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**NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Annual Revenue Collections Up 7.3 Percent over Previous Fiscal Year**

### **Individual Income Tax and Sales Tax Receipts Drove the Gain**

Columbia, S.C. – State Controller Richard Eckstrom announced today that revenue collections for state government’s General Fund increased a robust \$472 million, or 7.3 percent, over the previous fiscal year. Most of that growth came from increased individual income tax receipts (\$238 million or 8.1 percent growth) and sales and use tax receipts (\$140 million or 5.6 percent growth).

The state’s fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The actual revenue growth rate of 7.3 percent for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2015 (FY14-15) was significantly higher than the forecasted growth rate of 4.4 percent that was used to prepare the FY14-15 budget. That forecasted growth rate was based on economic conditions in 2013 and early 2014 that improved as the year progressed.

The higher-than-previously-anticipated revenues produced a budget surplus. Near the end of FY14-15 the General Assembly appropriated part of the emerging surplus. Yet after this week’s closing of the books for FY14-15, almost \$87 million of *additional* surplus remains for the General Assembly to appropriate.

Because economic downturns often negatively impact funding for government services, the state maintains reserve accounts to protect against downturns which invariably occur. The state currently has nearly \$1.2 billion in reserve (including \$415 million in unspent appropriations being carried forward by agencies for specified purposes). This nearly \$1.2 billion might seem to some to be excessively high, yet between 2007 and 2008 the state exhausted all of its reserves and had to cut annual General Fund spending by over \$1.3 billion due to the declining national and state economies.

But between our current accumulated reserves and our relatively low level of debt, the state is now much better prepared to withstand similar economic downturns. However, this state must deal more realistically with its growing liability for providing retirement benefits to public employees. That liability has accumulated to more than \$20 billion, increasing at a rate of nearly \$1 billion per year, and the burden of paying it off is being passed to future taxpayers. At the same time, future taxpayers will be called upon to fund the state's significant unmet costs for highway construction and maintenance.

A detailed breakdown of the FY 2014-15 close-out can be found in the accompanying report.

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*State of South Carolina*  
**BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

BUDGETARY GENERAL FUND  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015  
(Unaudited)

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**Factors that produced the fiscal year budgetary surplus:**

Actual revenue over revenue estimates used in Appropriations Act.....	\$ 300,241,407
Governor's FY14-15 sustained vetoes.....	885,000
Agency appropriations that lapsed at year-end.....	179,356
Capital Reserve Fund adjustment.....	1,610
"Open-ended" appropriations.....	<u>(1,564,828)</u>
General Fund budgetary surplus available for distribution.....	299,742,545
Available Contingency Reserve Fund balance to be used per Proviso 118.14.....	<u>19,740,576</u>
Net budgetary surplus available for distribution.....	<b>319,483,121</b>

**Distribution of surplus:**

Supplementally appropriated by Proviso 118.14, net of Governor's sustained vetoes totaling \$6,235,000 and \$77,302,168 to be funded in FY15-16 from unbudgeted General Fund sources.....	(32,786,043)
Supplementally appropriated by FY15-16 Act 92, Sections 3 and 7, net of Governor's sustained veto of \$250,000.....	<u>(199,946,281)</u>
<b>Available for transfer to Contingency Reserve Fund as of July 1, 2015....</b>	<b><u>\$ 86,750,797</u></b>

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BUDGETARY GENERAL FUND  
**Changes in Budgetary Fund Balance**  
 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015  
 (Unaudited)

	General Reserve	Appropriations Carried Forward <sup>c</sup>	Capital Reserve	Contingency Reserve	Unreserved/ Undesignated	Total <sup>c</sup>
Revenues.....	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 6,960,389,459	\$ 6,960,389,459
Expenditures.....	—	—	—	—	(6,814,972,175)	(6,814,972,175)
Transfer to General Reserve per Appropriations Act.....	26,589,048	—	—	—	(26,589,048)	—
Transfer to Capital Reserve per Appropriations Act.....	—	—	127,789,918	—	(127,789,918)	—
Transfer to Contingency Reserve per Appropriations Act...	—	—	(2,288,513)	226,722,941	(224,434,428)	—
Use of Capital Reserve.....	—	—	(114,867,392)	—	—	(114,867,392)
Use of Contingency Reserve.....	—	—	—	(263,352,512)	263,352,512	—
Committed to South Carolina State University Loan.....	—	—	—	(12,000,000)	—	(12,000,000)
Appropriations:						
Brought forward from last year <sup>a</sup> .....	—	(489,876,870)	—	—	489,876,870	—
Carried forward to next year <sup>b</sup> .....	—	415,073,092	—	—	(415,073,092)	—
Net fiscal year changes.....	26,589,048	(74,803,778)	10,634,013	(48,629,571)	104,760,180	18,549,892
Fund balance—July 1, 2014.....	292,889,764	489,876,870	117,155,905	68,370,147	194,982,365	1,163,275,051
Fund balance-June 30, 2015 <sup>c</sup> .....	<u>\$ 319,478,812</u>	<u>\$ 415,073,092</u>	<u>\$ 127,789,918</u>	<u>\$ 19,740,576</u>	<u>\$ 299,742,545</u>	<u>\$ 1,181,824,943</u>

a These represent current year expenditures that did not require current year appropriations.

b These represent current year appropriations that will not be expended until next year.

c Included in appropriations carried forward are \$10,000,000 and \$17,201,319 in special carryforwards for Aid to Local Governments and Debt Service, respectively, that have been designated by FY15-16 Act 92, Sections 5 and 6, for specified expenditures in FY15-16.

BUDGETARY GENERAL FUND  
**Revenue Analysis**  
 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015  
 (Unaudited)

	Estimated Revenue Used in Approp. Act	Actual Revenue	Actual Over (Under) Estimated Revenue	Percent Over (Under)
<b>Regular sources:</b>				
Individual income tax.....	\$ 3,012,820,102	\$ 3,159,204,051	\$ 146,383,949	4.9
Corporation income tax.....	304,298,869	326,968,127	22,669,258	7.4
Retail and casual sales tax.....	<u>2,590,085,069</u>	<u>2,656,946,677</u>	<u>66,861,608</u>	<u>2.6</u>
 Total income and sales taxes.....	 5,907,204,040	 6,143,118,855	 235,914,815	 4.0
 Admissions tax.....	 29,266,939	 32,742,754	 3,475,815	 11.9
Aircraft tax.....	4,700,472	4,492,414	(208,058)	(4.4)
Alcoholic liquors tax.....	67,305,644	70,363,644	3,058,000	4.5
Bank tax.....	40,000,000	31,268,111	(8,731,889)	(21.8)
Beer and wine tax.....	102,563,724	104,865,231	2,301,507	2.2
Business license (tobacco) tax.....	27,126,360	25,482,166	(1,644,194)	(6.1)
Coin-operated device tax.....	1,570,367	1,197,813	(372,554)	(23.7)
Corporation license tax.....	83,832,779	129,851,012	46,018,233	54.9
Departmental revenue.....	36,450,056	28,799,986	(7,650,070)	(21.0)
Documentary (deed stamp) tax.....	32,871,609	40,640,174	7,768,565	23.6
Earned on investments.....	18,000,000	17,711,197	(288,803)	(1.6)
Insurance tax.....	221,491,879	216,589,904	(4,901,975)	(2.2)
Motor vehicle licenses.....	10,031,759	10,602,698	570,939	5.7
Private car lines tax.....	3,718,973	4,020,484	301,511	8.1
Excess earnings from Public Service Authority.....	22,000,000	20,191,798	(1,808,202)	(8.2)
Retailers' license tax.....	826,509	803,686	(22,823)	(2.8)
Savings and Loan Association tax.....	3,261,277	1,994,090	(1,267,187)	(38.9)
Workers' Compensation insurance tax.....	<u>10,206,684</u>	<u>8,171,254</u>	<u>(2,035,430)</u>	<u>(19.9)</u>
 Total regular sources.....	 <u>6,622,429,071</u>	 <u>6,892,907,271</u>	 <u>270,478,200</u>	 <u>4.1</u>
<b>Miscellaneous sources:</b>				
Circuit and family court fines.....	8,199,717	8,446,184	246,467	3.0
Debt service reimbursements.....	65,234	538,627	473,393	725.7
Indirect cost recoveries.....	11,061,222	13,511,580	2,450,358	22.2
Nonrecurring revenue.....	—	26,592,989	26,592,989	100.0
Parole and probation supervision fees.....	3,392,808	3,392,808	—	—
Unclaimed property fund transfers.....	<u>15,000,000</u>	<u>15,000,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
 Total miscellaneous sources.....	 <u>37,718,981</u>	 <u>67,482,188</u>	 <u>29,763,207</u>	 <u>78.9</u>
 Total .....	 <u>\$ 6,660,148,052</u>	 <u>\$ 6,960,389,459</u>	 <u>\$ 300,241,407</u>	 <u>4.5</u>

**BUDGETARY GENERAL FUND**  
**Appropriations and Expenditures**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Appropriations Per Act <sup>a</sup>	Adjusted Authorizations	Disposition of Adjusted Authorizations		
			Expenditures	Appropriations Carried Forward to 2016	Lapsed
Education.....	\$ 2,449,914,982	\$ 2,542,969,267	\$ 2,510,944,883	\$ 32,024,384	\$ —
Health and Human Services.....	1,117,643,370	1,391,501,414	1,217,191,074	174,310,340	—
Higher Education.....	631,325,696	703,629,941	698,338,658	5,291,283	—
Corrections.....	372,476,021	389,854,399	381,651,380	8,203,019	—
Aid to Local Governments <sup>b</sup> .....	325,370,186	351,903,939	341,878,626	10,025,313	—
Disabilities and Special Needs.....	202,751,437	217,602,752	216,572,281	1,030,471	—
Debt Service <sup>b</sup> .....	175,205,298	212,920,907	195,719,588	17,201,319	—
Mental Health.....	188,913,720	192,875,727	192,875,727	—	—
Social Services.....	122,660,657	131,348,733	122,315,369	9,033,364	—
Health and Environmental Control.....	100,480,255	119,939,938	111,851,426	8,088,512	—
Juvenile Justice.....	102,543,146	105,956,760	101,991,761	3,964,999	—
Public Safety.....	73,766,434	81,546,703	78,603,566	2,943,137	—
Transportation.....	50,057,270	93,157,666	62,226,975	30,930,691	—
Governor's Office.....	56,630,933	64,701,208	57,330,959	7,254,273	115,976
Budget and Control Board <sup>c</sup> .....	139,648,940	58,579,718	51,377,673	7,202,045	—
Revenue.....	47,241,048	51,358,257	48,879,264	2,478,993	—
Parks, Recreation and Tourism.....	38,475,004	52,926,083	48,551,006	4,375,077	—
Judicial Department.....	45,302,544	50,438,533	47,048,973	3,389,560	—
Commerce.....	22,114,055	56,041,511	27,292,674	28,748,837	—
Stand-alone Schools.....	24,650,633	28,291,383	25,953,344	2,338,039	—
Natural Resources.....	21,222,910	31,051,180	24,812,523	6,238,657	—
Probation, Parole, and Pardon.....	21,930,179	23,392,832	22,984,530	408,302	—
Commission on Indigent Defense.....	21,202,809	21,347,529	21,347,529	—	—
House of Representatives.....	21,671,006	41,487,530	18,204,985	23,282,545	—
Prosecution Coordination Commission.....	15,715,962	16,995,244	16,119,391	875,853	—
Lieutenant Governor.....	12,676,661	19,640,311	15,360,065	4,280,246	—
Forestry Commission.....	14,376,071	15,336,327	14,587,655	748,672	—
Vocational Rehabilitation.....	13,815,459	14,145,546	14,145,546	—	—
Senate.....	13,077,248	20,317,429	13,741,319	6,576,110	—
County Transportation Funds.....	—	13,500,000	13,500,000	—	—
Legislative Support Agencies.....	10,490,956	14,065,537	11,536,456	2,528,220	861
State Library.....	9,506,643	10,878,776	10,865,294	13,482	—
Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.....	6,504,672	8,393,707	8,375,782	17,925	—
Adjutant General.....	6,225,033	9,791,455	7,554,553	2,236,902	—
Election Commission.....	5,096,671	8,809,849	7,048,519	1,759,645	1,685
Rural Infrastructure Authority.....	4,375,000	6,742,385	6,434,632	307,753	—
Agriculture.....	6,010,706	6,466,603	6,134,373	332,230	—
Attorney General.....	5,355,743	7,118,287	5,576,138	1,542,149	—
Insurance.....	3,716,525	3,799,029	3,799,029	—	—
Museum Commission.....	3,229,001	3,727,511	3,536,735	190,776	—
Archives and History.....	2,500,351	3,381,559	3,113,628	267,036	895
Arts Commission.....	2,965,885	3,032,730	3,011,820	20,910	—
Commission for Blind.....	2,914,363	3,239,369	2,977,594	261,775	—
State Treasurer.....	1,814,102	3,280,862	2,720,967	559,895	—
Comptroller General.....	2,186,285	2,407,323	2,204,379	202,944	—
Administrative Law Court.....	2,098,443	2,283,223	2,081,099	202,124	—
Aeronautics.....	1,834,044	1,984,272	1,968,138	16,134	—
Workers' Compensation Commission.....	1,859,011	1,924,402	1,909,176	15,226	—
Human Affairs Commission.....	1,773,939	1,765,370	1,699,818	65,552	—
Labor, Licensing and Regulation.....	1,311,480	1,596,180	1,594,518	1,662	—
Consumer Affairs.....	1,250,968	1,400,915	1,285,525	115,390	—
Secretary of State.....	1,036,325	1,393,332	1,274,101	119,231	—
Ports Authority.....	2,600,000	3,800,000	1,050,000	2,750,000	—
Patriots Point Development Authority.....	—	1,000,000	1,000,000	—	—
Law Enforcement Training Council.....	768,792	845,596	769,937	75,659	—
Commission for Minority Affairs.....	724,664	799,290	762,684	36,606	—
Sea Grant Consortium.....	546,873	701,210	504,367	155,929	40,914
Employment and Workforce.....	365,389	374,038	374,038	—	—
State Ethics Commission.....	300,746	314,412	294,169	20,243	—
Procurement Review Panel.....	133,983	148,634	115,956	13,653	19,025
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,532,356,527</b>	<b>\$ 7,230,224,623</b>	<b>\$ 6,814,972,175</b>	<b>\$ 415,073,092</b>	<b>\$ 179,356</b>

<sup>a</sup> The Appropriations per Act column of \$6,532,356,527 does not include Capital Reserve appropriations of \$127,791,525. The General Fund recapitulation in the FY14-15 Appropriations Act shows these two amounts combined for a total of \$6,660,148,052.

<sup>b</sup> The special carryforward portions of Aid for Local Governments and Debt Service have been designated by FY15-16 Act 92 for specified expenditures in FY15-16.

<sup>c</sup> Effective July 1, 2015, the Budget and Control Board was restructured into the Department of Administration and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

BUDGETARY GENERAL FUND  
**Appropriations Carried Forward to FY15–16**  
 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015  
 (Unaudited)

	Total Carried Forward	Special Carry- Forwards <sup>a</sup>	General Carry- Forwards <sup>b</sup>
Health and Human Services.....	\$ 174,310,340	\$ 174,310,340	\$ —
Education.....	32,024,384	28,470,617	3,553,767
Transportation.....	30,930,691	30,930,691	—
Commerce.....	28,748,837	27,703,401	1,045,436
House of Representatives.....	23,282,545	23,282,545	—
Debt Service <sup>c</sup> .....	17,201,319	17,201,319	—
Aid to Local Governments <sup>c</sup> .....	10,025,313	10,000,000	25,313
Social Services.....	9,033,364	3,164,660	5,868,704
Corrections.....	8,203,019	317,518	7,885,501
Health and Environmental Control.....	8,088,512	3,965,167	4,123,345
Governor's Office.....	7,254,273	3,643,964	3,610,309
Budget and Control Board <sup>d</sup> .....	7,202,045	5,465,542	1,736,503
Senate.....	6,576,110	6,576,110	—
Natural Resources.....	6,238,657	5,910,953	327,704
Higher Education.....	5,291,283	2,626,578	2,664,705
Parks, Recreation and Tourism.....	4,375,077	2,819,192	1,555,885
Lieutenant Governor.....	4,280,246	3,551,082	729,164
Juvenile Justice.....	3,964,999	196,186	3,768,813
Judicial Department.....	3,389,560	3,389,560	—
Public Safety.....	2,943,137	1,933,976	1,009,161
Ports Authority.....	2,750,000	2,750,000	—
Legislative Support Agencies.....	2,528,220	2,528,220	—
Revenue.....	2,478,993	—	2,478,993
Stand-alone Schools.....	2,338,039	1,044,654	1,293,385
Adjutant General.....	2,236,902	1,869,585	367,317
Election Commission.....	1,759,645	1,389,054	370,591
Attorney General.....	1,542,149	1,542,149	—
Disabilities and Special Needs.....	1,030,471	—	1,030,471
Prosecution Coordination Commission.....	875,853	—	875,853
Forestry Commission.....	748,672	—	748,672
State Treasurer.....	559,895	400,000	159,895
Probation, Parole and Pardon.....	408,302	—	408,302
Agriculture.....	332,230	332,230	—
Rural Infrastructure Authority.....	307,753	307,753	—
Archives and History.....	267,036	12,835	254,201
Commission for Blind.....	261,775	—	261,775
Comptroller General.....	202,944	—	202,944
Administrative Law Court.....	202,124	—	202,124
Museum Commission.....	190,776	180,164	10,612
Sea Grant Consortium.....	155,929	100,000	55,929
Secretary of State.....	119,231	119,231	—
Consumer Affairs.....	115,390	—	115,390
Law Enforcement Training Council.....	75,659	—	75,659
Human Affairs Commission.....	65,552	5,738	59,814
Commission for Minority Affairs.....	36,606	—	36,606
Arts Commission.....	20,910	—	20,910
State Ethics Commission.....	20,243	—	20,243
Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.....	17,925	—	17,925
Aeronautics.....	16,134	—	16,134
Workers' Compensation Commission.....	15,226	—	15,226
Procurement Review Panel.....	13,653	—	13,653
State Library.....	13,482	—	13,482
Labor, Licensing and Regulation.....	1,662	—	1,662
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 415,073,092</b>	<b>\$ 368,041,014</b>	<b>\$ 47,032,078</b>

<sup>a</sup> Provisos contained within Part 1B of the FY14-15 Appropriations Act allowed certain agencies to carry forward specific appropriation balances to FY14-15 for expenditure.

<sup>b</sup> Proviso 117.24 of the FY14-15 Appropriations Act allows agencies to carry forward up to ten percent of original appropriations reduced by special carryforwards (as defined).

<sup>c</sup> The special carryforward portions of Aid for Local Governments and Debt Service have been designated by FY15-16 Act 92 for specified expenditures in FY15-16.

<sup>d</sup> Effective July 1, 2015, the Budget and Control Board was restructured into the Department of Administration and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

BUDGETARY GENERAL FUND  
**Open-Ended Appropriations**  
 Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015  
 (Unaudited)

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aid to Subdivisions–State Treasurer.....	Aid to Fire Districts - Formula Funding Shortfall	\$ 1,456,225
Budget and Control Board-Employee Benefits <sup>b</sup> .....	Workers' Compensation Insurance	70,138
Adjutant General's Office.....	2015 Winter Storm - National Guard Salaries	<u>38,465</u>
<b>Total Open-Ended Appropriations <sup>a</sup></b>		<b><u>\$ 1,564,828</u></b>

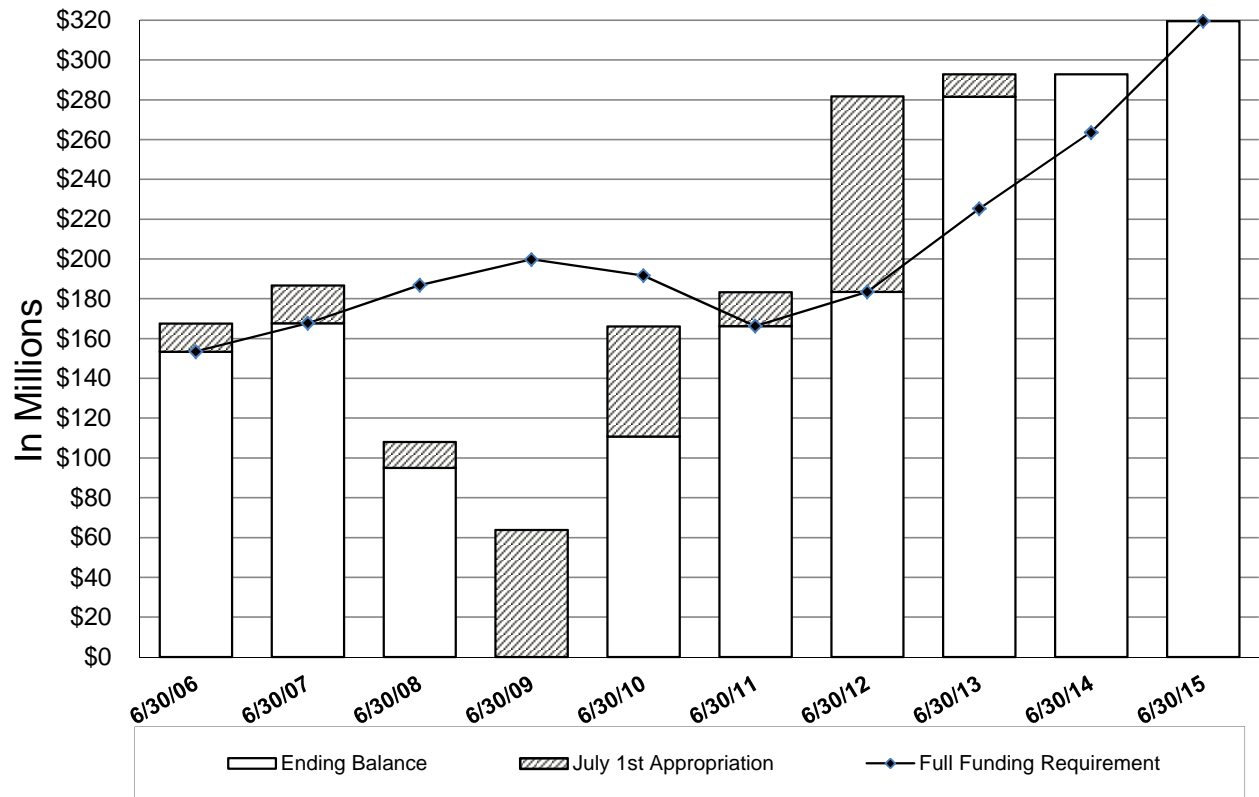
<sup>a</sup> "Open-ended" appropriations result either from Legislative commitments to fund certain budgetary items without providing sufficient appropriations to fully fund them or to cover an agency's budgetary deficit provided that it is approved by State Fiscal Accountability Authority action. In either of these instances, the State uses year-end budgetary surpluses to fund appropriation shortfalls.

<sup>b</sup> Effective July 1, 2015, the Budget and Control Board was restructured into the Department of Administration and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.



**BUDGETARY GENERAL FUND**  
**General Reserve**  
**Fiscal Years Ended June 30**  
**(Unaudited)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Net Additions (Reductions)</b>	<b>Ending Balance<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Full Funding Requirement<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Over (Under) Funded</b>	<b>July 1st Appropriation<sup>a</sup></b>
2006	\$ 75,154,528	\$ 78,333,866	\$ 153,488,394	\$ 153,488,394	\$ —	\$ 14,243,425
2007	153,488,394	14,243,425	167,731,819	167,731,819	—	19,048,978
2008	167,731,819	(72,609,202)	95,122,617	186,780,797	(91,658,180)	12,974,290
2009	95,122,617	(95,122,617)	—	199,755,087	(199,755,087)	63,923,944
2010	—	110,883,455	110,883,455	191,771,831	(80,888,376)	55,441,728
2011	110,883,455	55,441,728	166,325,183	166,325,183	—	17,141,169
2012	166,325,183	17,141,169	183,466,352	183,466,352	—	98,175,036
2013	183,466,352	98,175,036	281,641,388	225,313,110	56,328,278	11,248,376
2014	281,641,388	11,248,376	292,889,764	263,600,787	29,288,977	—
2015	292,889,764	26,589,048	319,478,812	319,478,812	—	—



<sup>a</sup> Ending balances in table above do not reflect payments made on July 1 of any succeeding year as a result of appropriations to the General Reserve Fund (GRF). The graph below shows balances in the GRF that include these July 1 appropriations (cross-checked portion of columns). Beginning in FY11-12, the S.C. Constitution was amended to increase the annual full funding requirement of the SRF by .5% increments from 3% of the prior year's General Fund revenues to 5%. The General Assembly voluntarily achieved the 5% funding level in FY12-13, 2 years ahead of the required phased-in increase.

BUDGETARY GENERAL FUND

**Capital Reserve**

Fiscal Years Ended June 30  
(Unaudited)

Year	Beginning Balance	Appropriation	Amount Applied Against Revenue Shortfall	Used for Supplemental Appropriations	Ending Balance	Full Funding Requirement
2006	\$ 99,356,026	\$ 102,325,596	\$ —	\$ (99,356,026)	\$ 102,325,596	\$ 102,325,596
2007	102,325,596	111,821,213	—	(102,325,596)	111,821,213	111,821,213
2008	111,821,213	124,520,532	(124,520,532)	(111,821,213)	—	124,520,532
2009	—	133,170,058	(133,170,058)	—	—	133,170,058
2010	—	127,847,888	(127,847,888)	—	—	127,847,888
2011	—	110,883,455	—	—	110,883,455	110,883,445
2012	110,883,455	104,837,915	—	(110,883,455)	104,837,915	104,837,915
2013	104,837,915	112,656,555	—	(104,837,915)	112,656,555	112,656,555
2014	112,656,555	117,155,905	—	(112,656,555)	117,155,905	117,155,905
2015	117,155,905	127,789,918	—	(117,155,905)	127,789,918	127,791,528

