



Office of Fiscal Analysis

FY 19 BUDGET PROJECTIONS

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PROJECTIONS HOLD STEADY FOR NOW

The Office of Fiscal Analysis projects a General Fund (GF) surplus of \$513.7 million and a Special Transportation Fund (STF) surplus of \$68 million in FY 19. The GF surplus, combined with the updated volatility adjustment transfer of \$648 million, will result in a \$1,161.7 million deposit into the Budget Reserve Fund (BRF) at the close of FY 19.

Funds Update

Relatively small revisions to projected expenditures: 1) *increase* the anticipated General Fund surplus by \$1.7 million from our [previous estimate](#) of \$511.9 million; and 2) *decrease* the anticipated Special Transportation Fund surplus by \$2.5 million from our previous estimate of \$70.5 million. There are no revisions to projected revenues this month.

Significant revisions to projected revenues may be made in the next monthly statement as consensus revenue estimates are finalized. Corresponding, significant revisions to expenditures may also be made.

Budget Reserve Fund

Significant variances from estimates of Estimated and Final (E&F) payments revenue are typical in April, as tax filers make their final payments for the previous fiscal year. Such variance will either increase or decrease the estimated \$648 million volatility adjustment transfer to the Budget Reserve (“Rainy Day”) Fund.¹

For further information, please see the links below:

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Overview

In Millions of Dollars

	Budget	March Estimate	Difference from Budget
General Fund			
Revenues	19,008.7	19,473.0	464.3
Expenditures	18,998.2	18,959.3	(38.8)
Surplus/(Deficit)	10.5	513.7	503.1
Budget Reserve Fund			
Budget Reserve Deposit	373.6	1,161.7	788.1
Budget Reserve Balance	1,558.9	2,347.0	788.1
Special Transportation Fund			
Revenues	1,620.5	1,687.6	67.1
Expenditures	1,617.3	1,619.6	2.3
Surplus/(Deficit)	3.2	68.0	64.8
Fund Balance	248.9	313.7	64.8

¹ See the OLR Issue Brief 2018-R-0296 [Connecticut’s Volatility Cap](#) for more information on the Volatility Cap and Adjustment