Department of Finance

STATE OF CALIFORNIA MANUAL OF STATE FUNDS

Legal Title	
Disability Access Account	
Legal Citation/Authority	
Chapter 549, Statutes of 2008 (SB 1608)	
Government Code sections 4450-4458	
Fund Classification	Fund Classification
GAAP Basis	Legal Basis

GAAP Basis

Governmental/Special Revenue Funds

Purpose

To provide funding for the costs of reviewing plans and specifications for buildings and facilities covered by the provisions of the authorizing Government Code sections. This review is to determine if the plans provide accessibility to and are functional for the physically handicapped.

Governmental/General Fund Special Accounts

Administering Agency/Organization Code

Department of General Services/Org 7760

Major Revenue Source

Filing fees submitted for plan review

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)

Pursuant to Government Code section 16346, absent language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Appropriation Authority

Government Code section 4454 (d) provides that notwithstanding Government Code section 13340, the account is continuously appropriated for expenditures for the use of the Department of General Services, in carrying out the department's responsibility.

State Appropriations Limit

Excluded—Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues are used to regulate the activities engaged by the payers. Filling fees are deposited into this Special Account used by DGS to ensure that the site plans for a particular construction project comply with Handicap regulations.

Comments/Historical Information

Chapter 7 of the Division 5 (commencing with Section 4450) was added to the Government Code by Chapter 261, Statutes of 1968 to provide standards for access to public buildings by physically handicapped persons. The enforcement of these standards was vested with the Department of General Services for buildings or facilities where state funds are to be used. Where funds of counties, municipalities or other political subdivisions of the state were utilized for public buildings, the responsibility for the enforcement of the access standards was vested with those political subdivisions. Chapter 701, Statutes of 1970 amended the law to require approval of plans and specifications by the Department of General Services prior to the award of contracts, where state funds were to be used, for buildings or facilities subject to the provisions of Chapter 7. Such plans and specifications require submittal to the Department of General Services with a filing fee in an amount to be determined by General Services. All such fees were to be deposited in a special account in the General Fund. The moneys in this account were available to the Department of General Services for the administration of these provisions.

Chapter 942, Statutes of 1977 designated this account as the Handicapped Compliance Review Special Account and Chapter 326, Statutes of 1978 retitled this account to the Access for Handicapped Account. In addition, it made approval of plans and specifications for the construction of elementary, secondary, and community college facilities subject to the review and approval of the Department of General Services rather than the school district governing boards.

The name of the fund was again changed with Chapter 989, Statutes of 2000 to become the Disability Access Account. This legislation also added an abolishment date of 12/31/04.

Chapter 252, Statutes of 2004 deletes provisions terminating the authority to expend funds from the account.

Pursuant to the Governor's Reorganization Plan 2, the Administering Agency's Organization Code changed from Org 1760 to Org 7760, effective July 1, 2013.