What's in YOUR Wallet?

Strategizing Year-End Decisions to Manage 'Increased Flexibility and Efficiency'

| | Buy something | Build Fund Balance & Reserves | Transfer to Interlocal Agreement Fund | Other Uses (Other Transfers, Recoding) |
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| Mechanics | Wellyou just go buy something! (Just make sure you do it by June 30) | Do nothing: underspend your budget | Transfer money to Interlocal Agreement Fund in accordance with Multi-District Agreement and 20-3-363, MCA | Transfer money to Comp Abs or Litigation Rsv Funds - or – Recode costs already incurred to General Fund |
| Advantages | Expedient Final Current year funding spent in current year | Improves cash flow Protect against revenue shortfall Option to amend ensuing year's budget for virtually any purpose Potential tax savings if dollars are reappropriated | Easy to access when needed Transferred amounts lose their identity, can be used for any MDA-defined purpose Increases total available spending authority in ensuing year | Increases total available spending authority in ensuing year Easy to access when needed Minimal competition for balances Can indirectly relieve pressure on General Fund |
| Disadvantages | May not be District's highest priority | No additional spending authority in ensuing year (without budget amendment) Somewhat difficult to access Reappropriation may not be best value for taxpayers Possible perception issues of not spending entire budget | Competing uses for balances Potential scrutiny for accumulating funds, over taxation Somewhat difficult for cooperating district to substantiate, monitor balances | Restricted use in ensuing year Lots of complex rules |

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