado Core Funds.

C. Trust Custodian

All securities purchased for the benefit of Participants are held at U.S. Bank, which acts as Custodian of the Trust. U.S. Bank also processes trades upon receipt of authorized and proper instructions within the applicable deadlines.

D. Investment Advisor

Morgan Stanley, acting through its Zephyr Group, is responsible for Investment Advisory services. The Investment Advisor's duties include: acting as a fiduciary in managing and trading the Funds for the benefit of Participants in accordance with safety, liquidity, and yield considerations; monitoring portfolio compliance with Fitch Ratings and GASB Statement 79 guidelines; and, conducting credit research into issuers that are approved for inclusion in the Funds. Registration of an investment advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission and/or the Colorado Division of Securities does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

E. Fund Administrator

American Trust serves as the Fund Administrator for CSAFE. Duties include daily fund accounting, financial statement preparation, portfolio pricing, the processing of Participant transactions, Participant recordkeeping and reporting, providing Participant services related to authorized signers and account access, and maintaining the online Participant portal.

F. Distribution and Administration

Ridgeline Public Advisors, LLC serves as the distribution and administration service provider to CSAFE. The duties of the distribution and administration service provider include: explaining to CSAFE Participants and prospective CSAFE Participants the benefits and risks of investing in the Cash and Core funds; analyzing local governments'



cash flows, risk tolerances, and investment policies prior to making a recommendation of CSAFE as a suitable investment; facilitating the administrative and onboarding procedures and processes associated with local governments' participation in CSAFE; and, providing ongoing relationship management services to CSAFE Participants. In addition to this Information Statement, Ridgeline Public Advisors, LLC provides to prospective Participants a copy of its Part 2A/2B Brochure prior to the local government executing the Resolution to join the Trust. Registration of an investment advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission and/or the Colorado Division of Securities does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

G. Auditor

CSAFE is annually audited by Forvis Mazars, LLP. Forvis Mazars serves CSAFE as independent certified public accountants, and as such, provide an independent audit of the Trust's financial statements. The independent annual audit examines the books and records of CSAFE in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

H. General Counsel

Spencer Fane, LLP serves as General Counsel to CSAFE and CSAFE's Board of Trustees.

PART 2: GENERAL POLICIES

I. CALCULATING NET ASSET VALUE (NAV)

The Fund Administrator will calculate the NAV for CSAFE Cash and Colorado Core at the conclusion of each business day. The NAV is calculated by determining total assets, subtracting total liabilities from total assets, then dividing the result by the number of outstanding shares. Liabilities include all accrued expenses and fees, including fees of the Investment Advisor, Custodian and vendors providing services to the Trust, which are accrued daily. CSAFE Cash's NAV will be calculated on an amortized cost basis as provided for by GASB Statement 79. Colorado Core's NAV will be calculated on a fair value basis as provided for by GASB Statements 31 and 72.

The Shadow NAV for the funds will be calculated at the conclusion of each business day based on market pricing received and reviewed by the Fund's Administrator and/or Investment Advisor from the previous day's market close. Colorado Core's Shadow NAV will be used to establish the Transactional Share Price for all subscriptions and redemptions entered into on the trade date. CSAFE Cash's Shadow NAV and amortized book value will be used to establish the Transactional Share Price for all trades entered

into on the same business day.

II. STATEMENTS AND TRANSACTION CONFIRMATION

Depending upon which Fund(s) the Local Governmental Entity is invested in, Participants in CSAFE receive monthly statements for the Local Governmental Entity's Cash and Core accounts. Monthly statements are provided to Participants on the first business day after the last business day of the previous month. Statements are provided by 9:30 am mountain standard time via email and are available on CSAFE's website.



Participants have the option to opt out of receiving statements via email. Transaction confirmation for all purchase or redemption of shares are emailed to Participants daily at 1:30 pm MST

CSAFE's Fund Administrator promptly responds to Participant inquiries during business hours. Participants may contact the Fund Administrator for account servicing needs by email at csafe@csafe.org. Participants may also reach out to the Administrator for assistance by going to the CSAFE website at www.csafe.org. Additional contact information for the CSAFE Fund Administrator is as follows:

(800) 541-2953
(303) 296-6340
Fax: (303) 658-3136

Mailing Address:
5975 S. Quebec St., Ste. 330
Centennial, CO 80111

III. WEBSITE AND PORTAL

CSAFE's Fund Administrator provides CSAFE Participants with a website and portal for account opening information as well as ease of entering transaction requests (purchase, redemption, or internal transfers). CSAFE's portal is provided by Linedata. CSAFE also allows Participants to establish dual-authorization procedures for transactions to align with Local Governmental Entities' internal controls. CSAFE posts its prior month-end portfolio holdings report by the fifth day of the following month.

IV. FEES AND EXPENSES

CSAFE has entered into Agreements with the Trust's service providers whereby the service providers are paid a combined fee at an annual rate of **up to 0.17%** (17 basis points) of the individual Cash and Colorado Core investment of each Participant. This fee is accrued daily and paid monthly, and covers the costs of the investment advisor, Fund Administrator, distribution, Board administration, custodian, auditor, legal counsel, rating agency, and Trust operations. The service providers may choose to waive fees for the benefit of the Participants.

V. ELIGIBLE SECURITIES

The CSAFE Board of Trustees has taken actions affecting eligible securities for CSAFE Cash and Colorado Core funds. These actions are reflected in the CSAFE Cash and Colorado Core Investment Policy Statements. CSAFE eligible securities are derived

from Colorado Revised Statutes, with more conservative maturity requirements for certain eligible securities. Per the CSAFE Investment Policies, CSAFE will not invest in issuers that are domiciled in or generate a substantial revenue stream from China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or Cuba. CSAFE will utilize the guidelines of the Office of



PART 3: FUND FEATURES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TRUST

I. FUND CHARACTERISTICS AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE FUNDS

A. CSAFE Cash Fund

Established in 1988, CSAFE Cash is intended for the short-term investment of Colorado Local Governmental Entities' operating funds, reserve funds, and bond proceeds. In addition to providing Colorado Local Governmental Entities with a competitive yield on surplus cash, CSAFE Cash provides Participants with cash management features including late day cutoff times, lockbox, check writing and automated disbursements by Fed Wire or ACH.

1) Portfolio

The CSAFE Cash Fund is a highly liquid fund that operates in a manner similar to a money market-like fund. The Cash Fund does not invest in any securities in which a Local Governmental Entity would not be eligible to individually invest per Colorado Revised Statutes. The CSAFE Cash Fund is more restrictive than Colorado Revised Statutes with respect to permissible investments (please refer to the CSAFE Cash Fund Investment Policy). CSAFE Cash is intended for investment of Participants' operational and short-term surplus moneys with an emphasis placed on liquidity and a stable \$1.00 transactional share price. This Fund complies with the National Association of State Treasurer's "*Voluntary Guidelines for the Operation of Stable Value Local Government Investment Pools.*" CSAFE Cash seeks to meet or exceed the minimum liquidity limits of these guidelines as well as those found in GASB Statement 79 and the S.E.C.'s Rule 2a-7. A Fund that elects to measure and report on an amortized cost basis must meet the maturity and liquidity limits set forth in GASB 79; a Fund that complies with GASB 79 will, generally speaking, maintain higher percentages of daily and weekly liquidity than Funds that do not follow GASB 79. CSAFE publishes its fair market valuation (Shadow NAV) daily and its holdings monthly. This Fund is rated AAmmf by Fitch.

2) GASB Methodology

CSAFE Cash operates under GASB Statement No. 79, Amortized Cost Basis methodology, for the determination of transactional share price. GASB 79 Methodology exempts Participants from a valuation disclosure required of fair value funds by GASB Statements No. 31 and No. 72. More information regarding the GASB Statement No. 79 methodology is available through the "GASB 79 Fact Sheet" on the CSAFE website.

3) Share Price Methodology

The CSAFE Cash Fund calculates and publishes a Shadow NAV daily using third party supplied, marked-to-market pricing with internal daily validation and

monitoring. Use of Amortized Cost Basis requires that such use results in no



material deviation from marked-to-market valuations. This Fund uses rounding at two decimal places (penny rounding) for the determination of transactional share price. The CSAFE Cash Fund seeks to maintain a constant \$1.00 transactional share price. Should Shadow NAV for CSAFE Cash breach \$0.9975, certain fund restrictions are imposed to limit further Shadow NAV deterioration as specified by Fitch Money Market Fund Rating Criteria.

4) **Purchase & Redemption Restrictions**

Minimum initial balance required to open a CSAFE Cash account is \$1 and the minimum transactional amount is \$1. The fund transacts in fractional shares above \$1.00 out to \$0.01. There are no limits on the number of transactions per month and funds received by stated cutoff times are credited same day. CSAFE Cash features cash management tools including check writing and later same day cutoff times for the convenience of its Participants. Deposits (purchases) can be initiated on the CSAFE Portal after logging into the Account Access area.

5) **Fund Benchmark**

S&P GIP 7 Day Net Yield as published on Bloomberg Analytics under symbol LGIP7D.

6) **Rating Agency**

CSAFE Cash Fund is rated AAAMmf by Fitch. Fitch Ratings' AAAMmf rating indicates that a stable \$1.00 Net Asset Value money market or money market-like fund has the highest capacity to maintain a stable \$1.00 Net Asset Value. The 'AAAMmf' rating reflects Fitch's review of the Fund's investment guidelines, credit quality and diversification, duration guidelines, and liquidity profile, as well as the capability of the Morgan Stanley Zephyr Group's institutional portfolio management team to manage the assets of the Fund. The 'AAAMmf' rating assigned to the Fund indicates an extremely strong capacity to achieve the investment objectives of preserving principal and providing liquidity through limiting credit, market, and liquidity risk. Part 4 of this Information Statement explains the risks of investing in the Funds in detail.

7) **Eligible Investments and Restrictions of the Fund**

Please refer to the CSAFE Cash Investment Policy for a description of eligible investments and relevant restrictions.

8) **Portfolio Composition, Diversification and Liquidity Requirements**

- a) The investment portfolio will be structured in such manner as to provide sufficient liquidity to pay expected redemptions. Rule 3 CCR 704-1-519.4(C)(2) requires that "sufficient liquidity be maintained to enable funding of all reasonably expected cash needs given the participant composition and history as well as economic and market conditions".
- b) At least 90 percent of the fund's portfolio shall be highly liquid investments and deposits. Liquid investments include investments that can be redeemed or sold within five business days.
- c) The fund shall maintain minimum 10% overnight and 30% five business day liquidity as defined by GASB Statement 79. The combination of GASB



- d) Statement 79 compliance, the AAAMmf rating from Fitch, and the
- e) investment advisor's cash flow forecasting tools ensure ample liquidity in the CSAFE Cash Fund.
- f) Exposure to any single corporate, supranational or municipal issuer shall be limited to 5% of the total fund portfolio. This limit shall be inclusive of rollups in exposure contained in asset-backed securities.
- g) Limit on Maximum Maturity – the Trust will only acquire a security or other investment if the investment has a remaining maturity of 13 months or less or 2 years or less in the case of U.S. government floating rate securities.
- h) The maturity of a security or other investment should be the period remaining until the rate on which the total or remaining principal amount is required to be unconditionally repaid in accordance with the terms of the investment.
- i) If a security or other investment is subject to a demand feature and CSAFE Cash is not relying on that demand feature, that demand feature should be disregarded for the purposes of determining maturity.
- j) The portfolio shall maintain a weighted average maturity (WAM) of 60 days or less.
- k) A weighted average maturity measure expresses investment time horizons—the time when investments become due and payable—in this case, days weighted to reflect the dollar size of individual investments.
- l) However, certain maturity shortening features, such as interest rate resets, should be taken into account.
- m) The portfolio shall maintain a weighted average life (WAL) of 120 days or less.
- n) The maturity of a repurchase agreement or a portfolio lending agreement should be either (a) the period remaining until the date on which the repurchase (or return) of the underlying securities is scheduled to occur or (b) the duration of the notice period applicable to a demand for the repurchase (or return) of the securities, such as a put option.

B. Colorado Core Fund

Colorado Core is designed for the investment of short to intermediate term cash flows that are expected to occur across an entity's forthcoming budgetary and cash flow cycles. The Colorado Core Fund does not invest in any securities that a Local Governmental Entity would not be permitted to invest (please refer to the CSAFE Core Investment Policy). The Colorado Core Fund seeks to maintain a constant transactional share price of \$2.00 per share but with slightly longer weighted average maturity (WAM) of its portfolio than the CSAFE Cash Fund described above. Participants are limited to three (3) redemptions per month per account in this Fund.

1) Portfolio



The Colorado CORE Fund is an ultra-short duration enhanced cash fund intended for short to intermediate term surplus moneys of its Participants, with an emphasis placed on limiting the risk of negative fair market valuations away from the \$2.00 transactional share price while maintaining high credit quality and adequate liquidity. This Fund publishes its fair market valuation (Shadow NAV) daily and its holdings monthly. Colorado Core is rated 'AAAf/S1' by Fitch. The 'AAAf/S1' rating reflects Fitch's review of the Fund's investment guidelines, the portfolio's credit quality and diversification, as well as the capability of the Morgan Stanley Zephyr Group's institutional portfolio management team to manage the assets of the Fund. The 'AAAf' Fund Credit Quality Rating indicates the highest underlying credit quality (or lowest vulnerability to default). The 'S1' rating indicates a very low sensitivity to market risk.

2) Purchase & Redemption of Shares

Colorado Core settles T+1 (trade date plus one business day). Total redemptions in any one account in Colorado Core are limited to three (3) per month. No minimum balance is required after the initial investment has been made.

3) GASB Methodology

Colorado Core operates under GASB Statement 31 and 72, which is the established method for the use of fair market valuation.

4) Share Price Methodology

Colorado Core calculates and publishes Shadow NAV daily using third party supplied, marked-to-market pricing with internal daily validation and monitoring. This Fund rounds up its Shadow NAV at two decimal places for the determination of transactional share price. This Fund seeks to maintain a constant \$2.00 transactional share price. Should Shadow NAV breach \$1.995, the Board may authorize the reduction and capitalization of interest income. The Board may impose other features or restrictions which seek to reduce fund risk should the Colorado Core Fund Shadow NAV decline below \$1.995. The Board may declare a breach of stable value should this Fund's shadow NAV fall below \$1.990 per share.

5) Fund Benchmark

Colorado Core seeks investment returns benchmarked against the 90-day rolling average of the CME Term SOFR 3 Month benchmark.

6) Rating Agency

Colorado CORE Fund is rated AAAf/S1 by Fitch. Fitch describes these ratings with the following: "Fund Credit Quality Ratings, denoted with a "f" suffix, are an opinion as to the overall credit profile and vulnerability to losses as a result of defaults within a fixed-income fund or portfolio. 'AAAf' Fund Credit Quality Ratings indicate the highest underlying credit quality. Fund Market Risk Sensitivity Ratings are an opinion as to the relative sensitivity of a portfolio's total return and/or net asset value to changes in interest rate, credit spread and currency risks, and taking into account the effects of leverage and/or hedging, where applicable. Funds rated 'S1' are considered to have very low sensitivity to



market risk. On a relative basis, total returns and/or changes in net asset value are expected to exhibit high stability, showing low relative volatility across a broad range of market scenarios. These funds or portfolios offer very low risk exposure to interest rate, credit spread and currency risks, and the effects of leverage and/or hedging, where applicable."

7) Eligible Investments and Restrictions of the Fund

Please refer to the Colorado Core Investment Policy for a description of eligible investments and relevant restrictions.

8) Portfolio Composition, Diversification and Liquidity Requirements

- a) The investment portfolio will be structured in such manner as to provide sufficient liquidity to pay expected redemptions. Rule 3 CCR 704-1 51-9.4(C)(2) requires that "sufficient liquidity be maintained to enable funding of all reasonably expected cash needs given the participant composition and history as well as economic and market conditions."
- b) At least 90 percent of the fund's portfolio shall be highly liquid investments and deposits. Liquid investments are investments that can be redeemed or sold within five business days.
- c) Exposure to any single corporate, supranational or municipal issuer shall be limited to 5% of the total fund portfolio. This limit shall be inclusive of rollups in exposure contained in asset-backed securities.
- d) The fund shall maintain overnight and five business day liquidity at 5% and 10%, respectively.

9) Limit on Maximum Maturity – the Trust will only acquire a security or other investment if the investment has a remaining maturity of 2 years or less.

- a) The maturity of a security or other investment should be the period remaining until the date on which the total or remaining principal amount is required to be unconditionally repaid in accordance with the terms of the investment.
- b) If a security or other investment is subject to a demand feature and the Colorado Core Fund is not relying on that demand feature, that demand feature should be disregarded for the purposes of determining maturity.
- c) The portfolio shall maintain a weighted average maturity (WAM) of 90 days or less.
- d) A weighted average maturity measure expresses investment time horizons—the time when investments become due and payable—in this case, days weighted to reflect the dollar size of individual investments. However, certain maturity shortening features, such as interest rate resets, should be taken into account.
- e) The portfolio shall maintain a weighted average life (WAL) of 180 days or



less.

- f) The maturity of a repurchase agreement or a portfolio lending agreement

should be either (a) the period remaining until the date on which the repurchase (or return) of the underlying securities is scheduled to occur or (b) the duration of the notice period applicable to a demand for the repurchase (or return) of the securities, such as a put option.

C. Redemptions, Purchases, and Minimums

Redemptions of shares from the Cash Fund can be made by ACH funds, wire transfer, or lateral transfer between Participants. Redemption requests from Cash accounts with established wire instructions will be received by the Participant on the same day if received by CSAFE prior to 11:00am MST.

Redemptions of shares from the Core Fund can be made by ACH funds, wire transfer, or lateral transfer between Participants. Redemption requests from Core accounts with established wire instructions will be received by the Participant on the next day if received by CSAFE prior to 11:00am MST.

Purchases of Cash Fund shares can be made by check, ACH funds, wire transfer, or lateral transfer between Participants. The purchase deadline for Cash Fund shares is 11:00am MST.

Purchases of Core Fund shares can be made by check, ACH funds, wire transfer, or lateral transfer between Participants. The purchase deadline for Core Fund shares is 11:00am MST for next-day settlement.

CSAFE does not charge any wire fees; please note, however, that the Local Governmental Entity's bank may charge wire fees for purchases or redemptions of CSAFE Cash or Core Fund shares.

The CSAFE Board of Trustees has the authority to set CSAFE account minimums. At this time, the CSAFE Board of Trustees does not have a minimum account balance amount in place. As a result, there are no minimum balances for the Cash and Core Funds.

PART 4: INVESTMENT RISKS

I. TYPES OF INVESTMENT RISKS APPLICABLE TO CSAFE CASH AND COLORADO CORE FUNDS

A. Systemic Risk

Large-scale exogenous events could disrupt fixed income markets and the market valuation of securities held by the Funds. The CSAFE Cash and Colorado Core Funds have established minimum liquidity levels to enhance Participants' access to liquidity in the event of systemic risk.



B. Liquidity Risk

There may not be a market for certain securities held by the Funds due to an anomalous lack of market liquidity. Additionally, liquidity risk could result from an unusually high volume of redemption requests from the Funds. The Funds have established concentration restrictions on security types deemed less liquid.

C. Interest Rate Risk

The risk of declining Shadow NAV due to an increase in overall interest rates or the slope of the yield curve. Each Fund has established restrictions on their respective maximum Weighted Average Maturity and Weighted Average Life, as well as the maximum maturity of securities held in the Funds in order to diversify the interest rate risk to levels appropriate for each Fund's stated objectives.

D. Credit Rating Risk

The NRSRO rating is not a recommendation to buy, hold, or sell shares in the Funds. The rating methodologies utilized by Fitch Ratings may be obtained from Fitch or the investment advisor.

E. Credit Spread Risk

The difference in yield between two securities of similar maturity but different credit quality.

F. Credit Risk

The risk that scheduled payments of principal and interest will not be met by the issuer as expected.

G. Management Risk

Decisions of the investment advisor could result in lower returns or greater risks in the Funds than that which is contained in respective benchmarks.

H. Market Risk

Certain types of securities held by each Fund may be disrupted resulting in reduced liquidity and deteriorated pricing on securities held. Each Fund has a diversification requirement within the Investment Policy to reduce exposure to market risks.

I. Operational Risk

The risk of loss from errors, omissions, or other actions by the Fund Administrator in the conduct of the Funds' business activities.

J. Other Forms of Risk

Other unanticipated and unforeseen forms of risk could negatively impact the stability of the Funds.

K. Inescapability from Risk

CSAFE will continue to seek to implement risk-reducing features, policies, and restrictions on the Funds in order to control risks; however, there is no way to foresee or eliminate all risk and there is no guarantee that expected outcomes from investing in any of these Funds will be achieved.



PART 5: JOIN CSAFE

I. ELIGIBILITY

The Trust currently offers two (2) Funds, CSAFE Cash and CSAFE Colorado Core. Any Local Governmental Entity is eligible to participate in the Funds of the Trust pursuant to C.R.S. §24.75.301.1.5.

II. SUITABILITY

It shall be the Participant's responsibility to review the Information Statements for CSAFE Cash and Colorado Core to determine whether these Funds are eligible investments under the Participant's Investment Policy. As with all investments, a Local Governmental Entity investor in CSAFE Funds has the fundamental responsibility to conduct thorough due diligence to assess whether CSAFE Cash and/or Core aligns with their investment objectives, risk tolerances, time horizon, and overall investment strategy. While CSAFE is both committed and required to objectively assist Participants and potential Participants in making any suitability evaluation, the investor must assess their Local Governmental Entity's investment objectives, risk tolerances, time horizon, and overall investment strategy in order to determine if CSAFE Funds are a suitable investment for their Local Governmental Entity.

III. REVIEW THE INDENTURE OF TRUST

The Indenture of Trust is a contract among the Participants regarding the pooling of their assets for investment purposes. The Indenture of Trust also describes the operational guidelines, permitted investments, investment policies and limitations on liability, share information, issues related to the Trustees and Officers, and trust custodian's duties.

IV. ADOPT A RESOLUTION

The model resolution available on the CSAFE website contains a specific approval of the execution of the Indenture of Trust. By joining the Trust, an entity may open accounts in any or all of the Trust's Funds. The resolution should be signed by an authorized individual of the board, commission, or council of the governing body, as applicable. Existing Participants in the Trust may find that a previously executed Resolution is sufficient.

V. REVIEW INVESTMENT POLICY

It may be necessary for an entity to change its investment policy language in order to invest in any or all of the Trust's Funds. Model language for an Investment Policy to enable the local government to invest in funds authorized by Colorado State Statutes and by Colorado State Securities Commissioner under State Rule 3 CCR 704-1 Chapter 9. When opening an account in any Fund the Participant will be asked to verify that investment in CSAFE is permitted allowed by its Investment Policy.



VI. SET UP A NEW ACCOUNT

The account registration form identifies the authorized signatories on the account, account number, and bank information. Send your completed registration form and enacted resolution to CSAFE. Please contact the Fund Administrator if you need assistance:

Email: csafe@csafe.org

Telephone: 1-800-541-2953

Fax: 303-296-6340

Mail original documents to:

CSAFE

P.O. Box 561194

Denver, CO 80256

Attn: New Account