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## State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Newsletter

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### STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (SLFRF) NEWSLETTER

Welcome to your inaugural edition of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Newsletter, your newsletter dedicated to the needs of SLFRF recipients. This newsletter will be your place to learn more about program updates, upcoming deadlines, key resources, and about how your peers are using their funds.

If others would benefit from this newsletter, please forward this to them and let them know to subscribe [here](#).

### DEPUTY SECRETARY ADEYEMO VISITS SLFRF-FUNDED HIGHLANDS CAFÉ



*Washington, District of Columbia | Highlands Café*

In October, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Wally Adeyemo, visited the Highlands Café in Washington, D.C. This Latino-owned small business serves fried green tomatoes, shrimp and grits, and other delicious fare in the District's Ward 7. A recipient of SLFRF funds through the city's \$71 million Food Access Fund, the restaurant received nearly \$470,000 to continue to serve local residents. Deputy Secretary Adeyemo noted that, "Chef Mo and the Highlands Café and Grill team are a prime example of how Latino entrepreneurs are

leveraging initial public investment to grow their businesses, create good-paying jobs in their communities, and successfully compete in today's economy." He added that, "President Biden's Investing in America agenda centers on the idea that expanding economic opportunity will lead to a stronger and fairer economy for all communities – including Latino communities."

Also in attendance was SLFRF Program Director, Vero Soto, who said that, "One of the impressive things about Highlands Café is that the restaurant is the first sit down restaurant in Ward 7, as options for such service did not exist before." Soto added, "It is wonderful to have the SLFRF funds used to support a small business and serve as a way to offer a community amenity and experience other neighborhoods or districts take for granted."

## KEY UPDATES

### *Top five items in this newsletter:*

1. Access the [Obligation IFR Quick Reference Guide](#) here.
2. Watch the Obligation IFR Webinar: Access the [webinar here](#) and the [accompanying slides here](#).
3. The [Obligation Interim Final Rule](#) (Obligation IFR) was released on November 9, 2023, and published in the Federal Register on November 20, 2023.
4. New [Q2 Reporting Data Release](#).
5. The [SLFRF Housing Fact Sheet](#) is available for your reference as you continue to obligate SLFRF award funds.

## RECENT NEWS

### ***Obligation IFR, Obligation IFR Quick Reference Guide, and Obligation IFR Webinar***

On November 9, 2023, Treasury released the Obligation IFR to clarify the definition of "obligation" in response to recipients' questions. As a reminder, recipients must continue to obligate SLFRF funds by December 31, 2024, and expend funds by December 31, 2026 (with the exception of SLFRF funds used for Surface Transportation projects or Title I projects, in which case funds must be expended by September 30, 2026). The Obligation IFR was published in the Federal Register on November 20, 2023. You and other stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments on the Obligation IFR until the public comment period ends on December 20, 2023. Learn more about the Obligation IFR from the resources listed below:

1. [Obligation Interim Final Rule Quick Reference Guide](#) - This brief overview provides a summary of the changes.
2. [Obligation Interim Final Rule](#)
3. [Obligation IFR webinar](#) and the [accompanying slides](#)

### ***Q2 Data Release - Local leaders continue to use their SLFRF to boost their economies***

Treasury recently released the [most recent reporting data](#) for the SLFRF program. The report demonstrates how recipients like you are investing your funds for the long-term well-being of your residents. Here, you can find a [blog post](#) ([New Treasury Department Data Illustrates How American Rescue Plan Resources Are Expanding Access to Affordable Housing and Keeping Families in their Homes](#)) with example projects, key facts, and the full dataset. Finally, here you will find a link to the most recent [SLFRF Housing Fact Sheet](#), with examples of how recipient governments use their SLFRF program funds to keep residents in safe, stable, healthy homes.

## SLFRF IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Local leaders across the country use their SLFRF program funds in many ways to support their residents. Treasury would like to uplift your examples of success and impact stories. Stay tuned for more information on how to share your stories!

## FROM THE SLFRF INBOX

- Where can I find the Recording of the Obligation Interim Final Rule Webinar that Treasury held on November 16th, 2023?

The recording of the Obligation IFR Webinar that Treasury held on November 16, 2023, can be found on the SLFRF homepage or at [this link](#) with the [associated slide deck presentation](#).

- ***How do I know the reporting deadlines for my organization?***

To ensure completion and timely submission to Treasury of mandatory performance and compliance reporting, your organization will need to be aware of applicable deadline requirements. Your organization's reporting cadence, or when your organization must file a report, depends on which tier your organization is in. You can find information on each tier's reporting obligations and reporting deadline on Treasury's website at: [Treasury.gov/SLFRPreporting](https://www.treasury.gov/SLFRPreporting). Scroll down to the "Recipient Compliance and Reporting Guidance" heading and look for the link to identify your reporting tier. Then refer to Treasury's SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance, starting on page 17, for the associated reporting deadlines.

- ***What are the key user roles for the SLFRF portal and how can I add or change them?***

The Account Administrator has the administrative role of maintaining the names and contact information of the designated individuals for SLFRF reporting. The Account Administrator is also responsible for working within your organization to determine its designees for the roles of Point of Contact for Reporting and Authorized Representative for Reporting and providing their names and contact information via Treasury's Portal. In addition, the Account Administrator can view reports and is responsible for making any updates as needed over the award period. We recommend that the Account Administrator identify an individual to serve in his/her place in the event of staff changes.

The Point of Contact for Reporting is the primary contact for receiving official Treasury notifications about reporting on the SLFRF award, including alerts about upcoming reporting requirements and deadlines. The Point of Contact for Reporting also is responsible for completing the SLFRF reports and the Authorized Representative is responsible for certifying and submitting official reports on behalf of the SLFRF award recipient. Official reports may include Special Reports, Monthly Reports, Quarterly Reports, Interim Reports and Final Reports. Treasury will accept reports or other official communications only when submitted by the Authorized Representative for Reporting. The Authorized Representative for Reporting is also responsible for communicating with Treasury on matters such as extension requests and amendments of previously submitted reports.

For a step-by-step tutorial on Adding and Changing User Roles, review the following webinar: [WEBINAR: State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Designating User Roles in the Treasury Portal – YouTube](#)

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For general questions about the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, please email [SLFRF@treasury.gov](mailto:SLFRF@treasury.gov).

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