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Moody's Launches New Issuer Comment Report For Local Government Issuers.

Moody's has launched a new research publication, the Issuer Comment Report. The Issuer Comment Report provides an assessment of the most recent credit information for most US local government issuers with outstanding Moody's general obligation and related ratings. The reports present a summary of key economic, demographic, financial and operating information within the context of Moody's ratings methodology and do not announce rating actions.

The Issuer Comment Reports will provide the bond market with updated credit information for US cities (including other municipalities such as towns and villages), counties and school districts, including for many issuers with no current or recently-published Moody's research. Many of these are small and infrequent debt issuers, but have ratings that Moody's reviews annually.

The new reports will also benefit issuers because they provide them with a single reference source for their Moody's general obligation (and related) ratings, annually updated research on their credit, and updated economic and demographic data used in Moody's local government general obligation methodology.

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