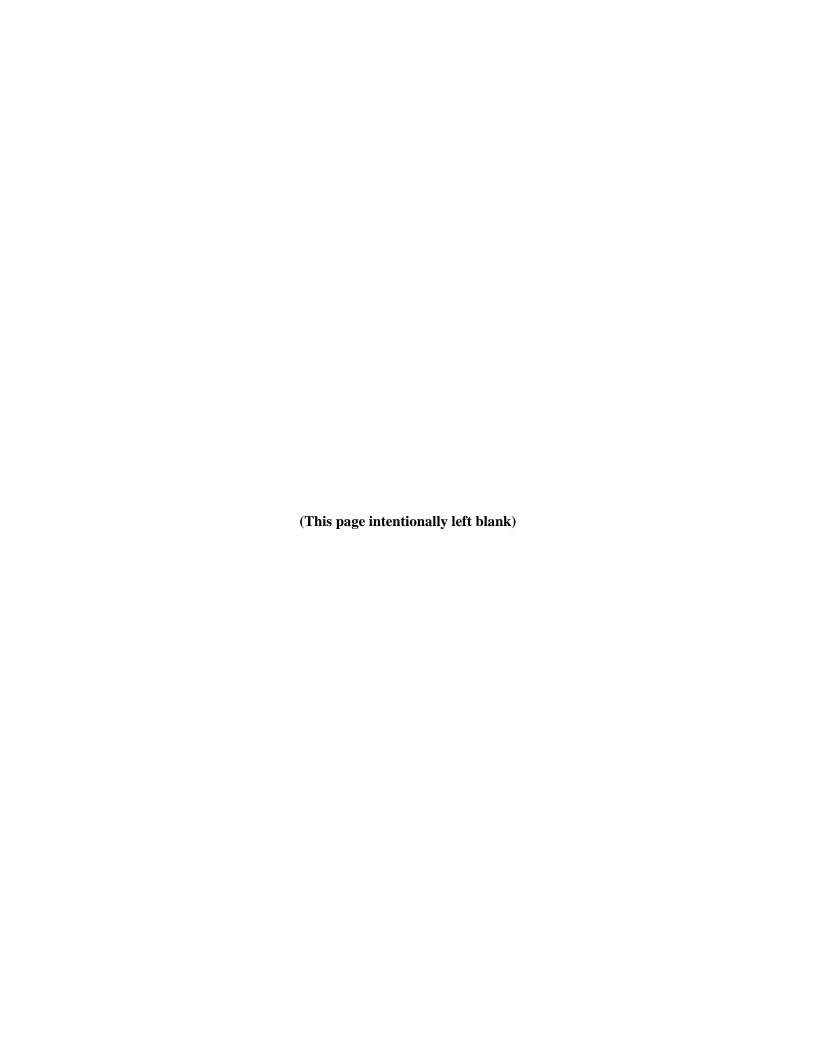


# Office of the State Treasurer Local Government Investment Pool Trust



LGIP Trust Financial Statements
June 30, 2019

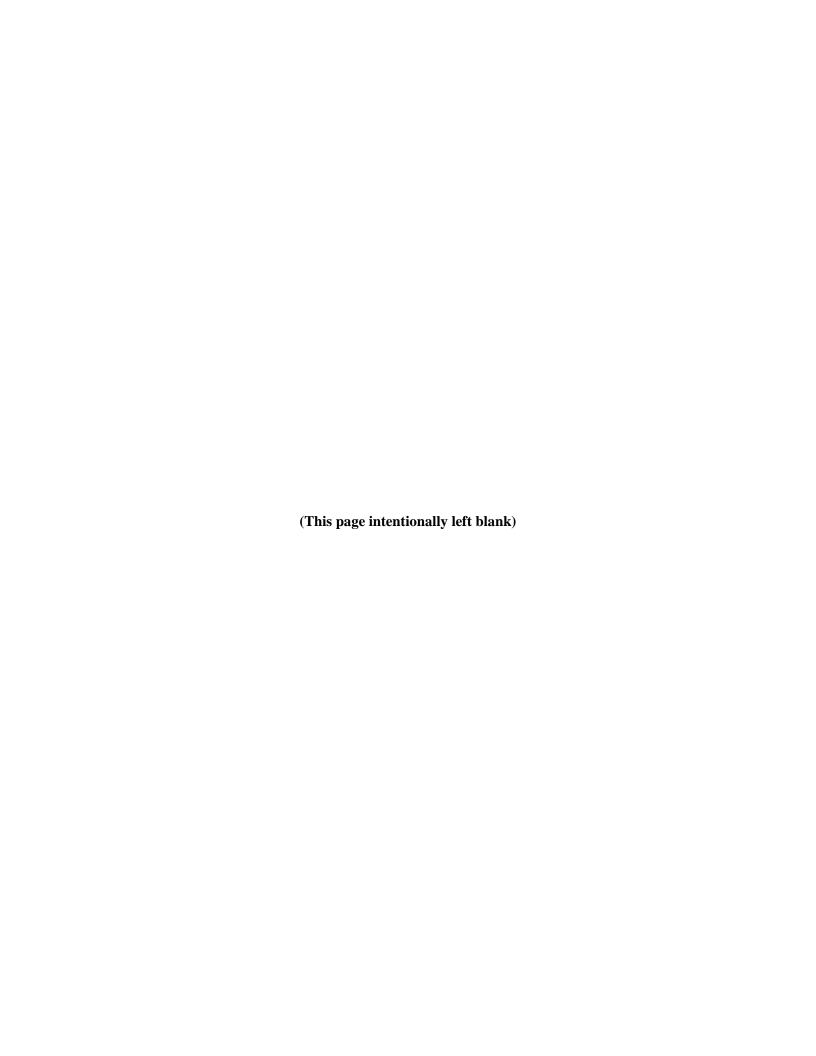


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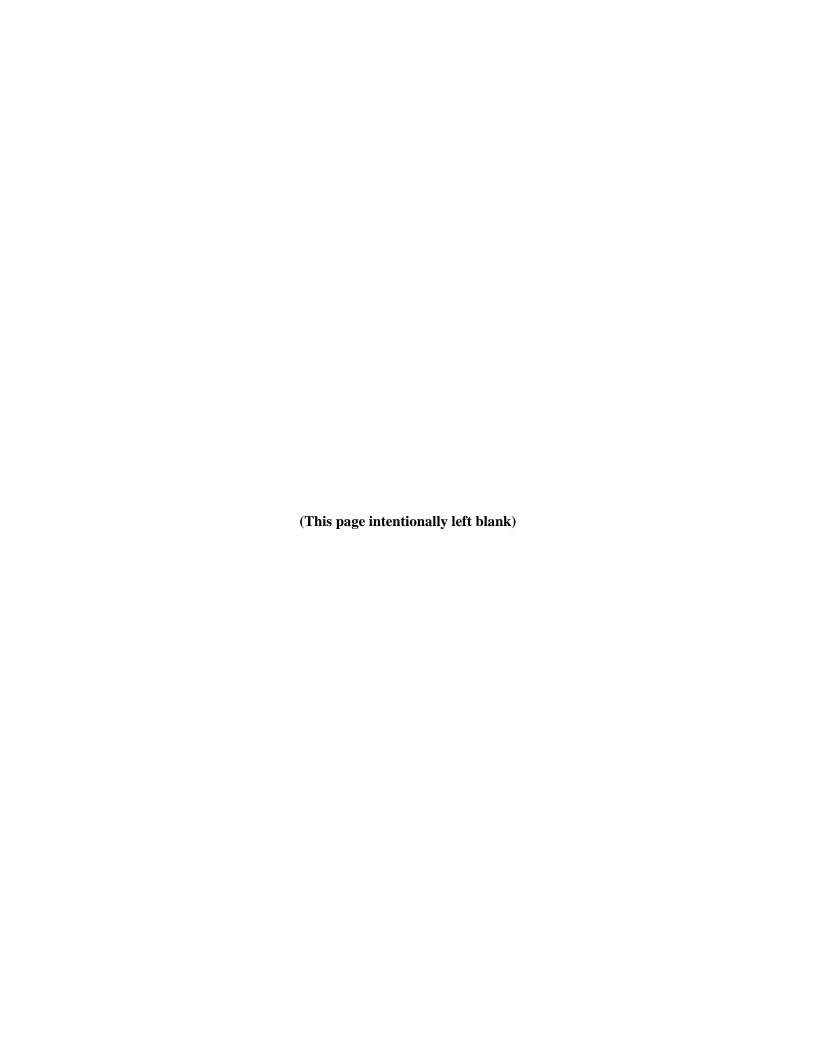
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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia Members of the State Depository Board and Lynnette T. Riley, State Treasurer

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Local Government Investment Pool Trust of the State Treasurer of the State of Georgia (the Trust), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Trust, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial statements present only the Office of the State Treasurer Local Government Investment Pool Trust of the State of Georgia and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Office of the State Treasurer of the State of Georgia, or the State of Georgia, as of June 30, 2019, or the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements. The combining statements for the Trust are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining statements for the Trust are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining statements for the Trust are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 18, 2019 on our consideration of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Trust's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

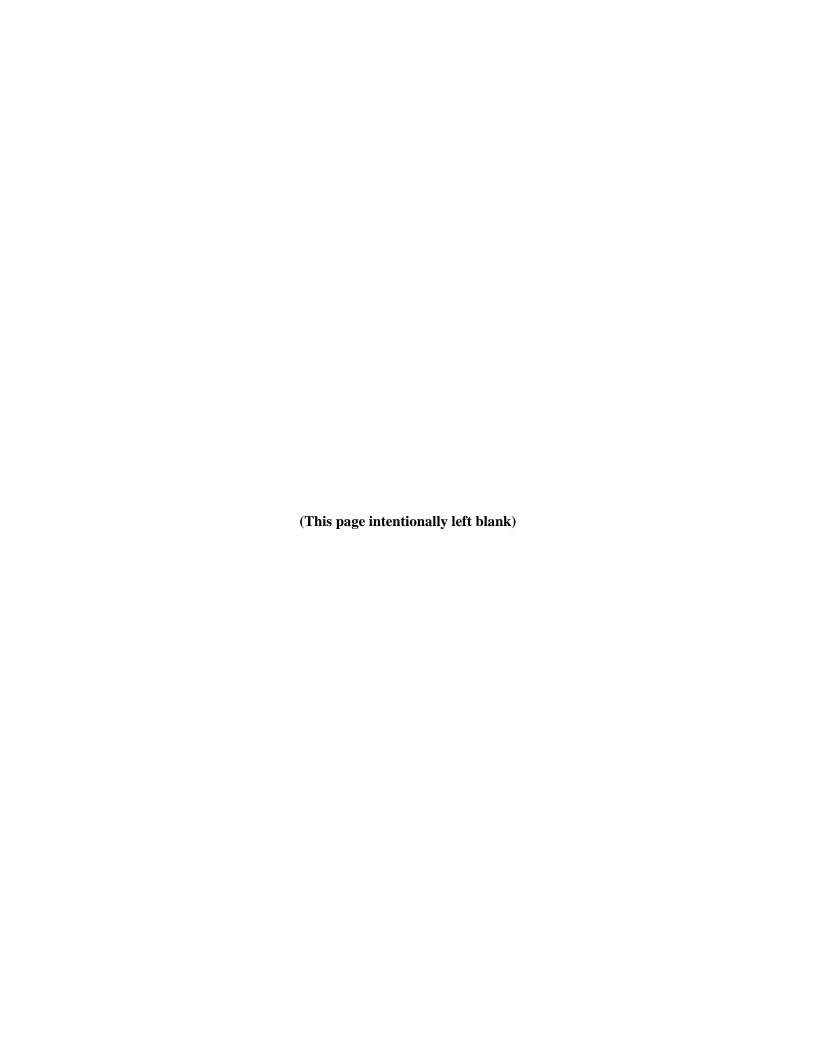
A copy of this report has been filed as a permanent record in the office of the State Auditor and made available to the press of the State, as provided for by Official Code of Georgia Annotated section 50-6-24.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Striff

Greg S. Griffin State Auditor

October 18, 2019



The Office of the State Treasurer ("OST") for the State of Georgia provides the Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Local Government Investment Pool ("LGIP") Trust's Financial Statements. The LGIP Trust consists of 3 pools: Georgia Fund 1 ("GF1"), Georgia Fund 1 Plus ("GF1 Plus"), and Georgia Extended Asset Pool Plus ("GEAP Plus") and the LGIP Trust Reserve. This overview and analysis of the LGIP Trust's financial activity is for the fiscal year ended ("FY") June 30, 2019.

#### **Financial Highlights**

#### GF1

- At fiscal year end, GF1 reported a net position in the amount of \$14.5 billion.
- GF1's net position decreased by \$4.9 million over the previous fiscal year.
- Net yield paid to participants ranged from 195 basis points ("bp") to 245 bp for FY19.

#### GF1 Plus

- At fiscal year end, GF1 Plus reported a net position in the amount of \$2.8 billion.
- The net position for GF1 Plus increased by \$1.3 billion over the previous fiscal year.
- Net yield paid to participants ranged from 181 bp to 268 bp for FY19.

#### **GEAP Plus**

- At fiscal year end, GEAP Plus reported a net position in the amount of \$1.9 billion.
- The net yield earned by participants for FY19 was 2.35% 2.70% (see Note 1 to the financial statements).

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The financial statements report the aggregate activities of GF1, GF1 Plus, GEAP Plus, and the LGIP Trust Reserve. GF1 is managed by OST to maintain a stable NAV of \$1.00 and is rated AAAf by Standard & Poor's ("S&P"). The primary objective since the pool's inception is preservation of principal. OST continues to operate and report monthly to participants on an amortized cost basis. Per the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") 79, to qualify for the use of amortized cost accounting for financial reporting purposes, an investment pool must meet all the criteria listed in GASB 79. GF1 is managed as a stable NAV pool but does not comply with all the requirements listed in GASB 79; therefore, the investments of the pool are reported at fair market value at fiscal year-end.

GF1 Plus is primarily managed by OST with a portion of the pool invested by a subadvisor. GF1 Plus is managed to maintain a stable \$1.00 NAV and accrues investment income on a daily basis. GF1 Plus distributes income to participants on a monthly basis and reinvests at \$1.00 based on the amortized cost of the investments in the pool. Per GASB 79, to qualify for the use of amortized cost accounting for financial reporting purposes, an investment pool must meet all the criteria listed in GASB 79. GF1 Plus is managed as a stable NAV pool but does not comply with all the requirements listed in GASB 79; therefore, the investments of the pool are reported at fair market value at fiscal year-end.

GEAP Plus was established on July 1, 2018 and is comprised of a series of individual Target Maturity Portfolios ("TMPs"). GEAP Plus investments are managed by a subadvisor. During FY 19, TMP maturities ranged from six months to five years. Each TMP is managed to provide principal and income at maturity consistent with maintaining preservation of principal if held to maturity. The participant account values and yields are determined by using the amortized cost valuation method. Securities are initially valued at cost. Thereafter discounts are accreted and premiums are amortized to maturity, regardless of the impact of changes in interest rates on the market value of securities. All earned interest is reinvested within the respective TMP and paid at maturity.

The LGIP Trust's Financial Statements consist of the Statement of Net Position, Statement of Changes in Net Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements. The following is a description of the basic financial statements:

- Statement of Net Position The Statement of Net Position presents the assets and liabilities of the LGIP Trust. The difference between the assets and liabilities is reported as net position. The Statement of Net Position provides a breakdown of pool participants.
- Statement of Changes in Net Position The Statement of Changes in Net Position presents information on how the net position changed during the fiscal year. Additions consist of contributions from participants and net investment income. Deductions consist of distributions to participants and operating expenses.
- *Notes to the Financial Statements* The Notes to the Financial Statements describe the LGIP Trust as a reporting entity and further clarify financial activity as reported in the financial statements.

#### **Net Position**

#### GF1

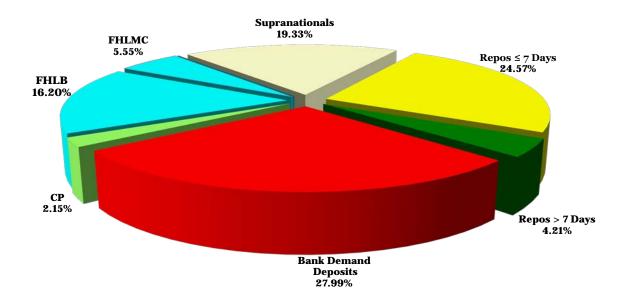
GF1 experienced a decrease in net position of \$4.9 million in FY19. Total assets and liabilities were lower compared to last fiscal year. Deposits increased by 17%, and withdrawals increased by 23% in comparison to FY18. GF1's net position is a function of several parameters some of which are independent of the pool's performance. The resulting change in net position is primarily from changes in deposits and withdrawals of the participants in the pool. OST has discretion to transact deposits and withdrawals from the State General Fund account in order to optimize its earnings and maintain sufficient liquidity. GF1 is a voluntary investment option for state entities and municipalities.

A summary of the net position for GF1 is presented below (amounts in thousands):

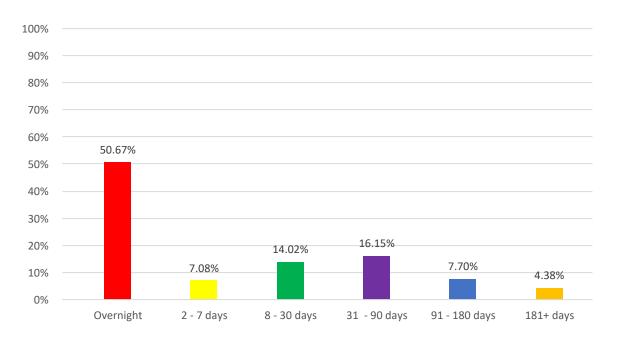
	2019	 2018	Variance
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 9,427,343	\$ 13,091,678	\$ (3,664,335)
Investments in Securities	5,031,835	1,377,399	3,654,436
Accrued Interest & Other Receivables	7,727	3,244	4,483
Less: Accrued Expenses & Other Payables		 562	 (562)
Net Position	\$ 14,466,905	\$ 14,471,759	\$ (4,854)

Below are charts reflecting the assets of GF1, the maturity distribution of holdings, and account holder information at June 30, 2019. Historical information can be found on the website at <a href="www.ost.ga.gov">www.ost.ga.gov</a>.

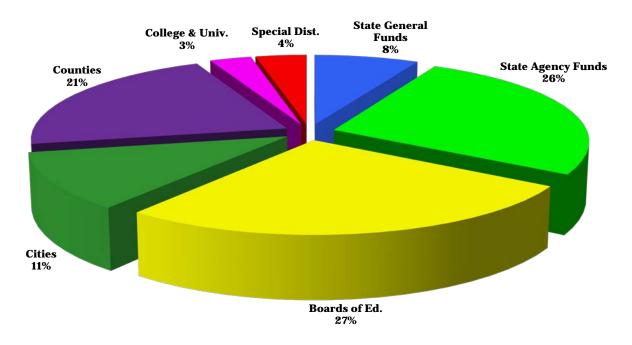
#### GF1 Asset Detail



#### **GF1 Maturity Distribution**



**GF1** Account Holder Distribution



#### GF1 Plus

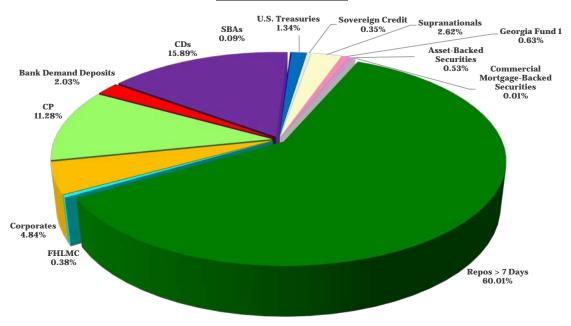
GF1 Plus was established as an additional LGIP investment option in FY17 for the state, state agencies, and eligible municipalities looking to benefit from higher yields available by adding credit exposure. GF1 Plus experienced an increase in net position of \$1.3 billion in FY19. Total assets were higher compared to last fiscal year. Deposits increased by 75%, and withdrawals decreased by 42% in comparison to FY18. The net position of GF1 Plus is a function of several parameters some of which are independent of the pool's performance. The resulting change in net position is primarily from changes in deposits and withdrawals of the participants in the pool. The decrease in withdrawals was primarily the result of a transfer of approximately \$1.6 billion of OPEB funds in FY 18 from GF1 Plus to GF1 for the investment of the OPEB Trust in FY19.

A summary of the net position for GF1 Plus is presented below (amounts in thousands):

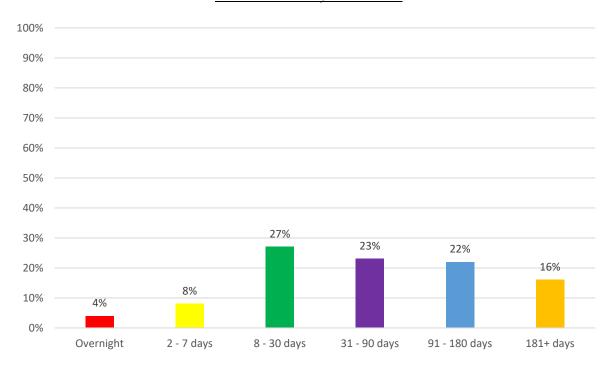
	2019	2018	varia	nce
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,234,393	 1,128,450	10	5,943
Investments in Securities	1,590,144	336,265	1,25	3,879
Accrued Interest & Other Receivables	4,007	1,641		2,366
Less: Accrued Expenses & Other Payables	22,255	139	2	2,116
Net Position	\$ 2,806,289	\$ 1,466,217	1,34	0,072

Below are charts reflecting the assets of GF1 Plus, the maturity distribution of holdings, and account holder information at June 30, 2019. Historical information can be found on the website at <a href="https://www.ost.ga.gov">www.ost.ga.gov</a>.

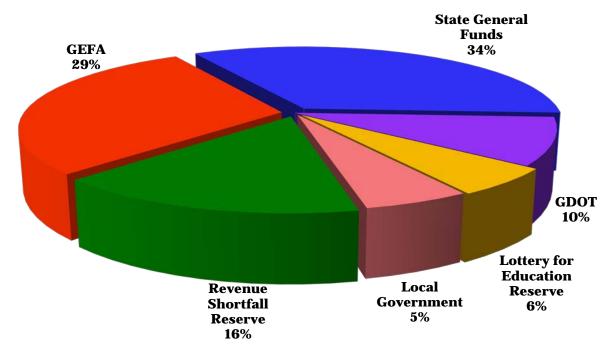
#### GF1 Plus Asset Detail



GF1 Plus Maturity Distribution



GF1 Plus Account Holder Distribution



#### **GEAP Plus**

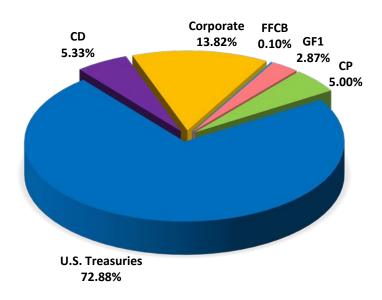
GEAP Plus is a series of TMPs with maturities ranging from 6 months to 5 years. The participant account value and yield are determined by using the amortized cost valuation method. This involves initially valuing a security at cost and thereafter accreting to maturity any discount or amortizing to maturity any premium, regardless of the impact of changes in interest rates affecting the market value of the underlying investments. GEAP Plus is managed by a subadvisor overseen by OST.

A summary of the net position for GEAP Plus is presented below (amounts in thousands):

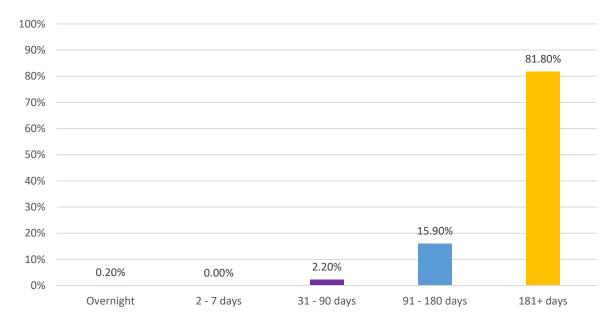
	2019	2018	Variance
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 83,886	n/a	n/a
Investments in Securities	1,645,681	n/a	n/a
Accrued Interest & Other Receivables	187,082	n/a	n/a
Less: Accrued Expenses & Other Payables	 236	n/a	n/a
Net Position	\$ 1,916,413	n/a	n/a

Below are charts reflecting the assets of GEAP Plus, the maturity distribution of holdings, and account holder information at June 30, 2019. Historical information can be found on the website at <a href="https://www.ost.ga.gov">www.ost.ga.gov</a>.

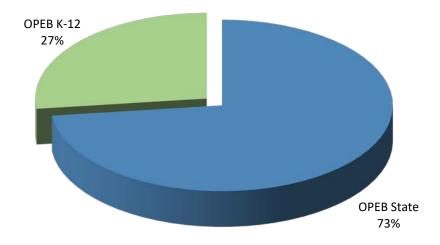
GEAP Plus Asset Detail



**GEAP Plus Maturity Distribution** 



GEAP Plus Account Holder Distribution



#### LGIP Trust Reserve

The LGIP Trust Reserve retains all unexpended administrative fees and interest earned on the reserve balance. According to O.C.G.A § 36-83-8(l), "payments of amounts for administrative expenses shall be deemed contractually obligated funds held in trust for the benefit of the local government investment pool and shall not lapse" and will be held in trust for the benefit of the LGIP. The LGIP Trust Reserve is to be maintained for the benefit of all LGIP participants, whether pooled participants or separately managed accounts, and may be utilized at the discretion of the State Treasurer in the interest of the LGIP.

As of June 30, 2019, the LGIP Trust Reserve's net position was \$23.9 million reflecting an increase in net position of \$6.1 million in FY19. The LGIP Trust Reserve's net position is primarily a function of the administrative fees collected from the three pools in the LGIP Trust less operating expenses related to management of the pools. During FY19, OST assessed an administrative fee of 5 basis points on the average daily balances of GF1 participant accounts. For GF1 Plus and GEAP Plus, OST assessed an administrative fee of 5 basis points on the daily fund balance.

#### **Change in Net Position**

#### GF1

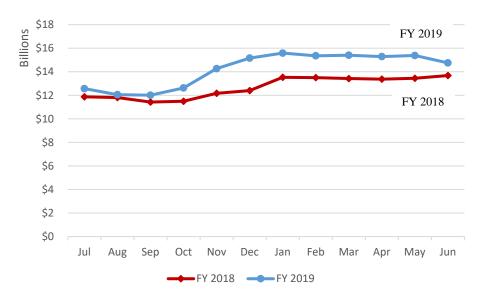
Net investment income (i.e. total investment income plus miscellaneous income less administrative expenses) increased 90% compared to FY18. This rise was primarily due to an increase in GF1's portfolio yield from FY18. Deposits increased by 17%, and withdrawals increased by 23% in comparison to FY18.

The Fed Funds target started FY19 at a range of 1.75% - 2.00% and ended the fiscal year at a range of 2.25% - 2.50%. The Fed raised interest rates two times in FY19. These moves in the Fed Funds target led to higher yields for GF1 as well as higher overall investment income and distribution of earnings to participants. GF1 distributes income to participants monthly, based on their average daily balance. Distributions include interest income based on stated rates (both received and accrued), amortization of discounts and premiums on a straight-line basis, realized investment gains and losses calculated on an amortized cost basis, and are net of investment expenses and administrative fees.

A summary of the changes in the new position for GF1 is presented below (amounts in thousands):

	2019	2018	Variance
Net Investment Income	\$ 325,521	\$ 170,884	\$ 154,637
Pool Participant Deposits and Reinvestment of			
Distributions	62,917,147	53,648,826	9,268,321
Less: Distribution of Earnings	325,022	170,685	154,337
Less: Pool Participant Withdrawals	 62,922,500	51,187,194	11,735,306
Change in Net Position	\$ (4,854)	\$ 2,461,831	\$ (2,466,685)

GF1 Average Monthly Balances



#### GF1 Plus

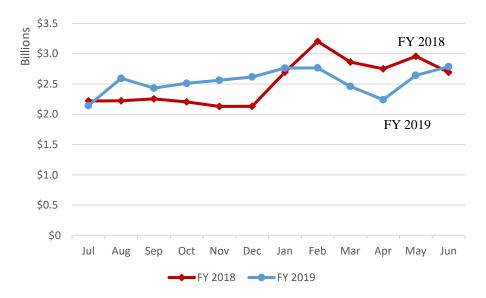
Net investment income (i.e. total investment income plus miscellaneous income less administrative expenses) increased 67% compared to FY18. This rise was primarily due to an increase in the GF1 Plus portfolio yield from FY18.

Deposits increased by 75%, and withdrawals decreased by 42% in comparison to FY18. The decrease in withdrawals was primarily the result of a transfer of approximately \$1.6 billion of OPEB funds in FY 18 from GF1 Plus to GF1 for the investment of the OPEB Trust in FY19.

A summary of the changes in the net position for GF1 Plus is presented below (amounts in thousands):

	 2019	2018	 Variance
Net Investment Income	\$ 63,928	\$ 38,233	\$ 25,695
Pool Participant Deposits and Reinvestment of			
Distributions	2,644,161	1,506,754	1,137,407
Less: Distribution of Earnings	62,777	38,111	24,666
Less: Operating Expense	239	151	88
Less: Pool Participant Withdrawals	1,305,000	 2,259,643	 (954,643)
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	\$ 1,340,073	\$ (752,918)	\$ 2,092,991

GF1 Plus Average Monthly Balances



#### **GEAP Plus**

GEAP Plus was established in July of FY19 as an investment for the OPEB Trust. GEAP Plus was initially funded with approximately \$1.6 billion of OPEB Trust funds and received another contribution of OPEB funds in January 2019 of approximately \$558 million. Earned interest was retained in each of the nine TMPs. In accordance with the OPEB Trust Policy, funds from each TMP as they matured were partly distributed for reinvestment in equity investments managed by the Division of Investment Services of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia with the remainder principal and interest reinvested in additional TMPs.

A summary of the changes in the net position for GEAP Plus is presented below (amounts in thousands):

	 2019	2018	Variance
Net Investment Income	\$ 42,329	n/a	n/a
Pool Participant Deposits and Reinvestment of			
Distributions	3,083,361	n/a	n/a
Less: Distribution of Earnings	41,639	n/a	n/a
Less: Operating Expense	684	n/a	n/a
Less: Pool Participant Withdrawals	 1,166,954	n/a	n/a
Change in Net Position	\$ 1,916,413	n/a	n/a

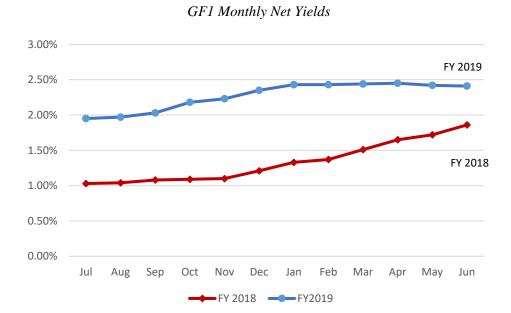
#### LGIP Trust Reserve

The LGIP Trust Reserve retains all unexpended administrative fees and interest earned on the reserve balance. The LGIP Trust Reserve grew \$6.1 million from \$17.8 million in FY18 to \$23.9 million in FY19. This resulted in a 34% change in net position of the LGIP Trust Reserve for FY19. Interest income on the LGIP Trust Reserve increased by 122% due to an increase in the yield on its investments. Administrative fees from the pools in the Trust increased by 8% compared to FY18.

#### **Monthly Yield**

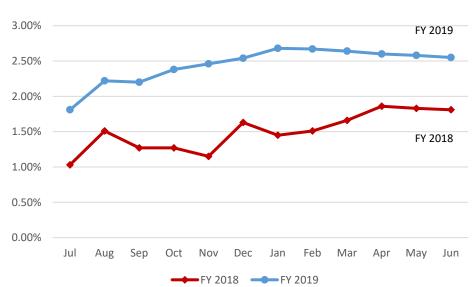
#### GF1

The annualized monthly net yield distributed to participants represents the annualized percent return of GF1 investments based on net investment income distributed to participants' average daily balances in the pool. GF1's yield is closely tied to the Fed Funds target which is a rate to which other money market rates are anchored. GF1 invests in high quality investments that are permitted by the OST Investment Policy, as approved by the State Depository Board. These maturities are typically 397 days or less.



#### GF1 Plus

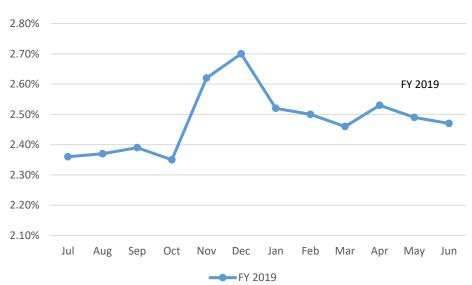
The monthly net yield represents the annualized percent return of GF1 Plus investments. GF1 Plus performance is measured against the net yield for GF1.



GF1 Plus Monthly Net Yields

#### **GEAP Plus**

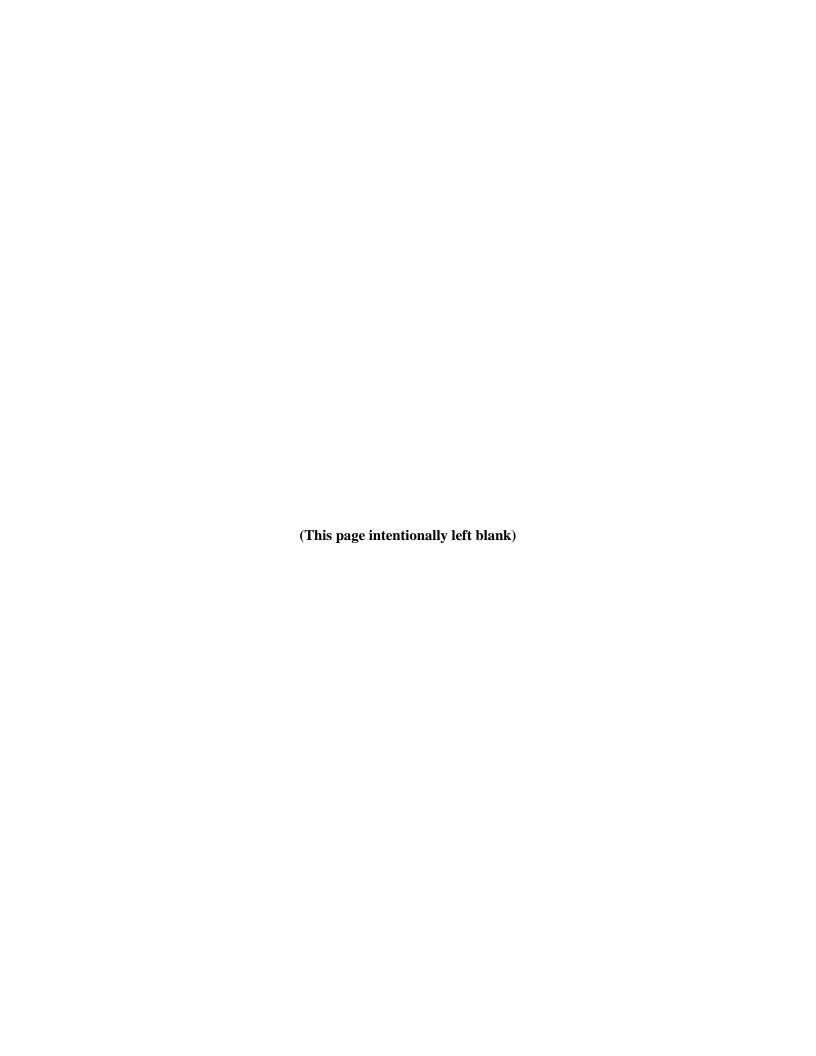
The monthly net yield represents the annualized percent return of GEAP Plus investments. GEAP Plus TMPs are invested in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, obligations of U.S. Government Sponsored Entities, and up to 35% in high quality credit instruments. Each TMP seeks to achieve a return for a given holding period that outperforms the return of a similar maturity U.S. Treasury.



GEAP Plus Monthly Net Yield

#### FY20 Outlook

On July 1, 2019 GEAP launched with funding from GEAP Plus. GEAP, an offering of the LGIP Trust, is a series of TMPs that is expected to be offered to state and local government entities in the second half of FY 20. GEAP is an investment vehicle for eligible participants to invest funds for periods of six months to two years. Eligible investments for GEAP may include non-negotiable certificates of deposit ("CDs") through banks doing business with the state of Georgia and its municipalities. Such CDs should increase the TMP portfolio yields and will be secured by either the Georgia Secure Deposit Program or FDIC insurance.





# Local Government Investment Pool Trust Statement of Net Position As of June 30, 2019

(amounts in thousands)

Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 10,690,434
Investments in Securities	8,267,660
Accrued Interest and Other Receivables	 198,816
TOTAL ASSETS	 19,156,910
Liabilities	
Accrued Expenses and Other Payables	 22,260
TOTAL LIABILITIES	 22,260
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 19,134,650
<b>Net Position Consists of</b>	
Net Position Held in Trust for Internal Pool Participants	\$ 9,819,089
Net Position Held in Trust for External Pool Participants	9,297,256
Restricted Reserve Funds	17,772
Unrealized Fair Market Value Adjustment	 533
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 19,134,650

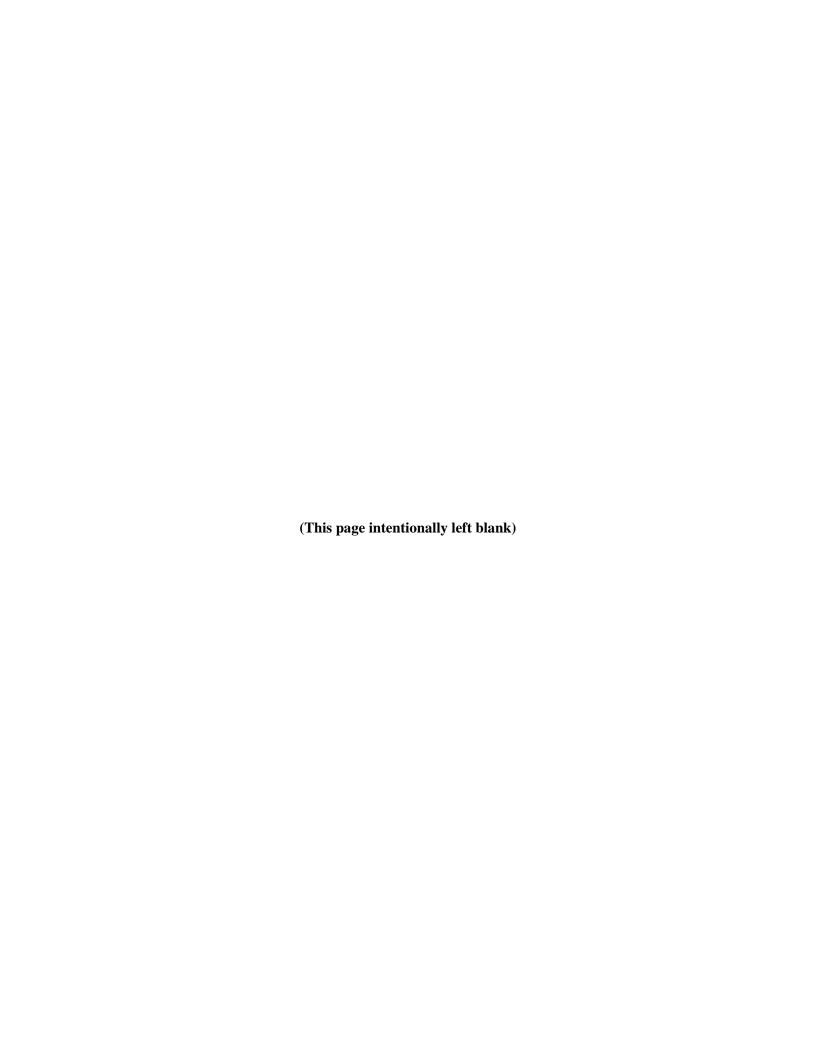
The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# Local Government Investment Pool Trust Statement of Changes in Net Position For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

(amounts in thousands)

Additions	
Interest Income	\$ 315,376
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fair Value of Investments	125,164
Net Investment Income	440,540
Pool Participant Deposits and Reinvestment of Distributions	63,494,801
TOTAL ADDITIONS	\$ 63,935,341
Deductions	
Distribution of Earnings	\$ 429,438
Operating Expenses	3,576
Pool Participant Withdrawals	 60,321,036
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 60,754,050
Change in Net Position	3,181,291
Net Position	
Beginning of Year	 15,953,359
End of Year	\$ 19,134,650

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



#### (1) Significant Accounting Policies

#### Reporting Entity

Georgia Fund 1 ("GF1"), Georgia Fund 1 Plus ("GF1 Plus"), and Georgia Extended Asset Pool Plus ("GEAP Plus") are investment pools of the Local Government Investment Pool Trust (the "LGIP Trust" or "Trust") and are investment pools for the State of Georgia (the "State") and local governments, including state agencies, colleges and universities, counties, school districts, special districts, or any department, agency, or board of a political subdivision. The State Depository Board ("Board") prescribes cash management policies and procedures for the State and provides oversight for the pools. The Board meets regularly and is comprised of the Governor, the State Chief Financial Officer, the State Accounting Officer, the Commissioner of Transportation, the Commissioner of Banking and Finance, the State Revenue Commissioner, and the State Treasurer. The pools are managed by the Office of the State Treasurer ("OST"). The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") which require management to make certain estimates and assumptions at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Subsequent events, if any, through the date the financial statements were issued have been evaluated in the preparation of the financial statements. All applicable pronouncements required by GASB are presented in the financial statements. The pools in the Trust are not registered with the SEC.

GF1 is managed as a stable Net Asset Value ("NAV") pool. Investments are restricted to those enumerated in O.C.G.A. §50-5A-7, § 50-17-2, and § 50-17-63. The primary objectives of the pool are safety of capital, liquidity, investment income, and diversification. GF1 participant deposits are not guaranteed or insured by any bank, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), the State, or any other government agency. It is possible to lose money investing in GF1.

OST operates GF1 and provides monthly statements of balances and interest income to participants on an amortized cost basis. While GF1 transacts at \$1.00 based on the amortized cost of the investments in the pool, GF1 participants should report their investments in GF1 at their respective fiscal year end at fair market value. The fair market valuation factor for GF1 at June 30, 2019, was \$1.00.

GF1 Plus is managed as a stable NAV pool. It was established as an alternative to GF1 to provide higher yields by increasing credit exposure. The credit portion of the pool is managed by a subadvisor. GF1 Plus participant deposits are not guaranteed or insured by any bank, the FDIC, the State, or any other government agency. It is possible to lose money investing in GF1 Plus.

Similar to GF1, GF1 Plus transacts at \$1.00 based on the amortized cost of the investments in the pool. Participants should report their investments in GF1 Plus at fair value. The current fair market valuation factor for GF1 Plus at June 30, 2019, was \$1.00.

GEAP Plus is a series of Target Maturity Portfolios ("TMPs") with maturities ranging from 6 months to 5 years. The participant account value and yield are determined by using the amortized cost valuation method. This involves initially valuing a security at cost and thereafter accreting to maturity any discount or amortizing to maturity any premium, regardless of the impact of changes in interest rates in the market value of the underlying investments. GEAP Plus is managed by a subadvisor overseen by OST.

The accompanying financial statements present the financial position of only GF1, GF1 Plus, GEAP Plus, and the LGIP Trust Reserve, and they do not include any other agencies or component units of the State or any other funds of OST. In the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the Trust is not reported as a separate fund. Instead, the State's portion of the Trust is reported on the balance sheet as "Pooled"

#### (1) Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Investments in State Treasury." The portion of the Trust belonging to external participating institutions is reported as the Investment Trust Fund.

#### Changes in Financial Accounting and Reporting

In FY19, the Trust did not implement any new GASB Statements.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying statements are prepared based on the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and realized. Expenses are recognized in the period incurred.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes bank deposits, which are reported at carrying value. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are both readily convertible to known amounts of cash and so near the maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of changes in interest rates. Generally, investments with original maturities of three months or less meet this definition.

#### **Investments**

All pools generally value investments as follows:

- All investments except repurchase agreements, non-negotiable certificates of deposit ("CD"), direct-issued commercial paper, and other such nonparticipating investments are priced at fair value.
- Per GASB 31, repurchase agreements, non-negotiable CD's, direct-issued commercial paper, and other such nonparticipating investments are carried at cost because they are nonparticipating contracts that do not capture interest rate changes in their value.

Security transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis which means that the purchases and sales of securities are recorded on the day the trade takes place with a corresponding payable or receivable.

#### Investment Income, Gains, and Losses, Expenses, and Distributions

GF1 is managed to maintain a stable \$1.00 NAV. For purposes of calculating earnings to each participant, all investments are valued at amortized cost. The pool distributes income to participants monthly, based on their average daily balance. Distributions include interest income based on stated rates (both received and accrued), amortization of discounts and premiums on a straight-line basis, realized investment gains and losses calculated on an amortized cost basis, and are net of investment expenses and administrative fees. Unrealized gains (losses) are reported in the equity section of the Statement of Net Position as "Unrealized Fair Market Value Adjustment." Changes in the fair value of marketable securities are recognized at the end of the fiscal year.

GF1 Plus is managed to maintain a stable \$1.00 NAV and accrues investment income on a daily basis. GF1 Plus distributes income to participants on a monthly basis and reinvests at \$1.00 based on the amortized cost of the investments in the pool.

GEAP Plus is comprised of a series of individual TMPs. Each TMP is managed to provide principal and income upon maturity consistent with maintaining preservation of principal if held to maturity. The participant account values and yields are determined by using the amortized cost valuation method.

#### (1) Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Securities are initially valued at cost. Thereafter any discounts are accreted and any premiums are amortized to maturity, regardless of the impact of changes in interest rates on the market value of securities. All earned interest is reinvested within the respective TMP and paid at maturity.

#### Administrative Fees and LGIP Trust Reserve

According to O.C.G.A. § 36-83-8(1), "payments of amounts for administrative expenses shall be deemed contractually obligated funds held in trust for the benefit of the local government investment pool and shall not lapse" and will be held in trust (the "LGIP Trust Reserve") for the benefit of the LGIP. The LGIP Trust Reserve shall retain all unexpended administrative fees and interest earned on the reserve balance. During FY19, OST assessed an administrative fee of 5 basis points on the average daily balances of GF1 participant accounts. For GF1 Plus and GEAP Plus, OST assessed an administrative fee of 5 basis points on the daily fund balance. The total fees assessed were \$8.3 million, of which \$7.1 million were GF1 fees, \$1 million were GF1 Plus fees, and \$175 thousand were GEAP Plus fees.

The LGIP Trust Reserve may be utilized at the discretion of the State Treasurer in the interest of the LGIP. According to the Trust Policy, administrative fees collected from LGIP participants are to be used to fund expenses related to carrying out the investment functions and operations of the OST. The total LGIP Trust expenses paid from the administrative fees collected were \$2.6 million resulting in a net increase in the LGIP Trust Reserve of \$6.1 million from administrative fees and interest, leaving a balance of \$23.9 million in the LGIP Trust Reserve.

#### Investments in Georgia Fund 1

GF1 Plus, GEAP Plus, and the LGIP Trust Reserve invested a portion of their assets in GF1. This portion appears in the Statement of Net Position for GF1 Plus, GEAP Plus, and the LGIP Trust Reserve under the "Cash and Cash Equivalent" account.

#### (2) Subsequent Event

On July 1, 2019 GEAP launched with funding from GEAP Plus. GEAP, an offering of the LGIP Trust, is a series of TMPs that is expected to be offered to state and local government entities in the second half of FY 20. GEAP is an investment vehicle for eligible participants to invest funds for periods of six months to two years. Eligible investments for GEAP may include non-negotiable certificates of deposit ("CDs") through banks doing business with the state of Georgia and its municipalities. Such CDs should increase the TMP portfolio yields and will be secured by either the Georgia Secure Deposit Program or FDIC insurance.

#### (3) Investment Disclosures

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk associated with changes in interest rates that could adversely affect the fair value of an investment. GF1 and GF1 Plus use the weighted average maturity ("WAM") method to analyze interest rate risk. WAM expresses the average time until maturity for the investments in a portfolio weighted to reflect the dollar size of the individual investments within the portfolio. WAM is an acceptable method for reporting interest rate risk according to GASB 40. OST seeks to match investment terms to the cash requirements of the pool.

#### (3) Investment Disclosures (Continued)

**GF1** At June 30, 2019, GF1's WAM was as follows:

	Carrying Value (amounts in thousands)		WAM
Investment Type			(Days)
Bank Deposits Held for Investment Purposes	\$	4,047,107	1
Commercial Paper		310,326	1
Repurchase Agreements		4,161,500	6
Supranational Obligations		2,795,742	56
U.S. Agency Obligations		3,144,503	116
Total	\$	14,459,178	
GF1 WAM (Days)			38

#### **GF1 Plus**

At June 30, 2019, The WAM for GF1 Plus was as follows:

	Car	rying Value	WAM
Investment Type	(amoun	(Days)	
Asset-Backed Securities	\$	15,005	236
Bank Deposits Held for Investment Purposes		57,275	1
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities		403	392
Commercial Paper		318,771	83
Corporates		135,941	211
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit		447,696	131
Repurchase Agreements		1,696,250	73
Sovereign Credit		10,000	276
Supranational Obligations		74,000	19
U.S. Agency Obligations		10,799	201
U.S. Agency Obligations Guaranteed		2,579	3624
U.S. Treasury Obligations		37,951	45
Total	\$	2,806,670	
GF1 Plus WAM (Days)			92

#### (3) Investment Disclosures (Continued)

#### **GEAP Plus**

GEAP Plus uses the duration method, an acceptable method for reporting interest rate risk per GASB 40, to analyze interest rate risk. Duration is the approximate percentage change in value for a 100 basis point change in rates. GEAP Plus is a series of TMPs with an intent to hold securities to maturity. The individual TMPs are not actively managed to respond to interest rate changes. At June 30, 2019, the duration for GEAP Plus was as follows:

	Car	rying Value	
<b>Investment Type</b>	(amoun	Duration	
Commercial Paper	\$	95,022	0.014
Corporates		263,620	0.131
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit		101,951	0.017
U.S. Agency Obligations		2,009	0.002
U.S. Treasury Obligations		1,212,079	0.724
Total	\$	1,674,681	
<b>GEAP Plus Duration</b>			0.888

#### **LGIP Trust Reserve**

At June 30, 2019, the LGIP Trust Reserve's WAM was as follows:

	Carr	ying Value	WAM
Investment Type	(amounts	s in thousands)	(Days)
Bank Deposits Held for Investment Purposes	\$	17,540	1
LGIP Trust Reserve WAM (Days)			1

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations to the holder of the investment. OST utilizes a counterparty risk assessment model to assess the credit risk of counterparties that have been approved to serve as repurchase agreement counterparties or depositories. OST has assigned credit limits to each counterparty based upon the counterparty risk assessment model which incorporates market indicators, default probabilities, issuer research and issuer ratings to determine maximum credit exposure per institution, term of investment for respective counterparties, and collateralization requirements in accordance with the OST Investment Policy.

The nationally recognized statistical rating organizations ("NRSROs") rate the long-term senior debt (with original maturity longer than 1 year) of the government-sponsored enterprises ("GSEs") with split ratings equivalent to AAA and AA+ ratings. In the credit risk disclosure tables, the rating for the long-term senior debt of the GSEs is listed as AA. The short-term rating of the GSEs is equivalent to an A-1+ rating. The issuing GSEs are rated but specific bonds are not always individually rated.

#### (3) Investment Disclosures (Continued)

#### GF1

At June 30, 2019, the pool's securities and underlying collateral for repurchase agreements were rated as follows (amounts in thousands):

			Long-Term Ratings						Short-Term						
Credit Risk Investments	AAA		AA		A		BBB		A-1+		Carrying Value				
Commercial Paper	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	310,326	\$	310,326			
Repurchase Agreements		153,469		2,967,646		127,765		303,747		-		3,552,627			
Supranational Obligations		164,782		-		-		-		2,630,960		2,795,742			
U.S. Agency Obligations		-		933,919		-		-		2,210,584		3,144,503			
Total Credit Risk Investments	\$	318,251	\$	3,901,565	\$	127,765	\$	303,747	\$	5,151,870	\$	9,803,198			
Repurchase Agreements Backed by:															
U.S. Agency Obligations Explicitly G	uarante	ed										360,474			
U.S. Treasury Obligations												248,399			
Total Securities											\$	10,412,071			

#### **GF1 Plus**

At June 30, 2019, the pool's securities and underlying collateral for repurchase agreements were rated as follows (amounts in thousands):

		Long-Ter	m Ratings				Carrying	
Credit Risk Investments	AAA	AA	A	BBB	A-1+	A-1	A-2	Value
Asset-Backed Securities	\$ 15,005	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,005
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	279	124	-	-	-	-	-	403
Commercial Paper	-	-	-	-	29,916	288,855	-	318,771
Corporates	-	45,929	89,007	1,005	-	-	-	135,941
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit	-	-	-	-	205,000	227,696	15,000	447,696
Repurchase Agreements	59,037	65,362	354,094	1,197,579	-	-	-	1,676,072
Sovereign Credit	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Supranational Obligations	74,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	74,000
U.S. Agency Obligations		10,799						10,799
Total Credit Risk Investments	\$ 148,321	\$ 122,214	\$ 453,101	\$ 1,198,584	\$ 234,916	\$ 516,551	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,688,687
U.S. Agency Obligations Explicitly Gua	ranteed							2,579
U.S. Treasury Obligations								37,951
Repurchase Agreements Backed by:								
U.S. Agency Obligations Explicitly Gua	ranteed							20,177
U.S. Treasury Obligations								1
Total Securities								\$ 2,749,395

#### **GEAP Plus**

At June 30, 2019, the pool's securities were rated as follows (amounts in thousands):

		Long-Ter	atings	Short-Term					Carrying			
 AAA		AA		A	BBB		A-1+		A-1		Value	
\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	25,550	\$	69,472	\$	95,022
2,363		71,220		184,000		6,037		-		-		263,620
-		-		-		-		47,000		54,951		101,951
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\$ 2,363	\$	73,229	\$	184,000	\$	6,037	\$	72,550	\$	124,423	\$	462,602
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#### Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Trust's deposits may not be fully recovered. The OST Investment Policy specifies safety of capital, liquidity, investment return and diversification as its objectives. In carrying out these objectives, OST maintains balances in accounts in banks approved for investment by the Board.

#### (3) Investment Disclosures (Continued)

As of June 30, 2019, bank deposits of the Trust were as follows (amounts in thousands):

	I	nsured or	Uni	nsured and	7	Total Bank
	Co	llateralized	Unce	ollateralized		Balance
Georgia Fund 1	\$	3,071,043	\$	976,064	\$	4,047,107
Georgia Fund 1 Plus		55,001		2,274		57,275
GEAP Plus		24		-		24
LGIP Trust Reserve		17,540				17,540
Total	\$ 3,143,608		\$	978,338	\$	4,121,946

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk associated with losses that may occur due to lack of diversification. Concentration of credit risk is mitigated by limiting the percentage of total investments with any one issuer. OST limits concentration of credit risk by establishing maximum issuer exposure limits based on criteria established using OST's counterparty risk assessment model.

GASB 40 requires the disclosure of the concentration of credit risk in any issuer that represents 5% or more of total investments. As of June 30, 2019, the concentration of credit risk for the pools in the Trust is as follows:

• Approximately 42.2% of GF1 was invested in U.S. agency obligations not explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government or in repurchase agreements collateralized with U.S. agency obligations not explicitly guaranteed by the U.S, and 19.3% was invested in supranational obligations.

#### Fair Value Measurements

In accordance with GASB 72, some investments in the pools are measured using inputs divided into three fair value hierarchies:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Matrix pricing is used for the securities classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy in the Trust.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.

Fixed-income securities use price evaluations provided by State Street Corporation, the Trust's custodian. The Trust reports recurring fair value measurements.

At June 30, 2019, GF1 has the following investments reported at fair value (amount in thousands):

Investment Type		vel 1	Level 2	Le	vel 3	Fair Value		
Supranational Obligations	\$	-	\$ 2,795,742	\$	-	\$ 2,795,742		
U.S. Agency Obligations		-	3,144,503		-	3,144,503		
Total	\$	-	\$ 5,940,245	\$	-	\$ 5,940,245		

#### (3) Investment Disclosures (Continued)

#### GF1 Plus

At June 30, 2019, GF1 Plus has the following investments reported at fair value (amount in thousands):

Investment Type		Level 1	Level 2	1	Level 3	F	air Value
Asset-Backed Securities	\$	-	\$ 15,005	\$	-	\$	15,005
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities		-	403		-		403
Commercial Paper		-	318,771		-		318,771
Corporates		-	135,941		-		135,941
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit		-	447,696		-		447,696
Sovereign Credit		-	=		10,000		10,000
Supranational Obligations		-	74,000		-		74,000
U.S. Agency Obligations		-	10,799		-		10,799
U.S. Agency Obligations Guaranteed		-	2,579		-		2,579
U.S. Treasury Obligations		37,951	=		=		37,951
Total	\$	37,951	\$ 1,005,194	\$	10,000	\$	1,053,145

#### **GEAP Plus**

At June 30, 2019, GEAP Plus has the following investments reported at fair value (amount in thousands):

<b>Investment Type</b>	Level 1			Level 2	L	evel 3	Fair Value		
Commercial Paper	\$	-	\$	95,022	\$	-	\$	95,022	
Corporates		-		263,620		-		263,620	
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit		-		101,951		-		101,951	
U.S. Agency Obligations		-		2,009		-		2,009	
U.S. Treasury Obligations		1,212,079		-				1,212,079	
Total	\$	1,212,079	\$	462,602	\$	-	\$	1,674,681	

The remaining investments in the Trust are exempt from GASB 72's disclosure requirement because they are not reported at fair value and are instead valued using cost-based measures

#### (4) Equity of Internal and External Participants

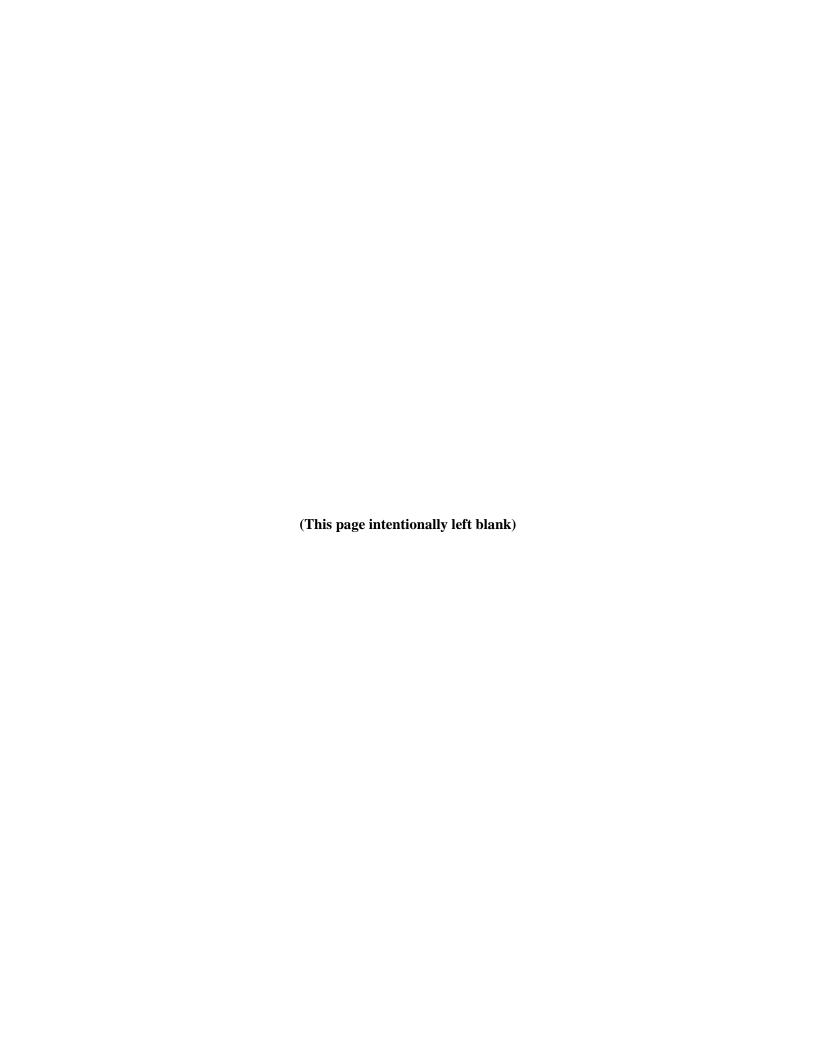
Per GASB 31, "The external portion of an external investment pool is the portion that belongs to legally separate entities that are not part of the sponsoring government's financial reporting entity. The internal portion of each external investment pool is the portion that belongs to the primary government and its component units." The following table describes the equity of internal and external participants in the pool's net position, and shows that net position is composed of participants' account balances and the unrealized fair market value adjustment (amounts in thousands):

#### (4) Equity of Internal and External Participants (Continued)

				Georgia							
	Ge	orgia Fund 1	F	und 1 Plus	<b>GEAP Plus</b>		Trust Reserve		Eliminations		Total
Internal Participants	\$	5,321,629	\$	2,653,776	\$	1,916,413	\$	-	\$	(72,729)	\$ 9,819,089
External Participants		9,144,745		152,511		-		-		-	9,297,256
Restricted Reserve Funds		-		-		-		23,936		(6,164)	17,772
Unrealized Fair Market											
Value Adjustment		531		2							533
Total Net Position	\$	14,466,905	\$	2,806,289	\$	1,916,413	\$	23,936	\$	(78,893)	\$ 19,134,650

#### (5) Involuntary Participation

GASB 31 requires the disclosure of any involuntary participation in the Trust. The Statement defines involuntary participants as "those that are required by legal provisions to invest in the external investment pool." O.C.G.A. § 50-5A-7 requires certain internal funds to be invested by the State Treasurer but does not require the funds to be invested in the Trust. External participants are voluntary participants of the pools.





# Local Government Investment Pool Trust Supplementary Information Combining Statement of Net Position As of June 30, 2019

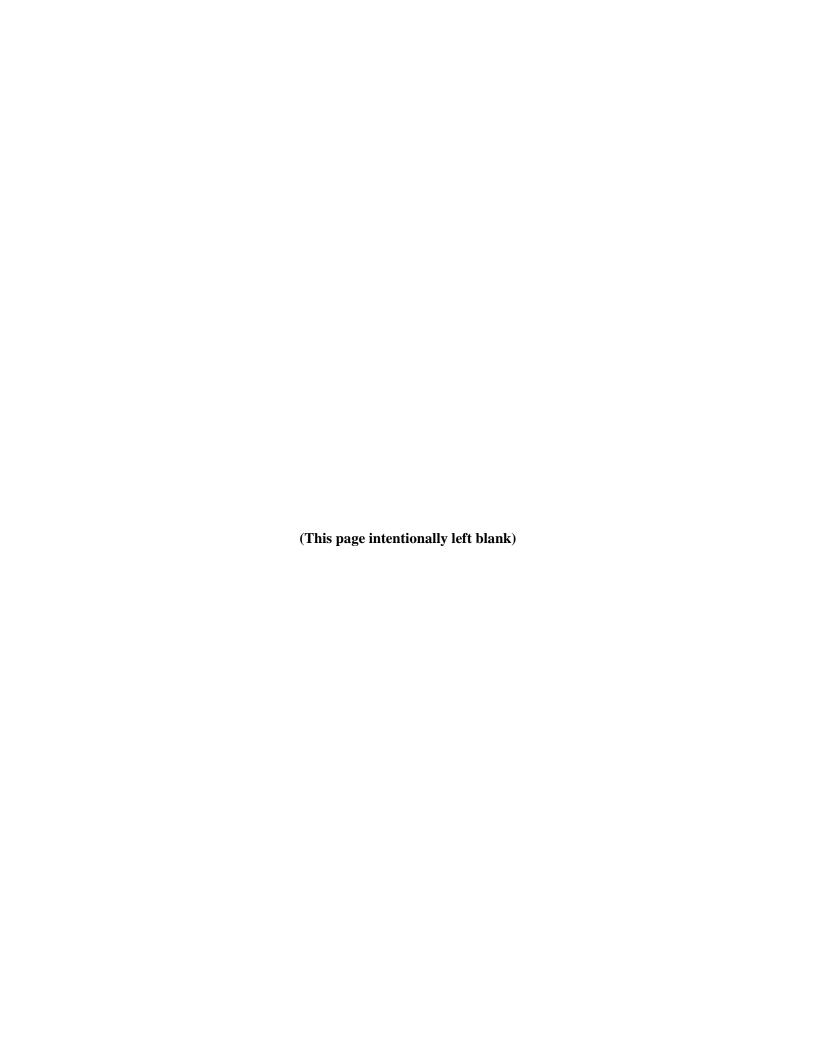
(amounts in thousands)

,	Georgia Fund 1		Georgia Fund 1 Plus		GEAP Plus		Trust Reserve		Eliı	ninations	Total	
Assets												
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	9,427,343	\$	1,234,393	\$	83,886	\$	23,705	\$	(78,893)	\$	10,690,434
Investments in Securities		5,031,835		1,590,144		1,645,681		-		-		8,267,660
Accrued Interest and Other												
Receivables		7,727		4,007		187,082		231		(231)		198,816
TOTAL ASSETS		14,466,905		2,828,544		1,916,649		23,936		(79,124)		19,156,910
Liabilities Accrued Expenses and Other												
Payables				22,255		236				(231)		22,260
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-		22,255		236		-		(231)		22,260
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	14,466,905	\$	2,806,289	\$	1,916,413	\$	23,936	\$	(78,893)	\$	19,134,650
<b>Net Position Consists of</b>												
Net Position Held in Trust for Internal Pool Participants	\$	5,321,629	\$	2,653,776	\$	1,916,413	\$	-	\$	(72,729)	\$	9,819,089
Net Position Held in Trust for External Pool Participants		9,144,745		152,511		-		-		-		9,297,256
Restricted Reserve Funds <sup>(1)</sup>		-		-		-		23,936		(6,164)		17,772
Unrealized Fair Market Value Adjustment		531		2		-		-		_		533
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	14,466,905	\$	2,806,289	\$	1,916,413	\$	23,936	\$	(78,893)	\$	19,134,650

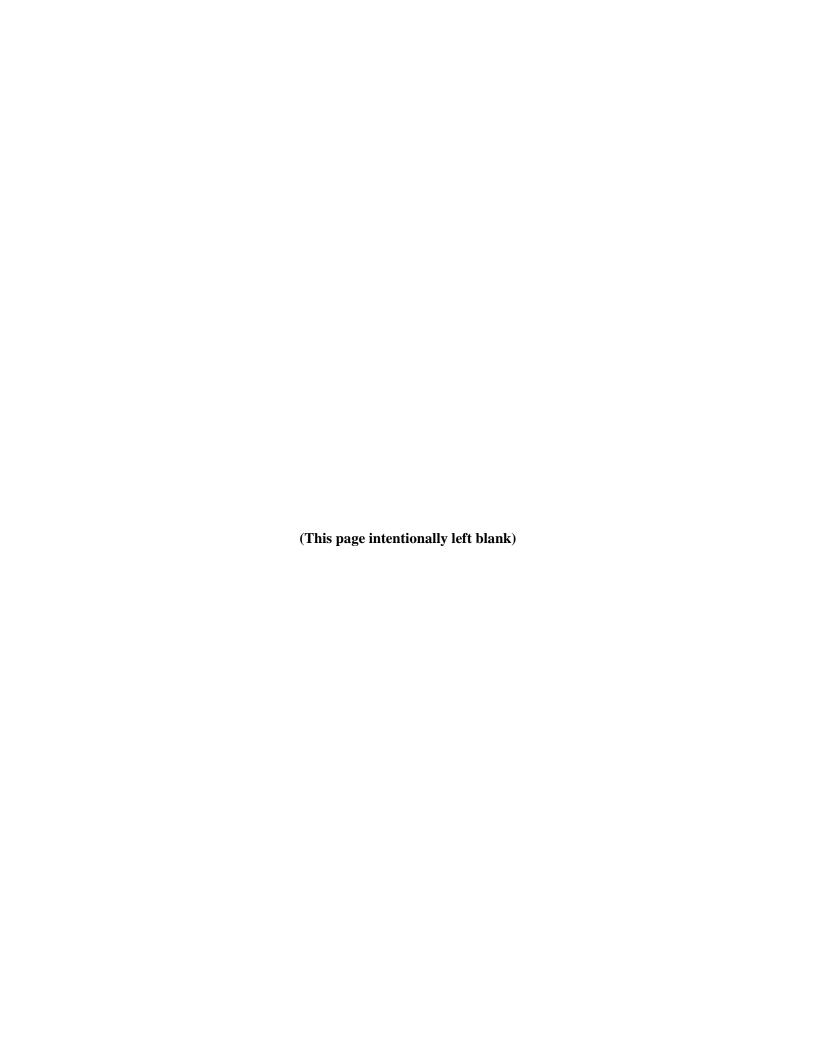
<sup>(1)</sup> See Note 1 to the Financial Statements subsection *Administrative Fees and LGIP Trust Reserve* for more information on the Reserve Funds.

# Local Government Investment Pool Trust Supplementary Information Combining Statement of Changes in Net Position For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

(amounts in thousands)											
	Geo	orgia Fund 1	Georgia Fund 1 Plus		GEAP Plus		Trust Reserve		Eliminations		Total
Additions											
Interest Income	\$	222,738	\$	60,577	\$	31,600	\$	461	\$	-	\$ 315,376
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fair											
Value of Investments		109,882		4,378		10,904		-		-	125,164
Less: Administrative Fees		(7,099)		(1,027)		(175)		8,301		-	 -
Net Investment Income		325,521		63,928		42,329		8,762		-	440,540
Pool Participant Deposits and											
Reinvestment of Distributions		62,917,147		2,644,161		3,083,361		-		(5,149,868)	63,494,801
TOTAL ADDITIONS	\$	63,242,668	\$	2,708,089	\$	3,125,690	\$	8,762	\$	(5,149,868)	\$ 63,935,341
Deductions											
Distribution of Earnings	\$	325,022	\$	62,777	\$	41,639	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 429,438
Operating Expenses		-		239		684		2,653		-	3,576
Pool Participant Withdrawals		62,922,500		1,305,000		1,166,954		-		(5,073,418)	 60,321,036
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$	63,247,522	\$	1,368,016	\$	1,209,277	\$	2,653	\$	(5,073,418)	\$ 60,754,050
Change in Net Position		(4,854)		1,340,073		1,916,413		6,109		(76,450)	3,181,291
Net Position											
Beginning of Year		14,471,759		1,466,216				17,827		(2,443)	15,953,359
End of Year	\$	14,466,905	\$	2,806,289	\$	1,916,413	\$	23,936	\$	(78,893)	\$ 19,134,650



# SECTION II INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE





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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* 

#### Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia Members of the State Depository Board and Lynnette T. Riley, State Treasurer

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Local Government Investment Pool Trust of the Office of the State Treasurer of the State of Georgia (together the Trust), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 18, 2019.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Trust's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected, and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any

deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Trust's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg S. Griffin State Auditor

October 18, 2019