

PUTNAM MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST
Form SC 13D/A
August 25, 2017

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 01)*

Putnam Municipal Opportunities Trust

(Name of Issuer)

Auction Rate Preferred

(Title of Class of Securities)

746922

(CUSIP Number)

Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America Corporate Center, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

August 23, 2017

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box. ☐

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* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter

disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

1 BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/
56-0906609

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2 (a) o
(b) x

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 OO

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(e) or 2(f) o

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON WITH

8

5,222

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

5,222

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 5,222

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES o

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 94.11%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 HC

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

1 Bank of America, N.A.
94-1687665

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2 (a) o
(b) x

SEC USE ONLY

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 oo

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

661

NUMBER OF SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON WITH

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

661

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 661

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12 o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 11.91%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 BK

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

1 Blue Ridge Investments, L.L.C.

56-1970824

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(a) o

2 (b) x

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 oo

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

4,557

NUMBER OF SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON WITH

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

4,557

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 4,557

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12 o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 82.12%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 oo

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

1 Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith Inc
13-5674085

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) o

2 (b) x

SEC USE ONLY

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 oo

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

NUMBER OF SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON WITH

4

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

4

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 4

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12 o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 0.07%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 oo

Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Statement on Schedule 13D (this "Statement") relates to the ownership of auction rate preferred shares ("ARPS") of The Putnam Municipal Opportunities Trust (the "Issuer"). This Amendment is being filed by the Reporting Persons (as defined below) as a result of the repurchase and retirement of the Issuer's ARPS by the Issuer that caused the Reporting Persons ownership to increase. The Issuer's principal executive offices are located at One Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109.

All series of ARPS issued by the Issuer that vote together as a single class are treated as one class.

Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) This Statement is being filed on behalf of each of the following persons (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"):

- i. Bank of America Corporation ("BAC")
- ii. Bank of America, N.A. ("BANA")
- ii. Blue Ridge Investments, L.L.C. ("Blue Ridge")
- iii. Merrill Lynch Fenner & Smith Incorporation ("Merrill Lynch")

This Statement relates to the ARPS that are held for the accounts of BANA, Blue Ridge, and Merrill Lynch

(b) The address of the principal business office of BAC is:

Bank of America Corporate Center
100 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255

The address of the principal business office of BANA is:

101 South Tryon Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255

The address of the principal business office of BlueRidge is:

One Bryant Park, New York, NY 10036

The address of the principal business office of Merrill Lynch is:

4 World Financial Center
North Tower
New York, NY 10080

(c) BAC, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, BANA, Merrill Lynch and Blue Ridge, is engaged in providing a diverse range of financial services and products. Since settlements with the Securities and Exchange Commission and certain state agencies in 2008, Merrill Lynch and certain predecessors have worked with their customers and issuers of auction rate preferred securities to provide liquidity to the auction rate preferred securities market. This has included purchasing auction rate preferred securities from their customers and working with issuers so that they are able to redeem outstanding auction rate preferred securities. BAC's efforts to work with issuers continue and may include working with the Issuer in the future.

- (d) Other than as set forth on Schedule II, during the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons, and to the best knowledge of the Reporting Persons, none of the Listed Persons, have been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which such person was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws, or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (e) Other than as set forth on Schedule II, during the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons, and to the best knowledge of the Reporting Persons, none of the Listed Persons, have been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which such person was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws, or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) BAC – Delaware
BANA – Delaware
Blue Ridge – Delaware
Merrill Lynch - Delaware

Information concerning each executive officer, director and controlling person (the “Listed Persons”) of the Reporting Persons is listed on Schedule I attached hereto, and is incorporated by reference herein. To the knowledge of the Reporting Persons, all of the Listed Persons are citizens of the United States, other than as otherwise specified on Schedule I hereto.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

No funds of the Reporting Persons were used in the Issuer's repurchase of the ARPS.

The Reporting Persons declare that neither the filing of this Statement nor anything herein shall be construed as an admission that such person is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act or any other purpose, (i) acting (or has agreed or is agreeing to act together with any other person) as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate, or other group for the purpose of acquiring, holding or disposing of securities of the Company or otherwise with respect to the Company or any securities of the Company or (ii) a member of any group with respect to the Company or any securities of the Company.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

On August 23, 2017, the Reporting Persons percentage ownership of the Issuer's ARPS increased as a result of ARPS repurchased and retired by the Issuer.

- (a) See Item 4 above
- (b) See Item 4 above
- (c) See Item 4 above
- (d) See Item 4 above
- (e) See Item 4 above

- (f) See Item 4 above
- (g) See Item 4 above
- (h) See Item 4 above
- (i) See Item 4 above
- (j) See Item 4 above

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

- (a) The responses of the Reporting Persons to Rows (7) through (11) of the cover pages of this Statement are incorporated herein by reference
- (b) The responses of the Reporting Persons to Rows (7) through (11) of the cover pages of this Statement are incorporated herein by reference
- (c) The responses of the Reporting Persons in Item 3 and Item 4 are incorporated herein by reference.

Transaction Date	Shares or Units Purchased (Sold)	Price Per Share or Unit
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- (d) No other person is known by the Reporting Persons to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, ARPS that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons.
- (e) Not applicable

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

The responses of the Reporting Persons to Item 4 are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 Joint Filing Agreement

99.2 Limited Power of Attorney

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Bank of America Corporation

August 25, 2017

By: /s/ Ronnie Ojera
Attorney-in-fact

Bank of America, N.A.

August 25, 2017

By: /s/ Ronnie Ojera
Attorney-in-fact

Blue Ridge Investments, L.L.C.

August 25, 2017

By: /s/ Mary Kressler
Vice President

Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith Inc

August 25, 2017

By: /s/ Ronnie Ojera
Attorney-in-fact

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative (other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement: provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

Footnotes:

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)
