

# A Stepped Approach to Managing Risk

## Laddered Advances

Anticipating and planning for rising rates can protect spreads, drive profitability, and provide a competitive edge over other lenders. Multiple fixed-rate advances, laddered sequentially, are one of the strategies FHLB Dallas offers to mitigate risk in a rising-rate environment.



### How It Works

By originating a series of fixed-rate advances with different maturities, such as three, five, seven, and 10 years, you can create a virtual amortizing structure. This laddered scenario provides the liquidity needed over the long-term, and it mitigates interest rate risk by creating a decision point as each advance matures. You have the flexibility to determine whether or not to secure new funding based on the current loan demand and market rates.

### Uses

Laddered advances can be originated, structured, and managed to align with a range of liabilities and risk appetites. The major elements of the Laddered advance strategy include:

- Multiple fixed-rate, fixed-term advances
- Incrementally longer maturities
- Principal and interest on each advance due at maturity
- Optional prepayment feature

### BENEFITS

- Long-term liquidity and interest rate mitigation
- Provides incremental interest rate decision points
- Simple to originate, structure, and manage
- Provides ability to protect spreads, profitability, and competitiveness

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