

# Federated Hermes Institutional Tax-Free Cash Trust

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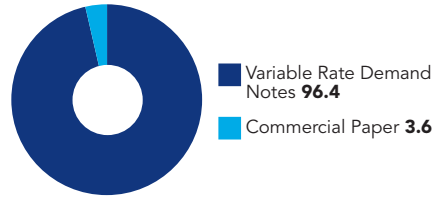
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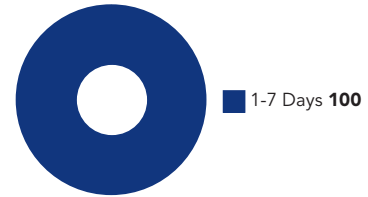
### Product highlights

- Invests in high quality, tax-exempt securities maturing in 5 business days or less (i.e. weekly liquid assets). By investing in high quality securities with maturities of 5 business days or less, typically maintaining a weighted average portfolio maturity of approximately 5 business days or less and using amortized cost to value such securities when available, the Fund seeks to minimize the volatility of its NAV.
- Pursues dividend income exempt from federal regular income tax, consistent with stability of principal.
- Fund income is not normally subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT) for individuals.
- Holds AAAm and AAAMmf ratings from Standard & Poor's and Fitch, respectively.
- Intensive credit review integrating ESG factors in a non-exclusionary way.
- Offers tax-sensitive investors the potential for attractive taxable-equivalent yields compared to taxable money market funds.
- Offers a single strike time with T+0 and T+1 settlement.

### Portfolio composition (%)



### Effective maturity schedule (%)



### Weighted average maturity

6 Days

### Weighted average life

6 Days

### Fund performance

Net yields (%)		Total return (%)											
7-day	0.01	1-year 0.44											
Annualized yields (%)		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
7-day		0.72	0.97	4.11	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

### Portfolio manager(s)

Michael Sirianni  
Kyle Stewart

### Credit ratings

AAA<sup>m</sup> S&P

AAA<sup>m</sup>mf Fitch

### Portfolio assets

\$1.1 billion

### Credit/obligor exposure

- Cargill, Inc.
  - TD Bank, N.A.
  - Pacificorp
  - Nuveen AMT-Free Municipal Credit Income Fund
  - Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.
  - Nuveen Enhanced AMT-Free Quality Municipal Income Fund
  - Florida Power & Light Co.
  - Alabama Power Co.
  - Nuveen New York AMT-Free Quality Municipal Income Fund
  - JEA, FL Electric System
- Total % of Portfolio: 53.61%

### Share class statistics

#### Inception date

2/26/16

#### Federated Hermes fund number

42

#### Cut-off times

- 1:00 p.m. ET — purchases
- 1:00 p.m. ET — redemptions

#### Strike times

1:00 p.m. ET

#### Dividends

Declared daily/paid monthly

Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return will vary. An investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. To view performance current to the most recent month-end, contact us or visit [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com).

The investment advisor is waiving all or a portion of its management fee, or reimbursing certain operating expenses to the fund, pursuant to its investment advisory agreement with the fund. Shareholders must approve any change to this waiver. Although not contractually obligated to do so, the advisor and/or certain fund service providers waived all or a portion of their fees. These voluntary waivers and reimbursements may be modified or terminated at any time; accordingly, the fund's expenses may vary (i.e., increase or decrease) during the fund's fiscal year. These waivers increase income to the fund and result in a higher return to investors.

Otherwise, the 7-day yield would have been -0.24% and total return would have been lower.

Total return represents the change in value of an investment after reinvesting all income and capital gains. Yield quotations more closely reflect the current earnings of the fund than the total return quotation.

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### Portfolio manager commentary

A volatile fourth quarter provided a fitting end to 2020. As the cooler weather sent more people inside, the long-dreaded second wave of Covid-19 arrived. Despite the spike of new infections, state and local governments did not mandate the same widespread shutdowns seen in March. A common strategy was to target certain types of businesses, such as entertainment venues and restaurants. These less stringent measures mitigated the economic damage of the resurgence, though they still muted improvement in some activity, including the progress made by the labor market. Many Americans remained unemployed as businesses slowed their pace of rehiring employees. Calls grew for Congress to deliver another round of fiscal stimulus, as many months had passed since the CARES Act in March. The Federal Reserve in particular, made clear that government action was needed to complement its aggressive monetary policy. These entreaties were not heeded in the first two months of the quarter, shelved by the politically charged atmosphere of the national election.

In its last Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting of the year, policymakers left the target range of the federal funds rate at 0-0.25%, and all FOMC participants projected it to remain in this range throughout 2021. They also announced that the Fed will continue the asset-purchase program at the current pace. In response to the Treasury Department's decision to let most of the emergency lending facilities expire at the end of

the year, the Fed aggressively argued that these programs still were needed to support an economy struggling to recover.

As the reporting period came to a close, the U.S. FDA approved the use of two Covid-19 vaccines, bringing hope that the pandemic might soon end. The rollout began with health-care professionals and other frontline workers, with plans to expand to the greater population in the coming months. The wait for more fiscal support ended when Congress passed a \$900 billion relief bill, although the amount of payments to Americans remained under debate.

The ability of many state and local governments to rely on financial reserves and expenditure cuts along with pockets of surprising revenue resilience improved the outlook for budgetary imbalances in the quarter. While Congress' relief package did not include direct aid to them, it targeted sectors crucial to municipalities, so the expected rise in economic activity stemming from the stimulus should produce indirect benefits.

The SIFMA Municipal Swap Index yield ended the quarter at 0.09%. Treasury yields ended the quarter with 1-month at 0.05%, 3-month at 0.08%, 6-month at 0.09%, and 12-month at 0.11%. The London interbank offered rate (Libor) ended the quarter with 1-month at 0.14%, 3-month at 0.24%, 6-month at 0.26% and 12-month at 0.34%.

*You could lose money by investing in this fund. Because the share price of this fund will fluctuate, when you sell your shares, they may be worth more or less than what you originally paid for them. The fund may impose a fee upon the sale of your shares or may temporarily suspend your ability to sell shares if the fund's liquidity falls below required minimums because of market conditions or other factors. An investment in the fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The fund's sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to the fund, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the fund at any time.*

*Performance shown is for Institutional Shares. The fund offers an additional share class whose performance will vary due to differences in charges and expenses. Please consult your financial institution regarding your eligibility to purchase this class.*

*As of June 29, 2020, the fund was renamed Federated Hermes Institutional Tax-Free Cash Trust.*

### A word about risk

The fund's investment advisor normally will invest assets entirely in securities whose interest is not subject to (or not a specific preference item for purposes of) the AMT, such that, normally, distributions of annual interest income also are exempt from the AMT. However, in certain circumstances to pursue the fund's investment objective, the Advisor may invest the fund's assets in securities that may be subject to the AMT. In such circumstances, interest from the fund's investments may be subject to the AMT. Consult your tax professional for more information.

Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

### Definitions

At Federated Hermes, integrating ESG factors means including relevant and financially material environmental, social and governance information in the analysis of a security/issuer. ESG factors are used as qualitative insights with the goal of improving portfolio risk/reward characteristics and prospects for long-term outperformance. ESG investing does not automatically exclude issuers or sectors, but rather attempts to mitigate risks by identifying companies exhibiting positive (or negative) ESG policies and behaviors.

**Net yields** are based on the average daily income dividend and average net asset value for the 7 days ended on the date of calculation. The 7-day net annualized yield is based on the average net income per share for the 7 days ended on the date of calculation and the offering price on that date.

**The fund is a managed portfolio** and its holdings are subject to change.

**The holdings percentages** are based on net assets at the close of business on 12/31/20 and may not necessarily reflect adjustments that are routinely made when presenting net assets for formal financial statement purposes.

**Weighted average maturity** is the mean average of the periods of time remaining until the securities held in the fund's portfolio (a) are scheduled to be repaid, (b) would be repaid upon a demand by the fund or (c) are scheduled to have their interest rate readjusted to reflect current market rates. Securities with adjustable rates payable upon demand are treated as maturing on the earlier of the two dates if their scheduled maturity is 397 days or less, and the later of the two dates if their scheduled maturity is more than 397 days. The mean is weighted based on the percentage of the amortized cost of the portfolio invested in each period.

**Weighted average life** is calculated in the same manner as the Weighted average maturity (WAM), but is based solely on the periods of time remaining until the securities held in the fund's portfolio (a) are scheduled to be repaid or (b) would be repaid upon a demand by the fund without reference to when interest rates of securities within the fund are scheduled to be readjusted.

Variable rate demand notes are tax-exempt securities that require the issuer or a third party, such as a dealer or bank, to repurchase the security for its face value upon demand. The securities also pay interest at a variable rate intended to cause the securities to trade at their face value.

### Ratings and rating agencies

Ratings are based on an evaluation of several factors, including credit quality, diversification and maturity of assets in the portfolio, as well as management strength and operational capabilities. A money market fund rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's is granted after evaluating a number of factors, including credit quality, market price, exposure and management. Fitch's money market fund ratings are an assessment of a money market fund's capacity to preserve principal and provide liquidity through limiting credit, market and liquidity risk. For more information on credit ratings, visit [standardandpoors.com](http://standardandpoors.com) and [fitchratings.com](http://fitchratings.com).

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Credit ratings do not provide assurance against default or other loss of money and can change.