

REVENUE AVAILABILITY

Policy

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned, measurable, and available. Revenues are considered available if they are collected within the current period, or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay the liabilities of that same period. The County considers general revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the current fiscal period. Certain intergovernmental grant and aid revenue under cost reimbursement programs are recognized when collected within 90 days after the end of the current fiscal period. This period is extended through 180 days for the Aging and Disability Resource Center and the Department of Human Services.

Procedure

All revenues collected within the first 60 days after the end of the fiscal year will be evaluated to determine if they are applicable to goods or services provided in the previous fiscal year. Revenues that have been determined to be for goods or services provided in the prior year will be recorded as revenue and accounts receivable as of the end of the previous fiscal year.

To allow for more accurate matching of revenues with the related expenditures, expenditure-driven (reimbursable) intergovernmental grants and aids received within the first 90 days after the end of the fiscal year will be recorded as revenue and accounts receivable as of the end of the previous fiscal year. This period is extended to 180 days for the Department of Human Services and the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

The County will consider certain prior year intergovernmental grant and aid revenues received subsequent to the applicable availability period, as described above, as accounts receivable and deferred inflows as of the end of the previous fiscal year, so long as the County has a legal and enforceable claim to the funds.

Note: This policy applies to governmental funds only. Proprietary funds use the full accrual method of accounting, and so this policy does not apply. Under the full accrual method of accounting, revenues and receivables are recognized when earned, regardless of when available.