

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Fixed Assets and General Inventory Records

The Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) shall maintain accurate and complete records of all fixed assets and general inventory in compliance with state and federal laws, professional accounting standards, and insurance requirements.

Capitalization Threshold

All fixed assets with a purchase price or fair market value (FMV) of \$5,000 or more shall be capitalized, depreciated, and included in CREC's fixed asset register, consistent with federal Uniform Guidance and GASB standards.

Asset Register – minimum data elements

- Item description and name
- Acquisition date
- Identification number (inventory tag/serial number)
- Original cost or FMV (if donated)
- Funding source (if purchased with grant funds)
- Assigned location and responsible department
- Estimated useful life and depreciation method
- Date and method of disposal (when applicable)

Inventory

An inventory of all fixed assets shall be maintained and reconciled to the asset register, and reported to Business Services according to schedule.

Construction in Progress:

All costs incurred for construction in progress shall be capitalized as part of the total project value, regardless of individual transaction amount.

Non-CREC Assets

Assets purchased by CREC on behalf of external organizations (and paid for by those organizations) shall not be recorded in CREC's financial records.

Insurance and Risk Management

For insurance purposes, CREC shall also maintain inventory records for non-capitalized assets with an original cost below the capitalization threshold, to ensure adequate coverage.

Grant-Funded Assets

Assets acquired under state or federal grants shall be recorded as CREC property unless the terms of the grant specify otherwise.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
7-391 et seq. – Municipal Auditing Act
4-36 – Reports of receipts, expenditures, and balances
11-8a – Retention, destruction, and transfer of documents
Federal
2 C.F.R. Part 200 (Uniform Guidance), esp. § 200.1 & § 200.313 – Equipment and real property management
Professional Standards
Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements
Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)
GFOA Best Practices in Asset Management

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Definition of Fixed Assets

- Are tangible in nature,
- Have a useful life beyond one fiscal year, and
- Have an acquisition cost or FMV at or above the capitalization threshold (\$5,000).

Asset Recording Requirements

Asset name and description

Serial number or CREC-issued asset tag number

Date of acquisition

Acquisition cost or FMV (for donations/gifts)

Funding source and grant identifier (if applicable)

Assigned location (school/program)

Department/program manager responsible for custody

Estimated useful life (per GASB guidelines)

Depreciation method (straight-line unless otherwise required)

Insurance classification (if required)

Depreciation and Useful Life

CREC shall use depreciation methods consistent with GAAP and GASB standards. Standard useful lives shall be assigned by asset type (e.g., furniture 7 years, computers/technology 5 years, vehicles 7 years, buildings 39 years).

Inventory Management

Tagging – All capitalized assets shall be tagged with a unique CREC inventory number.

Disposal of Assets

Assets shall remain on the register until formally disposed of or sold. Disposals must follow CREC's Policy (3260) on Sale and Disposition of Assets. Records shall document: disposal date; method (sale, donation, recycling, destruction); proceeds, if applicable; administrative approval authority.

Grant-Funded Assets

In accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.313, title to property acquired under a grant vests with CREC, unless otherwise specified. Disposition of grant-funded assets must follow federal or state guidelines, including possible reimbursement to the granting agency.

Oversight and Accountability

Business Services: Maintains the official asset register and oversees compliance.

Facilities & Technology Services: Assists with tagging, physical inventories, and asset tracking.

Program Administrators: Responsible for safeguarding assets assigned to their location.

Auditors: Review asset records and verify compliance annually.

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