

# Federated Hermes Municipal Obligations Fund

## Capital Shares

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### Product highlights

- Pursues current income exempt from federal regular income tax, consistent with stability of principal.
- Invests primarily in short-term, high-quality, tax-exempt securities.
- 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.
- May also invest in higher-yielding securities subject to the federal Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT); investors not sensitive to AMT may potentially enjoy higher, non-taxable income.

### Portfolio manager(s)

Mary Jo Ochson  
Kyle Stewart

### Portfolio assets

\$4.1 billion

### Credit/obligor exposure

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.  
Flint Hills Resources LLC  
Invesco Municipal Opportunity Trust  
Nucor Corp.  
New England Power Co.  
Nuveen Quality Municipal Income Fund  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
Nuveen Municipal Credit Opportunities Fund  
Barclays Bank plc  
Alabama Power Co.

Total % of Portfolio: 40.12%

### Share class statistics

#### Inception date

2/8/93

#### Federated Hermes fund number

858

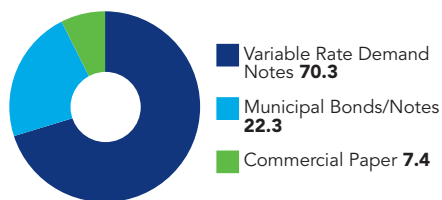
#### Cut-off times

3:00 p.m. ET — purchases  
12:00 p.m. ET — redemptions

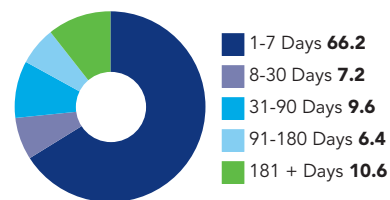
#### Dividends

Declared daily/paid monthly

### Portfolio composition (%)



### Effective maturity schedule (%)



### Weighted average maturity

47 Days

### Weighted average life

47 Days

### Fund performance

Net yields (%)		Total return (%)												
7-day	0.06	1-year	0.77											
Annualized yields (%)		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	
7-day		1.07	1.00	1.33	0.81	1.01	3.33	0.41	0.30	0.21	0.23	0.08	0.06	

**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).**

Although not contractually obligated to do so, the advisor and/or certain fund service providers waived all or a portion of their fees or reimbursed the fund for certain operating expenses. 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 -.03% 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

Hope for a “V” shaped recovery from the coronavirus-induced shutdown sank in the third quarter due to a resurgence in cases. While the reaction of businesses and authorities was not as severe as in the depths of the crisis—companies and authorities found ways to stay open by mitigating exposure—improvements in economic activity and employment seen earlier in the summer slowed.

The spike in Covid-19 cases was not the only reason for the slowdown. Politics played an outsized role when lawmakers and the Trump administration could not agree on the terms of another stimulus package. The potential funding, which many economists felt would translate into more consumer spending and boost the recovery, got wrapped up in the divisiveness of the march to the presidential election.

Without fiscal support, the Federal Reserve again was the guiding light. In the course of adjusting its special purpose vehicles (including extending the Money Market Mutual Fund Liquidity Facility and the Commercial Paper Funding Facility), providing forward guidance and purchasing government securities, it clearly articulated its position, which included continued rejection of negative rates. But the Fed’s most substantial act came in August when Chair Jerome Powell unveiled a significant change in monetary policy: a modification of its “Statement on Longer-Run Goals

and Monetary Policy Strategy.” This document frames everything U.S. policymakers do, and it isn’t updated often, the last major shift happened in 2012.

The new framework puts an increased emphasis on fostering employment, one of the Fed’s two Congressional mandates. The other is to corral inflation, which the Fed has defined as 2%. Policymakers now say they will tolerate a temporary rise above that level if it is caused by a strong labor market. Expressed in their rate policy, they will refrain from raising them from the current target range of 0-0.25% until economic conditions are not just good, but robust.

With the delay in the tax deadline, the tax-free space in July witnessed a softer impact from the annual robust reinvestment demand as the municipal money markets essentially experienced a typical amount of redemptions, but with a 3-month lag.

Treasury yields ended the month with 1-month at 0.08%, 3-month at 0.11%, 6-month at 0.11% and 12-month at 0.13%. Libor ended the month with 1-month at 0.15%, 3-month at 0.23%, 6-month at 0.26% and 12-month at 0.36%. SIFMA ended the quarter at 0.11%.

*You could lose money by investing in the fund. Although the fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it cannot guarantee it will do so. 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 Capital Shares. The fund offers additional share classes whose performance will vary due to differences in charges and expenses. Please consult your financial institution regarding your eligibility to purchase these classes.*

*As of June 29, 2020, the fund was renamed Federated Hermes Municipal Obligations Fund.*

### A word about risk

Income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax and state and local taxes.

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 9/30/20 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.