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## Ratings

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#### Principal Stability Fund Ratings Definitions

AAAm A fund rated 'AAAm' demonstrates extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk.
'AAAm' is the highest principal stability fund rating assigned by S&P Global

**AAm** A fund rated 'AAm' demonstrates very strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. It differs from the highest-rated funds only to a small degree.

Am A fund rated 'Am' demonstrates strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk, but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than funds in higher-rated categories

BBBm A fund rated 'BBBm' demonstrates adequate capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a reduced capacity to maintain principal stability.

BBm A fund rated 'BBm' demonstrates speculative characteristics and uncertain capacity to maintain principal stability. It is vulnerable to principal losses due to credit risk. While such funds will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

**Dm** A fund rated 'Dm' has failed to maintain principal stability resulting in a realized or unrealized loss of principal.

POOL PROFILE

# **TEXPOOL**

#### About the Pool

Pool Rating AAAm
Pool Type Stable NAV Government
Investment Pool

Investment Adviser Federated Hermes, Inc.

Portfolio Manager Susan R. Hill, CFA

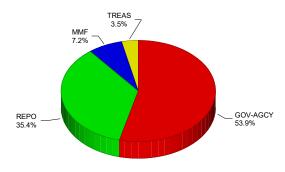
(Since 2002)

Pool Rated Since March 1995 Custodian State Street Bank

Distributor Federated Securities Corp.

#### Portfolio Composition as of March 30, 2023

March 30, 2023



GOV-AGCY - Agency and Government; REPO - Repurchase Agreement; MMF - Money Market Fund; TREAS - Treasury

#### Rationale

S&P Global rates TEXPOOL 'AAAm'. This is S&P Global's highest principal stability fund rating and is based on an analysis of the pool's investment portfolio and guidelines, market price exposure, and management. The rating signifies our forward-looking opinion about a fixed-income fund's ability to maintain principal value (i.e., stable net asset value, or 'NAV'). TEXPOOL has a very conservative investment policy, which is in line with Rule 2a-7 money-market practices. To ensure an accurate and current rating, S&P Global monitors pertinent pool information, including its portfolio holdings, on a weekly basis.

#### Overview

TEXPOOL is a local government investment pool. It offers a safe, efficient and liquid investment alternative to local governments in the state of Texas. The primary objectives of the pool are to preserve capital and protect principal, maintain sufficient liquidity, provide safety of funds and investments, diversify to avoid unreasonable or avoidable risks, and maximize the return on the pool. Cities, counties, school districts, institutions of higher education, special districts, and other public entities of Texas make up the investor base.

#### Management

TEXPOOL was originally rated in March 1995, but effective April 2002, the Texas comptroller contracted with Federated Hermes, Inc. for the day-to-day operations of TEXPOOL. Federated Hermes, Inc. performs the pool's investment management and custodial functions. It also provides the marketing function, working closely with participants. Federated Securities Corp. acts as the distributor for the portfolio. Oversight of TEXPOOL continues to be provided by the Texas comptroller of public accounts, as well as the TEXPOOL advisory board. In January 1995, the advisory board adopted and implemented long-term policy changes to

provide for a stable net asset value (NAV) pool, which, in effect, operates like an SEC regulated Rule 2a-7 money-market fund. These changes were made to ensure a more conservative investment strategy and to provide a much higher level of investment safety for local government funds.

#### **Portfolio Assets**

The pool invests a majority of its assets in repurchase agreements contracted with highly-rated counterparties, with the remainder of the portfolio invested in fixed rate or floating rate U.S. agency securities. In order to meet the liquidity needs of the pool's shareholder base and to limit its exposure to significant market price fluctuations occurring during periods of volatile interest rate movements, the weighted average maturity to reset (WAM(R)) of the pool's assets is limited to 60 days or less.

Plus (+) or Minus (-)

The ratings may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.

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Participants should consider the investment objectives, risks and charges and expenses of the pool before investing. The investment guidelines which can be obtained from your broker-dealer, contain this and other information about the pool and should be read carefully before investing.

### Principal Stability Rating TEXPOOL AAAm

#### Principal Stability Rating Approach and Criteria

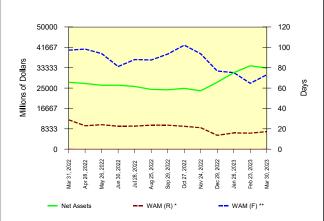
A S&P Global Ratings principal stability fund rating, also known as a "money market fund rating", is a forward-looking opinion about a fixed income fund's capacity to maintain stable principal (net asset value). When assigning a principal stability rating to a fund, S&P Global Ratings analysis focuses primarily on the creditworthiness of the fund's investments and counterparties, and also its investments' maturity structure and management's ability and policies to maintain the fund's stable net asset value. Principal stability fund ratings are assigned to funds that seek to maintain a stable or an accumulating net asset value.

Generally, when faced with an unanticipated level of redemption requests during periods of high market stress, the manager of any fund may suspend redemptions for up to five business days or meet redemption requests with payments in-kind in lieu of cash. A temporary suspension of redemptions or meeting redemption requests with distributions in-kind does not constitute a failure to maintain stable net asset values However, higher rated funds are expected to have stronger capacities to pay investor redemptions in cash during times of high market stress because they generally comprise shorter maturity and higher quality investments.

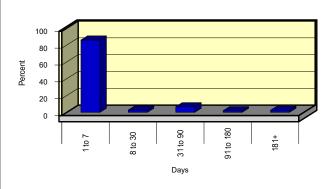
Principal stability fund ratings, or money market fund ratings, are identified by the 'm' suffix (e.g., 'AAAm') to distinguish the principal stability rating from a S&P Global Ratings traditional issue or issuer credit rating. A traditional issue or issuer credit rating reflects S&P Global Ratings view of a borrower's ability to meet its financial obligations. Principal stability fund ratings are not commentaries on yield levels.

## Data Bank as of March 30, 2023

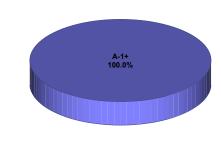
#### Net Assets, WAM (R) and WAM (F)



#### Portfolio Maturity Distribution as of March 30, 2023

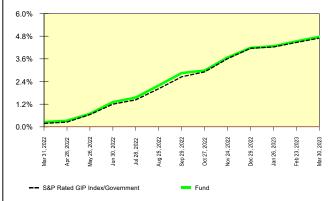


#### Portfolio Credit Quality as of March 30, 2023 \*



\*As assessed by S&P Global Ratings

#### Portfolio 7 Day Net-Yield Comparison \*



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Pool portfolios are monitored weekly for developments that could cause changes in the ratings. Rating decisions are based on periodic meetings with senior pool executives and public information.

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