

General Fund Deficit Calculation

CU-Boulder has a policy that General Fund programs will be managed so as not to generate deficits. The policy can be found [here](#).

The policy operates at the program level, NOT the speedtype level. A program may have multiple speedtypes; a deficit in one will not generate a deficit report as long as the program as a whole has positive budget balance available.

General Fund deficits are calculated in the following manner:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Total Budget} \\ + \text{ Actual (Miscellaneous) Revenue} \\ - \text{ Expense and Transfer Actuals} \\ - \text{ Encumbrances EXCLUDING SPO Encumbrances}^1 \\ \hline = \text{ Budget Balance Available} \end{array}$$

Any program with a negative balance available, when calculated in the manner above, will generate a deficit report that will be sent to the Department Principal on a monthly basis between December and June. Programs with deficits of \$25,000 or more for two consecutive quarters will be reported to the responsible Vice Chancellor and a budget deficit resolution plan will be required.

¹ SPO Encumbrances are taken from the "SPO_Encumbered_Amt" field in the "GL_Budg_Act_Encumb_Lines_Base" Table.