

8835.0350 FINANCIAL RECORDS.

Subpart 1. **Records.** A recipient and any third party contractor shall maintain their financial records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The records must permit audit verification of transit cost allocations claimed during the contract period. The recipient and any third party contractor also shall keep records on miles and hours of service and passenger trips. Records must be kept available for a period of six years from the date of final payment or the expiration date of the contract, whichever occurs first.

Subp. 2. [Repealed, L 2023 c 68 art 5 s 55]

Subp. 3. **Audits.** The financial records of the recipient must be audited. They may be audited by the department or the department may accept all or part of the audit of an independent auditor instead of a departmental audit if the audit meets department standards. In addition to chapter 8835, department audits must be based on the contract cost principles and procedures in Code of Federal Regulations, title 48, chapter 1, part 31, and Office of Management and Budget Circular, Number A-87 and Number A-122, as amended. The financial records of a subcontractor may be audited at the department's discretion. The department shall submit year-end financial statements to the department auditor by April 15 of the year following the period covered by the financial assistance contract. Audits at the end of a contract period must establish approved total operating costs. New recipients are subject to a preaward audit before contract execution and fund encumbrance. As provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.05, subdivision 5, the records, books, documents, and accounting practices of the recipient and of any third party contractor relating to the contract are subject to audit and examination by the department and the legislative auditor during working hours. If the department determines it has overpaid a recipient on a previous contract, the department may reduce payments under the current contract by the amount of overpayment.

Subp. 4. **Project monitoring.** The department shall use the management plan required under part 8835.0260 as a basis for monitoring and evaluating the performance of the public transit system during the contract period. Public transit policy decisions made by the recipient and actions taken during the contract period must conform with the management plan. A proposed deviation from the management plan must be reported to the department and approval secured in writing before implementation. Approval will be granted if it is clearly documented that the proposed deviation will not increase overall project costs. Failure to secure approval jeopardizes continued financial assistance.

Subp. 5. **Reserve account.** If a public transit system generates operating revenue in excess of the recipient's local share amount, the recipient shall deposit the excess into a reserve account to be used for approved operating expenses that are not covered by the contract or for part of the local share of capital expenses of the transit system. The recipient shall report this revenue and expenses charged against it to the department on reporting forms provided by the department.

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