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ROLLOVER OF UNSPENT FUNDS AND RETENTION OF OVER-COLLECTED OWN REVENUE FROM 2020/21 TO 2021/22: PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMME

PURPOSE

1. With regards to the rollover of unspent 2020/21 funds to 2021/22 and the retention of over collected own revenue received in 2020/21 for use in 2021/22, to –
 - (a) Inform votes of the guiding statutory limitations, principles and process.
 - (b) Provide votes with National Treasury's annual Division of Revenue Circular regarding the rollover of unspent national conditional grant funds and information required on unspent transfers made to entities and implementing agencies from schedule 5 grants.
 - (c) Provide votes with the programme and formats to be used for submission of rollover and revenue retention requests.
 - (d) Accounting Officers to note that the prescribed submission date as per Treasury Regulation 6.4.2 is on or before the last working day of April.
2. This Circular applies to the Provincial Parliament to the extent that the Provincial Parliament must inform the Provincial Treasury of the outcome of their rollover and revenue retention processes.

GUIDING STATUTORY LIMITATIONS

Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999) (PFMA)

3. Section 31(2)(a) of the PFMA stipulates that an adjusted budget of a province may provide for the appropriation of funds that have become available to the province (such as over-collected own revenue).
4. In terms of section 31(2)(g) of the PFMA, an adjusted budget of a province may also provide for the rollover of unspent funds from the previous financial year.

Treasury Regulations

5. In terms of Treasury Regulation 6.4.1, funds appropriated but not spent in a particular financial year may be rolled over to a subsequent year subject to approval of the relevant treasury. Such approval will be guided by the following limitations:
 - (a) *Payments for capital assets:* Unspent funds on payments for capital assets may only be rolled over to finalise projects or asset acquisitions still in progress.
 - (b) *Transfers and subsidies:* Savings on transfers and subsidies may not be rolled over for purposes other than originally voted for.
 - (c) *Current payments:* Savings on compensation of employees may not be rolled over. A maximum of five per cent of a department's payments for goods and services may be rolled over.
6. In terms of Treasury Regulation 6.4.2 requests for rollovers must be submitted to the relevant treasury on or before the last working day of April, and must include -
 - (a) The purpose for which the funds were appropriated;
 - (b) The reasons why the funds were not spent;
 - (c) Proposed changes to the use of the funds, if any; and
 - (d) A disbursement schedule indicating the month(s) in which the expenditure is expected to be incurred.
7. Funds for a specific purpose may not be rolled over for more than one financial year, unless approved in advance by the relevant treasury in terms of Treasury Regulation 6.4.3.

National Treasury's Annual Division of Revenue Circular

8. The National Treasury's annual Division of Revenue Circular (see attached, dated 10 March 2021), prescribes that the approval of rollover of unspent national conditional grants must be sought from National Treasury. Uncommitted balances on such grants must be surrendered to the National Revenue Fund.

2020 Division of Revenue Act (Act 4 of 2020)

9. In terms of Section 22(1) of the 2020 Division of Revenue Act, any national conditional grant allocation that is not spent at the end of a financial year reverts to the National Revenue Fund, unless the relevant receiving officer can prove to the satisfaction of the National Treasury that the unspent allocation is committed to identifiable projects.
10. Furthermore, Section 22(2) stipulates that the National Treasury may at the request of a transferring national officer, receiving officer or provincial treasury approve a rollover from a national conditional grant allocation to the next financial year.

Western Cape Direct Charges Act, 2000 (Act 6 of 2000)

11. In terms of the Western Cape Direct Charges Act, 2000 (Act 6 of 2000) an Accounting Officer may, after approval of the rollover funds by the Provincial Treasury, but before appropriation thereof in an Adjustments Appropriation Act, spend such rollover funds for the approved purpose or purposes as a direct charge against the Provincial Revenue Fund.

12. Furthermore, this Act also enables an accounting officer to, after approval by the Provincial Treasury of funds that have become available to the Province such as revenue retention, but before appropriation thereof in an Adjustments Appropriation Act, withdraw such funds for the approved purpose or purposes as a direct charge against the Provincial Revenue Fund.

PRINCIPLES FOR ROLLOVER

13. In Budget Circular No. 5 – 2021/22 dated 18 February 2021, votes and public entities were encouraged to ensure that there is efficient and effective spend of funds at the end of the 2020/21 financial year. Departments were also informed that rollover funds will be limited to funds received in the Second 2020 Adjusted Budget, national conditional grants, as well as for projects where there is evidence of a commitment.
14. Only requests for the rollover of unspent 2020/21 funds from the following sources will thus be considered:
- National conditional grants, as per the prescripts in National Treasury's annual *Division of Revenue Circular on Unspent Conditional Grants*.
 - Funds allocated in the 2020 Second Adjusted Budget from the Provincial Equitable Share —
 - To the Department of Social Development for Food Relief, R51.2 million.
 - To the Department of Education as part of the Presidential Employment Initiative, R814.2 million.
 - Policy-based funding for jobs, safety and wellbeing, R273.5 million allocated in the 2020 Second Adjusted Budget for immediate recovery interventions in the Province.
 - Any further unspent provincial funds from other sources where evidence/proof of commitments can be provided.
 - Underspensing on CoE cannot be utilised for other purposes and any underspensing on compensation of employees (CoE) will be surrendered to the Provincial Revenue Fund (PRF).

PRINCIPLES FOR REVENUE RETENTION

15. Requests for the retention of own revenue will be considered in terms of the following principles:
- 15.1 That the request to retain revenue relates to the collection of revenue not anticipated at the time of the 2020/21 Adjusted Budgets, or alternatively relates to the implementation of efficiency measures regarding revenue collection, special initiatives to increase own revenue, donations, etc.
- 15.2 The relevant request should provide a detailed description of revenue sources that led to the over-collection as well as a detailed description of how the sources will be used.
- 15.3 That approval of requests for revenue retention is subject to current and future revenue budgets being credible.
- 15.4 That retained revenue be utilised to primarily fund once-off expenditure.

- 15.5 That revenue over collection firstly be used to offset overspending.
- 15.6 That, in cases where the unspent cash available (inclusive of increased own revenue collected) in a vote at the end of 2020/21 is less than the unspent budget available, approvals may take into account the available cash.

NATIONAL CONDITIONAL GRANTS

16. The conditions pertaining to the rollover of national conditional grants are contained in National Treasury's *Division of Revenue Circular – Unspent conditional grants in respect of the 2020/21 financial year*, dated 10 March 2021 (copy attached).
17. In this regard, the Provincial Treasury must by 30 April 2021 indicate to the National Treasury and the transferring national officer in writing:
- (a) The total amount of unspent funds for each relevant conditional grant as at 31 March 2021;
 - (b) The amount of unspent funds for the relevant conditional grant not committed to identifiable projects;
 - (c) The amount of funds currently committed to identifiable projects; and
 - (d) Given that Section 22 of the Act requires proof of commitments, the Provincial Treasury must submit a list of the projects referred to in (c) above, clearly stipulating the tender details (pricing and numbers) related to each ongoing infrastructure project or invoices awaiting payment in respect of current expenditure.
18. Conditional grant funds for which no commitments and therefore no rollovers are being requested must be surrendered by the Provincial Treasury to the National Revenue Fund through the relevant national department by 31 May 2021.
19. All funds already transferred to provincial departments but unspent must be surrendered and retained within the Provincial Revenue Fund, pending finalisation of the rollover process.
20. Upon submission of the audited financial statements, the National Treasury will provide a final approval for rollovers of conditional grants or a request for the surrender of uncommitted and unspent conditional grants. Any conditional grant funds approved as a provincial rollover must be included in the provincial adjusted estimates of 2021/22.
21. Treasury Regulation 6.4 will apply with respect to requests for national conditional grant roll-overs, and Treasury Regulation 6.6 applies with respect to accounting for such in an adjustments budget. Therefore:
- (a) Only funds for projects already in progress may be rolled over;
 - (b) Conditional grant funds earmarked/budgeted for transfers and subsidies may not be rolled over unless they will be used for the same purpose already voted for;
 - (c) Conditional grant funds that are budgeted for compensation of employees (such as those within the Human Settlements Development Grant) may not be rolled over if unspent.

(d) In the case of funds either withheld by a national department as at 31 March 2021 or where a province has surrendered funds, the relevant national department may submit to National Treasury a request for roll-overs. Any such request must be supported by the Provincial Treasury in the relevant province. The request must be accompanied by an appropriate motivation on behalf of the sector and the province.

22. Requests for the rollover of national conditional grants must be submitted to Viljoen.Bester@westerncape.gov.za on **Wednesday, 28 April 2021**.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS

23. National Treasury will, after consultation with the Provincial Treasury and the transferring national officer, give provisional approval for national conditional grant funds committed to identifiable projects to be retained within the Provincial Revenue Fund for the purposes of rolling-over to the 2021/22 financial year. Such approval will be communicated within 21 days of receipt of the project lists and the committed amounts as outlined above.

24. All provincial rollover and revenue retention applications will be finalised as part of the 2021/22 Adjusted Estimates process, unless a department indicates otherwise with regards to a specific application.

25. Post approval, votes must reflect the expedited allocations from both sources, i.e. rollover and revenue retention, in the in-year monitoring (IYM) reports and, eventually, take it up in the Adjusted Estimates of Provincial Expenditure for 2021/22.

TOTAL REQUESTS: FORMATS

26. Votes must submit their total requests, inclusive of provincial rollovers and those requests pertaining to national conditional grants, as well as any requests for the retention of own revenue (over collected own receipts), by Friday, **30 April 2021** as per the prescribed submission date in terms of Treasury Regulation 6.4.2.

27. Submission must be done by completing the formats attached hereto, i.e. Annexures A, A1, B, B1, C and D. Completed requests must be submitted to the Provincial Treasury on the dates as per the programme below. The formats will be electronically provided to the Management Accounting Unit within the CFO office.

28. Any challenges experienced with the completion of the Annexures must be taken up with the relevant Provincial Government Finance expenditure analyst, or in the case of revenue retention, with the relevant official in the Fiscal Policy unit.

29. In order to enable the Provincial Treasury to make informed decisions regarding departmental requests, Annexure A1 and B1, which includes, inter alia, explanations on the under spending, additional revenue and remedial steps instituted, must be fully completed and motivated. Any further supporting/additional documentation regarding the rollover requests may also be submitted with Annexure A1.

PROGRAMME

30. The programme for the roll-over and revenue retention process is as follows:

ACTION	DATE
Accounting officers to submit their requests for national conditional grant rollovers to Provincial Treasury per e-mail. This must include information on unspent transfers made to entities and implementing agencies from schedule 5 grants.	Wednesday, 28 April 2021
Provincial Treasury to submit requests for national conditional grant rollovers to National Treasury .	Friday, 30 April 2021
Accounting officers to submit their requests for all rollovers (national conditional grant rollovers included) and revenue retention .	Friday, 30 April 2021
Accounting officers to submit suitably adjusted and firmed up requests after preliminary closure of books.	Monday, 31 May 2021
National Treasury to communicate the outcome of national conditional grant requests.	Within 21 days of receipt of the project lists and the committed amounts
Provincial Treasury to finalise and communicate considerations of provincial requests.	As part of 2021 Adjusted Budget allocations or as per expedited request by Departments

31. Please note that the timely submission of votes' requests as per the programme is a legal requirement in terms of Treasury Regulation 6.4.2. Requests must be submitted under cover of a letter signed by the Accounting Officer or equivalent.
32. After the preliminary closure of the books on 30 April 2020, the 2020/21 financial results/position will be determined and requests must, if required, be suitably adjusted and firmed up by **31 May 2021**.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

33. Departments to note -
- (a) The guiding statutory limitations, principles and process for rollover and revenue retention;
 - (b) National Treasury's annual Division of Revenue Circular regarding the rollover of unspent national conditional grant funds and information required on unspent transfers made to entities and implementing agencies, as attached.
 - (c) The programme and formats to be used for submission of rollover and revenue retention requests.
 - (d) Accounting Officers to note that the prescribed submission date as per Treasury Regulation 6.4.2 is on or before the last working day of April.



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DATE: 21 April 2021