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Highlights



It's June which means it is officially Pride Month! League InfoSight is proud to stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community 365 days a year!

Compliance and Advocacy News & Highlights

Administration Proposes Expanded Reporting to IRS

The Treasury Department has released the [Biden Administration's Budget](#) (the "Greenbook") for Fiscal Year 2022. Included in a section on improving taxpayer compliance is a proposal to introduce Comprehensive Financial Account Reporting by financial institutions, which would, starting in 2023, apply to all business and personal accounts at financial institutions, including deposit accounts, loans and investment accounts. A \$600 de minimis gross inflow threshold would apply to reporting, and Treasury would have broad authority to issue regulations for the proposed requirements.

Also included in this proposed budget is increased funding to several credit union priorities:

- The proposal allocates \$330 million for the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, up from \$270 million in the previous year.
- The CDFI Fund makes capital grants, equity investments and awards for technical assistance to CDFIs for community development initiatives such as small businesses, community facilities, and low-income housing.
- NCUA's Community Development Revolving Loan Fund (CDRLF) is funded at \$2 million, up from \$1.5 million last year.
- The CDRLF assists credit unions serving low-income communities to provide financial services, stimulate economic activities and operate more efficiently.
- It also includes \$18.5 million for the U.S. Agency for International Development's Cooperative Development Fund, the same amount as last year.

Source: Treasury Department

FinCEN Innovation Hours Program on Privacy Enhancing Technologies

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) has [announced it will host a special virtual FinCEN Innovation Hours Program](#) on September 9, 2021, focusing on the important role of privacy-preserving principles in developing technical solutions that enhance financial services innovation while countering illicit activity and national security risks that undermine the integrity and opportunity of the U.S. financial system. FinCEN encourages participation by companies developing solutions to privacy issues, such as homomorphic encryption, zero-knowledge proofs, and other technology that balances privacy and financial integrity. This could include fintech companies, regtech companies, venture capital firms, and financial institutions.

"This program is an example of FinCEN's ongoing dedication to advancing the integrity and innovative strength of the U.S. financial system, which includes balancing transparency and accountability with the important principles of privacy and security," said Acting Director Michael Mosier. "We support responsible innovation, especially that which promotes the resilience and safety of our financial system and the American people."

Source: FinCEN

Yellen Asks Congress for Project Funding

In [testimony](#) before the House Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Committee on Appropriations, Treasury Secretary Yellen pointed to sections of the administration's formal budget where funding is needed.

- FinCEN has been tasked with building a database that collects and secures beneficial ownership information, but Congress has not yet provided any funding to do it.
- Congress has dramatically expanded funding for Community Development Financial Institutions with supplemental appropriations. However, it is challenging for the CDFI Fund to distribute greater resources and scale these programs without additional administrative funding.
- The IRS needs additional resources to augment its auditing staff to ensure taxpayer compliance.

Source: Fox Business

EIP3 Payments Continue

[The IRS has reported](#) it disbursed more than 1.8 million additional Economic Impact Payments under the American Rescue Plan in the past two weeks, with the assistance of the Treasury Department and the Bureau of the Fiscal Service. That brings the total disbursed thus far to nearly 167 million payments with a total value of about \$391 billion, since March 17.

Source: IRS

ICE Extends COVID-19 Form I-9 Guidance

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has [announced](#) an extension of the flexibilities in rules related to Form I-9 compliance that was initially granted last year. Due to the continued precautions related to COVID-19, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will extend this policy until August 31, 2021.

The current extension includes guidance for employees hired on or after June 1, 2021 and work exclusively in a remote setting due to COVID-19-related precautions. Those employees are temporarily exempt from the physical inspection requirements associated with the Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9) until they undertake non-remote employment on a regular, consistent, or predictable basis, or the extension of the flexibilities related to such requirements is terminated, whichever is earlier.

Source: IRS

Articles of Interest

- [The End is Nigh for Libor](#)
- [NASCUS Report: May 28, 2021](#)
- [Manufactured Housing Loan Borrowers Face Higher Interest Rates, Risks, and Barriers to Credit, New CFPB Report Finds](#)
- [NCUA Chairman Harper Urges Congress to Increase Appropriations to CDRLF](#)
- [More Money Is Coming to Families...And Scammers Are Ready](#)

CUNA's Advocacy Resources:

- [Happenings in Washington](#)

WOCCU Advocacy Resources:

- [Telegraph](#) – the most recent newsletter on current advocacy issues
- [Advocate Blog](#) – International advocacy trends and issues

Compliance Calendar

- June 30th, 2021: **NACHA – Limitation on Warranty Claims**
- June 30th, 2021: **NACHA – Reversals**
- July 5th, 2021: Independence Day - Federal Holiday (observed)
- September 6th, 2021: Labor Day - Federal Holiday