TAX-EXEMPT INTEREST DIVIDENDS BY STATE FOR 2021

Generally, interest income from coupon or "original issue discount" on a qualified municipal obligation is tax-free for federal income tax purposes. If any holder (individuals, trusts or otherwise) purchase such a qualified municipal obligation on the secondary market at a discount to the obligor's face value or original issue discount cost basis, sections 1276 and 1278 of the Tax Code treat such "market discount" as taxable income. Accordingly, a portion of such market discount "earned" (on a fixed yield to maturity basis) may be paid by a fund as taxable dividends in Box 1a of your financial advisor or brokerage firm 2021 IRS Form 1099-DIV.

Although income dividends paid by the (Shares multi-state funds are generally exempt from US Federal income tax (subject to the market discount discussion above), for state income tax purposes the portion of fund income dividends earned from the shareholder's state of residence (and from US territorial obligations) may be exempt from state personal income tax. The information below is provided to assist with the completion of shareholder state income tax returns. The amount of tax-exempt income dividend in Box 12 of 2011 IRS Form 1099-DIV should be multiplied by the applicable state percentage below to obtain the amount of income potentially exempt from state income tax.

Please note that some states (such as California) have fund investment threshold requirements for passing through state-exempt income which could result in exempt-income dividends being completely taxable in the state with the investment threshold. Shareholders accordingly should consult their tax advisors for the appropriate tax treatment of income dividends in their state of residence. For the state-specific funds, income dividends will generally be substantially exempt from federal and local income taxes for a resident of that state.

None of the distributions paid by the funds during 2021 represent a tax preference item (relating to income from private activity bonds) for alternative minimum tax (AMT) purposes.

This spreadsheet does not constitute, and should not be considered a substitute for, legal advice. The rules governing the proper tax characterization of distributions by investment companies can be complex. Shareholders should consult their own tax advisor regarding the proper tax characterization and reporting of the fund’s distributions.

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