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**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-22551

**MainStay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

51 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: J12-576-7000

Date of fiscal year end: May 31

Date of reporting period: August 31, 2012

**Item 1. Schedule of Investments.**

The schedule of investments for the period ended August 31, 2012 is filed herewith.

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Portfolio of Investments ††† August 31, 2012 (Unaudited)

|   | Principal<br>Amount | Value         |
|---|---------------------|---------------|
| Municipal Bonds 125.3% †  |                     |               |
| <b>Alabama 2.7% (2.1% of Managed Assets)</b>  |                     |               |
| Alabama State Port Authority Docks Facilities, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A, Insured: NATL-RE<br>4.50%, due 10/1/36 (a)                      | \$ 10,920,000       | \$ 10,970,123 |
| Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center Authority, Special Tax<br>Series A, Insured: AMBAC<br>4.125%, due 7/1/14                                | 250,000             | 241,117       |
| Jefferson County, Limited Obligation School, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A, Insured: AMBAC<br>4.75%, due 1/1/25                               | 250,000             | 239,395       |
| Jefferson County, Public Building Authority Lease, Revenue Bonds<br>5.00%, due 4/1/26   | 4,500,000           | 2,908,125     |
|   |                     | 14,358,760    |
| <b>Alaska 0.8% (0.6% of Managed Assets)</b>   |                     |               |
| Northern Tobacco Securitization Corp., Tobacco Settlement, Asset-Backed,<br>Revenue Bonds<br>Series A<br>5.00%, due 6/1/46                | 5,110,000           | 4,140,480     |
| <b>Arizona 1.2% (0.9% of Managed Assets)</b>  |                     |               |
| Arizona Health Facilities Authority, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Revenue Bonds<br>5.00%, due 2/1/42                                      | 2,500,000           | 2,631,275     |
| Phoenix Industrial Development Authority, Downtown Phoenix Student LLC,<br>Revenue Bonds<br>Series A, Insured: AMBAC<br>4.50%, due 7/1/42 | 140,000             | 100,454       |
| Phoenix Industrial Development Authority, Espiritu Community Development<br>Corp., Revenue Bonds<br>Series A<br>6.25%, due 7/1/36         | 2,000,000           | 1,975,380     |
| Pima County Industrial Development Authority, PLC Charter Schools Project,<br>Revenue Bonds<br>6.75%, due 4/1/36                          | 1,075,000           | 1,060,574     |
|   | 545,000             | 581,744       |

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| Salt Verde Financial Corp., Revenue Bonds<br>5.00%, due 12/1/32  |            | 6,349,427  |
| California 25.6% (20.3% of Managed Assets)<br>Anaheim Public Financing Authority, Public Improvements Project, Revenue<br>Bonds<br>Series A-1, Insured: FGIC, NATL-RE<br>4.75%, due 9/1/33 | 10,000,000 | 10,348,300 |
| Big Pine Unified School District, Capital Appreciation, Unlimited General<br>Obligation<br>Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/40   | 5,050,000  | 1,096,910  |
| California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Asset Backed, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A<br>5.125%, due 6/1/38   | 3,060,000  | 2,597,665  |
| 5.60%, due 6/1/36  | 2,575,000  | 2,268,008  |
| California Municipal Finance Authority, Southwestern Law School, Revenue<br>Bonds<br>6.50%, due 11/1/31  | 500,000    | 599,565    |
| 6.50%, due 11/1/41   | 2,665,000  | 3,124,313  |
| California State Health Facility Authority, Stanford Health Clinics, Revenue<br>Bonds<br>Series A  | 21,000,000 | 23,136,330 |
| 5.00%, due 8/15/51 (b)<br>Carson Redevelopment Agency, Redevelopment Project Area 1, Tax Allocation<br>Series B, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 10/1/25                            | 75,000     | 36,911     |
| Centinela Valley Union High School District, Unlimited General Obligation<br>Series B, Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/45   | 4,680,000  | 691,564    |
| Ceres Unified School District, Cabs-Election, Unlimited General Obligation<br>Series A<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/43  | 6,375,000  | 792,986    |
| Coachella Valley Unified School District, Election 2005, Unlimited General<br>Obligation<br>Series D, Insured: AGM<br>5.00%, due 8/1/37  | 12,675,000 | 13,938,064 |
| Desert Community College District, Capital Appreciation, Election 2004,<br>Unlimited General Obligation<br>Series C, Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/46                             | 74,230,000 | 11,651,141 |
| El Dorado Union High School District, Unlimited General Obligation<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/36  | 5,080,000  | 1,455,572  |
| (zero coupon), due 8/1/37  | 5,220,000  | 1,409,243  |
| (zero coupon), due 8/1/38  | 5,420,000  | 1,366,761  |
| (zero coupon), due 8/1/39  | 5,625,000  | 1,324,744  |
| (zero coupon), due 8/1/40  | 5,830,000  | 1,299,041  |
| (zero coupon), due 8/1/41  | 6,050,000  | 1,272,496  |
| Foothill-Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, Revenue Bonds<br>(zero coupon), due 1/15/31   | 5,000,000  | 1,669,750  |
|  | 9,950,000  | 3,288,375  |

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| Fresno, California Unified School District Education, Unlimited General Obligation<br>Series G<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/31  |            |            |
| Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corp., Asset Backed, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A-1<br>5.125%, due 6/1/47   | 10,550,000 | 8,136,582  |
| Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corp., Revenue Bonds<br>Series A, Insured: AGC-ICC, FGIC<br>5.00%, due 6/1/35 (b)(c)   | 16,110,000 | 16,615,693 |
| Insured: AGM, AMBAC, FSA<br>5.00%, due 6/1/45  | 4,020,000  | 4,129,264  |
| Inglewood Public Financing Authority, Cabs-Lease, Revenue Bonds<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/30   | 2,530,000  | 721,202    |
| (zero coupon), due 8/1/31  | 2,530,000  | 662,784    |
| Kings Canyon Joint Unified School District, Unlimited General Obligation<br>Series C<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/51  | 25,700,000 | 2,397,039  |
| Lancaster Financing Authority, Subordinated Project No. 5 & 6, Redevelopment<br>Projects, Tax Allocation<br>Series B, Insured: FGIC, NATL-RE<br>4.625%, due 2/1/24 | 215,000    | 200,720    |
| Marysville Joint Unified School District, Capital Project, Certificates of<br>Participation<br>Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 6/1/25                           | 1,850,000  | 969,418    |
| Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 6/1/27  | 2,445,000  | 1,131,081  |
| Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 6/1/33  | 2,800,000  | 836,332    |
| Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 6/1/34  | 2,820,000  | 782,832    |
| Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 6/1/38  | 2,820,000  | 596,261    |
| Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 6/1/39  | 2,820,000  | 558,078    |
| Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 6/1/40  | 2,820,000  | 522,208    |
| Merced Union High School District, Cabs-Election, Unlimited General Obligation<br>Series C<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/41  | 16,480,000 | 2,586,371  |
| Oceanside, California Unified School District, Unlimited General Obligation<br>Series C<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/50   | 20,190,000 | 1,992,349  |
| Pittsburg Unified School District, Unlimited General Obligation<br>Series C<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/40   | 1,640,000  | 337,971    |
| Richland School District, Unlimited General Obligation<br>Series C, Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/49  | 5,000,000  | 657,400    |
|  | 5,000,000  | 1,783,950  |

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| San Bernardino City Unified School District, Unlimited General Obligation<br>Series C, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/31                  |            |             |
| San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 1/15/22                           | 105,000    | 63,348      |
| Series A, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 1/15/25  | 50,000     | 25,661      |
| Series A, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 1/15/31  | 150,000    | 54,717      |
| Series A, Insured: NATL-RE<br>5.25%, due 1/15/30  | 900,000    | 899,955     |
| Series A, Insured: NATL-RE<br>5.375%, due 1/15/29   | 455,000    | 455,036     |
| San Jose Redevelopment Agency, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Tax<br>Allocation   | 2,220,000  | 1,955,776   |
| Series C, Insured: NATL-RE<br>3.75%, due 8/1/28   |            |             |
| Stockton Public Financing Authority, Parking & Capital Projects, Revenue Bonds<br>Insured: FGIC, NATL-RE<br>4.25%, due 9/1/14                         | 50,000     | 49,370      |
| Insured: FGIC, NATL-RE<br>4.50%, due 9/1/17   | 100,000    | 96,867      |
| Insured: FGIC, NATL-RE<br>4.80%, due 9/1/20   | 105,000    | 100,164     |
| Stockton Public Financing Authority, Redevelopment Projects, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A, Insured: RADIAN<br>5.25%, due 9/1/31                          | 630,000    | 481,270     |
| Series A, Insured: RADIAN<br>5.25%, due 9/1/34  | 2,550,000  | 1,886,770   |
| Stockton Public Financing Authority, Water System, Capital Improvement<br>Projects, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A, Insured: NATL-RE<br>5.00%, due 10/1/31 | 165,000    | 156,626     |
| Stockton, California Unified School District, Unlimited General Obligation<br>Series D, Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/35                     | 2,580,000  | 702,818     |
| Series D, Insured: AGM<br>(zero coupon), due 8/1/40   | 13,930,000 | 2,789,065   |
|   |            | 138,702,717 |
| <b>Colorado 0.0% ‡ (0.0% ‡ of Managed Assets)</b>   |            |             |
| E-470 Public Highway Authority, Revenue Bonds<br>Series B, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 9/1/29  | 660,000    | 263,835     |
| <b>Florida 4.4% (3.5% of Managed Assets)</b>  |            |             |
| ⊠ Miami-Dade County Florida, Transit Sales Surtax, Revenue Bonds<br>5.00%, due 7/1/42 (b)(c)  | 21,000,000 | 23,684,640  |
| <b>Georgia 0.1% (0.1% of Managed Assets)</b>  |            |             |
| Marietta Development Authority, University Facilities-Life University, Inc. Project,<br>Revenue Bonds<br>6.25%, due 6/15/20                           | 475,000    | 493,601     |

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| <b>Guam 0.1% (0.1% of Managed Assets)</b>  |            |            |
| Guam Economic Development & Commerce Authority, Tobacco Settlement<br>Asset Backed, Revenue Bonds  | 500,000    | 446,245    |
| 5.625%, due 6/1/47   |            |            |
| <b>Illinois 8.7% (6.9% of Managed Assets)</b>  |            |            |
| Chicago, Unlimited General Obligation  |            |            |
| ☒ Series C   | 19,570,000 | 21,114,073 |
| 5.00%, due 1/1/40 (b)(c)   |            |            |
| Illinois Finance Authority Revenue, Lake Forest College, Revenue Bonds                             |            |            |
| Series A   | 500,000    | 536,760    |
| 5.00%, due 10/1/22   |            |            |
| Series A   | 1,000,000  | 1,042,690  |
| 5.75%, due 10/1/32   |            |            |
| Series A   | 2,200,000  | 2,278,980  |
| 6.00%, due 10/1/48   |            |            |
| Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority, McCormick Place Project, Revenue<br>Bonds                | 20,000,000 | 22,178,555 |
| ☒ Series B   |            |            |
| 5.00%, due 6/15/52 (b)(c)  |            | 47,151,058 |
| <b>Indiana 3.6% (2.9% of Managed Assets)</b>   |            |            |
| Anderson Economic Development Revenue, Anderson University Project,<br>Revenue Bonds               | 1,290,000  | 999,492    |
| 5.00%, due 10/1/32   |            |            |
| City of Carmel, Barrington Carmel Project, Revenue Bonds   |            |            |
| Series A   | 1,650,000  | 1,663,398  |
| 7.00%, due 11/15/32  |            |            |
| Series A   | 3,000,000  | 3,024,180  |
| 7.125%, due 11/15/42   |            |            |
| Indiana Finance Authority, Environmental Revenue, U.S. Steel Corp. Project,<br>Revenue Bonds       | 6,250,000  | 6,205,500  |
| 5.75%, due 8/1/42 (a)  |            |            |
| Indiana Finance Authority, King's Daughters Hospital & Healthcare, Revenue<br>Bonds                | 7,415,000  | 7,744,745  |
| 5.50%, due 8/15/45   |            | 19,637,315 |
| <b>Iowa 3.8% (3.0% of Managed Assets)</b>  |            |            |
| Coralville Urban Renewal Revenue, Tax Increment, Tax Allocation                                    |            |            |
| Series C   | 4,220,000  | 4,218,987  |
| 5.00%, due 6/1/47  |            |            |
| Iowa Finance Authority, Midwestern Disaster Relief Revenue, Alcoa Inc. Project,<br>Revenue Bonds   | 10,000,000 | 10,059,400 |
| 4.75%, due 8/1/42  |            |            |
| Iowa Higher Education Loan Authority, Private College Facility, Wartburg College,<br>Revenue Bonds |            |            |
| Series B   | 2,105,000  | 2,032,567  |
| 5.50%, due 10/1/31   |            |            |
| 5.55%, due 10/1/37   | 4,680,000  | 4,437,389  |
|  |            | 20,748,343 |
| <b>Louisiana 4.8% (3.8% of Managed Assets)</b>   |            |            |
|  | 1,200,000  | 1,201,332  |

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| Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities & Community Development Authority, Parking Facilities Corp. Phase 1, Revenue Bonds<br>Insured: AGM<br>4.00%, due 10/1/31 |            |            |
| Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, Archdiocese of New Orleans Project, Revenue Bonds<br>Insured: CIFG<br>4.50%, due 7/1/37   | 19,000,000 | 19,142,690 |
| Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, Black & Gold Facilities Project, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A, Insured: CIFG<br>4.50%, due 7/1/38  | 405,000    | 346,980    |
| Series A, Insured: CIFG<br>5.00%, due 7/1/22   | 1,105,000  | 1,111,232  |
| Series A, Insured: CIFG<br>5.00%, due 7/1/24   | 1,200,000  | 1,200,336  |
| Series A, Insured: CIFG<br>5.00%, due 7/1/30   | 2,870,000  | 2,790,616  |
|  |            | 25,793,186 |
| <b>Massachusetts 0.5% (0.4% of Managed Assets)</b>   |            |            |
| Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Seven Hills Foundation & Affiliates, Revenue Bonds<br>Insured: RADIANT<br>5.00%, due 9/1/35  | 150,000    | 145,611    |
| Massachusetts Port Authority Facilities, Delta Airlines, Inc. Project, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A, Insured: AMBAC<br>5.50%, due 1/1/19 (a)                                    | 50,000     | 50,018     |
| Massachusetts State Educational Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds<br>Series J<br>4.375%, due 7/1/24 (a)   | 2,500,000  | 2,559,700  |
|  |            | 2,755,329  |
| <b>Michigan 15.2% (12.1% of Managed Assets)</b>  |            |            |
| Detroit Sewage Disposal System Revenue, Revenue Bonds<br>Series B, Insured: FGIC, NATL-RE<br>5.50%, due 7/1/29   | 17,200,000 | 19,020,276 |
| Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A<br>5.00%, due 7/1/32  | 6,000,000  | 6,345,900  |
| Series A, Insured: AGM<br>5.00%, due 7/1/39  | 1,545,000  | 1,636,618  |
| Series A<br>5.25%, due 7/1/39  | 9,000,000  | 9,601,110  |
| Detroit, Michigan Water Supply System Revenue, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A<br>5.25%, due 7/1/41  | 9,360,000  | 9,862,913  |
| Series A<br>5.75%, due 7/1/37  | 5,000,000  | 5,549,200  |
| Michigan Finance Authority, Limited Obligation, Public School Academy, University Learning, Revenue Bonds<br>7.375%, due 11/1/30   | 2,920,000  | 3,381,302  |



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| Michigan Finance Authority, Local Government Loan Program, Revenue Bonds<br>Series C<br>5.00%, due 11/1/29                                | 8,855,000  | 9,541,617  |
| Michigan Finance Authority, Public School Academy, Revenue Bonds<br>7.50%, due 11/1/40  | 2,745,000  | 3,165,012  |
| Michigan Finance Authority, Sparrow Obligated Group, Revenue Bonds<br>5.00%, due 11/15/36   | 2,500,000  | 2,735,075  |
| Michigan Public Educational Facilities Authority, Dr. Joseph F. Pollack, Revenue<br>Bonds<br>8.00%, due 4/1/30                            | 1,195,000  | 1,349,681  |
| 8.00%, due 4/1/40   | 500,000    | 559,850    |
| Michigan Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A<br>5.125%, due 6/1/22  | 6,385,000  | 5,622,631  |
| Series A<br>6.00%, due 6/1/48   | 5,080,000  | 4,224,579  |
|   |            | 82,595,764 |
| <b>Missouri 0.5% (0.4% of Managed Assets)</b>   |            |            |
| St. Louis County Industrial Development Authority, Nazareth Living Center,<br>Revenue Bonds<br>5.875%, due 8/15/32                        | 750,000    | 764,122    |
| 6.125%, due 8/15/42   | 2,120,000  | 2,158,160  |
|   |            | 2,922,282  |
| <b>Nebraska 3.9% (3.1% of Managed Assets)</b>   |            |            |
| Central Plains Energy Project, Project No. 3, Revenue Bonds<br>5.25%, due 9/1/37 (b)(c)   | 20,000,000 | 21,339,000 |
| <b>Nevada 2.4% (1.9% of Managed Assets)</b>   |            |            |
| City of Sparks, Tourism Improvement District No. 1, Senior Sales Tax<br>Anticipation, Revenue Bonds<br>Series A<br>6.75%, due 6/15/28 (c) | 12,500,000 | 12,853,000 |
| <b>New Hampshire 0.3% (0.2% of Managed Assets)</b>  |            |            |
| Manchester Housing & Redevelopment Authority Inc., Revenue Bonds<br>Series B, Insured : ACA<br>(zero coupon), due 1/1/24                  | 4,740,000  | 1,628,948  |
| <b>New Jersey 4.9% (3.9% of Managed Assets)</b>   |            |            |
| New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Continental Airlines, Inc. Project,<br>Revenue Bonds<br>5.125%, due 9/15/23 (a)                | 1,740,000  | 1,763,246  |
| 5.25%, due 9/15/29 (a)  | 6,620,000  | 6,762,794  |
| 7.00%, due 11/15/30 (a)(d)  | 2,500,000  | 2,509,600  |
| New Jersey Economic Development Authority, UMM Energy Partners, Revenue<br>Bonds<br>Series A<br>4.75%, due 6/15/32 (a)                    | 1,000,000  | 999,930    |
| Series A<br>5.00%, due 6/15/37 (a)  | 1,000,000  | 1,010,420  |
| Series A<br>5.125%, due 6/15/43 (a)   | 1,000,000  | 1,017,250  |
|   | 100,000    | 28,678     |

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| New Jersey Healthcare Facilities Financing Authority, St. Barnabas Healthcare,<br>Revenue Bonds          |            |            |
| Series B<br>(zero coupon), due 7/1/36  |            |            |
| New Jersey Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp., Revenue Bonds   |            |            |
| Series 1A  | 15,000,000 | 12,509,850 |
| 5.00%, due 6/1/41  |            | 26,601,768 |
| <b>Ohio 13.8% (11.0% of Managed Assets)</b>  |            |            |
| American Municipal Power, Inc., AMP Fremont Energy Center Project, Revenue<br>Bonds                      |            |            |
| Series B   | 20,945,000 | 23,410,615 |
| 5.00%, due 2/15/42 (b)(c)  |            |            |
| Buckeye Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority, Asset-Backed, Senior Turbo,<br>Revenue Bonds             |            |            |
| Series A-2   | 10,690,000 | 8,681,990  |
| 5.875%, due 6/1/47   |            |            |
| Series A-2   | 5,915,000  | 4,967,003  |
| 6.00%, due 6/1/42  |            |            |
| Franklin County Ohio Hospital Facilities, Nationwide Children Hospital Project,<br>Revenue<br>Bonds      |            |            |
| Series B   | 15,570,000 | 17,302,007 |
| 5.00%, due 11/1/42 (b)   |            |            |
| Hamilton County Healthcare, Christ Hospital Project, Revenue Bonds                                       |            |            |
| 5.00%, due 6/1/42  | 5,580,000  | 5,931,484  |
| Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, Hospital Facilities Revenue, Memorial Health<br>Systems, Revenue Bonds |            |            |
| 5.75%, due 12/1/32   | 6,700,000  | 7,054,631  |
| 6.00%, due 12/1/42   | 7,000,000  | 7,422,800  |
|  |            | 74,770,530 |
| <b>Pennsylvania 8.2% (6.5% of Managed Assets)</b>  |            |            |
| Harrisburg Parking Authority, Packaging Revenue, Revenue Bonds   |            |            |
| Series O, Insured: AMBAC   | 145,000    | 143,317    |
| 5.00%, due 8/1/14  |            |            |
| Series O, Insured: AMBAC   | 60,000     | 58,654     |
| 5.00%, due 8/1/16  |            |            |
| Harrisburg, Capital Appreciation, Unlimited General Obligation   |            |            |
| Series F, Insured: AMBAC   | 95,000     | 48,386     |
| (zero coupon), due 9/15/21   |            |            |
| Montgomery County Industrial Development Authority, Acts Retirement, Life<br>Communities, Revenue Bonds  |            |            |
| 5.00%, due 11/15/28  | 1,350,000  | 1,464,979  |
| 5.00%, due 11/15/29  | 500,000    | 538,820    |
| Pennsylvania State Turnpike Commission, Revenue Bonds  |            |            |
| Series D   | 19,025,000 | 20,841,637 |
| 5.125%, due 12/1/40 (b)(c)   |            |            |
| Philadelphia Authority Industrial Development, Please Touch Museum Project,<br>Revenue Bonds             |            |            |
| 5.25%, due 9/1/31  | 2,500,000  | 2,345,675  |

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| Philadelphia Hospitals and Higher Education Facilities Authority, Temple University Health System, Revenue Bonds |            |            |
| Series A   | 2,000,000  | 2,018,660  |
| 5.00%, due 7/1/34  |            |            |
| Series A   | 5,975,000  | 6,323,761  |
| 5.625%, due 7/1/36   |            |            |
| Series A   | 10,120,000 | 10,646,038 |
| 5.625%, due 7/1/42   |            |            |
|  |            | 44,429,927 |
| <b>Texas 5.3% (4.2% of Managed Assets)</b>   |            |            |
| Clifton Higher Education Finance Corp., Idea Public Schools, Revenue Bonds                                       |            |            |
| 5.00%, due 8/15/42   | 4,750,000  | 4,981,182  |
| Harris County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corp., Baylor Medical College, Revenue Bonds                 |            |            |
| 5.00%, due 11/15/37  | 7,015,000  | 7,527,726  |
| Harris County-Houston Sports Authority, Revenue Bonds  |            |            |
| Series B, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 11/15/13  | 250,000    | 234,608    |
| Series H, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 11/15/28  | 30,000     | 11,981     |
| Series H, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 11/15/33  | 200,000    | 59,154     |
| Series A, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 11/15/34  | 180,000    | 51,408     |
| Series H, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 11/15/35  | 200,000    | 51,820     |
| Series H, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 11/15/37  | 200,000    | 45,526     |
| Series H, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 11/15/38  | 125,000    | 26,734     |
| Series A, Insured: NATL-RE<br>(zero coupon), due 11/15/40  | 865,000    | 162,897    |
| Series B, Insured: NATL-RE<br>5.25%, due 11/15/40  | 410,000    | 410,102    |
| Love Field Airport Modernization Corp., Southwest Airlines Co. Project, Revenue Bonds                            |            |            |
| 5.25%, due 11/1/40   | 8,420,000  | 9,079,707  |
| Texas State Turnpike Authority, Central Texas System, Revenue Bonds  |            |            |
| Insured: AMBAC<br>(zero coupon), due 8/15/35   | 23,750,000 | 6,080,950  |
|  |            | 28,723,795 |
| <b>Vermont 0.3% (0.2% of Managed Assets)</b>   |            |            |
| Vermont State Student Assistance Corp., Revenue Bonds  |            |            |
| Series A<br>5.10%, due 6/15/32 (a)   | 1,600,000  | 1,655,440  |
| <b>Virginia 9.6% (7.6% of Managed Assets)</b>  |            |            |
| Fairfax County Industrial Development Authority, Healthcare-Inova Health System, Revenue Bonds                   |            |            |
| 5.00%, due 5/15/40 (b)(c)  | 18,770,000 | 20,929,825 |
| ⌘  | 19,575,000 | 21,951,985 |

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Norfolk Economic Development Authority, Health Care Facilities, Sentara  
Healthcare, Revenue Bonds  
Series B

5.00%, due 11/1/43 (b)(c)

Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp., Revenue Bonds

Series B1

5.00%, due 6/1/47

12,655,000 9,093,377

51,975,187

**Washington 4.0% (3.2% of Managed Assets)**

Washington State Healthcare Facility Authority, Providence Health & Services,  
Revenue Bonds

Series A

5.00%, due 10/1/42 (b)(c)

19,335,000 21,615,167

**West Virginia 0.3% (0.2% of Managed Assets)**

Ohio County, Wheeling Jesuit, Revenue Bonds

Series A

5.50%, due 6/1/36

1,665,000 1,598,800

**Wisconsin 0.3% (0.3% of Managed Assets)**

Wisconsin Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Watertown Regional Medical  
Center, Revenue Bonds

5.00%, due 9/1/42

1,600,000 1,676,336

Total Investments

(Cost \$666,318,526) (g)

125.3 % 678,910,880

Floating Rate Note Obligations

(25.9 ) (140,605,000)

Other Assets, Less Liabilities

0.6 3,669,848

Net Assets applicable to Common Shares

100.0 % \$541,975,728

| <b>Futures Contracts (0.0%) ‡</b>                           | Contracts<br>Short | Unrealized                            |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
|   |                    | Appreciation<br>(Depreciation)<br>(e) |
| United States Treasury Note December 2012 (10 Year) (f)     | (750 )             | \$ (236,250 )                         |
| Total Futures Contracts<br>(Settlement Value \$100,289,063) |                    | \$ (236,250 )                         |

⌘ Among the Fund's 10 largest holdings or issuers held, as of August 31, 2012. May be subject to change daily.

On a daily basis New York Life Investments confirms that the value of the Fund's liquid assets (liquid ††† portfolio securities and cash) is sufficient to cover its potential senior securities (e.g., futures, swaps, options).

¶ Percentages indicated are based on Fund net assets applicable to Common Shares, unless otherwise noted.

Less than one-tenth of a percent.

- (a) Interest on these securities is subject to alternative minimum tax.
- (b) All or portion of principal amount transferred to a Tender Option Bond ("TOB") issuer in exchange the Fund acquired TOB Residuals securities.
- (c) May be sold to institutional investors only under Rule 144A or securities offered pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- (d) Floating rate - Rate shown is the rate in effect as of August 31, 2012.
- (e) Represents the difference between the value of the contracts at the time they were opened and the value as of August 31, 2012.
- (f) As of August 31, 2012, cash in the amount of \$825,000 is on deposit with a broker for futures transactions.
- (g) As of August 31, 2012, cost is \$666,318,526 for federal income tax purposes and net unrealized appreciation is as follows:

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Gross unrealized appreciation | \$ 13,258,281 |
| Gross unrealized depreciation | (665,927 )    |
| Net unrealized appreciation   | \$ 12,592,354 |

Managed assets are the Fund's total assets, minus the sum of its accrued liabilities (other than Fund liabilities incurred for the purpose of creating effective leverage (i.e. TOBs) or Fund liabilities related to liquidation preference of any preferred shares issued).

The following abbreviations are used in the above portfolio:

ACA -ACA Financial Guaranty Corp.  
AGC-ICC -Assured Guaranty Corporation—Insured Custody Certificates  
AGM -Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.  
AMBAC -Ambac Assurance Corp.  
CIFG -CIFG Group  
FGIC -Financial Guaranty Insurance Co.  
FSA -Financial Security Assurance, Inc.  
NATL-RE -National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.  
RADIAN -Radian Asset Assurance, Inc.



The following is a summary of the fair valuations according to the inputs used as of August 31, 2012, for valuing the Fund's assets and liabilities.

Asset Valuation Inputs

| Description                     | Quoted Prices<br>in Active<br>Markets for<br>Identical<br>Assets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) | Total         |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------|
| Investments in Securities (a)   |   |   |  |               |
| Municipal Bonds                 | \$ —  | \$678,910,880   | \$ —   | \$678,910,880 |
| Total Investments in Securities | \$ —  | \$678,910,880   | \$ —   | \$678,910,880 |

Liability Valuation Inputs

| Description                       | Quoted Prices<br>in Active<br>Markets for<br>Identical<br>Assets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) | Total       |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------|
| Other Financial Instruments       |   |   |  |             |
| Futures Contracts Short (b)       | \$ (236,250)  | \$ —  | \$ —   | \$(236,250) |
| Total Other Financial Instruments | \$ (236,250)  | \$ —  | \$ —   | \$(236,250) |

(a) For a complete listing of investments and their industries, see the Portfolio of Investments.

(b) The value listed for this security reflects unrealized appreciation (depreciation) as shown on the Portfolio of Investments.

The Fund recognizes transfers between the levels as of the beginning of the period.

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For the period ended August 31, 2012, the Fund did not have any transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements.

As of August 31, 2012, the Fund did not hold any investments with significant unobservable inputs (Level 3).



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NOTES TO PORTFOLIOS OF INVESTMENTS August 31, 2012 Unaudited

SECURITIES VALUATION.

Investments are valued as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("Exchange") (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on each day the Fund is open for business ("valuation date").

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Fund has adopted procedures for the valuation of the Fund's securities and has delegated the responsibility for valuation determination under those procedures to the Valuation Committee of the Board (the "Valuation Committee"). The Board has authorized the Valuation Committee to appoint a Valuation Sub-Committee ("Sub-Committee") to deal in the first instance with questions that arise or cannot be resolved under these procedures. The Sub-Committee will meet (in person, via electronic mail or via teleconference) on an as-needed basis. The Valuation Committee shall meet at a later time, as necessary, to ensure that actions taken by the Sub-Committee were appropriate. The procedures recognize that, subject to the oversight of the Board and unless otherwise noted, the responsibility for day-to-day valuation of portfolio assets (including securities for which market prices are not readily available) rests with New York Life Investment Management LLC (the "Manager"), aided to whatever extent necessary by the portfolio manager or sub-adviser of the Fund. These procedures shall be reviewed by the Board no less frequently than annually. Any revisions to these procedures deemed necessary shall be reported to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Securities are valued using unadjusted market prices, when available, as supplied primarily by third party pricing services or dealers. To assess the appropriateness of security valuations, the Manager or the Fund's third party service provider who is subject to oversight by the Manager, regularly compares prior day prices, prices on comparable securities and the sale prices to the current day prices and challenges prices exceeding certain tolerance levels with third party pricing services or broker sources. For those securities valued by recommendation, whether through a standardized fair valuation methodology or a fair valuation determination, the Valuation Committee reviews and affirms the reasonableness of the valuation based on such methodologies and determinations on a regular basis after considering all relevant information that is reasonably available.

"Fair value" is defined as the price that a Fund would receive upon selling an investment in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market of the investment. Fair value measurements are determined within a framework that has established a three-tier hierarchy which maximizes the use of observable

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market data and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. "Inputs" refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk, such as the risk inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value using a pricing model and/or the risk inherent in the inputs for the valuation technique. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Fund. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the information available in the circumstances. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities may not be an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad Levels listed below.

Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical investments

Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments in active markets, interest rates and yield curves, prepayment speeds, credit risks, etc.)

Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including each Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in determining the fair value of investments)

The aggregate value by input level, as of August 31, 2012, for the Fund's investments are included at the end of the Portfolio of Investments.

The valuation techniques used by the Fund to measure fair value maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The Fund may utilize third party vendor evaluations, whose prices may be derived from one or more of the following standard inputs:

- Benchmark Yields
- Broker Dealer Quotes
- Two-sided markets
- Bids / Offers
- Industry and economic events
- Equity and credit default swap curves
- Reported Trades
- Issuer Spreads
- Benchmark securities
- Reference Data (corporate actions or material event notices)
- Comparable bonds
- Monthly payment information

Securities for which the market value cannot be determined using the methodologies described above are valued by methods deemed in good faith by the Fund's Valuation Committee, following the procedures established by the Board, to represent fair value. Under these procedures, the Fund primarily employs a market based approach which may use related or comparable assets or liabilities, recent transactions, market multiples, book values, and other relevant information. The Fund may also use an income-based valuation approach in which the anticipated future cash flows of the investment are discounted to calculate fair value. Discounts may also be applied due to the nature or duration of any restrictions on the disposition of the investments. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such investments, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had an active market existed. For the period ended August 31, 2012 there have been no changes to the fair value methodologies.

Equity and non-equity securities which may be valued in this manner include, but are not limited to: (i) a security for which the trading has been halted or suspended; (ii) a debt security that has recently gone into default and for which there is not a current market quotation; (iii) a security of an issuer that has entered into a restructuring; (iv) a security that has been de-listed from a national exchange; (v) a security for which the market price is not available from third party pricing source or, if so provided, does not, in the opinion of the Fund's Manager or Subadvisor (if applicable), reflect the security's market value; and (vi) a security whose principal market has been temporarily closed at a time when, under normal conditions, it would be open. Securities for which market quotations or observable inputs are not readily available are generally categorized as Level 3 in the hierarchy. As of August 31, 2012, the Fund did not hold any securities that were fair valued in such a manner.

Municipal debt securities are valued at the evaluated mean prices based on observable inputs supplied by a pricing agent or brokers selected by the Fund's Manager in consultation with the Fund's Subadvisor, if any, whose prices reflect broker/dealer supplied valuations and electronic data processing techniques, if such prices are deemed by the Fund's Manager, in consultation with the Fund's Subadvisor, if any, to be representative of market values, at the regular close of trading of the Exchange on each valuation date. Debt securities, including corporate bonds, U.S. government and federal agency bonds, municipal bonds, foreign bonds, Yankee bonds, convertible bonds, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities, are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

Futures contracts are valued at the last posted settlement price on the market where such futures are primarily traded. Investments in other mutual funds are valued at their respective NAV as of the close of the Exchange on the valuation date. These securities are generally categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy.

Temporary cash investments acquired over 60 days to maturity are valued using the latest bid prices or using valuations based on a matrix system (which considers such factors as security prices, yields, maturities, and ratings), both as furnished by independent pricing services. Other temporary cash investments which mature in 60 days or less ("Short-Term Investments") are valued at amortized cost. Temporary cash investments and securities valued at amortized cost are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.



## TENDER OPTION BONDS.

The Fund may leverage its assets through the use of proceeds received from tender option bond transactions. In a tender option bond transaction, a tender option bond trust (a “TOB Issuer”) is typically established by a third party sponsor forming a special purpose trust into which the Fund, or an agent on

behalf of the Fund, transfers municipal bonds or other municipal securities (“Underlying Securities”). A TOB Issuer typically issues two classes of beneficial interests: short-term floating rate notes (“TOB Floaters”), which are sold to third party investors, and residual interest municipal tender option bonds (“TOB Residuals”), which are generally issued to the Fund. The Fund may invest in both TOB Floaters and TOB Residuals. The Fund may not invest more than 5% of its Managed Assets in any single TOB Issuer. The Fund does not currently intend to invest in TOB Residuals issued by a TOB Issuer that was not formed for the Fund, although it reserves the right to do so in the future. The Fund may invest in both TOB Floaters and TOB Residuals issued by the same TOB Issuer.

The TOB Issuer receives Underlying Securities from the Fund through the sponsor and then issues TOB Floaters to third party investors and TOB Residuals to the Fund. The Fund is paid the cash (less transaction expenses, which are borne by the Fund and therefore the holders of the Common Shares indirectly) received by the TOB Issuer from the sale of TOB Floaters and typically will invest the cash in additional municipal bonds or other investments permitted by its investment policies. TOB Floaters may have first priority on the cash flow from the securities held by the TOB Issuer and are enhanced with a liquidity support arrangement from a bank or an affiliate of the sponsor (the “liquidity provider”), which allows holders to tender their position at par (plus accrued interest). The Fund, in addition to receiving cash from the sale of TOB Floaters, also receives TOB Residuals. TOB Residuals provide the Fund with the right to (1) cause the holders of TOB Floaters to tender their notes to the TOB Issuer at par (plus accrued interest), and (2) acquire the Underlying Securities from the TOB Issuer. In addition, all voting rights and decisions to be made with respect to any other rights relating to the Underlying Securities deposited in the TOB Issuer are passed through to the Fund, as the holder of TOB Residuals. Such a transaction, in effect, creates exposure for the Fund to the entire return of the Underlying Securities deposited in the TOB Issuer, with a net cash investment by the Fund that is less than the value of the Underlying Securities deposited in the TOB Issuer. This multiplies the positive or negative impact of the Underlying Securities’ return within the Fund (thereby creating leverage).

The TOB Issuer may be terminated without the consent of the Fund upon the occurrence of certain events, such as the bankruptcy or default of the issuer of the Underlying Securities deposited in the TOB Issuer, a substantial downgrade in the credit quality of the issuer of the securities deposited in the TOB Issuer, the inability of the TOB Issuer to obtain liquidity support for the TOB Floaters, a substantial decline in the market value of the Underlying Securities deposited in the TOB Issuer, or the inability of the sponsor to remarket any TOB Floaters tendered to it by holders of the TOB Floaters. In such an event, the TOB Floaters would be redeemed by the TOB Issuer at par (plus accrued interest) out of the proceeds from a sale of the Underlying Securities deposited in the TOB Issuer. If this happens, the Fund would be entitled to the assets of the TOB Issuer, if any, that remain after the TOB Floaters have been redeemed at par (plus accrued interest). If there are insufficient proceeds from the sale of these securities to redeem all of the TOB Floaters at par (plus accrued interest), the liquidity provider or holders of the TOB Floaters would bear the losses on those securities and there would be no recourse to the Fund’s assets (unless the Fund held a recourse TOB Residual). A recourse TOB Residual is generally a TOB Residual issued by a TOB Issuer in which the TOB Floaters represent

greater than 75% of the market value of the securities at the time they are deposited in the TOB Issuer. If the Fund were to invest in a recourse TOB Residual to leverage its portfolio, it would typically be required to enter into an agreement pursuant to which the Fund is required to pay to the liquidity provider the difference between the purchase price of any TOB Floaters put to the liquidity provider by holders of the TOB Floaters and the proceeds realized from the remarketing of those TOB Floaters or the sale of the assets in the TOB Issuer. The Fund currently does not intend to use recourse TOB Residuals to leverage the Fund's portfolio, but reserves the right to do so depending on future market conditions.

Under accounting rules, Underlying Securities that are deposited into a TOB Issuer are treated as investments of the Fund, and are presented on the Fund's Schedule of Investments. Outstanding TOB Floaters issued by a TOB Issuer are presented as "Floating Rate Note Obligations" in the Fund's Schedule of Investments.

**Item 2. Controls And Procedures.**

(a) Based on an evaluation of the Disclosure Controls and Procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the “Disclosure Controls”) as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date (the “Filing Date”) of this Form N-Q (the “Report”), the Registrant’s principal executive and principal financial officers have concluded that the Disclosure Controls are reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant in the Report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported by the Filing Date, including ensuring that information required to be disclosed in the Report is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant’s management, including the Registrant’s principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) There were no changes in the Registrant’s internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) that occurred during the Registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 3. Exhibits.**

(a) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**MAINSTAY DEFINEDTERM MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

By: /s/ Stephen P. Fisher  
Stephen P. Fisher

President and Principal Executive Officer

Date: October 30, 2012

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Stephen P. Fisher  
Stephen P. Fisher

President and Principal Executive Officer

Date: October 30, 2012

By: /s/ Jack R. Benintende  
Jack R. Benintende



Treasurer and Principal Financial and

Accounting Officer

Date: October 30, 2012