



May 21, 2018

Honorable Steve Womack  
Co-Chair  
Joint Select Committee on Budget  
and Appropriations Process Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

*Re: Period of Availability of Appropriated Funds*

Dear Mr. Co-Chair:

As requested by your staff, the Congressional Budget Office is providing the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform with information about the period during which discretionary budget authority provided in annual appropriation acts is generally available for obligation.

By law, budget authority is provided to allow federal agencies to enter into obligations, and in most cases, those funds expire if they are not obligated during a specified period. Once expired, such funds are no longer available for obligation unless newly appropriated.

Discretionary budget authority generally is designated as:

- Annual authority, which expires at the end of the first year in which an appropriation is made available (unless explicitly stated otherwise, funds provided in appropriation acts are available for one year only);
- Multiyear authority, which expires at the end of a designated period of more than one year; or
- “No-year” authority, which does not expire but remains available until the funds are expended.

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Data from the Department of the Treasury (see attached report) indicates that the discretionary budget authority provided for fiscal year 2017 (excluding advance appropriations and spending authority from offsetting collections) was made available as follows:

- 51 percent for one year,
- 19 percent for two years,
- 14 percent for three or more years, but expiring on a specified date, and
- 15 percent indefinitely until expended.

I hope you find this information useful. The CBO contact is Theresa Gullo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark P. Haller for". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Keith Hall  
Director

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Nita Lowey  
Co-Chair

## FY 2017

### Budget Authority by Period of Availability, All Executive Branch Agencies

Budget Authority	Total Amount (\$M)	Percent of Total BA			
		Annual	2-Year	3+ Year	No-year
Appropriation (total)	1,155,018	51%	19%	14%	15%
Advance appropriation (total)	84,897	93%	2%	0%	5%
Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	272,729	19%	11%	3%	66%

Source: Governmentwide Treasury Account Symbol (GTAS) Adjusted Trial Balance, Bureau of Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury

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**Budget Authority by Period of Availability, Executive Branch Agencies**

Agency	Budget Authority	Total Amount (\$M)	Percent of Total BA			
			Annual	2-Year	3+ year	No-year
<b>Department of Agriculture</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	25,741	30%	26%	20%	23%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	3,608	38%	0%	6%	56%
<b>Department of Commerce</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	9,342	5%	56%	23%	16%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	4,940	2%	0%	0%	98%
<b>Department of Defense--Military Programs</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	605,952	64%	14%	21%	1%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	155,227	15%	6%	5%	73%
<b>Department of Education</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	44,329	14%	86%	0%	0%
	Advance appropriation (total)	22,596	100%	0%	0%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	49	6%	2%	0%	92%
<b>Department of Energy</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	31,068	2%	6%	0%	92%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	5,780	0%	3%	0%	97%
<b>Department of Health and Human Services</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	87,969	83%	3%	4%	10%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	15,367	45%	5%	2%	48%
<b>Department of Homeland Security</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	56,820	55%	14%	5%	26%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	7,965	34%	32%	1%	33%

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<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	53,239	3%	10%	19%	68%
	Advance appropriation (total)	4,400	0%	0%	0%	100%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	148	16%	1%	18%	66%
<b>Department of the Interior</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	13,578	22%	41%	0%	37%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	4,932	2%	14%	5%	79%
<b>Department of Justice</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	28,506	86%	0%	0%	14%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	4,604	39%	3%	0%	58%
<b>Department of Labor</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	10,325	26%	36%	1%	37%
	Advance appropriation (total)	1,691	100%	0%	0%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	4,348	14%	77%	0%	9%
<b>Department of State</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	30,750	20%	22%	18%	39%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	11,781	8%	1%	0%	91%
<b>Department of Transportation</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	21,014	7%	48%	15%	30%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	11,495	0%	81%	1%	18%
<b>Department of the Treasury</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	12,708	92%	5%	3%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	4,135	11%	0%	0%	89%

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<b>Department of Veterans Affairs</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	22,118	64%	7%	12%	17%
	Advance appropriation (total)	55,765	97%	3%	0%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	2,384	62%	2%	0%	37%
<b>Corps of Engineers--Civil Works</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	7,063	0%	5%	0%	95%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	3,691	0%	1%	0%	99%
<b>Other Defense Civil Programs</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	256	48%	0%	6%	46%
<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	9,236	0%	36%	0%	63%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	390	0%	33%	0%	67%
<b>Executive Office of the President</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	411	88%	1%	0%	10%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	21	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>General Services Administration</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	254	78%	0%	0%	22%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	10,908	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>International Assistance Programs</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	25,666	22%	50%	1%	27%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	846	6%	5%	12%	77%
<b>National Aeronautics and Space Administration</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	19,839	0%	97%	2%	1%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	2,924	0%	84%	1%	15%

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<b>National Science Foundation</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	7,472	5%	86%	0%	9%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	68	6%	94%	0%	0%
<b>Office of Personnel Management</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	231	54%	0%	0%	46%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	416	81%	0%	0%	19%
<b>Small Business Administration</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	1,281	34%	20%	0%	46%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	578	27%	0%	0%	73%
<b>Social Security Administration</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	10,952	0%	0%	0%	99%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	12,612	84%	15%	0%	1%
<b>Access Board</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	8	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Administrative Conference of the United States</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	3	0%	100%	0%	0%
<b>Advisory Council on Historic Preservation</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	6	100%	0%	0%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
<b>Appalachian Regional Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	152	0%	0%	0%	100%

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<b>Broadcasting Board of Governors</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	794	93%	1%	0%	5%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	3	67%	33%	0%	0%
<b>Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	11	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Commission of Fine Arts</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	5	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Commission on Civil Rights</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	9	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	8	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Commodity Futures Trading Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	250	72%	20%	0%	8%
<b>Consumer Product Safety Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	126	99%	0%	0%	1%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	3	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Corporation for National and Community Service</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	1,247	66%	0%	0%	34%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	40	25%	0%	0%	75%
<b>Corporation for Public Broadcasting</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	50	100%	0%	0%	0%
	Advance appropriation (total)	445	100%	0%	0%	0%



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<b>Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	248	99%	1%	0%	0%
<b>Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	31	0%	100%	0%	0%
<b>Delta Regional Authority</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	25	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>Denali Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	17	0%	0%	0%	100%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	13	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>District of Columbia</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	467	47%	13%	0%	40%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Election Assistance Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	8	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Equal Employment Opportunity Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	365	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Export-Import Bank of the United States</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	6	0%	100%	0%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	123	90%	0%	7%	3%
<b>Federal Communications Commission</b>						
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	475	0%	0%	0%	100%

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<b>Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation</b>						
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	35	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Federal Drug Control Programs</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	349	0%	67%	0%	33%
<b>Federal Election Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	79	90%	10%	0%	0%
<b>Federal Labor Relations Authority</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	26	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Federal Maritime Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	27	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	47	98%	2%	0%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	2	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	17	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Federal Trade Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	175	0%	0%	0%	100%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	138	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	1	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	15	0%	100%	0%	0%

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<b>Institute of Museum and Library Services</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	231	100%	0%	0%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Intelligence Community Management Account</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	500	100%	0%	0%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	41	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>International Trade Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	92	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>Legal Services Corporation</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	385	100%	0%	0%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	3	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>Marine Mammal Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	3	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Merit Systems Protection Board</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	45	0%	100%	0%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	2	0%	100%	0%	0%
<b>Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	5	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>National Archives and Records Administration</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	400	96%	0%	0%	4%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	191	1%	0%	0%	99%

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National Capital Planning Commission	Appropriation (total)	8	100%	0%	0%	0%
National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service	Appropriation (total)	15	0%	0%	0%	100%
National Council on Disability	Appropriation (total)	3	100%	0%	0%	0%
National Credit Union Administration	Appropriation (total)	2	0%	100%	0%	0%
National Endowment for the Arts	Appropriation (total)	150	0%	0%	0%	100%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	1	0%	0%	0%	100%
National Endowment for the Humanities	Appropriation (total)	150	0%	0%	0%	100%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	1	0%	0%	0%	100%
National Labor Relations Board	Appropriation (total)	274	100%	0%	0%	0%
National Mediation Board	Appropriation (total)	14	100%	0%	0%	0%
National Railroad Passenger Corporation Office of Inspector General	Appropriation (total)	23	100%	0%	0%	0%

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<b>National Transportation Safety Board</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	106	100%	0%	0%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	1	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	140	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Northern Border Regional Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	10	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>Nuclear Regulatory Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	918	0%	2%	0%	98%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	6	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	4	0%	100%	0%	0%
<b>Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	13	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Office of Government Ethics</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	16	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	15	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>Office of Special Counsel</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	25	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Other Commissions and Boards</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%

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<b>Presidio Trust</b>						
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	140	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	10	0%	100%	0%	0%
<b>Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	42	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Railroad Retirement Board</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	145	16%	0%	0%	84%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	152	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Securities and Exchange Commission</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	20	0%	0%	0%	100%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	1,587	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>Smithsonian Institution</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	1,066	2%	77%	0%	21%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	31	0%	19%	10%	71%
<b>State Justice Institute</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	6	83%	17%	0%	0%
<b>Surface Transportation Board</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	36	100%	0%	0%	0%
	Spending authority from offsetting collections (total)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims</b>						
	Appropriation (total)	31	100%	0%	0%	0%

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United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	Appropriation (total)	57	91%	0%	2%	7%
United States Institute of Peace	Appropriation (total)	39	0%	100%	0%	0%
United States Interagency Council on Homelessness	Appropriation (total)	4	100%	0%	0%	0%

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