

# Obligations Of Overseas Contingency Operations Funding For Operation And

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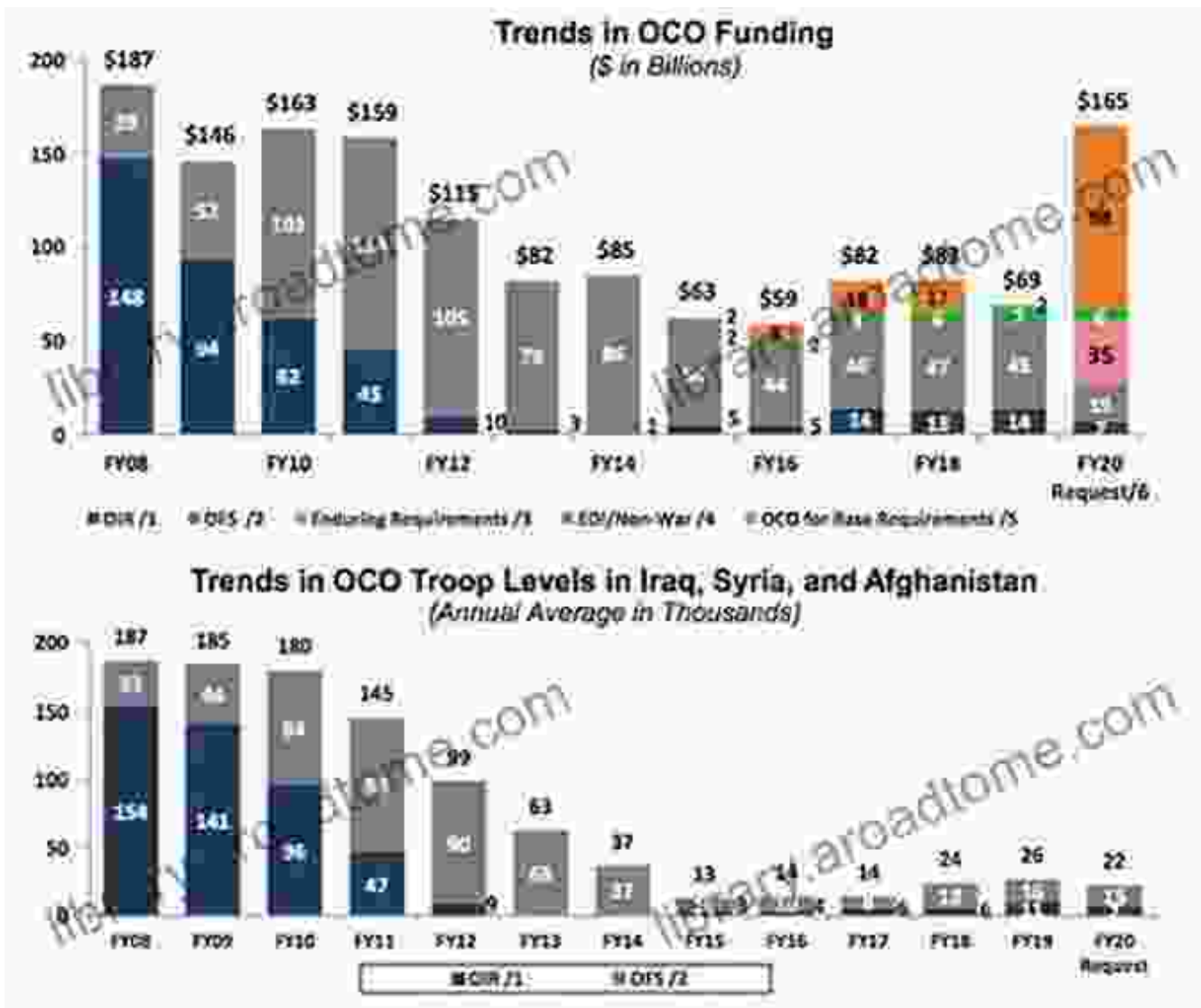


## **Historical Development of OCO Funding**

OCO funding was first created in 2001 in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11th. The initial OCO appropriation was intended to provide the DoD with the resources it needed to respond to the immediate aftermath of the attacks, including the invasion of Afghanistan. However, OCO funding has since been used to fund a wide range of military operations, including the Iraq War and the ongoing war in Afghanistan.

The use of OCO funding has grown significantly over the years. In 2001, the initial OCO appropriation was \$20 billion. By 2010, the annual OCO appropriation had grown to over \$150 billion. This growth has been driven

by the increasing cost of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.



### Statutory and Regulatory Authorities Governing OCO Funding

The use of OCO funding is governed by a complex set of statutory and regulatory authorities. The primary statutory authority for OCO funding is the Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund (OCO TF), which was created in 2001. The OCO TF is a special fund that is used to account for the transfer of funds from the general fund of the Treasury to the DoD for OCO-related activities.

In addition to the OCO TF, there are a number of other statutory and regulatory authorities that govern the use of OCO funding. These authorities include the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoD FMR), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-11. These authorities provide the DoD with the guidance it needs to manage and account for OCO funding.

## **Legal and Policy Issues in the Implementation of OCO Funding**

The implementation of OCO funding has raised a number of legal and policy issues. These issues include the following:

- The lack of transparency and accountability in the use of OCO funding.
- The potential for OCO funding to be used to fund activities that are not related to overseas contingency operations.
- The impact of OCO funding on the DoD's base budget.

These issues have been the subject of considerable debate and controversy. Congress has held a number of hearings on OCO funding, and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued a number of reports on the subject.

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This book is a valuable resource for anyone who is interested in the legal and policy issues surrounding OCO funding. It provides a comprehensive overview of the subject and offers insights into the debates and controversies that have surrounded OCO funding since its inception.

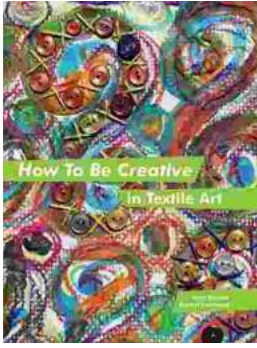


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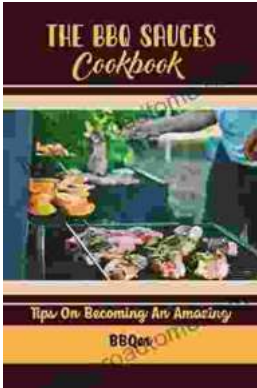
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