

SAM - BUDGETING

STUDIES

6848

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As a separately-funded phase, project studies are most frequently used for an extended site selection process, to help establish program infrastructure needs or scope for a specific project, or to clarify project feasibility. (Environmental studies are normally funded as part of the preliminary plans phase.)

Upon budget enactment, the study phase is initiated with a request to DOF to release funds, as described in Section 6847. For studies addressing program needs, project scope, or feasibility, no PWB action is required at the conclusion of the phase since the results of the study are typically used to prepare budgetary requests for subsequent phases. For site selection studies, PWB action is required to authorize actual site selection and acquisition (Section 6849).

As discussed in Section 6823, feasibility studies and needs assessments may be funded from either the support or capital outlay budget, *depending upon the timing and scope of the services*. Site selection and scope studies are project-specific and therefore a capital outlay expense.