

What happens to money that isn't spent by the end of the fiscal year?

<p>Budget includes \$50,000 for report prepared by a consultant</p>	<p>After competitive process, report will only cost \$40,000 and report is done by January</p>	<p>Remaining \$10,000 may be repurposed via a budget amendment, may help offset a department's excess expenses from other accounts, and/or may be excess funds (net of revenue over expenditure) that go into unassigned fund balance that are used in preparing the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.</p>
<p>Budget includes \$200,000 for a particular sidewalk project</p>	<p>Because of bad weather, construction doesn't begin until mid-June and only 25% of the money is spent by June 30. Since the delay of the project happened after the proposed budget for the next fiscal year was prepared, no money was allocated in the next fiscal year for the project.</p>	<p>Via budget amendment early in the next fiscal year, the funds needed to complete the project are allocated. Although it's often referred to as "carrying over" the funds, they actually are appropriated from unassigned fund balance.</p>

<p>Budget includes \$200,000 for a particular sidewalk project paid for by a grant</p>	<p>Because of bad weather, construction doesn't begin until mid-June and only 25% of the money is spent by June 30. Since the delay of the project happened after the proposed budget for the next fiscal year was prepared, no money was allocated in the next fiscal year for the project.</p>	<p>Via budget amendment early in the next fiscal year, the funds needed to complete the project are allocated. This is a true "carrying over" situation as it involves grant funding.</p>
<p>Budget includes \$120,000 for a new truck (in Equipment Replacement Reserve)</p>	<p>Purchase of the truck is delayed because staff wanted to do more investigation of new options available</p>	<p>Because funds are in the ERR for the truck, they stay in the ERR until the truck is purchased, with outyears adjusted for cost and year for a replacement vehicle. The unused fund increases the ending ERR balance in the current year.</p>
<p>Department X has a total budget of \$2 million</p>	<p>In preparing the proposed budget for the next fiscal year, a department head notes that the estimated actual overall departmental budget will be less than the budgeted amount because of staff vacancies</p>	<p>The difference between the estimated actual number and the budgeted amount may be used to offset excess expenses from other accounts, and/or may be excess funds (net of revenue over expenditure) that go into unassigned fund balance that are used in preparing the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.</p>