

Federal Funds Authorization Increase

What is it?

Federal budget authorization allows agencies to spend Federal funds that are awarded as grants. Agencies may request an interim increase to their Federal Funds budget authorization during the fiscal year if expenditures will exceed the authorization level included in the Appropriations Act.

Why?

Budget authorization is provided in the Appropriations Act. However, during a fiscal year, an agency may determine they need an increase in Federal Funds authorization that cannot be addressed by transferring existing authority from other programs.

Which law addresses this situation?

Budget proviso 93.13 states, "The Executive Budget Office is authorized to approve agency requests for federal and other fund authorization adjustments. Requests will be approved and reported by the Executive Budget Office pursuant to Chapter 65, Title 2, the "South Carolina Federal and Other Funds Oversight Act"."

What is the process?

After consulting with their budget analyst, an agency may complete a Federal Funds Authorization form (BD-100) and the required budget entry in SCEIS.

Should the budget entry be for the entire grant award amount?

Agencies should only request the amount that is anticipated to be spent in the current fiscal year.

Will the increase to Federal Funds authority be included in the base for the following fiscal year?

No. The agency will need to submit a request through the budget process.

Who do I contact in EBO?

Your assigned budget analyst can assist you with this item.