Budgeting and Control

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- Budgets are to governments and not-for-profits what the sun is to the solar system.
- Trying to understand government and not-forprofit accounting without recognizing the centricity of the budget would be like trying to comprehend the earth's seasons while ignoring the sun.

- 1. Planning
- 2. Controlling and administering
- 3. Reporting and evaluation

- 1. Planning: Comprises
 - a. programming (determining the activities that the entity will undertake),
 - b. resource acquisition, and
 - c. resource allocation.

2. Controlling and Administering: Budgets help ensure that resources are obtained and expended as planned.

3. Reporting and Evaluating:

- a. Budgets lay the foundation for end-of-period reports and evaluations.
- b. Budget-to-actual comparison reveal whether revenue and spending mandates were carried out.
- c. Budgets can facilitate assessments of efficiency and effectiveness.

- 1. Appropriation budgets
- 2. Capital budgets
- 3. Flexible budgets

1. Appropriation budgets

- a. A government's current or <u>operating</u> budget covers its general fund.
- b. Determines the amount of taxes and other revenues that must be generated to cover expenditures. By law, must be balanced.
- c. Optional in special revenue, debt service and project funds.

2. Capital budgets

- a. Focus on the acquisition and construction of long-term assets.
- b. In contrast to an appropriation budget, typically covers multiple years, often as many as five (5).

3. Flexible budgets

- a. Focus on expected revenues, expenses, and net income under different assumptions of volume.
- b. Use in Enterprise Funds (Business-type activity)
- c. A flexible budget is a form of "What if?".

Classification of Revenues and Expenditures Expenditures (Budgets)

Expenditures (Budgets)

- 1. By fund.
 - Ex. General fund, special revenue fund, etc.
- 2. By Organizational Unit
 - Ex. Police Department, Fire Department
- 3. By Function or Program (same objective)
 - Ex. Public safety, recreation

Expenditures (Budgets)

- 4. By **Activity** (line of work of a program).
 - Ex. Public safety = Burglary investigation, vice patrol.
- 5. By Character (fiscal period they are presumed to benefit)
 - Ex. Operating expenses (current); Capital project (future); debt service (prior, current and future).
- 6. By **Object** classification (type of item)
 - Ex. Salaries; travel; repair

Revenues

Revenues (Budgets)

• Revenues present less significant issues of classification. Most revenues are not designated for specific purposes. Therefore, their classification is relatively straightforward.

Revenues (Budgets)

- Suggested major revenue sources classifications include:
 - Taxes
 - Licenses and permits
 - Intergovernmental revenues
 - Charges for services
 - Fines and forfeits

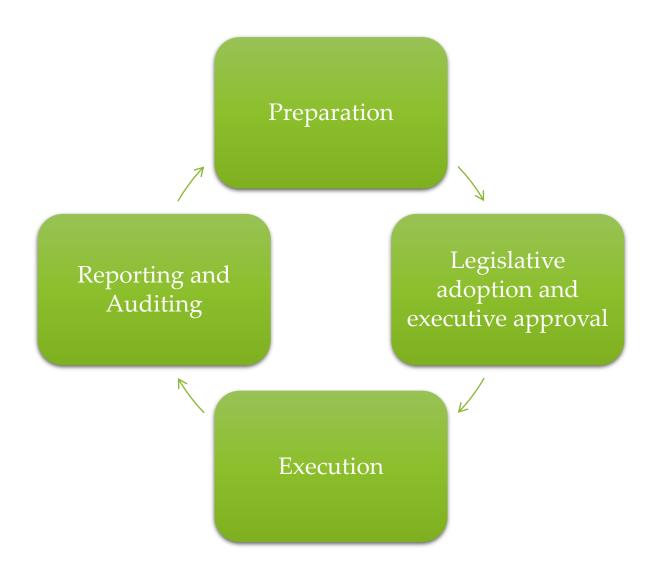
Performance Budget

Performance Budget

- Comprehensive performance budgeting systems require managers to specify objectives, consider alternative means of achieving them, establish workload indicators, and perform cost-benefit analysis.
- Most common type of performance budgets are **program budget**, whereby resources and results are identified with programs rather than traditional organizational units.

Budget Cycle

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• Execution:

- The budget is executed (carried out) by an organization's executive branch.
- In some jurisdictions, expenditures are assigned in particular months or quarters by **allotments** or **apportionments**.
- Both **allotments** and **apportionments** are <u>periodic</u> <u>allocations of funds to departments or agencies</u>, usually made by the chief executive's office, to ensure that an entire year's appropriation is not dissipated early in the period covered by the budget.

- Budgetary principles area <u>established</u> either <u>by</u> individual <u>governments</u> or organizations or by the government or organizations that supervise them.
- GASB and FASB do not established principles for budgeting.

- GASB recommends that governments prepare their annual budgets for governmental funds on the modified accrual basis.
- However, <u>many governments reject the GASB's</u> advice, they opt to prepare budgets on a **cash basis** or a slightly modified cash basis.

- Rationale for budgeting on cash basis: bill must be paid with cash.
- Adverse consequences of the cash basis: May be decidedly unbalanced as to economic costs and revenues.

Reporting Budgets

Reporting Budgets

- The current GASB model requires governments to report their <u>actual results</u> and both their <u>original</u> and <u>final</u> appropriated <u>budgets</u>.
- The GASB encourages, but does not require, governments to present in a separate column the variances.

Budgetary Control Features

Budgetary Control Features

• By recording its budget, a government builds into its accounting system a gauge that warns of excesses in spending and deficiencies in collections.

Budgetary Control Features

- The budgetary entries are reversed at year end and have no impact on year-end financial statements.
- To external report users, budgetary entries are irrelevant.

Budgetary Entries

Budgetary Entries Revenues and Expenses

- The government records its budget using an:
 - Estimated revenue account
 - Appropriation account
- The estimated revenue and appropriations accounts can be thought of as <u>contra accounts</u> to the actual revenue and expenditure accounts.

Revenues

• Estimated revenues (DR) – Actual Revenues (CR) = Revenues still to be recognized

Expenses

• Appropriations (CR) - Actual expenditures (DR) = Balance available for expenditure

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Estimated revenues

400

Fund balance

400

To record estimated revenues

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Fund balance

390

Appropriations

390

To record appropriations (estimated amount to be spent)

Example (pg. 117)

1. Budget

Fund Balance			
Budget	<i>390</i>		<u>400</u>
		Bal.	10

Example (pg. 117)

2. Suppose that during the year both revenues and expenditures were as estimated and that all transactions were for cash.

Cash 400

Revenues 400

To record revenues

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Expenditures 390

Cash 390

To record expenditures

Example (pg. 117)

3. Closing entries - budget.

Appropriations 390

Fund balance 10

Estimated revenues 400

To close budgetary accounts

Example (pg. 117)

3. Closing entries - budget

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Budget	390		<u>400</u>
		Bal.	<u> 10</u>
Closing	10	Bal.	0

Fund Ralance

Example (pg. 117)

3. Closing entries – Actual revenue and expenditures.

Revenues 400

Expenditures 390

Fund balance 10

To close revenue and expenses

Example (pg. 117)

3. Closing entries - budget

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Budget 390		<u>400</u>
	Bal.	<u>_10</u>
Closing (b) 10	Bal.	0
Closing (a)		<u>10</u>
	Bal.	10

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Example (pg. 117)

4. Suppose alternatively that actual revenues were \$420 and actual expenditures were \$415.

Cash 420

Revenues 420

To record revenues

Example (pg. 117)

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Expenditures

415

Cash

415

To record expenditures

Example (pg. 117)

5. Closing entries - budget.

Appropriations 390

Fund balance 10

Estimated revenues 400

To close budgetary accounts

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5. Closing entries - budget

Funa Batance			
Budget	390		<u>400</u>
		Bal.	<u> 10</u>
Closing	10	Bal.	0

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Example (pg. 117)

5. Closing entries – Actual revenue and expenditures.

Revenues 420

Expenditures 415

Fund balance 5

To close revenue and expenses

Example (pg. 117)

5. Closing entries - budget

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Budget 390		<u>400</u>
	Bal.	<u> 10</u>
Closing (b) 10	Bal.	0
Closing (a)		<u>_5</u>
	Bal.	5

Fund Ralance

Alternative Methods

- Some governments maintain an account called budgetary control.
- Budgetary control is a temporary account to be used to record the budget instead of fund balance.
- This avoid contaminating the actual fund balance with appropriations and estimated revenues.
- See page 119.

- Governments and some not-for-profit record encumbrances to help prevent overspending the budget.
- The entry to record an encumbrance is usually prepared when:
 - A purchase order is issued.
 - A contract is signed.
 - A commitment is made.

- Most organizations do not encumber all anticipated expenditures.
- Many does not encumber salaries and wages because it is a routine recurring expenditure, or expenditure below a specific amount.

- The entry to record an encumbrance reduces the budgeted amount available for expenditures (as if the amount had already been spent).
- Concurringly designates a portion of what would otherwise be unassigned fund balance as committed or assigned for encumbrances.

Example (pg. 120)

As of January 1, a state university general fund balance sheet shows the following:

Cash \$5,000

Fund balance – unassigned \$5,000

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Fund Balance 1/1/X1 5,000

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Encumbrances

5,000

Reserve for encumbrances

5,000

To encumbered \$5,000 for repair services

Example (pg. 120)

Encumbrances

5,000

Reserve for encumbrances

5,000

To encumbered \$5,000 for repair services

* Encumbrances account is not an expenditures, but, it is similar to an expenditure in that at year-end any remaining balance is closed to unassigned fund balance.

Example (pg. 120)

Encumbrances

5,000

Reserve for encumbrances

5,000

To encumbered \$5,000 for repair services

* The **Reserve for Encumbrances account** is a balance sheet account (a commitment of fund balance).

Example (pg. 120)

Encumbrances	Reserve for Encumbrances	
5,000	5,000	

Example (pg. 120)

2. The repairs are completed and, as anticipated, the university is billed for \$5,000.

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Expenditure

5,000

Accounts payable

5,000

To record repair expenditure

Example (pg. 120)

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Reserve for encumbrances

5,000

Encumbrances

5,000

To reverse the encumbrance entry upon receipt of services

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5,0	000	5,000
Bal.	0	

Reserve for Encumbrances

5,000	<u>5,000</u>	
	Bal.	0

Example (pg. 121)

3. The contractor completes only 40% of the repairs and accordingly bills the university for only \$2,000.

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Expenditure

2,000

Accounts payable

2,000

To record repair expenditure

Example (pg. 121)

3. The contractor completes only 40% of the repairs and accordingly bills the university for only \$2,000.

Reserve for encumbrances

2,000

Encumbrances

2,000

To reverse the encumbrance entry upon the contractor's completion of \$2,000 of the \$5,000 in anticipated services

Example (pg. 121)

Encum	Encumbrances		
5,000	2,000		

Bal. 3,000

Reserve for Encumbrances

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2,000		5,000
	Bal.	3,000

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3. Closing entry – year end: All temporary accounts are closed.

Fund balance - unassigned

Expenditures 2,000

5,000

Encumbrances 3,000

To close expenditures and encumbrances

Example (pg. 121)

Encumbrances		Reserve for Encumbrances			
<u>5,000</u>	2,000		2,000		<u>5,000</u>
Bal. 3,000				Bal.	3,000
Closing —	3,000				
Bal. 0					

Presented at balance sheet: Assigned or Committed Fund Balance.

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As of January 1, a state university general fund balance sheet shows the following:

Fund Balance				
12/31/X1	5,000	1/1/X1	<u>5,000</u>	
			0	

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4. At the end of the first year (the start of the second), the University had \$3,000 of outstanding commitments for repairs.

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4. At the end of the second year (the start of the second), the University had \$3,000 of outstanding commitments for repairs. The university must restore the encumbrances and the appropriations.

Encumbrances

3,000

Fund balance - unassigned

3,000

To restore encumbrances at the start of the new year.

Example (pg. 121)

As of January 1, a state university general fund balance sheet shows the following:

Fund Balance			
12/31/X1	5,000	1/1/X1	<u>5,000</u>
			0
		1/1/X2	3,000

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5. Contractor completes the repair.

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Expenditures

3,000

Account payable

3,000

To record repair expenditures.

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5. Contractor completes the repair.

Reserve for encumbrances Encumbrances 3,000

3,000

To reverse the encumbrances entry upon the contractor's completion of the remaining \$3,000 of repairs.

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5. Closing entry at year end.

Fund balance - unassigned Expenditures 3,000

3,000

To close expenditures.

Example (pg. 121)

As of January 1, a state university general fund balance sheet shows the following:

Fund Balance

12/31/X1	5,000	1/1/X1	<u>5,000</u>
12/31/X2	3,000	1/1/X2	3, <u>000</u> 0