Legal Title
Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Fund

Legal Citation/Authority
Chapter 327, Statutes of 1947
Health and Safety Code sections 432-434.5

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Purpose
Created for the purpose of making an inventory of existing hospitals and developing a program to assure that necessary hospital, clinic, and other facilities were available to the people of the state. Federal funds for both the survey and planning activities and construction were deposited in the fund.

Applications for hospital construction funds were made to the Department of Public Health and reviewed for conformity with the statewide plan. If these projects were in conformity with the state plan and were considered to be of high priority based on the relative need, the Department of Public Health forwarded the applications to the Surgeon General along with its recommendation.

The department was charged with the inspection responsibilities for each project approved by the Surgeon General and notification to him that the construction was being performed on the project or purchases had been made in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

At such time as moneys were received from the federal government on behalf of an approved applicant, they were deposited in the fund and used solely for payment to applicants for work performed or purchases made in carrying out approved projects. Any moneys not expended were repaid to the U. S. Treasury. Subsequent legislation has made minor changes to the law without changing the basic purpose. Chapter 1593, Statutes of 1971 changed the name to the Department of Health Fund, effective July 1, 1973, and Chapter 1252, Statutes of 1977 changed the name to State Department of Health Services Fund, effective July 1, 1978. Chapter 429, Statutes of 1978 changed the title of the fund to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Fund.

Administering Agency/Organization Code
Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development/Org 4140

Major Revenue Source
Federal Funds for approved applicants.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Costs of surveying and planning activities.
Payments to approved applicants for hospital construction costs.
Appropriation Authority
Section 433 of the Health and Safety Code provides that "Any moneys deposited in the ...Fund in accordance with the provisions of this article are appropriated for expenditure by the office director for the purpose for which such moneys were received, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Any such funds received and not expended for the purposes of this article shall be repaid to the Treasury of the United States."

State Appropriations Limit
Always Excluded – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from a Trust and Agency Fund (Federal).

Comments/Historical Information