

# “At-the-market” offerings for closed-end funds

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From time to time, the following BlackRock closed-end funds may seek to raise additional equity capital through an ‘at the market’ equity shelf offering (“ATM Offering”).

Fund Name	NYSE Ticker
BlackRock Utilities, Infrastructure, & Power Opportunities Trust	BUI
BlackRock Enhanced Equity Dividend Trust	BDJ
BlackRock Science and Technology Trust	BST
BlackRock Health Sciences Trust	BME
BlackRock Limited Duration Income Trust	BLW
BlackRock Corporate High Yield Fund, Inc.	HYT
BlackRock Floating Rate Income Trust	BGT
BlackRock Multi-Sector Income Trust	BIT
BlackRock Debt Strategies Fund, Inc.	DSU
BlackRock Income Trust	BKT
BlackRock MuniAssets Fund, Inc.	MUA
BlackRock Municipal Income Trust	BFK
BlackRock Investment Quality Municipal Trust	BKN

## What is an ATM offering?

In an ATM Offering, closed-end funds may, subject to market conditions, raise additional equity capital by issuing new common shares from time to time in varying amounts at a net price at or above the fund’s net asset value (“NAV”) per common share. Because the fund is selling newly-issued shares at the prevailing market price as part of normal trading volume on the fund’s stock exchange, such ATM Offering is referred to as an issuance of shares ‘at the market’.

## Why consider an ATM Offering?

ATM Offerings may allow these funds to pursue additional investment opportunities without the need to sell existing portfolio investments and – assuming all else being equal – will increase the asset size of the fund and thus cause the fund’s fixed expenses to be spread over a larger asset base. In no event will a fund issue shares at a price below the fund’s NAV per common share plus any sales commission charged in connection with the ATM Offering.

## What are the risks?

An ATM Offering would also entail potential risks to existing common shareholders. Although the issuance of additional common shares may facilitate a more active market in a fund’s common shares by increasing the number of common shares outstanding, the issuance of additional common shares may also have an adverse effect on prices in the secondary market for the fund’s common shares by increasing the supply of common shares available for sale. The issuance of additional common shares will dilute the voting power of already outstanding common shares. If a fund is unable to invest the proceeds of any such ATM Offering in a timely manner in assets with a yield at least equal to that of the current portfolio, the fund’s earnings per share may decrease.

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