

Sterling Capital Funds

2025 U.S. Government Obligations Income Information

During the calendar year, certain Funds invested in securities issued by the United States government or other federal agencies (collectively, "U.S. Government Securities"). Under federal law, the interest on these securities is exempt from state taxation. Certain states also exempt from state income tax the dividend income a mutual fund shareholder receives that is derived from the Fund's investment in these U.S. Government Securities.

The table below provides the percentages of calendar year 2025 ordinary income dividends derived from investments in U.S. Government Securities. To determine the amount which may be exempt from state income tax, multiply the amount reported in box 1a of Form 1099-DIV by the percentage shown in the table below. California, Connecticut, and New York require that a mutual fund maintain certain minimum investments in U.S. Government Securities in order for the dividend income derived from these obligations to be exempt from state income tax. None of the Funds listed below met these requirements.

Fund	Percentage of Income Derived From U.S. Government Obligations During 2025
Short Duration Bond Fund	4.64%
Ultra-Short Bond Fund	3.27%
Intermediate U.S. Government Fund	91.42%
Total Return Bond Fund	48.32%
Quality Income Fund	70.52%
Long Duration Corporate Bond Fund	0.85%