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Encumbrances

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

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An encumbrance is an obligation of a contract of the county's money to a vendor. Counties may have encumbrances for capital projects that will take years to complete. However, counties should encumber all of that money for the current budget year.

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