

RESOURCES

WINDFALLS

Description: Windfall payments are one-time only payments. They include, but are not limited to, lottery winnings, inheritances, gifts and court settlements.

Policy: Treatment of windfall payments, in the month of receipt, varies depending on the category of the A/R. When determining eligibility for LIF and ADC-related A/Rs, windfall payments are generally considered countable resources in the month received. When determining eligibility for SSI-related or S/CC A/Rs, windfall payments are considered countable income in the month received.

When any or all of a windfall payment is retained beyond the month of receipt, it is considered a resource, regardless of the A/R's category.

References: SSL Sect. 366.2

ADMs OMM/ADM 97-2
92 ADM-11

Disposition: For LIF and ADC-related A/Rs in the month of receipt and thereafter (if the windfall or part of it is retained), the amount of the windfall payment is generally combined with the A/R's other countable resources and compared to the appropriate resource level (see page 339 for rules regarding the treatment of excess resources).

For S/CC **and SSI-related** A/Rs, windfall payments are considered income in the month of receipt (**see page 111**).

When an S/CC or an SSI-related A/R retains any or all of a windfall payment beyond the month of receipt, it is considered a resource. Together with other countable resources, the windfall is compared to the appropriate resource level (see page 304).