

# **Short-Term Municipal Fund**



As of 12/31/2023 | Class K: MPLMX | Institutional: MALMX | Investor A1: MDLMX | Investor A: MELMX | Investor C: MFLMX

## **High Quality Income**

The fund has a distinguished track record of providing investors a steady stream of income exempt from federal taxes

## **Veteran Managers with Robust Resources**

The fund is led by three veteran portfolio managers with more than 25 years of investment experience and backed by a dedicated municipal credit research team that produces proprietary analysis and creates internal ratings independent of the major credit agencies.

## **History of Stability**

The fund has a remarkable record of net asset value stability since inception

#### ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

With Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor A	1.11	-0.67	0.24	0.29
Without Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor A	4.23	0.34	0.86	0.60
Benchmark	3.58	0.22	1.42	1.30
Morningstar Average	3.70	0.40	1.32	1.14

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

Without Sales Charge	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	4Q2023
Investor A	2.15	1.12	-0.26	-2.82	4.23	4.23	3.28
Benchmark	7.26	4.95	0.36	-3.17	3.58	3.58	3.53
Morningstar Average	3.12	2.28	0.22	-2.64	3.70	3.70	2.99

Performance data shown represents past performance which is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal values may fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown. All returns assume reinvestment of all dividend and capital gain distributions. Refer to blackrock.com for current month-end performance. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index. Returns with sales charge reflect the deduction of current maximum initial sales charge of 3%. The calendar year performance shown does not reflect the deduction of the sales load. If reflected, the performance would have been lower. Please see the fund prospectus for more details.

## **MORNINGSTAR RANKINGS**

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Morningstar Ranking	56/227	89/212	171/200	131/142
Quartile Rank	1	2	4	4

Rankings based on total return excluding sales charges, independently calculated and not combined to create an overall ranking. For periods not shown, Morningstar does not provide rankings based on synthetic performance.

KEY RISKS: The fund is actively managed and its characteristics will vary. Bond values fluctuate in price so the value of your investment can go down depending on market conditions. Fixed income risks include interest-rate and credit risk. Typically, when interest rates rise, there is a corresponding decline in bond values. Credit risk refers to the possibility that the bond issuer will not be able to make principal and interest payments. There may be less information on the financial condition of municipal issuers than for public corporations. The market for municipal bonds may be less liquid than for taxable bonds. Some investors may be subject to Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). Capital gains distributions, if any, are taxable. The fund may use derivatives to hedge its investments or to seek to enhance returns. Derivatives entail risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit that may reduce returns and increase volatility.

#### **KEY FACTS**

Size of Fund (N	/lillions)	\$543.8M
Fund Launch D	ate	11/02/1979
Share Class La	unch Date	10/02/2006
Morningstar Ca	ategory	Muni National Short
Number of Issu	iers	155
Benchmark	<b>BBG Munic</b>	ipal Bond 1-5Yr Index

0.65%

# **ANNUAL EXPENSES** Gross Expense Ratio

Net Expense Ratio 0.61%
The Net Expense Ratio excluding Investment
Related Expenses is 0.59% Investment Related
Expenses include acquired fund fees of 0.00%,
and interest expense (cost of borrowing securities
to seek to enhance return or reduce risk) of 0.00%,
and certain other expenses, if applicable.
Expenses stated as of the fund's most recent
prospectus. The difference between gross and net
evnence ratios are due to contractual and/or

expense ratios are due to contractual and/or voluntary waivers, if applicable. This share class has a contractual waiver with an end date of 06/30/ 2025 terminable upon 90 days' notice. BlackRock may agree to voluntarily waive certain fees and expenses, which the adviser may discontinue at any time without notice.

# PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Kristi Manidis Christian Romaglino Kevin Schiatta, CFA

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Effective Duration	1.94 yrs
Weighted Average	2.64 yrs
Life	
Percent AMT Bonds	18.73%
30-Day SEC Yield	2.87%
Unsubsidized 30-	2.82%
Day SEC Yield	
Tax Equivalent	4.85%
Yield**	
Unsubsidized Tax-	4.76%
Equivalent Yield	

## TOP SECTORS (%)2

	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Corporate Muni	31.6	8.0	23.6
Cash	20.2	0.1	20.1
Transportation	9.5	8.8	0.7
Health	8.7	4.5	4.2
State Tax-Backed - Lease Backed	6.0	2.5	3.4
Housing	5.1	1.3	3.8
State Tax-Backed - General Obligation	4.8	15.5	-10.7
Education	4.4	4.2	0.2
Prerefund/Escrow	3.0	16.0	-13.0
Utility	2.7	10.5	-7.9
Local Tax-Backed - Dedicated Tax	1.7	5.0	-3.3
Other	2.4	23.6	-21.3

# CREDIT RATINGS BREAKDOWN (%)23

	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Cash	20.2	0.1	20.1
AAA Rated	3.9	31.3	-27.5
AA rated	27.5	44.9	-17.4
A Rated	39.6	20.8	18.8
BBB Rated	7.6	2.8	4.8
Not Rated	1.2	0.1	1.1

Effective Duration: Measures the sensitivity of the price of a bond with embedded options to changes in interest rates, taking into account the likelihood of the bond being called, put and/or sunk prior to its final maturity date. BlackRock uses a proprietary duration model which employs certain assumptions and may differ from other fund complexes. Effective Duration is measured at the portfolio level and adjusted for leverage, hedging transactions and non-bond holdings, including derivatives. Tax Equivalent Yield: Tax equivalent yield is used by investors to compare yields on taxable and tax-exempt securities after accounting for taxes. TEY represents the yield a taxable bond would have to earn in order to match, after taxes, the yield available on a tax-exempt municipal bond. TEY assumes a Federal tax rate of 40.8% and does not take into account any other taxes. Each individual's tax burden will vary. 30-day SEC Yield: A standard calculation of yield introduced by the SEC to provide fairer comparison among funds. This yield reflects the interest earned after deducting the fund's expenses during the most recent 30-day period by the average investor in the fund. Unsubsidized SEC Yield: Represents what a fund's 30-Day SEC Yield would have been had no fee waivers or expense reimbursement been in place over the period. Negative 30-Day SEC Yield results when accrued expenses of the past 30 days exceed the income collected during the past 30 days. Weighted Average Life: The average number of years for which each dollar of unpaid principal on a loan or mortgage remains outstanding. Once calculated, WAL tells how many years it will take to pay half of the outstanding principal.

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