

PUTNAM MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST

Form N-Q

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF
REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number: (811-07626)

Exact name of registrant as specified in charter: Putnam Municipal Opportunities Trust

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Date of fiscal year end: April 30, 2018

Date of reporting period: July 31, 2017

Item 1. Schedule of
Investments:

Putnam Municipal Opportunities Trust

The fund's portfolio 7/31/17 (Unaudited)

Key to holding's abbreviations

ABAG — Association Of Bay Area Governments

AGC — Assured Guaranty Corp.

AGM — Assured Guaranty Municipal Corporation

AMBAC — AMBAC Indemnity Corporation

BAM — Build America Mutual

COP — Certificates of Participation

FGIC — Financial Guaranty Insurance Company

FRB — Floating Rate Bonds: the rate shown is the current interest rate at the close of the reporting period

FRN — Floating Rate Notes: the rate shown is the current interest rate or yield at the close of the reporting period

G.O. Bonds — General Obligation Bonds

IFB — Inverse Floating Rate Bonds, which are securities that pay interest rates that vary inversely to changes in the market interest rates. As interest rates rise, inverse floaters produce less current income. The rate shown is the current interest rate at the close of the reporting period.

NATL — National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.

PSFG — Permanent School Fund Guaranteed

U.S. Govt. Coll. — U.S. Government Collateralized

VRDN — Variable Rate Demand Notes, which are floating-rate securities with long-term maturities that carry coupons that reset and are payable upon demand either daily, weekly or monthly. The rate shown is the current interest rate at the close of the reporting period.

MUNICIPAL BONDS AND NOTES (142.0%)(a)

Rating^(RAT)

**Principal
amount**

Value

Notes to the fund's portfolio

Unless noted otherwise, the notes to the fund's portfolio are for the close of the fund's reporting period, which ran from May 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017 (the reporting period). Within the following notes to the portfolio, references to "ASC 820" represent Accounting Standards Codification 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, references to "Putnam Management" represent Putnam Investment Management, LLC, the fund's manager, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Putnam Investments, LLC and references to "OTC", if any, represent over-the-counter.

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- (a) Percentages indicated are based on net assets of \$501,376,754.
- (RAT) The Moody's, Standard & Poor's or Fitch ratings indicated are believed to be the most recent ratings available at the close of the reporting period for the securities listed. Ratings are generally ascribed to securities at the time of issuance. While the agencies may from time to time revise such ratings, they undertake no obligation to do so, and the ratings do not necessarily represent what the agencies would ascribe to these securities at the close of the reporting period. Securities rated by Fitch are indicated by "/F." Securities rated by Putnam are indicated by "/P." The Putnam rating categories are comparable to the Standard & Poor's classifications. If a security is insured, it will usually be rated by the ratings organizations based on the financial strength of the insurer.
- (b) The aggregate identified cost on a tax basis is \$663,027,462, resulting in gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of \$51,430,541 and \$2,567,137, respectively, or net unrealized appreciation of \$48,863,404.
- (NON) This security is non-income-producing.
- (FWC) Forward commitment, in part or in entirety.
- (F) This security is valued by Putnam Management at fair value following procedures approved by the Trustees. Securities may be classified as Level 2 or Level 3 for ASC 820 based on the securities' valuation inputs.
- (T) Underlying security in a tender option bond transaction. This security has been segregated as collateral for financing transactions.

At the close of the reporting period, the fund maintained liquid assets totaling \$43,271,060 to cover tender option bonds.

144A after the name of an issuer represents securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

On Mandatory Put Bonds, the rates shown are the current interest rates at the close of the reporting period and the dates shown represent the next mandatory put dates.

The dates shown parenthetically on prerefunded bonds represent the next prerefunding dates.

The dates shown on debt obligations are the original maturity dates.

The fund had the following sector concentrations greater than 10% at the close of the reporting period (as a percentage of net assets):

Transportation	23.2%
Health care	20.2
Utilities	16.6
Prerefunded	15.2
State debt	14.5
Tax bonds	13.5
Local debt	11.1

Tender option bond transactions: The fund may participate in transactions whereby a fixed-rate bond is transferred to a tender option bond trust (TOB trust) sponsored by a broker. The TOB trust funds the purchase of the fixed rate bonds by issuing floating-rate bonds issued to third parties and allowing the fund to retain the residual interest in the TOB trust's assets and cash flows, which are in the form of inverse floating rate bonds. The inverse floating rate bonds held by the fund give the fund the right to (1) cause the holders of the floating rate bonds to tender their notes at par, and (2) to have the fixed-rate bond held by the TOB trust transferred to the fund, causing the TOB trust to collapse. The fund accounts for the transfer of the fixed-rate bond to the TOB trust as a secured borrowing by including the fixed-rate bond in The fund's portfolio and including the floating rate bond as a liability in the Statement of assets and liabilities. At the close of the reporting period, the fund's investments with a value of \$78,348,416 were held by the TOB trust and served as collateral for \$35,077,358 in floating-rate bonds outstanding. During the reporting period, the fund incurred interest expense of \$71,276 for these investments based on an average interest rate of 0.66%.

ASC 820 establishes a three-level hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of the fund's investments. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1: Valuations based on quoted prices for identical securities in active markets.

Level 2: Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the fund's net assets as of the close of the reporting period:

	Valuation inputs		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments in securities:			
Municipal bonds and notes	\$—	\$711,858,260	\$32,606
Totals by level	\$—	\$711,858,260	\$32,606

Item 2. Controls and Procedures:

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded, based on their evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the design and operation of such procedures are generally effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.

(b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting: Not applicable

Item 3. Exhibits:

Separate certifications for the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Putnam Municipal Opportunities Trust

By (Signature and Title):

/s/ Janet C. Smith

Janet C. Smith

Principal Accounting Officer

Date: September 29, 2017

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title):

/s/ Jonathan S. Horwitz

Jonathan S. Horwitz

Principal Executive Officer

Date: September 29, 2017

By (Signature and Title):

/s/ Janet C. Smith

Janet C. Smith

Principal Financial Officer

Date: September 29, 2017