

GASB 54 Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions

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- Providing clearer hierarchy based fund balance classifications based on constraints
- Better consistency
- Clarifies governmental fund types
- Applies only to governmental funds
- No change for the government-wide statements



- Current rule for fund balance:
 - Reserved
 - Unreserved
 - Designated
 - Undesignated
 - Reserved not available to spend in current year and/or legal restrictions more narrow than the fund



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 - Restricted
 - Committed
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Similar to current

Reserved

Unreserved

Designated

Undesignated



Nonspendable Fund Balance

- Examples:

inventories, prepaids, long term notes receivables, loans, property acquired for resale

- Legally or contractually required to be maintained intact
 - corpus of a permanent fund



Restricted Fund Balance

- -Amounts constrained for specific purposes
 - Imposed by external parties
 - By Law
 - Enabling legislation legally enforceable by external parties.

Essentially the same definition as GASB 34 & GASB 46



Committed Fund Balance

- Constraints for specific purposes imposed by:
 - Formal action of highest decision making authority
 - Constraint can be removed only by the same formal action
 - Action must occur prior to end of fiscal year

NO RETROACTIVE COMMITMENTS

- Actual calculation can be performed post year end



Assigned Fund Balance

- Informal constraints, intended to use for specific purposes
- School board should delegate the authority to appropriate official to make assignments (e.g., Business Manager or Superintendent)
- All residual fund balances outside the general fund are "assigned" (special revenue funds, d/s funds, etc.)
- Appropriations of existing fund balance are assigned



Assigned Fund Balance

- Should not assign fund balance if doing so causes a deficit in the unassigned fund balance
- This includes the appropriation of fund balance to eliminate a projected subsequent year budget deficit



Unassigned Fund Balance

- The "leftover" classification for the general fund
- No specific restrictions, commitments, assignments, and has not be assigned to other funds
- Reported ONLY in the general fund (except negative balances in other governmental funds are also reported as unassigned)



Creates a need to identify classifications

- Requires the government to formulate policies dictating how it considers which fund balances are spent when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which multiple fund balance types are available.
 - -Restricted vs. unrestricted
 - -Unrestricted types -- No policy?



Fund deficits

- If expenditures incurred for a specific purpose exceed the restricted, committed, and assigned balances for the same purpose, a negative residual amount is produced. Amounts assigned to other purposes should be eliminated so no deficit exists, if possible. A unassigned deficit may exist after this procedure.
- Cannot report deficits in restricted, committed, or assigned
- Cannot assign fund balance causing a deficit in unassigned



Reporting and Disclosures

- Level of detail disclosures may be reported on the face of the statement or in the notes (or a combination)
- Nonspendable by type
- Restrictions by purpose
- Commitments and assignments by major purpose



- Nonspendable Inventory
- Restricted for School Construction
- Committed to Sports Contract
- Assigned to Curriculum Development
- Unassigned



GASB 54 Display Exhibit

			ijor 'enue Funds	Major Debt	Major Capital			
	General	Highway	School Aid	Service	Projects	Other		
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Total	
Fund balances:								
Nonspendable:								
Inventory	\$ 125,000	\$ 108,000	\$ 16,000		*******		\$ 249,000	
Permanent fund principal		neveres.				\$ 164,000	164,000	
Restricted for:								
Social services	240,000	*****	******		TARAM	*******	240,000	
Parks and recreation	80,000			******			80,000	
Education	55,000						55,000	
Highways					\$ 444,000		444,000	
Road surface repairs	*******	24,000					24,000	
Debt service reserve				\$206,000			206,000	
School construction					301,000	arre-	301,000	
Law enforcement						214,000	214,000	
Other capital projects	*****				51,000		51,000	
Other purposes	30,000	-			منينيد	*****	30,000	
Committed to:								
Zoning board	16,000				neme.		16,000	
Economic stablization	210,000					******	210,000	
Homeland security	110,000				······	*******	110,000	
Education	50,000		103,000			one.	153,000	
Health and welfare	75,000						75,000	
Assigned to:								
Parks and recreation	50,000		****	****		mu	50,000	
Library acquisitions	50,000				*******		50,000	
Highway resurfacing		258,000					258,000	
Debt service				306,000			306,000	
Public pool		-	•		121,000		121,000	
City Hall renovation			****	70000	60,000		60,000	
Other capital projects	50,000		2000		471,000		521,000	
Other purposes	80,000		73,000			176,000	329,000	
Unassigned:	525,000						525,000	
Total fund balances	\$1,746,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 192,000	\$512,000	\$ 1,448,000	\$ 554,000	\$4,842,000	

This level of detail is not required for display on the face of the balance sheet. Fund balance categories and classifications may be presented in detail or in the aggregate if sufficient detail is provided in the notes to the financial statements.

GASB 54 Aggregate Exhibit Will require significant footnote detail

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							Debt		Capital					
	General		Highway		School Aid		Service		Projects		Other			
		Fund		Fund		Fund		Fund		Fund		Funds		Total
Fund balances:	*********	······································	******	***************************************			_					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Nonspendable	\$	125,000	\$	108,000	\$	16,000					\$	164,000	\$	413,000
Restricted		405,000		24,000			\$	206,000	S	796.000		214,000	•	1,645,000
Committed		461,000				103,000								564,000
Assigned		230,000		258,000		73,000		306.000		652.000		176,000		1,695,000
Unassigned		525,000						٠						525,000
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Footnote disclosures

- If displace is aggregate on the face, then the detail must be in the notes
- Committed Balance the highest level of decision making authority and the formal actions required
- Assigned Balance —the governing body or delegated official and policy to establish this authority
- Multiple balances exist how are amounts identified to have been spent?



Encumbrance confusion

- Encumbrances should not be shown as a separate "category" within the restricted, committed, or assigned categories; however, "individual encumbrances" may meet the test for separate identification by purpose.
- Significant encumbrances should be disclosed in the notes by major funds and nonmajor funds in aggregate with other significant commitments.



Encumbrances at Year End

School bus	(Board Reso 2010-24)	\$350
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Food services (PO)	\$150
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Total encumbrances \$600

Pre-GASB 54 (Current Rules)

Fund balance:

Reserved – encumbrances \$600

Unreserved:

Designated \$XXX

Undesignated \$XXX

Post-GASB 54

Fund balance:

Nonspendable Inventory \$XXX

Restricted – Delervice \$XXX

Committed – En brance \$350

Assigned – Er Jumbance \$250

Unassigned \$XXX

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Fund balance:

Nonspendable – Inventory

Restricted - Debt Service

Committed – School Bus

Assigned:

Food Service (or Equipment)

Instruction (or Contracts)

Unassigned



\$XXX

\$350

\$150

\$100

\$XXX

Encumbrances

- Restricted?
 - ✓ Only if legal restriction (uncommon for encumbrance)
- Committed?
 - ✓ Only if approved action of school board (e.g. formal vote to allocate funds to *project X*)
- Assigned?
 - ✓ Issuance of purchase orders approved through normal purchasing channels or other authority



Stabilization policy?

- Restricted or Committed
 - ✓ Only if meets the restricted/committed criteria
 - ✓ Otherwise, unassigned
 - ✓ Should not be reported as "assigned"
- Stabilization amounts that can be accessed for use in undefined or routine circumstances should not be considered restricted or committed



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GASB 54 Meets State of Alaska

AS 14.17.505

Fund Balance in School Operating Fund

(a) A district may not accumulate in a fiscal year an unreserved portion of its year-end fund balance in its school operating fund, as defined by department regulations, that is greater than 10 percent of its expenditures for that fiscal year.



GASB 54 Meets State of Alaska

4 AAC 09.160 Fund Balance

- (a) Eligible reserves in the year-end fund balance in a school's operating fund may only be in the following categories:
 - (1) Encumbrances
 - (2) Inventory
 - (3) Prepaid expenses including fuel,
 - (4) Retirement incentive program
 - (5) Self-insurance
 - (6) Federal impact aid received...



GAAP

VS.

State Regulation



Anticipated Requirements

- Basic Financial Statements will be presented on a GAAP basis. (e.g., following the provisions of GASB 54)
- State will require a "Regulatory Basis" Schedule to demonstrate compliance with AS 14.14.505.
- State Regulations will likely be amended to define "unreserved fund balance" *for this calculation* to remain effectively unchanged.



Fund Type Definitions Clarified

General Fund

- The general fund should be used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund

Debt Service Fund

- Financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest
- Used for resources that are legally mandated
- Can accumulate resources for future maturities



Fund Type Definitions Clarified

Capital Projects Funds

- Restricted, committed, or assigned for capital outlays, the *acquisition* or *construction* of capital facilities and other capital assets

Permanent Fund

- Account for and report resources that are restricted so only earnings can be spent, not the principal, to support government programs



Fund Type Definitions Clarified

Special Revenue Funds

- Specific revenues and the uses that are restricted or committed and not included in debt service or capital projects.
- Must have at least one *restricted or committed revenue source* which makes up a significant portion of the revenues.
- This definition is actually less restrictive than the current definition, but there is a lot of non-compliance with the current definition.



Fund Type Definitions Clarified

Special Revenue Funds, continued

- No resources held in trust for individuals, private organizations, or other governments
- Discontinue reporting a special revenue fund if the sources of the restricted or committed resources are expected to disappear
- Remaining resources are moved to the general fund



Effective Date

- Periods beginning after June 15, 2010 (YE 6/30/11)
- Apply fund balance reclassifications retrospectively by restating fund balance for all prior periods presented
- Statistical section may be made prospectively





Questions?

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