

Colleague Self Service Budget Instruction

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Colleague Self-Service Budget Instructions

Colleague Self-Service Budget is a standard Colleague query tool that enables managers to monitor department budgets. To gain access to Colleague Self-Service Budget, please contact Xi Zhong (xi@lclark.edu). There are two types of general access: (1) all object codes, and (2) all object codes excluding personnel. You will need approval from your supervisor and/or department manager.

General Information – Account Structure

Understanding the general ledger structure is helpful when navigating the Colleague Self-Service Budget Financial Management queries.

At Lewis & Clark, the general ledger account string is comprised of 11 characters. In Colleague Self-Service, the first seven digits are called a cost center. Colleague Self Service also uses the short version of the fund name (GR CUF, for example), rather than the fund number.

FUND*	Division	Department	Object
XX	X	XXXX	XXXX
10 LS CUF Law Unrestricted	'0'	0XXX Instruction	1XXX Assets
12 LS CRF Law Restricted	or	1XXX Research	2XXX Liabilities
20 GR CUF Grad Unrestricted	Alpha	2XXX Public Service	3XXX Fund Balance
22 GR CRF Grad Restricted	(rarely)	3XXX Academic Support	4XXX Revenues
30 UG CUF CAS Unrestricted		4XXX Student Support	5XXX Personnel
32 UG CRF CAS Restricted		5XXX Institutional Support	6XXX-9XXX Operating Expenses
40 CS CUF Common Services Unrestricted		6XXX Physical Plant	*95XX - 96XX Transfers
42 CS CRF Common Services Restricted		7XXX Scholarship	
		8XXX Auxiliaries	
		9XXX General	

*Colleague Self Service will use the following abbreviations:

CUF = College Unrestricted Fund

CRF = College Restricted Fund

- [List of Frequently Used Object Code](#)

For Example: 40 0 5301 6000 stands for Common Service-Business Office-Office Supplies Expense.

General Information – Budget Guidelines

- For each object code within your cost center, Colleague Self-Service Budget Financial Management will show the budget, actual expenditures, and balance remaining. Colleague Financial Management does not currently have the ability to create subtotals for specific sets of object codes. You will need to use the filter feature (outlined in the instructions) to isolate object codes and manage your budget according to the **guidelines** below:
- **Revenue** (object code 4000-4999)
 - Revenue in excess of the budgeted amount may only be spent with approval from the relevant Dean and VP of Finance.
- **Personnel** (object codes 5000-5399, 5500-5999)
 - Favorable variances (such as vacancy savings) in personnel accounts may only be spent with approval from the relevant Dean and VP of Finance.
- **Student Labor** (object codes 5400-5499)
 - Student labor is typically budgeted in one object code (5420). Depending on the type of work study awarded to the student, actual student labor expenditures will charge to one of four accounts (5400 Student Labor FWS, 5420 Student Labor Other, 5450 Institutional Work Study, or 5470 Off-Campus FWS). Funds should only be spent on student labor unless you have obtained approval from the Dean and VP of Finance.
- **Operating Expenses** (object codes 6000-9999)
 - Throughout the year, charge expenses to the object code that best describes the expenditure. Departments are required to keep spending with their total operating expense budget. Variances at the object code level are expected.
 - Transfers (object codes 8721, 8722, 9500-9699): There can be many types of transfers - interdepartmental transfers, negotiated transfers, and transfers between restrictions. Please contact finance support staff if you need assistance interpreting the transfers in your particular department.
- LIVE Self Service Link
<https://lc-ssvc-01.clark.edu:8101/Student/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fStudent%2f>

How to check budget status using Colleague Self-Service Budget Financial Management

1. Log into “Self-Service” (two ways):

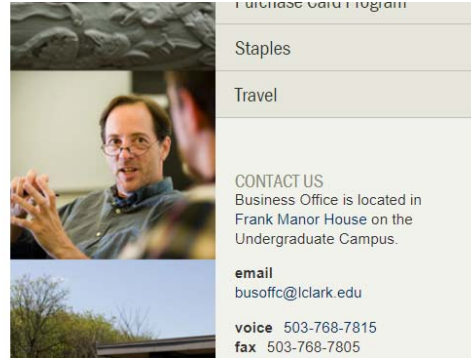
- I. Go to Budget website, click on “Self-Service Budget Financial Management” and log onto Self-Service.

WebAdvisor Budget Queries Are Changing!

The budget queries available on WebAdvisor will be changing to a new interface using the financial management module of Colleague effective October 1. The new platform will provide enhanced download capabilities and the ability to see multiple departments and save “views” for frequently queried accounts.

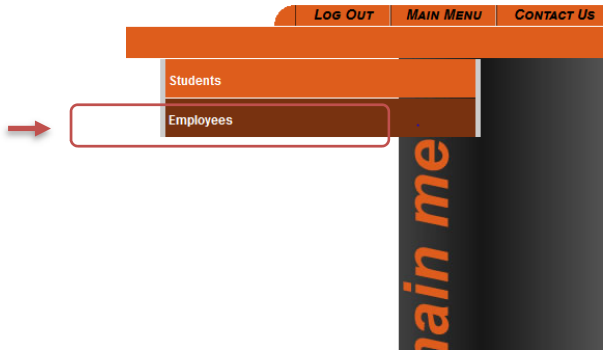
Anyone currently using the budget query application should plan to attend one of the upcoming training sessions in order to better understand how to use the financial management module. If you cannot attend a training session, materials will be available in the budget section of the Business Office website. Additionally, there will be pop-in office hours this fall for anyone having difficulty with the transition.

→ [Link to Colleague Financial Management](#)

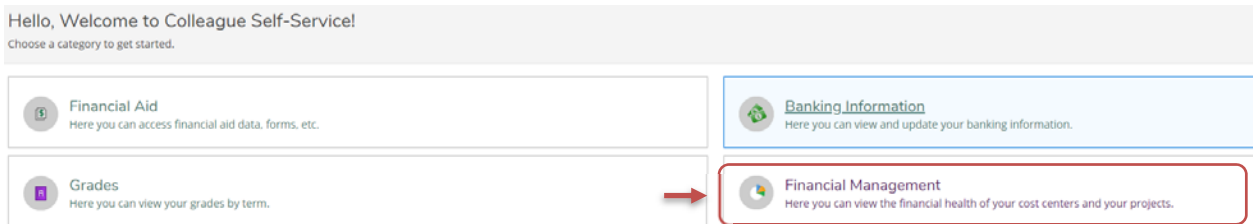


OR:

- II. Log in to WebAdvisor, Click “Employee” bar, Under Budgeting section, click “Self-Service Financial Management” (Available on Oct 1st, 2019)




III. Click on “Financial Management”



IV. Click on “Budget”

Financial Management Overview

→  **Budget**
Here you can view the financial health of your cost centers.

- V. A list of all cost centers (fund & department) you currently have access to will populate under “My Cost Centers” or you can choose “Object View” to see your accounts by object code. Note: “Object View” is a consolidation of all departments (for the relevant filter, if applied). The “Object View” may be more useful for restricted accounts

→ **Budget**

My Cost Centers | Object View

Filter

Hiding active accounts w/ no activity

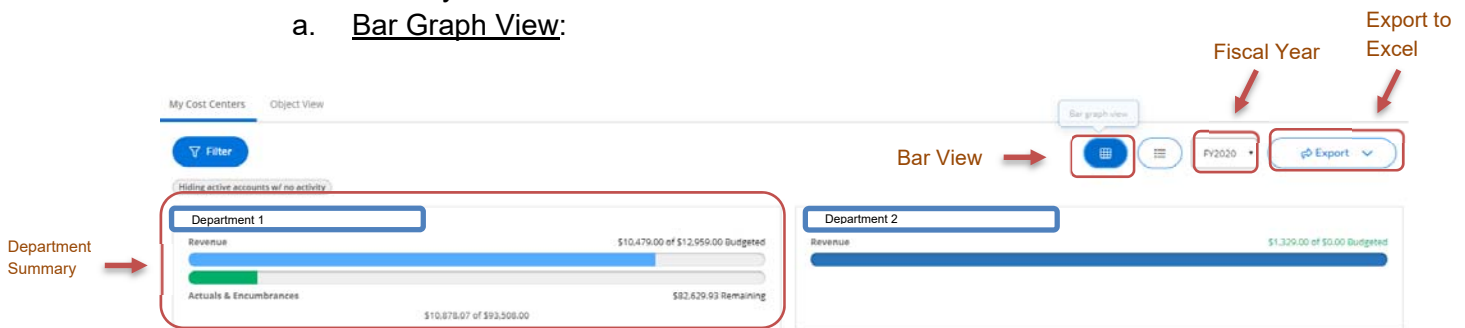
Cost Center	Budgeted Revenue	Actual Revenue	Budgeted Expenses	Actuals and Encumbrances	Remaining Expenses	% Spent	Financial Health
Department 1	\$12,959.00	\$10,479.00	\$93,508.00	\$10,878.07	\$82,629.93	12%	✓
Department 2	\$0.00	\$1,329.00					

2. Using ‘My Cost Center’ View (RECOMMENDED)

This is the best way to view the status of operating department budgets.

- I. Two different views within My Cost Center: **Bar Graph View** and **List View**. The Bar Graph View will be visible the first time you log in to Colleague Self Service, but the List View is actually the recommended view.

- a. **Bar Graph View:**



- 1) Shows department summary in a box
- 2) Cost Center: Department number and Description
- 3) Revenue Color
 - Teal: Progress for revenue
 - Dark Teal: Revenue budget is over 100%

- 4) Expense Colors:
 - Green: more than 15% of the budget remaining
 - Yellow: 0.5% < remaining budget < 15%
 - Red: less than 0.5%
 - Dark Red: expenses are over 100% of budget
- 5) Pick Fiscal Year you would like to view
 - Current Year and 5 Year History
- 6) Exporting to Excel is available in this screen as well as most other screens.

a. List View (RECOMMENDED)

Cost Center	Budgeted Revenue	Actual Revenue	Budgeted Expenses	Actuals and Encumbrances	Remaining Expenses	% Spent	Financial Health
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Financial Health Indicator

- 1) Shows the status of each department plus a Financial Health indicator:
 - Green Check Mark: Below Budget
 - Yellow Caution Sign: Close to Budget
 - Red Exclamation Point: Over Budget
- b. To drill down to a specific department, click on the department name
 - c. The next level lists all the general ledger accounts for the selected department: The first screen shows the object codes summarized by the first digit of the object code (called the GL Class).
 - 4 Revenue: Revenue
 - 5 Expenditures: Personnel Expenses
 - 6 – 9 Expenditures: Operating Expenses

Department 1	Budget	Actuals	Encumbrances	Remaining	% Received/ Spent	Financial Health
Revenue	\$12,959.00	\$10,479.00	\$0.00	\$2,480.00	81 %	
4 Revenues	\$12,959.00	\$10,479.00	\$0.00	\$2,480.00	81 %	
Expense	\$93,508.00	\$10,878.07	\$0.00	\$82,629.93	12 %	✓
5 Expenditures	\$26,781.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$26,616.00	1 %	✓
6 Expenditures	\$55,802.00	\$10,567.42	\$0.00	\$45,234.58	19 %	✓
7 Expenditures	\$7,790.00	\$92.30	\$0.00	\$7,697.70	1 %	✓
8 Expenditures	\$3,135.00	\$53.35	\$0.00	\$3,081.65	2 %	✓
Net	-\$80,549.00	-\$399.07				

d. Click on the GI Class to drill down to see the specific object code detail:

- ^ 6 Expenditures
 - 30-0-XXXX-6000 Art : Supplies-Office
 - 30-0-XXXX-6075 Art : Software Expense
 - 30-0-XXXX-6100 Art : Educ Material-Gen'l
 - 30-0-XXXX-6150 Art : Media & Media Svcs
 - 30-0-XXXX-6170 Art : Lab Supplies
 - 30-0-XXXX-6200 Art : Other Supplies
 - 30-0-XXXX-6220 Art : Equip under \$10,000
 - 30-0-XXXX-6240 Art : OSHA - Disposables
 - 30-0-XXXX-6250 Art : Lit & Subscriptions
 - 30-0-XXXX-6260 Art : Dues & Memberships

- Click on the individual object code to see the general ledger transaction detail.

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 - 30-0-XXXX-6000 Art : Supplies-Office
 - 30-0-XXXX-6075 Art : Software Expense
 - 30-0-XXXX-6100 Art : Educ Material-Gen'l
 - 30-0-XXXX-6150 Art : Media & Media Svcs

3. Using 'Object View'

This view is most useful for viewing the status of restricted accounts or the status of a consolidated group of departments. (See Section 5 for more information)

- I. It displays Asset, Liability, Fund Balance, Revenue, and Expense
- II. Drill down to the relevant object codes as needed.

Object	Budget	Actuals	Encumbrances	Remaining	% Received/ Spent	Financial Health
▼ Liability		\$0.00	\$0.00			
▼ Revenue	\$6,574.00	\$7,870.00	\$0.00	-\$1,296.00	120 %	
▼ Expense	\$50,124.00	\$3,611.31	\$37.69	\$46,475.00	7 %	✓
Net Revenue - Expense	-\$43,550.00	\$4,258.69				

4. Filter

Filters can be used to view specific funds, departments, and object codes

- I. Click on the Blue Filter button to see the following:

The screenshot shows a web interface for budget management. At the top, there's a 'Budget' header and two tabs: 'My Cost Centers' and 'Object View'. A blue button with a funnel icon and the word 'Filter' is highlighted with a red rectangle. Below this is a 'Saved Selection Criteria' panel. It contains a dropdown menu labeled 'Select a criteria', a blue button 'Set Default Criteria', and four dropdown menus: 'Fund', 'Division', 'Department', and 'Object'. Below these is a toggle switch for 'Include Active Accounts with No Activity'. At the bottom of the panel are three buttons: 'Apply Filter', 'Reset Filter', and 'Save Criteria'.

- II. Click any of the down arrows to enter a value or range for any of the GL components. Leaving a field blank will show everything.
 - Fund: Enter the fund number (10, 12, 20, 22, 30, 32, 40, 42)
 - Department: Enter a single department code, a range, or multiple numbers and ranges separated by a comma.
 - Object: Enter a single object code, a range, or multiple numbers and ranges separated by a comma.
 - “Include Active Accounts with No Activity”: Use toggle bar to choose to see all accounts regardless of their activity.
- III. Click “Apply Filter”
- IV. Click “Save Criteria” if this is a filter you will use frequently. It can be named and set as a default if desired. Filters that may be particularly useful include:
 - Student Labor: Object Code 5400-5499

- Operating Expenses: Object Code 6000-9999
- V. Select "Reset Filter" to clear previous entered filters

Note: If you do not have a default filter and do not reset the filter, the most recent filter will be active when you log out and log back in.

5. Restricted or Designated Funds (starting with 12, 22, 32, 42)

- I. Restricted accounts do not have a budget loaded in Colleague; the budget column will always be zero and an unfavorable variance will always appear for any activity.
- II. The fund balance appears as positive in the new Financial Management Budget versus negative in the prior WebAdvisor.
- III. The **funds available** will need to be calculated using the following formula:
Current Fund Balance = Fund Balance – Assets + Revenue – Expenses
- IV. Most accounts will not have assets.
- V. SPECIAL NOTE FOR FEDERAL GRANTS OR OTHER GRANTS THAT FUNCTION ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS
 - i. The current fund balance shown is not relevant for federal and other grants that function on a reimbursement basis
 - ii. For these grants, the Business Office requests reimbursement of expenditures from the sponsor at the end of each calendar quarter. The fund balance in Self Service Budget Financial Management represents the total expenditures posted to the account since payment was received from the sponsor for the previous quarter. Please contact Megan Hagler (Post-Award Administrator) or Marietta Lawson (Director of Accounting) for assistance if you have questions about grant expenses and the remaining balance.