

MONTANA

BOARD OF INVESTMENTS

BOARD ADOPTED POLICY

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EFFECTIVE DATE: November 30, 2021

TITLE: Investment Objectives and Guidelines
Endowment for Children

SUPERSEDES: April 20, 2021

BOARD ADOPTION: November 30, 2021

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I. Appendix I: Trust Funds: Investment Objectives and Guidelines

- A. Schedule I-N: Investment Objectives and Guidelines Endowment for Children.
- B. Approved Date of Schedule: August 22, 2017.
- C. This Schedule is effective upon adoption by the Board and supersedes all previous Investment Objectives and Guidelines for this specific portfolio.

II. Introduction

- A. The purpose of the investment objectives and guidelines is to provide a framework for the Endowment for Children Fund under the guidance of the Board.
- B. The Endowment for Children Fund was established under Section 52-7-105, MCA, “to provide a permanent source of funding to support the programs and services referred to in Section 52-7-101, MCA, “to fund services and activities related to a broad range of child abuse and neglect prevention activities and family resource programs operated by nonprofit or public community-based educational and service organizations”.
- C. Timing of expenditures is uncertain. Staff will rely on expenditure estimates from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

III. Statement of Purpose

- A. The purpose of these objectives and guidelines is to:
 1. Establish the investment objectives and performance standards of the Endowment for Children.
 2. Provide diversified investment exposure within the guidelines in a prudent and cost-effective manner.

IV. Investment Objective

- A. Strategic
 1. The objective of the Endowment for Children fund portfolio is to attain above benchmark total return within the parameters of the Investment Guidelines set forth below with an emphasis on investment income and preservation of principal.
- B. Performance
 1. Success in achieving this objective will be measured by comparing the risk and return of the fund to the Trust Funds Investment Pool (TFIP) benchmark and the Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP) benchmark each weighted proportionately to the portfolio’s holdings, over a five (5) year moving average.

C. Time Horizon

1. Endowment for Children is a permanent account. The Board expects to meet or exceed all objectives over a long-term investment horizon. Over shorter periods, the anticipated market volatility, and specific actions, including risk mitigation efforts of the Board may lead to unfavorable, but expected deviation from these objectives.

D. Investment Guidelines

1. The Board will have full discretion to manage the Endowment for Children portfolio consistent with the investment guidelines stated below. Compliance with the following guidelines for permitted investments and other restrictions is the sole responsibility of the Staff. Any exceptions or compliance violations are to be reported to the Board at the next scheduled quarterly Board meeting.

E. Permitted Investments

1. The Endowment for Children may only invest in the following:
 - a) TFIP.
 - b) STIP or any cash vehicle at the Custodial Bank.

F. Other Restrictions

1. A maximum of ninety-seven percent (97%) of the market value of the portfolio will be invested in the TFIP.

- G. If at any time, due to market fluctuations or any other circumstances, any of the guidelines are not maintained, Staff will use its best efforts to conform to these limits in a timely manner, while considering current market conditions and the associated costs of rebalancing. At the Board's next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting, the CIO shall inform the Board of any cases that the allocations were outside the limits and either inform the Board of the actions that were taken to return the portfolio back within guidelines or a plan to do so.

Authority: Montana Constitution, Article VIII, Section 13
Section 2-15-1808, MCA
Section 17-1-113, MCA
Sections 17-6-201 through 17-6-205, MCA
Section 52-7-105, MCA