# US Treasury Guidance on Interest generated by advances of Federal Funds

#### **CSFRF** Compliance and Reporting Guidance

#### Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (treasury.gov)

**3. Cash Management.** SLFRF payments made to recipients are not subject to the requirements of the Cash Management Improvement Act and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 205 or 2 CFR 200.305(b)(8)-(9). As such, recipients can place funds in interest-bearing accounts, do not need to remit interest to Treasury, and are not limited to using that interest for eligible uses under the SLFRF award. Page 11.

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**9. Program Income**. Generally, program income includes, but is not limited to, income from fees for services performed, the use or rental of real or personal property acquired under Federal awards, and principal and interest on loans made with Federal award funds. <u>Program income does not include interest earned on advances of Federal funds, rebates, credits, discounts, or interest on rebates, credits, or discounts.</u> Recipients of SLFRF funds should calculate, document, and record the organization's program income. Additional controls that your organization should implement include written policies that explicitly identify appropriate allocation methods, accounting standards and principles, compliance monitoring checks for program income calculations, and records. Page 12. (Emphasis added.)

## **CSFRF Project and Expenditure Report User Guide**

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# 1.18. Will there be a way to capture and tally a total award amount that includes program income for ensuring all funds are spent or that any funds that need to be returned are?

Yes, since Program Income is being collected, Treasury will use the information reported to determine total allowable obligations and expenditures. That information will be made available in the Treasury portal for Recipients as part of future enhancements. <u>Please note, interest earned on advances of federal funds is not considered program income and is not subject to these reporting requirements.</u> (See 2 CFR § 200.1 Program income.) Appendix J Frequently Asked Questions page 172. (Empasis added.)

## **CSFRF Frequently Asked Questions**

#### SLFRF-Final-Rule-FAQ.pdf (treasury.gov)

**10.1. Are recipients required to remit interest earned on SLFRF payments made by Treasury?** No. SLFRF payments made by Treasury to states, territories, and the District of Columbia are not subject to the requirement of the Cash Management Improvement Act and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 205 to remit interest to Treasury. SLFRF payments made by Treasury to local governments and Tribes are not subject to the requirements of 2 CFR 200.305(b)(8) and (9) to maintain SLFRF award funds in an interest-bearing account and remit interest earned above \$500 on such payments to Treasury. Moreover, interest earned on SLFRF award funds is not subject to program restrictions. Finally, states may retain interest on payments made by Treasury to the state for distribution to NEUs that is earned before funds are distributed to NEUs, provided that the state adheres to the statutory requirements and Treasury's guidance regarding the distribution of funds to NEUs. Such interest is also not subject to program restrictions.

Among other things, states and other recipients may use earned income to defray the administrative expenses of the program, including with respect to NEUs.