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Washington, D.C. 20549

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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED

MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act File Number: 811-22269

Eaton Vance National Municipal Opportunities Trust

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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March 31

Date of Fiscal Year End

September 30, 2013

Date of Reporting Period

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders

Eaton Vance National Municipal Opportunities Trust (EOT)

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Commodity Futures Trading Commission Registration. Effective December 31, 2012, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) adopted certain regulatory changes that subject registered investment companies and advisers to regulation by the CFTC if a fund invests more than a prescribed level of its assets in certain CFTC-regulated instruments (including futures, certain options and swap agreements) or markets itself as providing investment exposure to such instruments. The Fund has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term commodity pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act and is not subject to the CFTC regulation. Because of its management of other strategies, the Fund s adviser is registered with the CFTC as a commodity pool operator.

Fund shares are not insured by the FDIC and are not deposits or other obligations of, or guaranteed by, any depository institution. Shares are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of principal invested.

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Performance^{1,2}

Portfolio Managers Cynthia J. Clemson and Thomas M. Metzold, CFA

Inception Date 05/29/2009	Six Months 6.32%	One Year 4.26%	Five Years	Inc	eption
05/29/2009	6 32%	1 260%			
	0.5270	4.20%			7.94%
	13.29	14.71			5.55
	6.41%	5.06%	7.24%		6.52%
					9.27%
				\$	0.515
					4.97%
					8.78%
					5.48%
					9.68%
					6.41% 5.06% 7.24%

70 Total Levelage	
Residual Interest Bond (RIB)	13.39%
Fund Profile	

The above chart includes the ratings of securities held by special purpose vehicles established in connection with the RIB financing.⁵ Absent such securities, credit quality (% of total investments) is as follows:⁶

AAA	3.3%	BB	3.2%
AA	26.2	В	7.0
А	32.5	Not Rated	2.4
BBB	25.4		

See Endnotes and Additional Disclosures in this report.

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Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value (NAV) or market price (as applicable) with all distributions reinvested and includes management fees and other expenses. Fund performance at market price will differ from its results at NAV due to factors such as changing perceptions about the Fund, market conditions, fluctuations in supply and demand for Fund shares, or changes in Fund distributions. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance less than one year is cumulative. Performance is for the stated time period only; due to market volatility, current Fund performance may be lower or higher than the quoted return. For performance as of the most recent month end, please refer to www.eatonvance.com.

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Endnotes and Additional Disclosures

- ¹ Barclays Long (22+) Year Municipal Bond Index is an unmanaged index of municipal bonds traded in the U.S. with maturities of 22 years or more. Unless otherwise stated, index returns do not reflect the effect of any applicable sales charges, commissions, expenses, taxes or leverage, as applicable. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.
- ² Performance results reflect the effects of leverage. Performance since inception for an index, if presented, is the performance since the Fund s or oldest share class inception, as applicable.
- ³ The shares of the Fund often trade at a discount or premium from their net asset value. The discount or premium of the Fund may vary over time and may be higher or lower than what is quoted in this report. For up-to-date premium/discount information, please refer to <u>http://eatonvance.com/closedend</u>.
- ⁴ The Distribution Rate is based on the Fund s last regular distribution per share in the period (annualized) divided by the Fund s NAV or market price at the end of the period. The Fund s distributions may be comprised of amounts characterized for federal income tax purposes as tax-exempt income, ordinary income, net realized capital gains and nondividend distributions, also known as return of capital. For additional information about nondividend distributions, please refer to Eaton Vance Closed-End Fund Distribution Notices (19a) posted on our website, eatonvance.com. The Fund will determine the federal income tax character of distributions paid to a shareholder after the end of the calendar year. This is reported on the IRS form 1099-DIV and provided to the shareholder shortly after each year-end. The Fund s distributions are determined by the investment adviser based on its current assessment of the Fund s long-term return potential. As portfolio and market conditions change, the rate of distributions paid by the Fund could change. Taxable-equivalent performance is based on the highest combined federal and state income tax rates, where applicable. Lower tax rates would result in lower tax-equivalent performance. Actual tax rates will vary depending on your income, exemptions and deductions. Rates do not include local taxes.
- ⁵ Fund employs RIB financing. The leverage created by RIB investments provides an opportunity for increased income but, at the same time, creates special risks (including the likelihood of greater price volatility). The cost of leverage rises and falls with changes in short-term interest rates. See Floating Rate Notes Issued in Conjunction with Securities Held in the notes to the financial statements for more information about RIB financing. RIB leverage represents the amount of Floating Rate Notes outstanding at period end as a percentage of Fund net assets plus Floating Rate Notes.
- ⁶ Ratings are based on Moody s, S&P or Fitch, as applicable. Ratings, which are subject to change, apply to the creditworthiness of the issuers of the underlying securities and not to the Fund or its shares. Credit ratings measure the quality of a bond based on the issuer s creditworthiness, with ratings ranging from AAA, being the highest, to D, being the lowest based on S&P s measures. Ratings of BBB or higher by Standard and Poor s or Fitch (Baa or higher by Moody s) are considered to be investment grade quality. Credit ratings are based largely on the rating agency s analysis at the time of rating. The rating assigned to any particular security is not necessarily a reflection of the issuer s current financial condition and does not necessarily reflect its assessment of the volatility of a security s market value or of the liquidity of an investment in the security. If securities are rated differently by the rating agencies, the higher rating is applied. Holdings designated as Not Rated are not rated by the national rating agencies stated above.

Fund profile subject to change due to active management.

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Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Tax-Exempt Investments 113.5%

Security

Principal Amount (000 s omitted)