

Allspring Closed-End Funds Declare Monthly Distributions and Announce a Portfolio Manager Change

CHARLOTTE, NC – July 25, 2025 – The Allspring Income Opportunities Fund (NYSE American: EAD), the Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund (NYSE American: ERC), and the Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund (NYSE American: ERH) have each announced a distribution.

In addition, Andrew Reed, CFA, will be added as a portfolio manager to the Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund, and Noah Wise, CFA, will be removed as a portfolio manager on the same fund, both effective on August 1, 2025. This fund will continue to be managed by Christopher Kauffman, CFA, Chris Lee, CFA, Michael Schueller, CFA, Lauren van Biljon, CFA, and Adam Hicks. There will be no change to the investment strategy of the fund.

TICKER	FUND NAME	DISTRIBUTION PER SHARE	FREQUENCY	CHANGE FROM PRIOR DISTRIBUTION
EAD	Allspring Income Opportunities Fund	\$0.05352	Monthly	+\$0.00004
ERC	Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund	\$0.07221	Monthly	+\$0.00002
ERH	Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund	\$0.08135	Monthly	+\$0.00073

The following dates apply to today's distribution declaration for each fund:

Declaration date	July 25, 2025
Ex-dividend date	August 11, 2025
Record date	August 11, 2025
Payable date	September 2, 2025

About Andrew Reed, CFA

Andrew Reed is a portfolio manager specializing in U.S. investment grade credit for the Plus Fixed Income team at Allspring Global Investments. In this capacity, he has oversight and portfolio management responsibilities for separate accounts, mutual funds, and commingled vehicles across a range of strategies. He joined Allspring from its predecessor firm, Wells Fargo Asset Management (WFAM). He joined WFAM as a credit research analyst on the Global Credit Research team, supporting multiple portfolio managers and fixed income strategies. Prior to this, Andrew served as a portfolio manager for BMO Asset Management and as a fixed income analyst for M&I Investment Management Corp. He began his investment industry career in 2000. Andrew earned a bachelor's degree in business administration

with an emphasis in finance from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. He has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) designation and is a member of CFA Institute and CFA Society Milwaukee.

These funds make distributions in accordance with a managed distribution plan that provides for the declaration of monthly distributions to common shareholders of the fund at an annual minimum fixed rate of 8.00% for the Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund, 8.75% for the Allspring Income Opportunities Fund, and 8.75% for the Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund based on the fund's average monthly net asset value (NAV) per share over the prior 12 months. Under the managed distribution plan, distributions are sourced from income and also may be sourced from paid-in capital and/or capital gains. The fund's distributions in any period may be more or less than the net return earned by the fund on its investments and therefore should not be used as a measure of performance or confused with yield or income. Distributions in excess of fund returns will cause the fund's NAV to decline. Investors should not draw any conclusions about the fund's investment performance from the amount of its distribution or from the terms of its managed distribution plan.

The Allspring Income Opportunities Fund is a closed-end high-yield bond fund. The fund's investment objective is to seek a high level of current income. The fund may, as a secondary objective, seek capital appreciation to the extent it is consistent with its investment objective.

The Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund is a closed-end income fund. The fund's investment objective is to seek a high level of current income consistent with limiting its overall exposure to domestic interest rate risk.

The Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund is a closed-end equity and high-yield bond fund. The fund's investment objective is to seek a high level of current income and moderate capital growth with an emphasis on providing tax-advantaged dividend income.

The final determination of the source of all dividend distributions in the current year will be made after year-end. The actual amounts and sources of the amounts for tax-reporting purposes will depend upon a fund's investment experience during the remainder of the fiscal year and may be subject to change based on tax regulations. Each fund will send shareholders a Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year that will tell shareholders how to report these distributions for federal income tax purposes.

For more information on Allspring's closed-end funds, please visit www.allspringglobal.com.

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