NEW YORK, October 1, 2018 – MainStay MacKay DefinedTerm Municipal Opportunities Fund (the “Fund”) (NYSE:MMD) today announced monthly dividend distributions of $0.085 per common share for the months of October, November and December 2018. This amount is consistent from the Fund’s July, August and September 2018 dividend distribution which was also $0.085 per common share.

Portfolio and municipal market commentary will be published on or around October 1, 2018 and can be retrieved here.

**Dividend Distribution Schedule:**

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The Fund’s dividend will be derived from its monthly undistributed net investment income and is not expected to contain any return of principal.

The Fund’s daily New York Stock Exchange closing prices, net asset values per share, as well as other information are available by clicking here or by calling the Fund’s shareholder servicing agent at (855) 456-9683.

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There are risks inherent in any investment, including market risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and the possible loss of principal. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objectives will be achieved. Shares of closed-end funds frequently trade at a discount from their net asset value, which may increase investor risk.
About MainStay Funds

MainStay is the mutual fund family of New York Life Insurance Company. MainStay provides access to a powerful mix of autonomous, institutional investment managers, delivered by experienced professionals who understand the needs of today’s investors. For more information on MainStay, please visit nylinvestments.com/mainstay.

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