

# Federated Hermes Institutional Tax-Free Cash Trust

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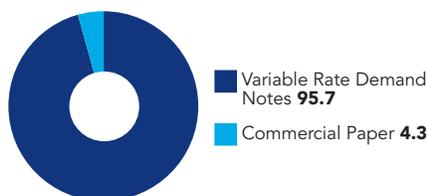
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### Product highlights

- 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	0.02	1-year	0.74									
Annualized yields (%)												
7-day	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
	1.05	0.97	1.47	0.77	1.02	4.16	0.10	0.05	0.03	0.07	0.01	0.02

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 -.16% 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.

### Portfolio manager(s)

Michael Sirianni  
Kyle Stewart

### Credit ratings

AAAM S&P

AAAMmf Fitch

### Portfolio assets

\$910.5 million

### Credit/obligor exposure

Cargill, Inc.

Pacificorp

Nuveen AMT-Free Municipal Credit Income Fund

Nuveen Enhanced AMT-Free Quality Municipal Income Fund

Gulf Power Co.

Nuveen New York AMT-Free Quality Municipal Income Fund

Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.

Florida Power & Light Co.

Georgia-Pacific LLC

Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.

Total % of Portfolio: 61.47%

### Share class statistics

#### Inception date

3/12/79

#### Federated Hermes fund number

73

#### 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

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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 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 Premier 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 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.

### 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).

Ratings are subject to change and do not remove market risk.

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