

BUDGET 101

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THE 3 A'S OF BUDGET

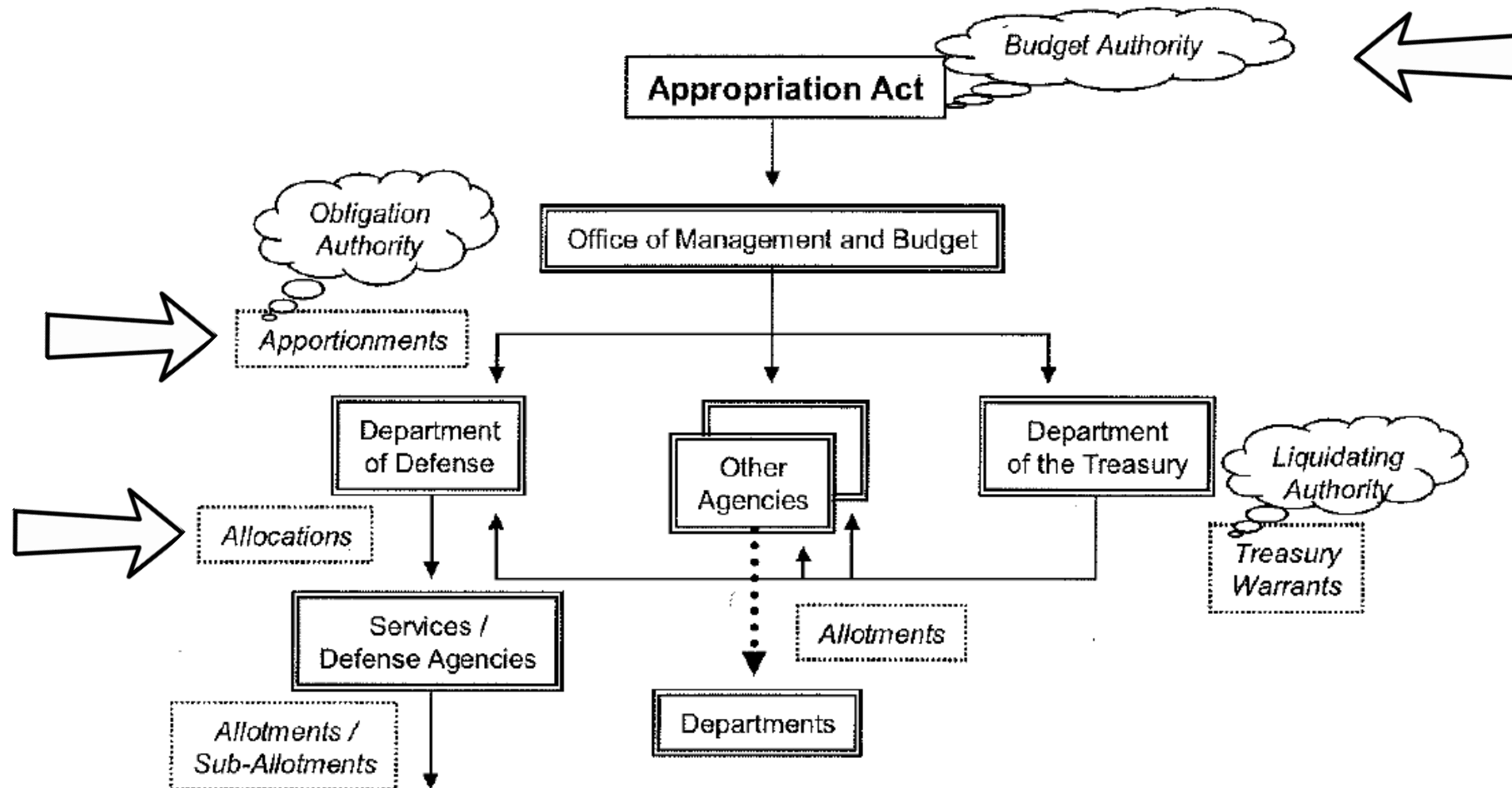
- Appropriation
- Apportionment
- Allocation



CONGRESSIONAL POWER OF THE PURSE

- A federal agency/department functions only to the extent authorized by law.
- The expenditure of public funds is proper only when authorized by Congress. This is typically done via an appropriation.

LEGAL APPROPRIATION (WHEN PRESIDENT SIGNS BUDGET BILL)



HOW NRCS RECEIVES A BUDGET – (ALLOCATION)

■ **Mandatory Funds:**

Sole source of financial assistance for private landowners

- Farm Bill
- Cost share dollars for installing conservation

■ **Discretionary Funds:**

Source of technical assistance

- Salaries, Vehicles, Rent and Pens, Paper and Pencils

MANDATORY FUNDS

- Includes all Farm Bill programs, where the amounts have been specified in the Authorizing Appropriation. Ex: 2014 Farm Bill
- Accounts for about 2/3 of all government funding
- Congress does not have to act in order for funds to be available.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

- 12 annual appropriation acts
- Congress must act in order for discretionary funds to be available. If they don't act, no obligations can be incurred.
- Accounts for about 1/3 of all government spending

BEFORE THE 1985 FARM BILL

- Discretionary Funds – Conservation Operations
 - Conservation Technical Assistance (All TA)
 - Soil Survey
 - Plant Materials
 - EWP
 - RC&D



AFTER THE 1985 FARM BILL (1ST CONSERVATION TITLE)

Discretionary Funds:

Conservation Operations

- Cons Tech Asst.
- Soil Survey
- Plant Materials
- Watershed Flood Prevention
- Watershed Rehabilitation
- Snow Survey

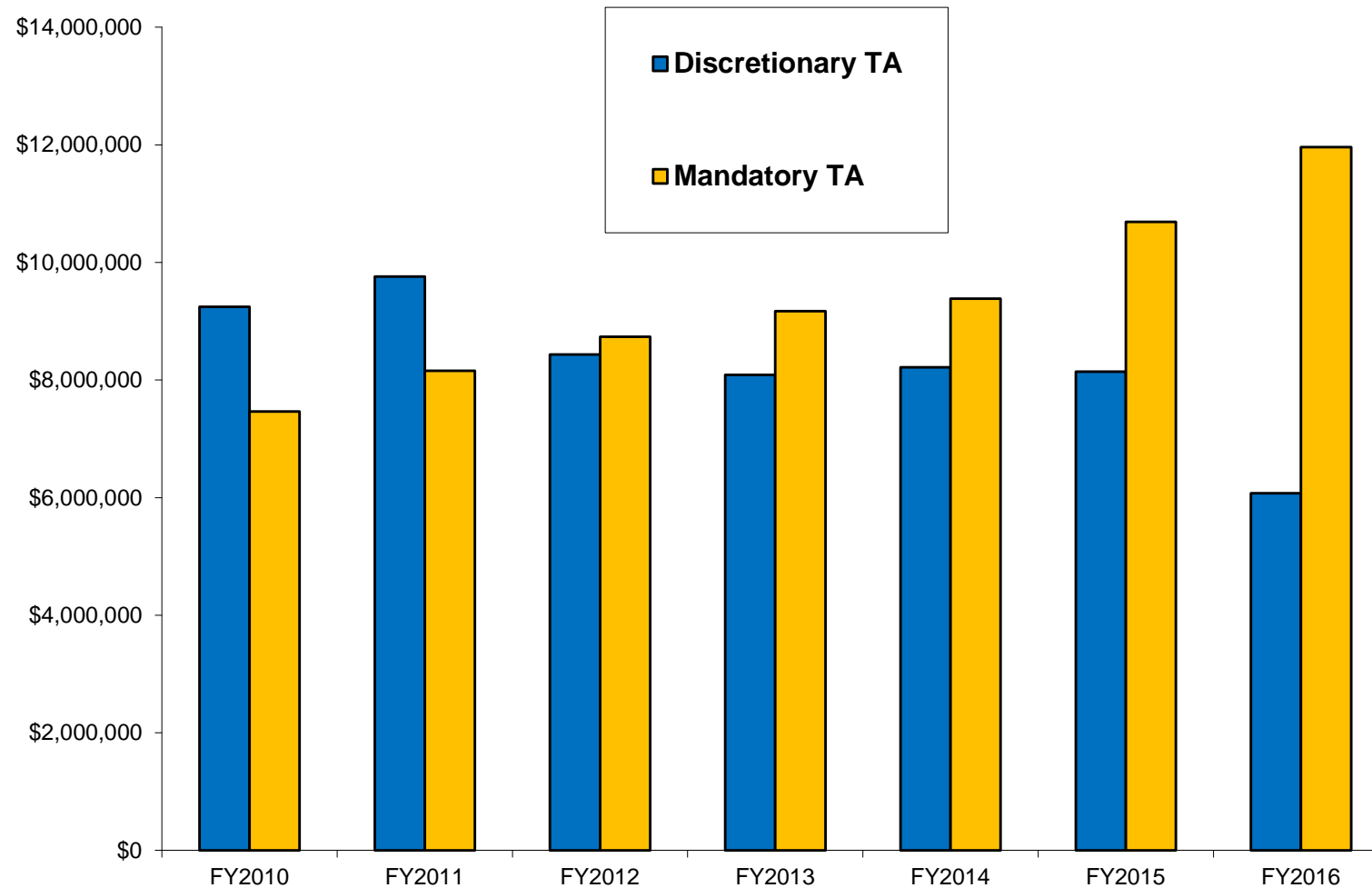
Mandatory Funds:

FA and TA

- EQIP
- CSP
- ACEP
- RCPP

* Could move \$ from program to program until FY 2005

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (FY10 – FY16)



HOW NRCS RECEIVES A BUDGET (ALLOCATION LETTER)

■ **Mandatory Funds:**

Source of financial assistance for private landowners

- Farm Bill
- Cost share dollars for installing conservation
- Salaries for implementing Farm Bill

■ **Discretionary Funds:**

Primary source of non Farm Bill technical assistance

- Salaries, Vehicles, Rent and Pens, Paper and Pencils

Questions?

