

CPP ANNUAL USE OF CAPITAL SURVEY - 2010



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(Include Holding Company Where Applicable)

Sovereign Bancshares, Inc.; Sovereign Bank

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CPP/CDCI Funds Repaid to Date:		Credit Union Charter Number: (For Credit Unions)	
Date Funded (first funding):	March 13, 2009	City:	Dallas
Date Repaid ¹ :	N/A	State:	Texas

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) and Community Development Capital Initiative (CDCI). To answer that question, Treasury is seeking responses that describe generally how the CPP/CDCI 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/CDCI investment was deployed or how many CPP/CDCI 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/CDCI 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/CDCI funds were outstanding).

Increase lending or reduce lending less than otherwise would have occurred.

Although loans decreased from 12/31/09 to 12/31/10, the decrease would have been substantially more without the CPP capital.

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.).

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Increase securities purchased (ABS, MBS, etc.).

The CPP capital allowed for increased investments in mortgage backed securities (MBS) and municipal bonds.

Empty response area for the selected option.

Make other investments.

Empty response area for the unselected option.

Increase reserves for non-performing assets.

Empty response area for the unselected option.

Reduce borrowings.

Empty response area for the unselected option.

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Increase charge-offs.

Empty response box for 'Increase charge-offs.'

Purchase another financial institution or purchase assets from another financial institution.

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Held as non-leveraged increase to total capital.

All capital ratios continued to benefit from the infusion of the CPP capital.

Empty response box for 'Held as non-leveraged increase to total capital.'

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

The CPP capital allowed the Bank to avoid larger decreases in loan balances, specifically real estate based loans.

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

The CPP capital allowed the Bank to minimize its decrease in loan balances, increase investments in MBS and municipal bonds, and increase capital ratios. The CPP capital allowed the Bank to bid on FDIC assisted bank acquisitions in 2010 and ongoing.

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

None