



ANNUAL USE OF CAPITAL SURVEY - 2009

NAME OF INSTITUTION

(Include Holding Company Where Applicable)

First Reliance Bancshares

Person to be contacted regarding this report:	Jeffrey A. Paolucci, EVP & CFO
UST Sequence Number:	623
CPP Funds Received:	15,349,000
CPP Funds Repaid to Date:	0
Date Funded (first funding):	Mar 6, 2009
Date Repaid ¹ :	N/A

RSSD: (For Bank Holding Companies)	3070312
Holding Company Docket Number: (For Thrift Holding Companies)	
FDIC Certificate Number: (For Depository Institutions)	35214
City:	Florence
State:	South Carolina

¹If repayment was incremental, please enter the most recent repayment date.

American taxpayers are quite interested in knowing how banks have used the money that Treasury has invested under the Capital Purchase Program (CPP). To answer that question, Treasury is seeking responses that describe generally how the CPP investment has affected the operation of your business. We understand that once received, the cash associated with TARP funding is indistinguishable from other cash sources, unless the funds were segregated, and therefore it may not be feasible to identify precisely how the CPP investment was deployed or how many CPP dollars were allocated to each use. Nevertheless, we ask you to provide as much information as you can about how you have used the capital Treasury has provided, and how your uses of that capital have changed over time. Treasury will be pairing this survey with a summary of certain balance sheet and other financial data from your institution's regulatory filings, so to the extent you find it helpful to do so, please feel free to refer to your institution's quarterly call reports to illustrate your answers. This is your opportunity to speak to the taxpayers in your own words, which will be posted on our website.

What specific ways did your institution utilize CPP capital? Check all that apply and elaborate as appropriate, especially if the uses have shifted over time. Your responses should reflect actions taken over the past year (or for the portion of the year in which CPP funds were outstanding).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increase lending or reduce lending less than otherwise would have occurred.	Since March '09 we've originated \$45 million in new production and we have renewed \$147 million in loans to qualified borrowers that we would not have otherwise been in a position to make if not for the TARP funds.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To the extent the funds supported increased lending, please describe the major type of loans, if possible (residential mortgage loans, commercial mortgage loans, small business loans, etc.).	Majority of the loans we have originated in new production or renewed since March '09 have been commercial, small business, and mortgage loans. In 2009, First Reliance Bancshares was received Lender of the Year honors from the South Carolina Finance and Housing Authority.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase securities purchased (ABS, MBS, etc.).	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Make other investments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increase reserves for non-performing assets	The Company was able to increase reserves for non-performing assets. Due to the economy additional reserves were required on the Bank's existing loan portfolio.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduce borrowings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase charge-offs	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase another financial institution or purchase assets from another financial institution	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Held as non-leveraged increase to total capital	

What actions were you able to avoid because of the capital infusion of CPP funds?

First Reliance Bancshares received \$15,349,000 on March 6, 2009 from the U.S. Treasury as part of the Treasury's Capital Purchase program. CPP funds provided additional capital and placed the bank in a better position to make or renew loans to qualified borrowers that we would not have otherwise been in a position to make if not for the TARP funds. The Company is ready to contribute additional funds as capital to the Bank to support further increases in lending when and if loan demand increases. CPP funds have strengthened our capacity to respond to the legitimate credit needs of our customers and communities. We have advised our customers, employees and community of our commitment to support our communities' growth and of our receipt of CPP funds, which strengthens our ability to make loans. CPP funds have not only provided us with additional lending capacity, but have also permitted us to strengthen our balance sheet. That strength allows us the flexibility to offer innovative programs, such as Hometown Heroes checking account with embedded loan program offers. We also received statewide recognition for lending performance in 2009, receiving Lender of the Year honors from the South Carolina Finance and Housing Authority.

What actions were you able to take that you may not have taken without the capital infusion of CPP funds?

First Reliance Bancshares received \$15,349,000 on March 6, 2009 from the U.S. Treasury as part of the Treasury's Capital Purchase program. TARP provided additional capital and placed the bank in a better position to make or renew loans to qualified borrowers that we would not have otherwise been in a position to make if not for the TARP funds. Additionally, the bank was able to increase reserves on nonperforming loans and thus continued to lend to qualified borrowers.

Please describe any other actions that you were able to undertake with the capital infusion of CPP funds.

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