A Better Savings Account

FICA For Advisors

Product Overview





The Cash Opportunity

Opportunity: Uninsured and Non-Interest-Bearing Deposits at Banks

\$6.8 trillion - Estimated level of domestic bank **deposits uninsured** (39%)

\$4.0 trillion - Estimated bank deposits earning **zero interest (23%)** with trillions more earning an average .46% APY

Where is your client's held-away cash?

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More than 2/3 of deposit balances flowed to the top 25 largest banks with concentration in top 3 money center banks.

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- CNBC

The Cash Conversation

FICA can help ALL your clients earn more on idle cash and insure cash balances

If you are not having the cash conversation with your clients, then someone else is! Every client, regardless of portfolio size or risk appetite, has a relationship with cash.

FICA is available to non-retirement accounts and all types of clients, i.e., HNW individuals, businesses, trusts, non-profits, HOAs.

Here's how to get started:

- Call clients and ask three simple questions. How much cash is in your bank? What is the rate? Do you have more than \$250K at any one institution? Reference <u>cash checklist</u>.
- Send emails to all clients introducing FICA, a product that can increase their monthly income by 10X's and protect uninsured deposits. Reference <u>turnkey communications</u> and <u>fact sheet</u>.
- Promote FICA on your social media and newsletters. Reference <u>LinkedIn templates</u> and <u>sample article</u>.

The Cash Conversation

Whether you use the Cash Checklist as a reference or send it directly to clients, you will be surprised by how easily discussions evolve and held-away cash quickly becomes cash under your purview.

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Success Stories



HNW Individual | Liquidity Event

RIA Profile: Based in Houston, TX, \$800MM AUM

Client Scenario:

- Client is HNW individual (net worth of \$25MM)
- Advisor uses Cash Checklist for next meeting
- Learned client is planning to sell a secondary home and expects \$4.2MM



- Advisor leverages FICA to provide federal insurance on full balance while determining investment strategy
- Advisor cuts the bank out as middle-man; easing transition of assets and bringing them under their purview from the start
- Client has peace of mind knowing full balance is safe, secure, accessible, and earning a competitive return

Non-Profit | Affiliated Cash

RIA Profile: Based in Richmond, VA, \$1B AUM

Client Scenario:

- Top HNW client (net worth of \$100MM)
- Existing FICA account owner (personal assets & family trust)
- Non-profit specific email sent to client uncovered his recent position on board of a large non-profit.

SAMPLE CLIENT COMMUNICATION FOR NON-PROFITS Subject. A simple and effective way to offset decreasing donations at your non-profit Dear [Client or Non-Profit Executive Name]. I hope this message finds you well; I wanted to share a simple idea with you that may quickly address the issue of decreased indinations and donors that have plagued many non-profit with the profit of th

- Advisor leverages FICA to provide the safety and liquidity, an absolute requirement for the non-profit organization
- Advisor gains a new client and brings new assets under their purview
- HNW client has sense of satisfaction and pride that they were able to help better service the organization they care about, and ultimately further their cause

Uncover New Prospects

RIA Profile: Based in Seattle, WA, \$420MM AUM

Client Scenario:

- Advisor looking to attract new HNW clients
- Utilizes StoneCastle turnkey marketing pieces to prospect new business
 - Email templates target specific audience
 - LinkedIn Ads to drive traffic
 - Landing page templates to educate people who visit website

- Advisor lands three new inquiries, one from an owner of a successful start up that has just received funding from a small venture capital firm.
- Prospect opens several FICA accounts, one for personal assets and multiple accounts for the business, payroll, and taxes. Accounts link directly to organizations' main bank account.



Institutional Account

RIA Profile: Based in Atlanta, GA, \$2B AUM

Client Scenario:

- Public fund (municipality) that needs to keep operating cash federally insured or collateralized/backed by U.S. treasuries
- Has a good relationship with the local bank, however insurance limits are not adequate, and rate is low
- Has multiple operating accounts (tax IDs) for different public services
- Institutional fact sheet for businesses and public funds sent to clients

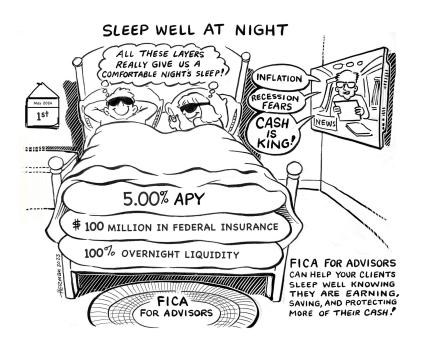
- Advisor immediately provides higher level of insurance through one account
- Municipality saves the admin time and expense of collateralizing cash and is now earning 7x monthly interest income
- Advisor introduced the local bank into the FICA network—where the bank is now set up to receive funding when needed.



FICA For Advisors: Summary

Key Features

- 5.00% APY
- Up to \$100 million federal insurance per tax ID
- Overnight liquidity
- No principal, market, or credit risk
- No deposit minimum
- No account fees, or transaction limitations
- Simple online application
- Seamlessly integrates with Orion
- 24/7 online access/view for advisors and clients/depositors



Getting Started

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