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By: Bill Delahunty, CFA | July 18, 2024

KEY POINTS

1. High yield municipal bonds are positioned to benefit from the favorable fundamental and technical backdrop that buoyed performance over 2023 and the first half of 2024.

2. Yields remain attractive on a relative and historic basis, with the yield on the Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index currently at 5.43%.

3. Current and historical trends suggest that investors may want to consider adding high yield municipal bonds to their portfolios as a core allocation.

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By: <u>Ralph Hinckley. CFA</u>, <u>Christopher Remington</u> | June 4, 2024

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