Intermediate U.S. Government Fund

A Shares (BGVAX)	C Shares (BIUCX)	Inst'l Shares (BBGVX)
Inception 10.09.1992	Inception 02.01.2001	Inception 10.09.1992

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09.30.2026

Overall Morningstar Rating™

★★★★★

Overall rating against 98 Funds in the Morningstar US Fund Intermediate Government Category as of 09.30.2026, derived from a weighted average of the risk-adjusted performance figures associated with its three-, five- and ten-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. (BBGVX)

Fund Facts

Investment Objective:
Seeks current income consistent with the preservation of capital.

Total Net Assets	$22,201,068
Number of Holdings	127
Average Life	6.56 Years
Effective Duration	4.85 Years
Yield to Maturity	5.69%
Turnover	28%

Annual turnover data is shown as of 09.30.2025, the most recent fiscal year end.

Total Expense Ratio

	Net	Gross
A Shares (BGVAX)	0.81%	1.02%
C Shares (BIUCX)	1.56%	1.77%
Inst'l Shares (BBGVX)	0.56%	0.77%

The Advisor has contractually agreed to limit certain fees paid by the Fund from February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027. Performance would have been lower without limitations in effect.

Dividend Distribution

Month	Rates/A Share
July	$0.0227
August	$0.0212
September	$0.0226
September NAV	$8.53

Effective Duration Breakdown

0-2 Years	13.0%
2-4 Years	17.4%
4-6 Years	41.5%
6-8 Years	23.8%
8-10 Years	0.7%
10+ Years	3.7%

The composition of the Fund's holdings is subject to change.

30-Day SEC Yield

	With Waivers	Without Waivers
A Shares (BGVAX)	3.74%	3.52%
Inst'l Shares (BBGVX)	3.99%	3.78%

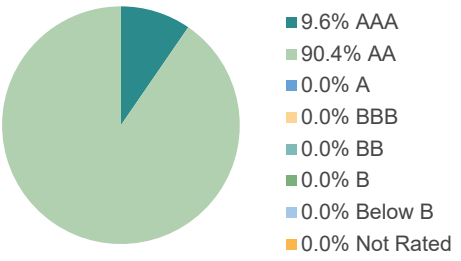
SEC Yield is an annualization of the Fund's total net investment income per share for the 30-day period ended on the last day of the month.

Fund Performance For the Period Ended 09.30.2026	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Inception
A Shares with 2.00% Sales Charge	-5.02%	-4.58%	-3.46%	2.98%	-0.51%	0.49%	3.33%
A Shares without Sales Charge	-3.09%	-2.66%	-1.50%	3.68%	-0.11%	0.69%	3.39%
Institutional Shares	-3.03%	-2.48%	-1.26%	3.89%	0.14%	0.93%	3.64%
Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Government Bond Index	-1.68%	-1.45%	-0.32%	3.78%	0.57%	1.28%	3.75%
Lipper Intermediate U.S. Government Median	-3.45%	-3.18%	-2.15%	3.41%	-0.92%	0.63%	---

Year-End Performance	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Shares without Sales Charge	5.15%	4.96%	-2.03%	-9.61%	4.36%	2.02%	6.84%
Institutional Shares	5.41%	5.12%	-1.78%	-9.38%	4.62%	2.28%	7.10%
Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Government Bond Index	5.20%	5.73%	-1.69%	-7.73%	4.30%	2.44%	6.50%

Past performance does not guarantee future results. The performance data quoted represents past performance and current returns may be lower or higher. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month end and information on other share classes, please visit www.sterlingcapital.com. Performance is annualized for periods greater than one year.

Quality Breakdown



Quality ratings using S&P's ratings reflect the credit quality of the underlying bonds in the Fund and not of the Fund itself. Securities are rated by S&P's, Moody's and Fitch; when ratings vary the median rating available for each security is applied. Quality ratings are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). NR is used to classify securities for which a rating is not available. Quality ratings are subject to change.

Portfolio Composition	Fund	Index
Government Related	17.6%	1.3%
Agency	17.6%	1.3%
Muni	--	--
Securitized	68.2%	--
ABS	2.2%	--
CMBS	14.3%	--
cmo	23.1%	--
MBS	28.7%	--
Treasury	11.1%	98.7%
Cash	3.1%	--
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Allocations are based on the current weight to funds in the cited category. The composition of the Fund's holdings is subject to change.

Philosophy & Process

The Fund invests, under normal market conditions, in U.S. government securities, some of which may be subject to repurchase agreements, or in "high grade" (rated at the time of purchase in one of the three highest rating categories by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization or are determined by the portfolio manager to be of comparable quality) mortgage-backed securities, including collateralized mortgage obligations.

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. For a prospectus or summary prospectus with this and other information about the Fund, please call 888.228.1872 or visit our website at www.sterlingcapital.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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Morningstar Style Box



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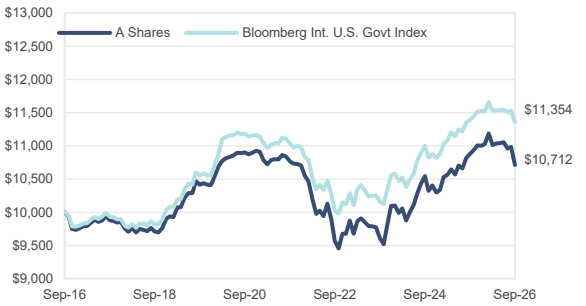
Portfolio Management

Michael Sun, CFA®
Executive Director | Co-Portfolio Manager
Michael joined SCM in 2009 and has co-managed the Fund since February 2014. He has investment experience since 1998. Michael received a M.A. in Economics from Bowling Green State University, a M.S. in Urban and Regional Study from Beijing University, and a B.S. in Geography from Nanjing University. He holds the CFA® designation.

Jeff Ormsby, CFA®
Executive Director | Co-Portfolio Manager
Jeff joined SCM in 2011 and has co-managed the Fund since July 2022. He has investment experience since 2006. Jeff is a summa cum laude graduate of North Carolina State University where he received a B.S. in Economics and was recognized as valedictorian. He received a M.B.A. from UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School, where he was the Norman Block Valedictorian Award recipient. He holds the CFA® designation.

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Growth of $10,000



The Growth of $10,000 chart is hypothetical based upon the performance of A Shares without sales charge for the period ended 09.30.2026. It includes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

Top Ten Holdings

Government Of The United States Of America 0.0% 15-nov-2032	3.28%
Government Of The United States Of America 0.0% 15-may-2029	2.57%
Government Of The United States Of America 3.875% 15-aug-2040	2.30%
Federal Home Loan Bank System 5.6% 17-jun-2041	2.27%
Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corp. 5.42% 22-oct-2040	2.23%
Federal Home Loan Bank System 5.0% 16-dec-2033	2.20%
Federal Home Loan Bank System 5.48% 30-jun-2038	2.19%
Fnma 30yr Pool#fs4571 5.500% 01-may-2053	2.18%
Federal Home Loan Bank System 5.25% 17-jun-2037	2.17%
Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corp. 5.13% 19-may-2033	2.09%

Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to change and risk. Based on Market Value of securities.

Lipper Intermediate U.S. Government Category Based on Total Return as of 09.30.2026	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Lipper Ranking/Number of Funds in Category	10/62	7/62	10/57	10/52
Lipper Quartile (Percentile)	1st (17%)	1st (12%)	1st (18%)	1st (20%)

Morningstar U.S. Intermediate Government Category For the Period Ended 09.30.2026	Overall Rating	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Institutional Shares Morningstar Rating™	★★★★★	---	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★
Morningstar Ranking/Number of Funds in Category	98	5/106	3/98	5/91	12/79
Morningstar Quartile (Percentile)		1st (7%)	1st (2%)	1st (8%)	1st (21%)

Note: Morningstar Ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns. Morningstar Rankings are based on total return.

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The **Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Government Bond Index** is a component of the Bloomberg Government Index with sectors including Treasuries and Agencies. Securities must have a maturity from 1 year up to (but not including) 10 years. Securities must have at least one year to final maturity regardless of call features; must be rated investment grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch; must have at least $250 million par outstanding; must be dollar denominated, non-convertible and publicly issued.
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