

Report Highlights



Cash Funds Uncommitted Reserves Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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Key Concern

Eleven departments did not comply with uncommitted cash fund reserves statutory requirements for Fiscal Year 2024.

Key Findings

- We determined that 11 departments had funds with excess uncommitted reserves as of June 30, 2024. The departments that we identified as having cash funds with excess uncommitted reserves as of June 30, 2024, are:
 - Department of Agriculture
 - Office of the Governor
 - Department of Higher Education
 - Department of Human Services
 - Department of Labor and Employment
 - Department of Law
 - Department of Local Affairs
 - Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
 - Department of Public Health and Environment
 - Department of Regulatory Agencies
 - Department of Revenue
- Within those 11 departments, 19 total cash funds had excess uncommitted reserves totaling approximately \$25.4 million.
 - The total number of departments with excess uncommitted reserves increased by four from the prior year.
 - The total number of funds with excess uncommitted reserves increased by one from the prior year.
 - Total excess uncommitted reserves decreased by approximately \$23 million from the prior year.
- The Department of Local Affairs had two cash funds with excess uncommitted reserves for 3 consecutive years; as a result, the OSC will be required to restrict its spending authority in accordance with Section 24-75-402(12), C.R.S., beginning in Fiscal Year 2025.
- The Department of Public Health and Environment had one cash fund with excess uncommitted reserves for 4 consecutive years; as a result, the OSC began restricting its spending authority in Fiscal Year 2024 in accordance with Section 24-75-402(12), C.R.S. and will continue to restrict its spending authority in Fiscal Year 2025.

Background

- Section 24-75-402, C.R.S., limits the amount that departments can keep in certain cash funds at the end of a fiscal year.
- A cash fund has an excess uncommitted reserve when the year-end balance is greater than statutory reserve limits.
- The Office of the State Controller (OSC) is required to prepare the Cash Funds Excess Uncommitted Reserves Report annually by September 20 to determine which funds are in compliance.

Recommendations Made

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Responses

Agree: **19**

Partially Agree: **0**

Disagree: **0**