Purpose and Scope

.101 This policy establishes how general fund transactions will be recorded and reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in Oregon's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

.102 This policy applies to all agencies that have general fund appropriations and/or that collect and report general fund revenues (i.e., have D23 funds which point to GAAP fund 0001). Except for the sections related to reconciliation of Treasury fund 0401, it does not apply to other GAAP fund types even though they may have moneys on deposit in a Treasury account with a GF prefix. Moneys on deposit at Treasury in accounts with a GF prefix are defined as part of the legal general fund. The legal general fund encompasses any fund which statute defines as part of the general fund, regardless of Treasury fund or GAAP fund type.

Policy Standards

.103 General fund transactions will be accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which has a current financial resources measurement focus.

.104 All general fund expenditures will be recorded in R*STARS and shall not exceed legislatively approved appropriations in accordance with applicable statutes.

.105 All general fund revenue will be recorded in R*STARS, either at the time it is received, or at a summary level on at least a monthly basis.

.106 Agencies shall maintain general ledger accounts on R*STARS as needed to account for all transactions related to the general fund.
Statewide Accounting and Reporting Services (SARS) will report the general fund in the State’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The general fund is a major fund for reporting purposes and is reported in a separate column within the basic financial statements.

General fund transactions will be presented in the *government-wide financial statements* using the accrual basis of accounting, which has an economic resources measurement focus. Agencies are responsible for using appropriate transaction codes to allow for reporting transactions both in the governmental fund financial statements and in the government-wide financial statements.

For CAFR reporting purposes, reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements is required for the balance sheet and operating statement of governmental funds, which includes the general fund.

The State Treasury shall maintain the legal general fund as required by statute.

SFMS Operations in the State Controller’s Division shall reconcile the R*STARS cash balance of fund 0401 to the Treasury cash balance in fund 0401.