

# Federated Hermes Government Obligations Fund

## Advisor Shares

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### Product highlights

- Complies with Rule 2a-7 definition of a government money market fund.
- Not subject to liquidity fees.
- Pursues current income consistent with stability of principal and liquidity.
- Invests primarily in short-term US Treasury and government securities, and repurchase agreements collateralized by US Treasury and government agency securities for a higher yield potential than a Treasury-exclusive portfolio.
- Holds AAAM, Aaa-mf and AAAMmf ratings from S&P Global Ratings, Moody's and Fitch, respectively.
- Gives investors more time to complete daily cash processing and initiate late-day deposit transactions through 5pm ET cut-off time for purchases and redemptions.

### Key investment team

Susan Hill, CFA  
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### Credit ratings

**AAAm** S&P Global Ratings

**Aaa-mf** Moody's

**AAAMmf** Fitch

### Portfolio assets

\$167.3 billion

### Share class statistics

#### Inception date

1/18/19

#### Federated Hermes fund number

484

#### Cut-off times

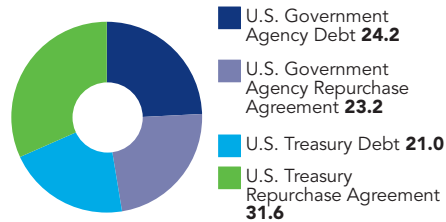
5:00 pm ET — purchases

5:00 pm ET — redemptions

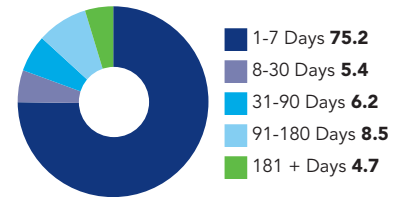
#### Dividends

Declared daily/paid monthly

### Portfolio composition (%)



### Effective maturity schedule (%)



### 2a-7 liquidity

Daily 60.95%

Weekly 75.72%

### Weighted average maturity

27 Days

### Weighted average life

92 Days

### Fund performance

Net yield (%)		Total return (%)										
7-day	4.84	1-year	5.36									
Annualized yields (%)												
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
7-day	5.26	5.28	5.28	5.26	5.23	5.24	5.22	5.23	5.23	5.24	5.21	4.84

**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 [FederatedHermes.com/us](https://FederatedHermes.com/us).**

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 4.76% 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.

Prior to April 2, 2024, Rule 2a-7 required that money market funds maintain at least 10% daily liquidity assets and at least 30% weekly liquidity assets. Effective April 2, 2024, the daily and weekly liquid assets thresholds increased to 25% and 50%, respectively. Both requirements are "point of purchase" requirements. Thus, it is possible that money market funds may, at any given time, have liquidity percentages reflecting less than the daily and weekly liquidity asset thresholds. In such circumstances, the portfolio manager will be required to purchase securities to meet the requisite liquidity thresholds prior to purchasing longer-dated securities. Additionally, the SEC requirements for what may be defined as "daily" and "weekly" differs from the standard maturities used in calculating the "Effective Maturity Schedule." Therefore, the percentages in the 2a-7 Liquidity table will generally not equal the amounts shown in the "Effective Maturity Schedule."



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### Portfolio manager commentary

After staying in neutral for the first half of 2024, the Federal Reserve shifted into gear and hit the accelerator in the third quarter.

The reporting period opened with policymakers concerned they were holding interest rates too high but not worried enough to lower them. The caution stemmed from the pause earlier in the year in what had been inflation's orderly decline from four-decade highs in 2022. In its July meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) kept the fed funds target range at 5.25-5.5%, the level at which it had sat for a year. Chair Jerome Powell repeated the message that the Summary of Economic Projections (SEP) provided in June, namely that officials forecasted they would likely cut rates by a quarter percentage point by year-end. That prediction suggested they envisioned inflation would not only decrease again in a sustainable manner, but also that it would come close enough to the Fed's long-held target of 2% to declare victory. But Powell presented a twist: policymakers are now concerned more about the U.S. employment situation. "As the labor market has cooled and inflation has declined, the risks to achieving our employment and inflation goals continue to move into better balance." The Fed was finally seeing the other half of its mandate display the sort of weakness that typically would demand a cut. In other words, Powell had become concerned that further weakening in the labor market could precipitate a recession he believed avoidable.

With no FOMC meeting on the schedule in August, attention turned to Jackson Hole, Wyo., the site of the Fed's annual central bank symposium. In his keynote address, Powell indicated that he was troubled by the Labor Department's unexpectedly large downward revision of previous employment data, which could mean the economy weakened more than previously thought: "The time has come for policy to adjust." The clarity of this statement startled the markets, which entertained the notion that the first cut might not only come at the September FOMC meeting, but also be of the larger half-point variety. That proved true, as the first cut was 50 basis points, shifting the target range to 4.75-5%. But the new SEP did not suggest as much conviction to ease quickly as that big step implied. In its 'dot plot' members predicted they would only enact a quarter-point cut in each of the remaining meetings. Also, one of the voters dissented, the first by a governor since 2005.

The Fed continues to allow \$25 billion of Treasuries and \$35 billion of mortgage-backed securities to mature without replacing them and held the Reverse Repo Facility at a level 10 basis points above the fed funds lower bound.

At the end of the quarter, yields on 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month U.S. Treasuries were 4.83%, 4.62%, 4.42% and 4.01%, respectively.

*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. An investment in the fund is not a bank account and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The fund's sponsor is not required to reimburse the fund for losses, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the fund at any time, including during periods of market stress.*

*Government money market funds are not required to adopt a liquidity fee framework.*

*Performance shown is for Advisor 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.*

#### A word about risk

Fund shares are not guaranteed by the U.S. government. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

#### Definitions

**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. Holdings percentages are based on net assets at the close of business on the date above, 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.

**Repurchase agreements** consist of a financial institution selling securities to a fund and agreeing to repurchase them at a mutually agreed upon price and time.

#### 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 S&P Global Ratings is granted after evaluating a number of factors, including credit quality, market price, exposure and management. Money market funds rated Aaa-mf by Moody's are judged to be of an investment quality similar to Aaa-rated fixed income obligations, that is, they are judged to be of the best quality. 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 [spglobal.com](http://spglobal.com), [moody.com](http://moody.com) and [fitchratings.com](http://fitchratings.com).

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