

Congressional Deferral Scenario

*A **deferral** is an action or inaction that temporarily withholds, delays or effectively precludes the obligation or expenditure of budgetary resources with the intent of using the funds before they expire.¹*

There are two types of deferrals, Congressional deferrals and Executive Branch deferrals under the Impoundment Control Act. Congressional deferrals are spending delays embodied in law, which are reported on line 5 of the SF 133. Executive Branch deferrals are spending delays included in a special message transmitted to the Congress by the President, which are reported on line 10B of the SF 133. Executive Branch deferrals are generally effected through the apportionment process; whereas the mechanism for congressional deferrals is a law passed by the Congress and signed by the President.

This scenario addresses Congressional Deferrals. There is a separate for Executive Branch deferrals.

An appropriation act was passed for \$1,000. Subsequently, a law was enacted that deferred \$1,000.

1. To record the enactment of an appropriation and receipt of warrant.

| 20X1 – QTR 1 | | | |
|---|-------|-------|------------|
| <u>Budgetary Entry</u> | | | TC A104 |
| DR 4119 Other Appropriations Realized | 1,000 | | |
| CR 4450 Unapportioned Authority | | 1,000 | |
| <u>Proprietary Entry</u> | | | |
| DR 1010 Fund Balance with Treasury | 1,000 | | |
| CR 3101 Unexpended Appropriations – Appropriations Received | | 1,000 | |

2. To record authority temporarily unavailable pursuant to public law.

| QTR 1 | | | |
|---|-------|-------|------------|
| <u>Budgetary Entry</u> | | | TC A128 |
| DR 4450 Unapportioned Authority | 1,000 | | |
| CR 4395 Authority Unavailable Pursuant to Public Law – Temporary | | 1,000 | |

¹ OMB Circular No. A-34 (2000), Section 60

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**Pre - Closing Trial Balance
20X1 - QTR 1**

| 20X1 - QTR 1 | Debit | Credit |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Budgetary | | |
| 4119 | 1,000 | |
| 4395 | <u>0</u> | <u>1,000</u> |
| Total | <u>1,000</u> | <u>1,000</u> |
| Proprietary | | |
| None | | |

**SF133: REPORT ON BUDGET EXECUTION AND BUDGETARY RESOURCES
20X1 - QTR 1**

BUDGETARY RESOURCES

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Budget authority | |
| A. Appropriations received (4119E) | 1,000 |
| 5. Temporarily not available (4395E) | <u>(1,000)</u> |
| 7. Total budgetary resources | <u><u>0</u></u> |

STATUS OF BUDGETARY RESOURCES

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| 11. Total status of budgetary resources | <u><u>0</u></u> |
|--|-----------------|

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20X1 - QTR 4

PRE-CLOSING ENTRY

Congressional deferral does not become available this year.² Therefore, USSGL 4395, account must be closed at year-end and returned to USSGL 4450 .

1. To record reclassification of unavailable authority to unapportioned authority.³

| 20X1 – QTR 4 | | |
|---|-------|------|
| <u>Budgetary Entry</u> | | TC |
| DR 4395 Authority Unavailable Pursuant to Public Law – Temporary | 1,000 | F126 |
| CR 4450 Unapportioned Authority | 1,000 | |

**Pre - Closing Trial Balance
20X1 – Year End**

| 20X1 – YE | Debit | Credit |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Budgetary | | |
| 4119 | 1,000 | |
| 4450 | <u>0</u> | <u>1,000</u> |
| Total | <u>1,000</u> | <u>1,000</u> |
| Proprietary | | |
| None | | |

² In most cases, Congressional deferrals become available in subsequent years.

³ If unavailable amount in USSGL 4395, is not made available/used by year-end, then it must be returned to Unapportioned Authority.

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For Year Ended September 30, 20X1

BUDGETARY RESOURCES

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Budget authority | |
| A. Appropriations received (4119E) | <u>1,000</u> |
| 7. Total budgetary resources | <u>1,000</u> |

STATUS OF BUDGETARY RESOURCES

| | |
|--|--------------|
| 10. Unobligated balance not available (4450E) ⁴ | <u>1,000</u> |
| 11. Total status of budgetary resources | <u>1,000</u> |

BUDGET PROGRAM AND FINANCING (P&F) SCHEDULE PRIOR-YEAR
ACTUAL COLUMN FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 20X1 REPORTING

BUDGETARY RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION

| | |
|---|-------|
| 2200 New budget authority (gross) | 1,000 |
| 2440 Unobligated balance available, end of year (4450E) | 1,000 |

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY (GROSS), DETAIL

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 4000 Appropriation (4119E) | 1,000 |
|----------------------------|-------|

NET BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 8900 Budget authority (net) | 1,000 |
| 9000 Outlays (net) | 0 |

⁴ (10D on crosswalk)

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**Beginning Balance
20X2
(CONGRESS)**

| 20X2 | Debit | Credit |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Budgetary | | |
| 4201 | 1,000 | |
| 4450 | <u>0</u> | <u>1,000</u> |
| Total | <u>1,000</u> | <u>1,000</u> |
| Proprietary | | |
| None | | |

**20X2
(CONGRESS)**

At the end of 20X1 the congressional deferral had not been made available. As a result, USSGL account 4395 had to be closed to USSGL 4450. Therefore, at the beginning of this year, the funds in USSGL 4450 had to be made unavailable until the deferral becomes available.

1. To record budgetary authority apportioned by OMB and unavailable for allotment.

| 20X1 - QTR 1 | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|-------|------|
| <u>Budgetary Entry</u> | | | TC |
| DR 4450 | Unapportioned Authority | 1,000 | A128 |
| | CR 4395 Authority Unavailable Pursuant to Public Law – Temporary | 1,000 | |