Agency Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted by the legislature for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

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	13,110,638	13,129,621	3,039,821	13.1%
5,507,851	7,018,270	7,037,253	3,039,821	27.6%
4,481,602	4,481,602	4,481,602		0.0%
1,177,766	1,177,766	1,177,766		0.0%
5,000	5,000	5,000		0.0%
428,000	428,000	428,000		0.0%
11,600,219	13,110,638	13,129,621	3,039,821	13.1%
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Agency Description

Agency Mission: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, through its employees and citizen commission, provides for the stewardship of the fish, wildlife, parks, and recreational resources of Montana, while contributing to the quality of life for present and future generations.

Agency Highlights

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Major Budget Highlights

The non-budgeted proprietary appropriations for the department total about \$3.0 million. This is a 13.1% increase above base funding. Increases include:

- Proprietary maintenance program: \$1.6 million
- Statewide present law adjustments for personal services: \$1.1 million
- Aircraft and vehicle fleet rates: \$315,700

Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the expenditures adopted for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027
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Personal Services	6,033,354 5,398,017	6,075,056 6.582.063	5,507,851 4.481.602	7,018,270 4,481,602	7,037,253 4,481,602
Operating Expenses Equipment & Intangible Assets	7,978,839	8,087,766	4,461,602 1,177,766	4,461,602 1,177,766	1,177,766
Benefits & Claims	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Debt Service	89,228	428,000	428,000	428,000	428,000
Debt Service	09,220	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000
Total Expenditures	\$19,502,438	\$21,177,885	\$11,600,219	\$13,110,638	\$13,129,621
Proprietary Funds	19,502,438	21,177,885	11,600,219	13,110,638	13,129,621
Total Funds	\$19,502,438	\$21,177,885	\$11,600,219	\$13,110,638	\$13,129,621
Total Ongoing	\$19,502,438	\$21,177,885	\$11,600,219	\$13,110,638	\$13,129,621
Total OTO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Summary of Legislative Action

The legislature approved increases in rates for the agency's vehicle fleet and aircraft. The agency maintains a motor pool of specially equipped vehicles used for routine patrols, public engagement, administrative and law enforcement duties, off-road operations, remote area access, and wildlife and habitat monitoring. Agency aircraft are used for aerial surveys, rescue missions, terrain monitoring and wildlife tracking. The legislature also approved new rates for the proprietary maintenance program.

Funding

The following table shows the adopted agency funding for all sources of authority.

Total Department	of Fish, Wildlife, a	and Parks Fun ennium Budge	0 ,	Authority		
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
01100 General Fund	8,120				8,120	0.0%
02409 General License	156,271,769	838,676		1,114,826	158,225,271	45.9%
02334 Hunting Access	39.665.805	000,010		.,,020	39.665.805	11.5%
02411 State Parks Miscellaneous	18.657.409	149,500		124.702	18.931.611	5.5%
02274 FWP Accommodations Tax	-, ,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		9,625,508	9,625,508	2.8%
02284 Aquatic Invasive Species	5,175,569				5,175,569	1.5%
Other State Special Revenue	18,082,825			226,298	18,309,123	5.3%
State Special Revenue Total	237,853,377	988,176	-	11,091,334	249,932,887	72.4%
03097 Fish(WB)-Wldlf(Pr) Restor Gmt	51,937,867			625.400	52,563,267	15.2%
03403 Misc Federal Funds	14,388,437			020,100	14,388,437	4.2%
03408 State Wildlife Grants	1,616,845				1,616,845	0.5%
03098 Parks Federal Revenue	225,816				225,816	0.1%
03129 USFWS Section 6	80,522				80,522	0.0%
Federal Special Revenue Total	68,249,487	-	-	625,400	68,874,887	20.0%
06513 FWP Maintenance Fund			15,798,287		15,798,287	4.6%
06502 FWP Fleet Fund			7,767,210		7,767,210	2.3%
06540 DFWP Aircraft			1,349,034		1,349,034	0.4%
06068 MFWP Visitor Services			1,117,356		1,117,356	0.3%
06503 F & G Warehouse Inventory			208,372		208,372	0.1%
Proprietary Fund Total	-	-	26,240,259	-	26,240,259	7.6%
Total of All Funds Percent of All Sources of Authority	306,110,984 88.7%	988,176 0.3%	26,240,259 7.6%	11,716,734 3.4%	345,056,153	

Non-Budgeted Proprietary Funds

The non-budgeted proprietary funds include all internal service and enterprise funds.

Internal service funds account for operations that provide services within the agency, or other agencies of state government, on a cost reimbursement basis. These include the use of department statewide facilities maintenance program, aircraft, vehicles, and the state warehouse.

Enterprise funds are revenues generated from goods or services to the public. For the department, these are primarily from the sales of merchandise at the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) visitor centers.

Descriptions of all other funds in the table above can be found further below in the report.

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

		20		nent of Fish, V n HB 2 Base E						
			FY 2026					FY 2027		
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget
Base Budget	0	0	0	11,600,219	88.5%	0	0	0	11,600,219	88.4%
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	0	0	0	549,560	4.2%	0	0	0	565,617	4.3%
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	549,560	4.2%	0	0	0	565,617	4.3%
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	960,859	7.3%	0	0	0	963,785	7.3%
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	1,510,419	11.5%	0	0	0	1,529,402	11.6%
Total Budget	0	0	0	13,110,638		0	0	0	13,129,621	

Executive Budget Comparison

The following table compares the legislative budget for the biennium to the budget requested by the Governor by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Executive Budget Comparison		Executive	Legislative	Leg — Exec.	Executive	Legislative	Leg — Exec.	Biennium
	Approp.	Budget	Budget	Difference	Budget	Budget	Difference	Difference
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2027	Fiscal 2027	Fiscal 2027	Fiscal 26-27
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Personal Services Operating Expenses	5,507,851 4,481,602	7,018,270 4,481,602	7,018,270 4,481,602	0	7,037,253 4,481,602	7,037,253 4,481,602	0	0
Equipment & Intangible Assets	1,177,766	1,177,766	1,177,766	0	1,177,766	1,177,766	0	0
Benefits & Claims	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	0	0
Transfers	5,000	3,000	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	0	0
Debt Service	428,000	428,000	428,000	0	428,000	428,000	0	0
Total Costs	\$11,600,219	\$13,110,638	\$13,110,638	\$0	\$13,129,621	\$13,129,621	\$0	\$0
Other	11,600,219	13,110,638	13,110,638	0	13,129,621	13,129,621	0	0
Total Funds	\$11,600,219	\$13,110,638	\$13,110,638	\$0	\$13,129,621	\$13,129,621	\$0	\$0
Total Ongoing	\$11,600,219	\$13,110,638	\$13,110,638	\$0	\$13,129,621	\$13,129,621	\$0	\$0
Total OTO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The legislature approved the rates and appropriations proposed by the Executive Branch for the proprietary funds in the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

Program Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

	Base Budget	Adopted B	udaet	Biennium Change from Base		
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
РВ	5.18	5.18	5.18	0.00	0.0%	
Proprietary Funds	560,155	558,249	559,107	(2,954)	(0.3%)	
Total Funds	560,155	558,249	559,107	(2,954)	(0.3%)	
Personal Services	360,283	358,377	359,235	(2,954)	(0.4%)	
Operating Expenses	199,872	199,872	199,872		0.0%	
Total Expenditures	560,155	558,249	559,107	(2,954)	(0.3%)	
Total Ongoing Total One-Time-Only	560,155	558,249	559,107	(2,954)	(0.3%) 0.0%	

Proprietary Program Description

Section 23-1-105 (5), MCA, authorizes the Parks Division of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to establish an enterprise fund for the purpose of managing state park visitor services revenue.

The fund is used by the department to provide inventory through purchase, production, or donation and for the sale of educational, commemorative, and interpretive merchandise and other related goods and services at department sites and facilities.

The fund was established primarily to better manage Montana State Parks visitor centers that sell books, clothing, and commemorative items at parks like First Peoples Buffalo Jump, Makoshika, and Chief Plenty Coups as well as parks that sell items like firewood and ice. Funds generated go back into the purchase of inventory and the improvement of visitor services in state parks and FWP overall.

Revenues and Expenses

Revenues are generated by the sales of interpretive and educational merchandise at park visitor centers and regional offices. The expenses associated with the enterprise fund include personal services, office supplies, merchandising materials, and the purchase of inventory to replenish stock. In FY 2020, personal services were increased for positions that manage and promote educational, commemorative, and interpretive services.

Rates and Rate Explanation

A markup of 40.0% - 50.0% on goods sold is applied to ensure sufficient revenues are collected to cover expenses and projected fund balance, including cash fluctuations. The objective is to maintain an adequate fund balance to cover the costs of promoting and managing the visitor centers. The cash balances are highest in the winter after the parks season ends and lowest in the spring when stock is purchased to replenish inventory.

Proprietary Rates

This program is funded with an enterprise fund, which is a type of proprietary fund. As such, the legislature does not appropriate the funds or approve the rates for the program. Instead, the legislature reviewed the report for the enterprise fund and did not identify concerns with the financial position of the fund.

Program Highlights

Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division Major Budget Highlights

The non-budgeted proprietary funds decrease slightly compared to base funding. The entire decrease of about \$3,000 is due to statewide present law adjustments for personal services.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the adopted budget for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison	1				
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027
Personal Services	166,751	199,731	360,283	358,377	359,235
Operating Expenses	329,873	339,587	199,872	199,872	199,872
Total Expenditures	\$496,624	\$539,318	\$560,155	\$558,249	\$559,107
Proprietary Funds	496,624	539,318	560,155	558,249	559,107
Total Funds	\$496,624	\$539,318	\$560,155	\$558,249	\$559,107
Total Ongoing Total OTO	\$496,624 \$0	\$539,318 \$0	\$560,155 \$0	\$558,249 \$0	\$559,107 \$0

Funding

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

Department of Fis	, ,	Parks, 06-Parks and by Source of Auth	l Outdoor Recreatio ority	n Division	
		Non-Budgeted	Statutory	Total	% Total
Funds	HB2	Proprietary	Appropriation	All Sources	All Funds
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
02055 Snowmobile Trail Pass	126,588	0	0	126,588	0.15 %
02057 OHV Noxious Weeds	56.308	0	0	56.308	0.13 %
02171 Smith R. Corridor Enhancement	540.426	0	0	540.426	0.66 %
02213 Off Highway Vehicle Gas Tax	165,278	0	0	165,278	0.20 %
02239 Off Hwy Vehicle Acct (Parks)	77.262	0	0	77.262	0.20 %
02273 Motorboat Fees	410.878	0	0	410.878	0.50 %
02274 FWP Accommodations Tax	10,070	0	9,625,508	9,625,508	11.71 %
02328 Parks OHV Fuel Safety/Educ	39.230	0	0,020,000	39,230	0.05 %
02330 Parks Snomo Fuel Tax Sfty/Educ	100.580	0	0	100.580	0.12 %
02332 Snowmobile Registration-Parks	1.539.822	0	0	1.539.822	1.87 %
02333 Fishing Access Site Maint	841,568	0	0	841.568	1.02 %
02334 Hunting Access	38,083,737	0	0	38,083,737	46.32 %
02407 Snowmobile Fuel Tax	1,523,028	0	0	1,523,028	1.85 %
02408 Coal Tax Trust Account	1,893,422	0	0	1,893,422	2.30 %
02409 General License	8,771,392	0	0	8,771,392	10.67 %
02411 State Parks Miscellaneous	17,396,852	0	0	17,396,852	21.16 %
02412 Motorboat Fuel Tax	517,720	0	0	517,720	0.63 %
02558 FAS - Vehicle Registration	517,886	0	0	517,886	0.63 %
State Special Total	\$72,601,977	\$0	\$9,625,508	\$82,227,485	87.23 %
03097 Fish(WB)-Wldlf(Pr) Restor Grnt	10,849,128	0	0	10,849,128	99.31 %
03403 Misc Federal Funds	75,308	0	0	75,308	0.69 %
Federal Special Total	\$10,924,436	\$0	\$0	\$10,924,436	11.59 %
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06068 MFWP Visitor Services	0	1,117,356	0	1,117,356	100.00 %
Proprietary Total	\$0	\$1,117,356	\$0	\$1,117,356	1.19 %
Total All Funds	\$83,526,413	\$1,117,356	\$9,625,508	\$94,269,277	

Proprietary revenues are generated from the sale of services and merchandise at FWP visitor centers.

Agency # 52010	Agency Name Department of Parks	e:		Program Name: Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division			
	Fund Name MFWP Visito	r Services					
	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Budgeted FY25	Budgeted FY26	Budgeted FY27	
Operating Revenues:							
Fee and Charges	101210112101210	TOTAL SECTION					
Fee Revenue A	401,948	403,830	446,950	487,000	485,000	483,000	
Total Operating Revenues	401,948	403,830	446,950	487,000	485,000	483,000	
Expenses:							
Personal Services	151,967	158,849	174,316	189,316	189,316	189,316	
Other Operating Expenses	266,520	297,238	304,159	310,000	310,000	310,000	
Total Operating Expenses	418,487	456,087	478,475	499,316	499,316	499,316	
Operating Income (Loss)	(16,539)	(52,257)	(31,525)	(12,316)	(14,316)	(16,316	
Nonoperating Revenues:							
Other Revenue A	506	9,208	11,217	13,000	15,000	17,000	
Nonoperating Expenses:							
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	506	9,208	11,217	13,000	15,000	17,000	
Income (Loss) Before Contributions and Transfers	(16,033)	(43,049)	(20,308)	684	684	684	
Change in Net Position	(16,033)	(43,049)	(20,308)	684	684	684	
Beginning Net Position - July 1	508,684	492,651	449,602	429,294	429,978	430,662	
Change in Net Position	(16,033)	(43,049)	(20,308)	684	684	684	
Ending Net Position - June 30	492,651	449,602	429,294	429,978	430,662	431,346	

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

		20			ecreation Division					
			FY 2026					FY 2027		
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget
Base Budget	0	0	0	560,155	100.3%	0	0	0	560,155	100.2%
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	0	0	0	(1,906)	(0.3%)	0	0	0	(1,048)	(0.2%
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	(1,906)	(0.3%)	0	0	0	(1,048)	(0.2%
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	(1,906)	(0.3%)	0	0	0	(1,048)	(0.2%
Total Budget	0	0	0	558,249		0	0	0	559,107	

Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the adopted budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

			Fiscal 2026-				F	iscal 2027		
	РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
P 1 - Personal Se	rvices 0.00	0	0	0	(1,906)	0.00	0	0	0	(1,04
Grand Total A	All Present 0.00	Law Adjustr \$0	ments \$0	\$0	(\$1,906)	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,0

^{*&}quot;Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The legislature adopted adjustments to the present law personal services budget.

Program Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Base Budget Comparison						
	Base Budget	Adopted B	udget	Biennium Change from Base		
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
РВ	76.90	93.48	93.48	16.58	10.8%	
Proprietary Funds	11,040,064	12,552,389	12,570,514	3,042,775	13.8%	
Total Funds	11,040,064	12,552,389	12,570,514	3,042,775	13.8%	
Personal Services	5,147,568	6,659,893	6,678,018	3,042,775	29.6%	
Operating Expenses	4,281,730	4,281,730	4,281,730		0.0%	
Equipment & Intangible Assets	1,177,766	1,177,766	1,177,766		0.0%	
Benefits & Claims	5,000	5,000	5,000		0.0%	
Debt Service	428,000	428,000	428,000		0.0%	
Total Expenditures	11,040,064	12,552,389	12,570,514	3,042,775	13.8%	
Total Ongoing	11,040,064	12,552,389	12,570,514	3,042,775	13.8%	
Total One-Time-Only					0.0%	

Proprietary Program Description

The Administration Program charges internal rates to capture the cost of operating FWP's fleet of vehicles, aircraft, and the maintenance program.

Program Highlights

Administration Division Major Budget Highlights

The non-budgeted proprietary funds increase by 13.8% or \$3.0 million compared to base funding. Increases in the anticipated expenditures include:

- Statewide present law adjustments for personal services: \$1.1
 million
- Aircraft and vehicle proprietary rates: \$315,700
- Facilities maintenance proprietary program: \$1.6 million

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the adopted budget for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027
3	-	-			
Personal Services	5,866,603	5,875,325	5,147,568	6,659,893	6,678,018
Operating Expenses	5,068,144	6,242,476	4,281,730	4,281,730	4,281,730
Equipment & Intangible Assets	7,978,839	8,087,766	1,177,766	1,177,766	1,177,766
Benefits & Claims	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Debt Service	89,228	428,000	428,000	428,000	428,000
Total Expenditures	\$19,005,814	\$20,638,567	\$11,040,064	\$12,552,389	\$12,570,514
Proprietary Funds	19,005,814	20,638,567	11,040,064	12,552,389	12,570,514
Total Funds	\$19,005,814	\$20,638,567	\$11,040,064	\$12,552,389	\$12,570,514
Total Ongoing	\$19,005,814	\$20,638,567	\$11,040,064	\$12,552,389	\$12,570,514
Total OTO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Funding

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

Depa		/ildlife, and Parks, by Source of Auth			
Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
01100 General Fund	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
02061 Nongame Wildlife Account	186,718	0	0	186,718	0.33 9
02086 Mountain Sheep Account	64,000	0	0	64,000	0.11 9
02112 Moose Auction	4,666	0	0	4,666	0.01
02176 Mountain Goat Auction	3,000	0	0	3,000	0.01
02334 Hunting Access	271,440	0	0	271,440	0.48
02408 Coal Tax Trust Account	10,000	0	0	10,000	0.02
02409 General License	52,657,619	0	1,114,826	53,772,445	96.04 °
02411 State Parks Miscellaneous	1,071,054	0	124,702	1,195,756	2.14
02469 Habitat Trust Interest	77,998	0	226,298	304,296	0.54
02543 Search and Rescue - General	10,168	0	0	10,168	0.02
02559 Mule Deer Auction	2,800	0	0	2,800	0.01
02560 Elk Auction	6,666	0	0	6,666	0.01
02600 Hunters Against Hunger	160,000	0	0	160,000	0.29
State Special Total	\$54,526,129	\$0	\$1,465,826	\$55,991,955	65.67
03097 Fish(WB)-Wldlf(Pr) Restor Grnt	3,292,438	0	625,400	3,917,838	94.55
03098 Parks Federal Revenue	225,816	0	0	225,816	5.45
Federal Special Total	\$3,518,254	\$0	\$625,400	\$4,143,654	4.86
06502 FWP Fleet Fund	0	7,767,210	0	7,767,210	30.92
06503 F & G Warehouse Inventory	0	208,372	0	208,372	0.83
06513 FWP Maintenance Fund	0	15,798,287	0	15,798,287	62.88
06540 DFWP Aircraft	0	1,349,034	0	1,349,034	5.37
Proprietary Total	\$0	\$25,122,903	\$0	\$25,122,903	29.47
Total All Funds	\$58,044,383	\$25,122,903	\$2,091,226	\$85,258,512	

Fund 06540 - Aircraft Fund

Program Description

The department's aircraft fund provides specialized flying services using fixed-wing and helicopter aircraft to department employees to survey fish and wildlife, plant fish, monitor radio telemetry locations, etc. The users are department employees.

Revenues and Expenses

The Aircraft Fund charges a rate per hour by aircraft type for hours flown. The largest costs of the aircraft fleet are replacement aircraft, fuel, and repairs.

In FY 2024, the department flew approximately 2,154 hours in department aircraft. In FY 2024, the aircraft fleet generated \$1,336,802 in revenue. The department expects flight hours to remain steady for FY 2026 and FY 2027.

The aircraft unit has experienced an increase in the amount of time aircraft are grounded awaiting services such as repairs and routine maintenance when seeking these services in the private sector. The legislature approved an additional 1.00 FTE aircraft mechanic to the aircraft unit in order to reduce the amount of time an aircraft is grounded for repairs or maintenance in order to better serve department employees.

Rates and Rate Explanation

The hourly rates adopted are calculated to recoup the projected operating costs of the Aircraft Fund. The cost drivers for each rate includes fuel, repairs, supplies, rent, insurance, and other general operational costs as well as previously authorized loan payments for the purchase of replacement aircraft.

The legislature adopted an increase to the Aircraft proprietary rates when compared to the FY 2025 base rates. The figure below shows the rates adopted by the legislature for the 2027 biennium.

Aircraft	Proposed	Proposed
Hourly Rate	FY 2026	FY 2027
Two place single-engine plane	\$454	\$558
Four place single-engine plane	\$454	\$558
Turbine helicopter	\$1,095	\$1,102

This program is funded with an internal service fund, which is a type of proprietary fund. As such, the legislature approves the maximum rate the program may charge during the biennium. They are not the rates the program must charge.

Changes in Level of Fees and Charges

The anticipated increase in the hourly rates to the aircraft unit for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are due to routine aircraft inspections and repairs as well as the loan payments from the previous biennia for aircraft replacements.

Projected Fund Balance, Including Cash Fluctuations

The book value (original cost less accumulated depreciation) of department aircraft was \$2,722,120 at FYE 2024. The cash balance has fluctuated in the in the last four years as the department was preparing to make large purchases when replacing aircraft—the purchasing process for which is quite unique and time-sensitive—while also working to maintain an appropriate working capital balance and establishing loans for these large aircraft purchases to minimize sudden increased costs to the department's base programs.

Working Capital and Fees Commensurate Analysis

The department attempts to manage this account so that a 60-day working capital amount of cash is available when the cash balance is at its lowest level. Cash balances fluctuate during the year for two reasons. Monthly flight hours vary due to optimum times to do species counts, and major repairs and scheduled maintenance occur sporadically throughout the year.

	Agency Na		ice and Ente	erprise Funds		
Agency # 52010		of Fish, Wile	dlife, and	Program Name: Administration		
Fund 06540	Fund Name DFWP Airc					
	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Budgeted FY25	Budgeted FY26	Budgeted FY27
Operating Revenues:						
Fee and Charges						
Fee Revenue A	1,039,514	1,285,701	1,336,802	1,319,544	1,669,744	1,780,606
Total Operating Revenues	1,039,514	1,285,701	1,336,802	1,319,544	1,669,744	1,780,606
Expenses:						
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	90,639	90,639
Other Operating Expenses	989,204	1,062,892	1,384,153	1,318,338	996,377	1,107,605
Total Operating Expenses	989,204	1,062,892	1,384,153	1,318,338	1,087,016	1,198,244
Operating Income (Loss)	50,310	222,809	(47,351)	1,206	582,728	582,362
Nonoperating Revenues:						
Nonoperating Expenses:						
Other Expense A	20,573	28,126	118,293	609,967	581,921	581,921
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	20,573	28,126	118,293	609,967	581,921	581,921
Income (Loss) Before Contributions and Transfers	70,883	250,935	70,942	611,173	1,164,649	1,164,283
Change in Net Position	70,883	250,935	70,942	611,173	1,164,649	1,164,283
Beginning Net Position - July 1	868,426	939,309	1,190,244	1,261,186	1.872.359	3.037.008
Change in Net Position	70,883	250,935	70,942	611,173	1,164,649	1,164,283
Ending Net Position - June 30	939,309	1,190,244	1,261,186	1,872,359	3,037,008	4,201,291
Net Position (Fund Balance) Analysis						
Unrestricted Net Position	898,163	1,092,846	927,202	318,441	319,248	319,690

Fund 06513 - FWP Maintenance Fund

Program Description

The maintenance fund provides internal maintenance services to department-owned and/or maintained lands. This fund supports a total of 72.34 FTE and associated maintenance operations costs such as tools, supplies, and equipment.

The maintenance unit has seen a growing workload due to efforts to reduce maintenance backlogs and carry out more consistent routine and preventative maintenance across all department-owned or maintained lands. In the previous biennium, the department added 7.58 modified FTE maintenance positions to help meet this demand. The legislature has since approved making those positions permanent and authorized an additional 7.00 FTE, resulting in a total increase of 14.58 FTE.

Revenues and Expenses

Revenue is generated from the hourly rate charged for hours worked performing maintenance at a department-maintained property. The expenses to this fund include personal services and operations costs such as tools, supplies, and equipment.

Rates and Rate Explanation

The hourly rate for maintenance services provided is billed to the corresponding program.

The legislature adopted a decrease to the maintenance proprietary rate when compared to the FY 2025 base rates. The figure below shows the rates adopted by the legislature for the 2027 biennium.

Maintenance	FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027
Hourly Rate	\$78.50	\$76.50	\$76.50

This program is funded with an internal service fund, which is a type of proprietary fund. As such, the legislature approves the maximum rate the program may charge during the biennium. They are not the rates the program must charge.

Changes in Level of Fees and Charges

This fund was approved by the legislature beginning in the 2025 Biennium. The department's rate for the 2025 Biennium included costs to establish a working capital balance for the fund. Now that the working capital balance is established, the department aims to maintain a sufficient fund balance in future years. The legislature approved a reduction in the hourly rate to reflect this change.

Working Capital and Fees Commensurate Analysis

The department aims to maintain a 60-day working capital fund balance over the biennium and does not anticipate any large cash fluctuations from year to year.

Projected Fund Balance, Including Cash Fluctuations

The department attempts to manage this account so that a 60-day working capital amount of cash is available when the cash balance is at its lowest level.

2027 Biennium			ice and Ent	erprise Funds			
Agency # 52010	Agency Nan Department Parks		ldlife, and	Program Name: Administration			
	Fund Name FWP Mainte		d				
	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Budgeted FY25	Budgeted FY26	Budgeted FY27	
Operating Revenues:							
Fee and Charges Fee Revenue A			0.047.447	7 070 447	0.504.675	0.504.675	
		-	8,247,117	7,672,117	8,501,675	8,501,675	
Total Operating Revenues		10.5	8,247,117	7,672,117	8,501,675	8,501,675	
Expenses:							
Personal Services	-		6,170,176	6,170,176	6,569,071	6,569,071	
Other Operating Expenses	-	-	1,471,841	1,471,841	1,879,923	1,908,953	
Total Operating Expenses		-	7,642,017	7,642,017	8,448,994	8,478,024	
Operating Income (Loss)	-		605,100	30,100	52,681	23,651	
Nonoperating Revenues:							
Nonoperating Expenses: Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	-	0.70	-		-	-	
Income (Loss) Before Contributions and Transfers	17.0	0.72	605,100	30,100	52,681	23,651	
Change in Net Position	-		605,100	30,100	52,681	23,651	
Beginning Net Position - July 1			2	605,100	635,200	687.881	
Change in Net Position	-		605,100	30,100	52,681	23,651	
Ending Net Position - June 30	-	-	605,100	635,200	687,881	711,532	
Net Position (Fund Balance) Analysis							
Unrestricted Net Position			605.099	635,199	687,880	711.530	

Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the adopted budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

Present Law Adju			Fiscal 2026				F	Fiscal 2027-		
	РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal S	Services 0.00	0	0	0	551,466	0.00	0	0	0	566,665
Grand Total	I All Present 0.00	Law Adjustn \$0	nents \$0	\$0	\$551,466	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$566,665

^{*&}quot;Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The legislature adopted adjustments to the present law personal services budget.

New Proposals

The "New Proposals" table shows new changes to spending.

	Fiscal 2026							Fiscal 2027		
	РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 915 - Fleet I	Proprietary Res	sources								
	1.00	0	0	0	71,397	1.00	0	0	0	71,397
DP 916 - Aircra	ft Proprietary R	esources								
	1.00	0	0	0	86,436	1.00	0	0	0	86,436
DP 917 - Mainte	enance Proprie	tary Resource	s							
	14.58	0	0	0	803,026	14.58	0	0	0	805,952
Total	16.58	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$960,859	16.58	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$963,785

^{*&}quot;Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 915 - Fleet Proprietary Resources -

The legislature adopted increases to the vehicle fleet proprietary program.

DP 916 - Aircraft Proprietary Resources -

The legislature adopted increases to the aircraft proprietary program.

DP 917 - Maintenance Proprietary Resources -

The legislature adopted increases to the maintenance proprietary program.

Agency Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted by the legislature for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Agency Base Budget Comparison					
	Base Budget	Adopted B	udget	Biennium Change	from Base
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent
РВ	55.50	54.50	54.50	(1.00)	(0.9%)
Proprietary Funds	9,706,865	9,963,838	9,901,926	452,034	2.3%
Total Funds	9,706,865	9,963,838	9,901,926	452,034	2.3%
Personal Services	5,394,874	5,346,091	5,357,276	(86,381)	(0.8%)
Operating Expenses	4,003,552	4,309,308	4,236,211	538,415	6.7%
Equipment & Intangible Assets	119,739	119,739	119,739		0.0%
Transfers	5,000	5,000	5,000		0.0%
Debt Service	183,700	183,700	183,700		0.0%
Total Expenditures	9,706,865	9,963,838	9,901,926	452,034	2.3%
Total Ongoing	9,706,865	9,963,838	9,901,926	452,034	2.3%
Total One-Time-Only					0.0%

Agency Description

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is responsible for regulating various environmental aspects in Montana, including air and water quality, waste management, mining operations, and energy facility siting. The department's responsibilities extend to reclamation and cleanup activities related to federal and state superfund programs and leaking underground storage tanks.

DEQ's work is carried out through four main programs: Central Management, Water Quality, Waste Management & Remediation, and Air, Energy, & Mining. Additionally, the Petroleum Tank Compensation Board and the Libby Asbestos Superfund Oversight Committee are administratively attached to the department.

DEQ operates in partnership with federal agencies, primarily the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Interior's Office of Surface Mining. While Congress initially tasked the EPA with developing and implementing environmental protection measures, many federal statutes allow for delegation of programs to states that demonstrate the capacity to manage them effectively.

Agency Highlights

Department of Environmental Quality Major Budget Highlights

The department's non-budgeted proprietary funding increased by about \$452,000 compared to the base budget. Increases include:

- Statewide present law adjustments: \$664,100
- Information Technology Services Consolidation (Reduction): \$212,100

Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the expenditures adopted for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027
Personal Services	4,474,461	5,145,785	5,394,874	5,346,091	5,357,276
Operating Expenses	2,404,344	3,798,246	4,003,552	4,309,308	4,236,211
Equipment & Intangible Assets	13,720	119,739	119,739	119,739	119,739
Transfers	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Debt Service	687,652	183,700	183,700	183,700	183,700
Total Expenditures	\$7,580,177	\$9,252,470	\$9,706,865	\$9,963,838	\$9,901,926
Proprietary Funds	7,580,177	9,252,470	9,706,865	9,963,838	9,901,926
Total Funds	\$7,580,177	\$9,252,470	\$9,706,865	\$9,963,838	\$9,901,926
Total Ongoing Total OTO	\$7,580,177 \$0	\$9,252,470 \$0	\$9,706,865 \$0	\$9,963,838 \$0	\$9,901,926 \$0

Summary of Legislative Action

The legislature approved new indirect cost rates for administering federal grants and programs. While the overall percentage remains unchanged from the previous biennium, the allocation has shifted—from a 24.0% personal services base and 4.0% operating services base to a consolidated 28.0% personal services base.

Funding

The following table shows the adopted agency funding for all sources of authority.

Total Departme	ent of Environmenta 2027 Bio	al Quality Fundi ennium Budget		uthority		
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
01100 General Fund	16,578,651	200,000			16,778,651	9.6%
02050 Detroloum Stone se Tonk Cleanum	7 444 405			10 500 000	17 011 125	10.20/
02058 Petroleum Storage Tank Cleanup	7,411,435			10,500,000	17,911,435	10.2%
02201 Air Quality-Operating Fees	7,320,646				7,320,646	4.2%
02278 MPDES Permit Program	7,007,137				7,007,137	4.0%
02988 Hard Rock Mining Reclamation	6,252,704				6,252,704	3.6%
02576 Natural Resources Operations	5,231,196				5,231,196	3.0%
Other State Special Revenue	41,714,041				41,714,041	23.8%
State Special Revenue Total	74,937,159	-	-	10,500,000	85,437,159	48.8%
03433 EPA Perf Partnership Grant	12,656,372				12,656,372	7.2%
03036 DEQ - Federal Aml Grant	8,756,129				8,756,129	5.0%
03816 DOI OSM A&E Grant	4.458.027				4.458.027	2.5%
03595 DW24 SRF Grant	3,862,698				3,862,698	2.2%
03231 NPS25 Staffing Grant	2,175,108				2,175,108	1.2%
Other Federal Special Revenue	20,963,330				20,963,330	12.0%
Federal Special Revenue Total	52,871,664	_	_	_	52,871,664	30.2%
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06509 DEQ Indirects			19,865,764		19,865,764	11.4%
Proprietary Fund Total	-	-	19,865,764	-	19,865,764	11.4%
Total of All Funds Percent of All Sources of Authority	144,387,474 82.5%	200,000 0.1%	19,865,764 11.4%	10,500,000 6.0%	174,953,238	

Nonbudgeted proprietary funds are used to administer federal grants and programs. Descriptions for all other funds can be found in the fiscal report.

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

		20			onmental Qua Sudget and Ac			FY 2027		
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget
Base Budget	0	0	0	9,706,865	97.4%	0	0	0	9,706,865	98.0%
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	0	0	0	57,262	0.6%	0	0	0	68,448	0.7%
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	309,509	3.1%	0	0	0	236,288	2.4%
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	(382)	(0.0%)	0	0	0	(258)	(0.0%
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	366,389	3.7%	0	0	0	304,478	3.1%
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	(3,371)	(0.0%)	0	0	0	(3,371)	(0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	(106,045)	(1.1%)	0	0	0	(106,046)	(1.1%
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	256,973	2.6%	0	0	0	195,061	2.0%
Total Budget	0	0	0	9,963,838		0	0	0	9,901,926	

Executive Budget Comparison

The following table compares the legislative budget for the biennium to the budget requested by the Governor by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Executive Budget Comparison		Executive	Legislative	Leg — Exec.	Executive	Legislative	Leg — Exec.	Biennium
	Approp.	Budget	Budget	Difference	Budget	Budget	Difference	Difference
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2027	Fiscal 2027	Fiscal 2027	Fiscal 26-27
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Personal Services	5,394,874	5,346,091	5,346,091	0	5,357,276	5,357,276	0	0
Operating Expenses	4,003,552	4,312,679	4,309,308	(3,371)	4,239,582	4,236,211	(3,371)	(6,742)
Equipment & Intangible Assets	119,739	119,739	119,739	0	119,739	119,739	0	0
Transfers	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	0	0
Debt Service	183,700	183,700	183,700	0	183,700	183,700	0	0
Total Costs	\$9,706,865	\$9,967,209	\$9,963,838	(\$3,371)	\$9,905,297	\$9,901,926	(\$3,371)	(\$6,742)
Other	9,706,865	9,967,209	9,963,838	(3,371)	9,905,297	9,901,926	(3,371)	(6,742)
Total Funds	\$9,706,865	\$9,967,209	\$9,963,838	(\$3,371)	\$9,905,297	\$9,901,926	(\$3,371)	(\$6,742)
Total Ongoing	\$9,706,865	\$9,967,209	\$9,963,838	(\$3,371)	\$9,905,297	\$9,901,926	(\$3,371)	(\$6,742)
Total OTO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The legislature approved the rates and appropriations proposed by the Executive Branch for the proprietary funds in the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

Program Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Base Budget Comparison						
	Base Budget	Adopted B	udget	Biennium Change from Base		
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
РВ	55.50	54.50	54.50	(1.00)	(0.9%)	
Proprietary Funds	9,706,865	9,963,838	9,901,926	452,034	2.3%	
Total Funds	9,706,865	9,963,838	9,901,926	452,034	2.3%	
Personal Services	5,394,874	5,346,091	5,357,276	(86,381)	(0.8%)	
Operating Expenses	4,003,552	4,309,308	4,236,211	538,415	6.7%	
Equipment & Intangible Assets	119,739	119,739	119,739		0.0%	
Transfers	5,000	5,000	5,000		0.0%	
Debt Service	183,700	183,700	183,700		0.0%	
Total Expenditures	9,706,865	9,963,838	9,901,926	452,034	2.3%	
Total Ongoing	9,706,865	9,963,838	9,901,926	452,034	2.3%	
Total One-Time-Only					0.0%	

Program Description

The Central Management Program is responsible for agency-wide administration, management, planning, evaluation, and support.

- The Director's Office includes the director's staff, a centralized legal pool, the Montana Environmental Policy Act and the Montana Facility Siting Act functions, public affairs, and the enforcement program.
- The Centralized Management Program is an extension of the Director's Office and provides overall policy direction
 and support services to the agency in the areas of human resources, information management and technology,
 fiscal, records management, safety, emergency management, and continuous process improvement.

Program Highlights

Central Management Program Major Budget Highlights

The program non-budgeted proprietary funding increased by about \$452,000 compared to the base budget. Increases include:

- Statewide present law adjustments: \$664,100
- Information Technology Services Consolidation (Reduction): \$212,100

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the adopted budget for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027
D	4 474 404	F 44F 70F	5 004 074	5 040 004	5 057 070
Personal Services	4,474,461	5,145,785	5,394,874	5,346,091	5,357,276
Operating Expenses	2,404,344	3,798,246	4,003,552	4,309,308	4,236,211
Equipment & Intangible Assets	13,720	119,739	119,739	119,739	119,739
Transfers	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Debt Service	687,652	183,700	183,700	183,700	183,700
Total Expenditures	\$7,580,177	\$9,252,470	\$9,706,865	\$9,963,838	\$9,901,926
Proprietary Funds	7,580,177	9,252,470	9,706,865	9,963,838	9,901,926
Total Funds	\$7,580,177	\$9,252,470	\$9,706,865	\$9,963,838	\$9,901,926
Total Ongoing Total OTO	\$7,580,177 \$0	\$9,252,470 \$0	\$9,706,865 \$0	\$9,963,838 \$0	\$9,901,926 \$0

Funding

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

Departmer		l Quality, 10-Centra by Source of Autho	l Management Progr prity	am	
Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
01100 General Fund	3,952,183	0	0	3,952,183	12.76 %
02070 Hazardous Waste-CERCLA	270,508	0	0	270,508	5.01 %
02075 UST Leak Prevention Program	82,270	0	0	82,270	1.52 %
02097 Environmental Rehab & Response	500,434	0	0	500,434	9.28 %
02157 Solid Waste Management Fee	124,506	0	0	124,506	2.31 %
02201 Air Quality-Operating Fees	413,450	0	0	413,450	7.66 %
02202 Asbestos Control	128,334	0	0	128,334	2.38 %
02204 Public Drinking Water	290,482	0	0	290,482	5.38 %
02223 Wastewater SRF Special Admin	5,430	0	0	5,430	0.10 %
02278 MPDES Permit Program	499,808	0	0	499,808	9.26 %
02418 Subdivision Plat Review	146,000	0	0	146,000	2.71 %
02428 Major Facility Siting	785,888	0	0	785,888	14.57 %
02542 MT Environ Policy Act Fee	1,945,678	0	0	1,945,678	36.06 %
02576 Natural Resources Operations	84,110	0	0	84,110	1.56 %
02845 Junk Vehicle Disposal	104,220	0	0	104,220	1.93 %
02955 State Energy conservation ARRA	14,002	0	0	14,002	0.26 %
State Special Total	\$5,395,120	\$0	\$0	\$5,395,120	17.43 %
03036 DEQ - Federal Aml Grant	117,491	0	0	117,491	6.72 %
03046 2019 Exchange Network	168,130	0	0	168,130	9.62 %
03067 DSL Federal Reclamation Grant	12	0	0	12	0.00 %
03231 NPS25 Staffing Grant	41,778	0	0	41,778	2.39 %
03433 EPA Perf Partnership Grant	943,936	0	0	943,936	53.99 %
03796 Haz Mat Emergency Prep	31,948	0	0	31,948	1.83 %
03816 DOI OSM A&E Grant	445,026	0	0	445,026	25.45 %
Federal Special Total	\$1,748,321	\$0	\$0	\$1,748,321	5.65 %
06509 DEQ Indirects	0	19,865,764	0	19,865,764	100.00 %
Proprietary Total	\$0	\$19,865,764	\$0	\$19,865,764	64.16 %
Total All Funds	\$11,095,624	\$19,865,764	\$0	\$30,961,388	

Non-budgeted proprietary funds are used to administer federal grants and programs. Descriptions for all other funds can be found in the fiscal report.

Proprietary Program Description

The Central Services Division is funded with a non-budgeted proprietary fund. The legislature does not appropriate funds but rather approves rates for the proprietary fund. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) indirect fund supports common functions across DEQ, including administration, human resources, and information technology. In this regard, the indirect fund can be thought of as the "overhead" of DEQ.

Revenues and Expenses

The fund is supported by a charge against other divisions of DEQ. The percentage of the charge is approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Rate(s) and Rate Explanation

The adopted rate is a fixed rate that will not exceed 28.0% of the personal services base. This rate structure has been effective in providing the needed revenue to the internal service fund to provide services to all the programs.

This program is funded with an internal service fund, which is a type of proprietary fund. As such, the legislature approves the maximum rate the program may charge during the biennium. They are not the rates the program must charge.

Actual FY23 5,371,713 2,676,172	Actual FY24 5,144,077	Budgeted FY25	Budgeted FY26	Budgeted FY27
Actual FY23	FY24 5,144,077			9
FY23 5,371,713	FY24 5,144,077			
2,676,172		5,896,400	5,896,400	5,896,400
	3,491,653	2,989,355	2,989,355	2,989,355
	-	2,500	2,500	2,500
3,047,885	8,635,730	8,888,255	8,888,255	8,888,255
,253,533	4,384,765	4,003,552	4,143,566	4,065,359
3,209,895	3,057,755	4,003,552	4,143,566	4,065,359
57,057	52,475	183,700	183,700	183,700
(20, 245)	51,757	683,700	683,700	683,700
,500,240	7,546,752	8,874,504	9,154,532	8,998,118
547,645	1,088,978	13,751	(266,277)	(109,863
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547,645	1,088,978	13,751	(266,277)	(109,863
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569,088	1,088,978	18,751	(261,277)	(104,863)
(712,930)	(143,842)	945,136	963,887	702,610
569,088	1,088,978	18,751	(261,277)	(104,863
	945,136	963,887	702,610	597,747
		569,088 1,088,978	569,088 1,088,978 18,751	569,088 1,088,978 18,751 (261,277)

Changes in Level of Fees and Charges

The percentage has remained the same. However, the percentage split has changed from 24.0% personal services base, 4.0% operating services base to 28.0% personal services base.

Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the adopted budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

-			Fiscal 2026-		Fiscal 2027					
	РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal S	Services									•
	0.00	0	0	0	57,262	0.00	0	0	0	68,448
DP 2 - Fixed Cost	ts									
	0.00	0	0	0	309,509	0.00	0	0	0	236,288
DP 3 - Inflation De	eflation									
	0.00	0	0	0	(382)	0.00	0	0	0	(258
DP 22 - Fixed Co	st Adjustment	t for Robert's	Rules		` ,					•
	0.00	0	0	0	(3,371)	0.00	0	0	0	(3,371
Grand Tota	I All Present	Law Adjustn	nents							
	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$363,018	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$301,107

^{*&}quot;Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The legislature adopted adjustments to the present law personal services budget.

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The legislature adopted adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget to pay increases in fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples include: warrant writer, motor pool, information technology services, etc. The rates charged for these services are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The legislature adopted adjustments to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation and deflation factors to specific expenditure accounts. Affected accounts include in-state state motor pool and motor pool leased vehicles.

DP 22 - Fixed Cost Adjustment for Robert's Rules -

The legislature adopted an adjustment to fixed cost that removed new appropriations for Robert's Rules of Order training included in DP 2.

New Proposals

The "New Proposals" table shows new changes to spending.

New Proposals	i									
			iscal 2026					Fiscal 2027		
	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 10100 - ITS	SD Security Con (1.00)	solidation 0	0	0	(106,045)	(1.00)	0	0	0	(106,046)
Total	(1.00)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$106,045)	(1.00)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$106,046)

^{*&}quot;Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 10100 - ITSD Security Consolidation -

The legislature adopted a reduction of 1.00 PB from Central Management Program (CMP) as part of security consolidation efforts across the Executive Branch.

Agency Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted by the legislature for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Agency Base Budget Comparison						
	Base Budget	Adopted Bu	udget	Biennium Change from Base		
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
РВ	132.50	135.50	135.50	3.00	1.1%	
Proprietary Funds	48,869,640	60,115,286	60,116,281	22,492,287	23.0%	
Total Funds	48,869,640	60,115,286	60,116,281	22,492,287	23.0%	
Personal Services	12,149,765	12,316,082	12,342,184	358,736	1.5%	
Operating Expenses	20,683,545	23,762,874	23,737,767	6,133,551	14.8%	
Equipment & Intangible Assets	15,916,881	23,916,881	23,916,881	16,000,000	50.3%	
Debt Service	119,449	119,449	119,449		0.0%	
Total Expenditures	48,869,640	60,115,286	60,116,281	22,492,287	23.0%	
Total Ongoing	48,869,640	60,115,286	60,116,281	22,492,287	23.0%	
Total One-Time-Only					0.0%	

Agency Description

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is the agency responsible for administering the transportation network in Montana. The department plans, designs, builds, and maintains the statewide network of highways and bridges. The department also operates several non-budgeted proprietary funds, including the state motor pool, equipment, and the aeronautics program.

Agency Highlights

Department of Transportation Major Budget Highlights

The legislature approved an increase of about \$22.5 million or 23.0% to the base budget for non-budgeted proprietary funds at MDT. Significant changes include:

- Equipment replacement purchases: \$16.0 million
- Equipment repair increase: \$6.7 million
- An increase of 3.00 PB and associated pay and benefits in the amount of \$568,722 for traveling mechanic

Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the expenditures adopted for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027
Personal Services	11,383,571	11,606,260	12,149,765	12,316,082	12,342,184
Operating Expenses	21,826,166	21,973,353	20,683,545	23,762,874	23,737,767
Equipment & Intangible Assets	15,436,275	15,707,150	15,916,881	23,916,881	23,916,881
Debt Service	416,498	454,449	119,449	119,449	119,449
Total Expenditures	\$49,062,510	\$49,741,212	\$48,869,640	\$60,115,286	\$60,116,281
Proprietary Funds	49,062,510	49,741,212	48,869,640	60,115,286	60,116,281
Total Funds	\$49,062,510	\$49,741,212	\$48,869,640	\$60,115,286	\$60,116,281
Total Ongoing Total OTO	\$49,062,510 \$0	\$49,741,212 \$0	\$48,869,640 \$0	\$60,115,286 \$0	\$60,116,281 \$0

Summary of Legislative Action

The legislature reviewed the rates and approved decreases in the rates for the state motor pool. Decreases in the rate was driven by a reduced usage rate. The legislature approved increased program costs for the equipment program, including \$16.0 million for equipment replacement and 3.00 PB. Appropriations for the aeronautics proprietary fund decreased slightly due to the statewide present law adjustments.

Funding

The following table shows the adopted agency funding for all sources of authority.

Total Depa	rtment of Transport 2027 Bio	ation Funding b ennium Budget		rity		
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
02422 Highways Special Revenue	695,851,148	2,371,123			698,222,271	28.1%
02129 LOCAL GOVT FUEL TAX				84,185,286	84,185,286	3.4%
02253 Local Road and Bridge Account				58,091,969	58,091,969	2.3%
02435 SAFER Account				30,000,000	30,000,000	1.2%
02349 Highway Non-Restricted Account	18,696,522				18,696,522	0.8%
Other State Special Revenue	24,084,576			18,519,370	42,603,946	1.7%
State Special Revenue Total	738,632,246	2,371,123	-	190,796,625	931,799,994	37.4%
03407 Highway Trust - Sp Rev	1,349,691,260	1,470,667			1,351,161,927	54.3%
03147 FTA Grants	52,325,008				52,325,008	2.1%
03828 Traffic Safety	20,529,788				20,529,788	0.8%
03292 MCS Federal Grants	10,002,926				10,002,926	0.4%
03060 Aeronautics Division	2,777,692				2,777,692	0.1%
Other Federal Special Revenue	332,106				332,106	0.0%
Federal Special Revenue Total	1,435,658,780	1,470,667	-	-	1,437,129,447	57.7%
06508 Highway Equipment - Int Svc.			105,326,547		105,326,547	4.2%
06506 Motor Pool - Int Svc			13,860,192		13,860,192	0.6%
06007 Yellowstone Airport			1,044,828		1,044,828	0.0%
Proprietary Fund Total	-	-	120,231,567	-	120,231,567	4.8%
Total of All Funds Percent of All Sources of Authority	2,174,291,026 87.4%	3,841,790 0.2%	120,231,567 4.8%	190,796,625 7.7%	2,489,161,008	

Non-Budgeted Proprietary Funds

The State Motor Pool is funded with an internal service fund, which is a type of proprietary fund. Since all agencies in state government utilize motor pool, the legislature approves the maximum rate the program may charge agencies during the biennium. They are not the rates the program must charge.

The Equipment Program is also an internal service fund. Because the fund only serves MDT, the rates are not required to be approved by the legislature. However, the 60-day working capital reserve must be approved by the legislature and then is included in section R of HB 2.

The Yellowstone Airport is discussed in the Aeronautics program of the HB 2 budget analysis.

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

		20	27 Biennium	partment of Tr n HB 2 Base B		ljustments					
			FY 2026		_	FY 2027					
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	
Base Budget	0	0	0	48,869,640	81.3%	0	0	0	48,869,640	81.3%	
Statewide PL											
Personal Services	0	0	0	(110,844)	(0.2%)	0	0	0	(84,742)	(0.1%)	
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	(260,661)	(0.4%)	0	0	0	(274,392)	(0.5%)	
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	(75)	(0.0%)	0	0	0	(51)	(0.0%)	
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	(371,580)	(0.6%)	0	0	0	(359,185)	(0.6%)	
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	11,327,165	18.8%	0	0	0	11,327,165	18.8%	
New Proposals	0	0	0	290,061	0.5%	0	0	0	278,661	0.5%	
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	11,245,646	18.7%	0	0	0	11,246,641	18.7%	
Total Budget	0	0	0	60,115,286		0	0	0	60,116,281		

Executive Budget Comparison

The following table compares the legislative budget for the biennium to the budget requested by the Governor by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Approp. Scal 2025 12,149,765	Budget Fiscal 2026	Budget Fiscal 2026	Difference Fiscal 2026	Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Fiscal 2027	Difference Fiscal 2027	Difference Fiscal 26-27
	12 316 082						
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	12,010,002	12,316,082	0	12,342,184	12,342,184	0	0
20,683,545	23,762,874	23,762,874	0	23,737,767	23,737,767	0	0
15,916,881	23,916,881	23,916,881	0	23,916,881	23,916,881	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
119,449	119,449	119,449	0	119,449	119,449	0	0
18,869,640	\$60,115,286	\$60,115,286	\$0	\$60,116,281	\$60,116,281	\$0	\$0
18,869,640	60,115,286	60,115,286	0	60,116,281	60,116,281	0	0
18,869,640	\$60,115,286	\$60,115,286	\$0	\$60,116,281	\$60,116,281	\$0	\$0
18,869,640	\$60,115,286	\$60,115,286	\$0	\$60,116,281	\$60,116,281	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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The legislature approved the rates and appropriations proposed by the Executive Branch for the proprietary funds at MDT.

Program Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Base Budget Comparison						
	Base Budget	Adopted B	udget	Biennium Change from Base		
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
РВ	7.00	7.00	7.00	0.00	0.0%	
Proprietary Funds	7,017,678	6,932,413	6,927,779	(175,164)	(1.2%)	
Total Funds	7,017,678	6,932,413	6,927,779	(175,164)	(1.2%)	
Personal Services	623,178	619,434	620,621	(6,301)	(0.5%)	
Operating Expenses	2,473,298	2,391,777	2,385,956	(168,863)	(3.4%)	
Equipment & Intangible Assets	3,801,753	3,801,753	3,801,753		0.0%	
Debt Service	119,449	119,449	119,449		0.0%	
Total Expenditures	7,017,678	6,932,413	6,927,779	(175,164)	(1.2%)	
Total Ongoing	7,017,678	6,932,413	6,927,779	(175,164)	(1.2%)	
Total One-Time-Only					0.0%	

Program Description

The State Motor Pool operates and maintains a fleet of vehicles available to all state offices and employees who conduct official state business. The State Motor Pool has two basic components: 1) the daily rental fleet and 2) the out-stationed lease fleet. The daily rental program operates out of the Helena headquarters facility and provides vehicles for short-term use. The leasing program provides vehicles for extended assignment to agencies statewide.

Section 2-17-411, MCA, establishes that the Department of Transportation's Motor Pool is responsible for the acquisition, operations, maintenance, repair, and administration of all motor vehicles in the custody of the Motor Pool (this does not apply to motor vehicles used in the service of the Governor, Attorney General, or the highway patrol).

Use of the program is optional to agencies when personnel are required to travel by vehicle for official state business but is encouraged in the Montana Operations Manual (MOM). Other options for state employees are: 1) other state-owned vehicles not part of the State Motor Pool fleet; 2) personal vehicles, with authorization provided by the agency director; or 3) vehicles from a private rental agency contract. The rate for the use of personal vehicles for state business travel are set by the Internal Revenue Service for the current year if the State employee qualifies according to the conditions as discussed in the Employee Travel policy of the MOM manual.

Program Highlights

State Motor Pool Major Budget Highlights

The State Motor Pool 2027 biennium non-budgeted proprietary appropriations increased by \$175,200 or 1.2% compared to the FY 2025 base budget.

- The motor pool rates are lower than the previous biennium due to a decrease in fuel prices
 - Although the usage rate has declined due to fuel price changes, the assigned rate rose due to increases in vehicle purchase prices. Rates have decreased overall
 - Increased vehicle purchase prices are reflected in increased operating costs

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the adopted budget for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027
Danis and Camina	040.540	044.704	000.470	040 404	000 004
Personal Services	612,549	614,731	623,178	619,434	620,621
Operating Expenses	2,953,741	2,992,846	2,473,298	2,391,777	2,385,956
Equipment & Intangible Assets	4,815,977	4,816,753	3,801,753	3,801,753	3,801,753
Debt Service	416,498	454,449	119,449	119,449	119,449
Total Expenditures	\$8,798,765	\$8,878,779	\$7,017,678	\$6,932,413	\$6,927,779
Proprietary Funds	8,798,765	8,878,779	7,017,678	6,932,413	6,927,779
Total Funds	\$8,798,765	\$8,878,779	\$7,017,678	\$6,932,413	\$6,927,779
Total Ongoing	\$8,798,765	\$8,878,779	\$7,017,678	\$6,932,413	\$6,927,779
Total OTO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Funding

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

Depar		nsportation, 07- by Source of A	-State Motor Po authority	ol	
Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
State Special Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %
Federal Special Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %
06506 Motor Pool - Int Svc	0	13,860,192	0	13,860,192	100.00 %
Proprietary Total	\$0	\$13,860,192	\$0	\$13,860,192	100.00 %
Total All Funds	\$0	\$13,860,192	\$0	\$13,860,192	

Motor Pool Program - 06506

Proprietary Program Revenues and Expenses

Program revenues are generated through vehicle rental fees charged to the state agencies. Vehicle rental fees come from two service classes: 1) short-term rentals; and 2) long-term leases. On occasion, the program receives revenues resulting from the sale of surplus property and accident damages reimbursed by private individuals or insurance companies.

Proprietary Rates

As shown in the figure, the State Motor Pool rental rates are based on a dual rate structure. Users pay a usage rate and an assigned rate. The usage rate is charged for actual miles driven and allows the program to recover costs directly related to the operation of the vehicle, such as repairs, parts, fuel, lubricants, and tires. The assigned rate is charged for hours the vehicle was used and allows the program to cover fixed costs associated with state ownership, such as insurance, interest payments on BOI loans, depreciation, and utilities. The dual rate structure provides: 1) more stable revenue to make loan payments and other cost obligations; and 2) equity among all vehicle classes so that one vehicle class does not subsidize another vehicle class. The rates approved by the legislature are the maximum the program may charge during the biennium, not the rates the program must charge. When approved by the Legislature, the rates are included in HB 2, Section R.

	Proposed Motor Pool Rates											
	FY 2026						FY20)27				
Class	Assigned		Usage Rate Class Assigned			Usage Rate	9					
	Rate	3.47/gal	3.97/gal	4.47/gal		Rate	3.47/gal	3.97/gal	4.47/gal			
02	1.361	0.181	0.202	0.223	02	1.432	0.181	0.202	0.223			
04	1.283	0.279	0.311	0.343	04	1.607	0.281	0.312	0.344			
05	1.292	0.137	0.152	0.166	05	1.390	0.132	0.146	0.160			
06	1.004	0.184	0.204	0.225	06	1.025	0.186	0.206	0.226			
07	0.528	0.291	0.322	0.354	07	0.531	0.317	0.349	0.380			
11	1.911	0.257	0.289	0.321	11	1.884	0.257	0.289	0.321			
12	1.161	0.238	0.264	0.290	12	1.236	0.239	0.265	0.292			

Proposed Beechcraft King Air Rental Rate (Cost per flight hour)

FY 2026 FY 2027 1,487.61 1,538.66

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

		20	27 Biennium	State Moto	r Pool Judget and Ad	ljustments				
			FY 2026		_	•		FY 2027		
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget
Base Budget	0	0	0	7,017,678	101.2%	0	0	0	7,017,678	101.3%
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	0	0	0	(3,744)	(0.1%)	0	0	0	(2,557)	(0.0%
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	(81,521)	(1.2%)	0	0	0	(87,342)	(1.3%
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	(85,265)	(1.2%)	0	0	0	(89,899)	(1.3%
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	(85,265)	(1.2%)	0	0	0	(89,899)	(1.3%
Total Budget	0	0	0	6,932,413		0	0	0	6,927,779	

Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the adopted budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

			Fiscal 2026					Fiscal 2027		
	РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Se	rvices 0.00	0	0	0	(3,744)	0.00	0	0	0	(2,557
DP 2 - Fixed Costs	0.00	0	0		,		0	0	0	(87,342
Grand Total A				0	(81,521)	0.00	0	0	0	(8
	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$85,265)	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$89,8

^{*&}quot;Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to the present law personal services budget.

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget to pay increases in fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples include: audit fees, Capitol complex rent, information technology services, etc. The rates charged for these services are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

Program Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

	Base Budget	Adopted B	udaet	Biennium Change from Base		
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
РВ	123.00	126.00	126.00	3.00	1.2%	
Proprietary Funds	41,327,344	52,660,703	52,665,844	22,671,859	27.4%	
Total Funds	41,327,344	52,660,703	52,665,844	22,671,859	27.4%	
Personal Services	11,270,287	11,440,980	11,465,690	366,096	1.6%	
Operating Expenses	17,941,929	21,104,595	21,085,026	6,305,763	17.6%	
Equipment & Intangible Assets	12,115,128	20,115,128	20,115,128	16,000,000	66.0%	
Total Expenditures	41,327,344	52,660,703	52,665,844	22,671,859	27.4%	
Total Ongoing	41,327,344	52,660,703	52,665,844	22,671,859	27.4%	
Total One-Time-Only					0.0%	

Program Description

The Equipment Program is responsible for the acquisition, repair, maintenance, and disposal of a fleet of approximately 4,700 individual units. The fleet is comprised of light duty vehicles, single and tandem axle dump trucks, specialized snow removal units, roadway maintenance units, and other specialized equipment. Exclusively the various programs within the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), such as Construction, Motor Carrier Services, Maintenance, and Rail, Transit and Planning use the fleet. All units are assigned to the various user programs and are charged rental on a bi-weekly basis. Alternate sources for vehicles and equipment include renting heavy equipment from a rental company and renting or leasing light duty vehicles from a private rental agency contract.

The Equipment Program is funded under the rules and guidelines of HB 576. No specific statutory authority is established for the program as the program is strictly internal to the Department of Transportation and is not used by any outside entity.

Program Highlights

Equipment Program Major Budget Highlights

The Equipment Program's 2027 biennium non-budgeted proprietary appropriations are increased by \$22.7 million or 27.4% compared to the FY 2025 base budget. Significant changes include:

- Equipment replacement purchases: \$16.0 million
- Equipment repair increase: \$6.7 million
- Traveling mechanics: \$568,722 and 3.00 PB to replace modified positions with permanent PB

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the adopted budget for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027
Personal Services	10,686,489	10,746,310	11,270,287	11,440,980	11,465,690
Operating Expenses	18,743,543	18,740,225	17,941,929	21,104,595	21,085,026
Equipment & Intangible Assets	10,596,111	10,865,128	12,115,128	20,115,128	20,115,128
Total Expenditures	\$40,026,143	\$40,351,663	\$41,327,344	\$52,660,703	\$52,665,844
Proprietary Funds	40,026,143	40,351,663	41,327,344	52,660,703	52,665,844
Total Funds	\$40,026,143	\$40,351,663	\$41,327,344	\$52,660,703	\$52,665,844
Total Ongoing Total OTO	\$40,026,143 \$0	\$40,351,663 \$0	\$41,327,344 \$0	\$52,660,703 \$0	\$52,665,844 \$0

Funding

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

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Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
General Fund		0 0	0	0	0.00 %
State Special Total	\$	0 \$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %
Federal Special Total	\$	0 \$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %
06508 Highway Equipment - Int Svc. Proprietary Total	\$	0 105,326,547 0 \$105,326,547	0 \$0	105,326,547 \$105,326,547	100.00 % 100.00 %
Total All Funds	\$	0 \$105,326,547	\$0	\$105,326,547	

Non-Budgeted Proprietary Funds

Funding for the Equipment Program is generated through user fees charged to programs and divisions in MDT, which are deposited in a proprietary fund. The primary funding comes from state special funds because the Maintenance Program is the primary customer of the Equipment Program.

Equipment Program - 06508

Proprietary Program Revenues and Expenses

The following table shows the actual and projected expenditures and related revenues associated with this fund.

Agency # 54010	Agency Nam			rprise Funds Program Name Equipment Pro		
	Fund Name Highway Eq		Svc.			
	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Budgeted FY25	Budgeted FY26	Budgeted FY27
Operating Revenues: Fee and Charges						
Fee Revenue A	32.075.096	38,830,064	44,206,682	40.339.553	52,660,703	52,665,844
Total Operating Revenues	32,075,096	38,830,064	44,206,682	40,339,553	52,660,703	52,665,844
Expenses:						
Personal Services	8,804,818	10,111,236	10,483,695	11,270,287	11,440,980	11,465,690
Other Operating Expenses	25,328,277	28,702,812	25,861,279	30,057,057	41,219,723	41,200,154
Total Operating Expenses	34,133,095	38,814,048	36,344,974	41,327,344	52,660,703	52,665,844
Operating Income (Loss)	(2,057,999)	16,016	7,861,708	(987,791)		
Nonoperating Revenues:						
Other Revenue A Nonoperating Expenses:	2,474,991	2,262,039	2,225,567	-	-	-
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	2,474,991	2,262,039	2,225,567	-	-	-
Income (Loss) Before Contributions and Transfers	416,992	2,278,055	10,087,275	(987,791)		-
Change in Net Position	416,992	2,278,055	10,087,275	(987,791)	- 1	-
Beginning Net Position - July 1	78,750,077	79,167,069	81,445,124	91,532,399	90,544,608	90,544,608
Change in Net Position	416,992	2,278,055	10,087,275	(987,791)	-	-
Ending Net Position - June 30	79,167,069	81,445,124	91,532,399	90,544,608	90,544,608	90,544,608

Expenses

Program costs from the state budgeting system for FY 2024 include:

- Personal services for 123.00 PB of \$10.6 million or 26.6% of total expenditures
- Operating expenses of \$18.7 million or 46.4% of total expenditures
- Equipment and intangible assets of \$10.8 million for repairs and purchases, 26.9% of total expenditures

Changes between the 2025 biennium budget and the 2027 biennium budget include:

- Personal services projected to increase by 1.6% and 3.00 PB
- Operating expenses projected to increase by 17.6%
- Equipment purchases projected to increase by 66% or \$16.0 million

Revenues

Revenue is generated through the vehicle/equipment rental fees, from the gain on sale of surplus assets, and from reimbursements from accidents caused by an outside party. Revenues for the fleet are functionally tied to the severity of the winter, construction program workload and travel requirements of the various department users. The rental rates will be set to recover revenue to meet the program's obligations.

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

		20	027 Biennium	Equipment P n HB 2 Base B		ljustments				
			FY 2026		_			FY 2027		
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget
Base Budget	0	0	0	41,327,344	78.5%	0	0	0	41,327,344	78.5%
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	0	0	0	(106,468)	(0.2%)	0	0	0	(81,758)	(0.2%
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	(177,324)	(0.3%)	0	0	0	(185,517)	(0.4%
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	(75)	(0.0%)	0	0	0	(- /	(0.0%
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	(283,867)	(0.5%)	0	0	0	(267,326)	(0.5%
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	11,327,165	21.5%	0	0	0	11,327,165	21.5%
New Proposals	0	0	0	290,061	0.6%	0	0	0	278,661	0.5%
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	11,333,359	21.5%	0	0	0	11,338,500	21.5%
Total Budget	0	0	0	52,660,703		0	0	0	52,665,844	

Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the adopted budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

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РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	
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^{*&}quot;Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to the present law personal services budget.

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget to pay increases in fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples include: audit fees, Capitol complex rent, information technology services, etc. The rates charged for these services are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation and deflation factors to specific expenditure accounts. Affected accounts include: other services, supplies and materials, communications, in-state motor pool and motor pool leased vehicles, and repair and maintenance.

DP 805 - Equipment Replacement Purchases -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to fund replacement of aging equipment and vehicles.

DP 808 - Equipment Repair Increase -

The legislature reviewed adjustments due to increased costs for repairs on aging vehicles and equipment.

New Proposals

The "New Proposals" table shows new changes to spending.

		Fiscal 2026					Fiscal 2027				
	РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	
DP 809 - Trav	eling Mechanics										
	3.00	0	0	0	290,061	3.00	0	0	0	278,661	
Total	3.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$290,061	3.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$278,66	

^{*&}quot;Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 809 - Traveling Mechanics -

The legislature reviewed an increase in the equipment proprietary fund appropriation for FY 2026 and FY 2027 to convert three modified positions to permanently funded PB.

Program Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

	Base Budget	Adopted B	udaet	Biennium Change from Base		
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
PB	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.0%	
Proprietary Funds	524,618	522,170	522,658	(4,408)	(0.4%)	
Total Funds	524,618	522,170	522,658	(4,408)	(0.4%)	
Personal Services	256,300	255,668	255,873	(1,059)	(0.2%)	
Operating Expenses	268,318	266,502	266,785	(3,349)	(0.6%)	
Total Expenditures	524,618	522,170	522,658	(4,408)	(0.4%)	
Total Ongoing	524,618	522,170	522,658	(4,408)	(0.4%)	
Total One-Time-Only					0.0%	

Program Description

The Aeronautics Program: 1) facilitates the operation and infrastructure of airports and airways, both public and private, throughout Montana; 2) provides mechanisms for funding airport and aviation related projects throughout the state; 3) registers aircraft and pilots in accordance with Montana laws and regulations; 4) fosters, promotes, and supervises aviation and aviation safety through educational efforts and programs; and 5) coordinates and supervises aerial search and rescue operations.

The program administers a loan and grant program to airport sponsors to fund airport improvement projects. The Aeronautics Board approves loan and grant requests.

The program serves as a liaison between the State of Montana and various other entities including the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), US Forest Service, other federal and state entities, and commercial airlines to assure the retention and continuation of airline service to Montana's rural communities and to support general aviation operations.

The program is also responsible for operation of the commercial service airport just north of West Yellowstone, MT and for 13 other state-owned or operated airports.

Program Highlights

Aeronautics Program Major Budget Highlights

The Aeronautics Program's 2027 biennium appropriations are approximately \$4,400 or 0.4% lower than the FY 2025 base budget.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the adopted budget for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027
Personal Services Operating Expenses	84,533 128,882	245,219 240,282	256,300 268,318	255,668 266,502	255,873 266,785
Equipment & Intangible Assets Total Expenditures	24,187 \$237,602	25,269 \$510,770	0 \$524,618	0 \$522,170	\$ 522,658
Proprietary Funds	237,602	510,770	524,618	522,170	522,658
Total Funds	\$237,602	\$510,770	\$524,618	\$522,170	\$522,658
Total Ongoing Total OTO	\$237,602 \$0	\$510,770 \$0	\$524,618 \$0	\$522,170 \$0	\$522,658 \$0

Funding

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

Depar		portation, 40-Aeı by Source of Au	onautics Progran thority	n	
Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
02286 Aeronautical Loan Account	700.000	0	0	700.000	6.98 %
02287 Aeronautical Grant Account	0	0	5,799,882	5,799,882	57.86 %
02827 Aeronautics Division	3,523,322	0	0	3,523,322	35.15 %
State Special Total	\$4,223,322	\$0	\$5,799,882	\$10,023,204	72.39 %
03060 Aeronautics Division	2,777,692	0	0	2.777.692	100.00 %
Federal Special Total	\$2,777,692	\$0	\$0	\$2,777,692	20.06 %
06007 Yellowstone Airport	0	1,044,828	0	1.044.828	100.00 %
Proprietary Total	\$0	\$1,044,828	\$0	\$1,044,828	7.55 %
Total All Funds	\$7,001,014	\$1,044,828	\$5,799,882	\$13,845,724	

HB 2 Appropriations

The Aeronautics program is funded with state and federal special revenues. State special revenue funds are derived primarily from state aviation fuel taxes and aircraft registration fees. Federal special revenue comes from Federal Aviation Administration grants.

Statutory Appropriations

The statutorily appropriated Aeronautical Grant Account receives most of its funding from 90% of a 4.5 cent per gallon tax on aviation fuel and provides funding for grants to Montana communities for aviation related projects.

Non-Budgeted Proprietary Funds

The Yellowstone Airport enterprise program is supported by proprietary funding and is not budgeted in HB 2.

Yellowstone Airport - 06007

Program Description

The Yellowstone Airport, located two miles north of West Yellowstone, provides the closest private and commercial air service to Yellowstone National Park, as well as service for a multitude of other recreational opportunities in the surrounding greater Yellowstone area. The airport is closed during the winter months, conducting limited snow removal in fringe seasons. The airport is typically open for six months each year with seasonal commercial air service provided by SkyWest Air Lines (doing business as Delta Connection) and SkyWest Air Lines (doing business as United Express) from early-May to mid-October. The airport accomplishes its mission with facilities to accommodate all sized aircraft and operations ranging from large four engine commercial service jets to small single engine aircraft.

Airside facilities at the airport include an 8,400' runway and taxiway, as well as large parking apron and hangar areas for all types of aircraft operations. The runway is equipped with a precision approach instrument landing system (ILS) and a GPS approach accommodating air traffic even during inclement weather conditions. The airport also supports and maintains an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS), which reports directly to the National Weather Service (NWS) and broadcasts locally to air traffic over a very high frequency transmission. Other airport facilities include a commercial terminal building with tenants that include a restaurant, rental car agencies, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) offices, airline offices, and airport administration and operations. Also located on the field are several outbuildings and other facilities housing bulk fuel storage, a fixed based operator, an air ambulance base, and Airport Rescue Fire Fighting services. The US Forest Service operates an inter-agency fire control center with direct through-the-fence access to the airfield. A wildlife fence surrounds the entire airport property.

Revenues and Expenses

Fees for leases and other business services are both market and recovery based. Additional operating expenses are planned in the 2027 biennium to keep the airport in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) mandates and advisory circulars.

The Yellowstone Airport is an enterprise proprietary fund. There is one airport manager who works full time, year-round. The airport also has two other employees, an airport operation chief and an airport fire fighter/maintenance specialist, who are employed seasonally.

Agency # 54010	Agency Nan			Program Name Aeronautics Pr		
Fund 06007						
	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Budgeted FY25	Budgeted FY26	Budgeted FY27
Operating Revenues: Fee and Charges						
Fee Revenue A	83,820	52,877	67,229	652,207	612,207	612,207
Other Operating Revenue	532,034	592,458	500,496		-	-
Total Operating Revenues	615,854	645,335	567,725	652,207	612,207	612,207
Expenses:						
Personal Services	(12,342)	26,931	83,603	256,300	255,668	255,873
Other Operating Expenses	514,705	532,271	640,983	268,318	266,502	266,78
Expense B	(90,750)	90,750	-		-	
Expense C	(1,567,428)	-	398,260	-	-	
Total Operating Expenses	(1,155,815)	649,952	1,122,846	524,618	522,170	522,658
Operating Income (Loss)	1,771,669	(4,617)	(555,121)	127,589	90,037	89,549
Nonoperating Revenues:						
Other Revenue A	1,015	24,939	136,351			-
Nonoperating Expenses:		93				
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	1,015	24,939	136,351	•		
Income (Loss) Before Contributions and Transfers	1,772,684	20,322	(418,770)	127,589	90,037	89,549
Capital Contributions	23,764	90,750	31,390,198			-
Change in Net Position	1,796,448	111,072	30,971,428	127,589	90,037	89,549
Beginning Net Position - July 1	10,557,635	12,354,083	12,465,155	43,436,583	43,564,172	43,654,209
Change in Net Position	1,796,448	111,072		127,589	90,037	89,549
Ending Net Position - June 30	12,354,083	12,465,155	43,436,583	43,564,172	43,654,209	43,743,758

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

		20		Aeronautics I HB 2 Base B	Program Sudget and Ad	ljustments				
			FY 2026		_	FY 2027				
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget
Base Budget	0	0	0	524,618	100.5%	0	0	0	524,618	100.4%
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	0	0	0	(632)	(0.1%)	0	0	0	(427)	(0.1%)
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	(1,816)	(0.3%)	0	0	0	(1,533)	(0.3%)
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	(2,448)	(0.5%)	0	0	0	(1,960)	(0.4%)
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	(2,448)	(0.5%)	0	0	0	(1,960)	(0.4%)
Total Budget	0	0	0	522,170		0	0	0	522,658	

Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the adopted budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

Present Law Adjustments									
	Fiscal 2026						iscal 2027		
РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services									
0.00	0	0	0	(632)	0.00	0	0	0	(427)
DP 2 - Fixed Costs									
0.00	0	0	0	(1,816)	0.00	0	0	0	(1,533)
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation									
0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0
Grand Total All Present	Law Adjustm	ents							
0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,448)	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,960)

^{*&}quot;Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to the present law personal services budget.

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The legislature adopted adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget to pay increases in fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples include: audit fees, Capitol complex rent, information technology services, etc. The rates charged for these services are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The legislature adopted adjustments to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation and deflation factors to specific expenditure accounts. Affected accounts include: other services, supplies and materials, communications, in-state motor pool and motor pool leased vehicles, and repair and maintenance.

Agency Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted by the legislature for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Agency Base Budget Comparison						
	Base Budget	Adopted B	udget	Biennium Change from Base		
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
РВ	4.75	4.75	4.75	0.00	0.0%	
Proprietary Funds	1,484,700	1,704,989	1,704,806	440,395	14.8%	
Total Funds	1,484,700	1,704,989	1,704,806	440,395	14.8%	
Personal Services	365,429	369,695	370,122	8,959	1.2%	
Operating Expenses	992,529	1,208,552	1,207,942	431,436	21.7%	
Equipment & Intangible Assets	126,742	126,742	126,742		0.0%	
Total Expenditures	1,484,700	1,704,989	1,704,806	440,395	14.8%	
Total Ongoing	1,484,700	1,704,989	1,704,806	440,395	14.8%	
Total One-Time-Only					0.0%	

Agency Description

The Department of Livestock is responsible for controlling and eradicating animal diseases; preventing the transmission of animal diseases to humans; protecting the livestock industry from theft and predatory animals; meat, milk, and egg inspection; and regulating the milk industry relative to producer pricing. The department, which is provided for in 2-15-3101, MCA, consists of the Board of Livestock and its appointed Executive Officer, the Milk Control Board, the Livestock Loss Board. The department is organized into three divisions: Animal Health & Food Safety, Centralized Services and Brands Enforcement. The Board of Livestock, which is the statutory head of the Department of Livestock, consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve six-year terms.

Agency Highlights

Department of Livestock Major Budget Highlights

Increases in non-budgeted proprietary totals 14.8% or 440,400 including:

- Statewide present law adjustments: \$20,400
- Laboratory operations augment: \$420,000

Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the expenditures adopted for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027
Budget item	1 13001 2024	1 13041 2024	1 130ai 2023	1 13081 2020	1 13001 2021
Personal Services	339,751	346,172	365,429	369,695	370,122
Operating Expenses	956,739	957,845	992,529	1,208,552	1,207,942
Equipment & Intangible Assets	22,163	126,742	126,742	126,742	126,742
Total Expenditures	\$1,318,653	\$1,430,759	\$1,484,700	\$1,704,989	\$1,704,806
Proprietary Funds	1,318,653	1,430,759	1,484,700	1,704,989	1,704,806
Total Funds	\$1,318,653	\$1,430,759	\$1,484,700	\$1,704,989	\$1,704,806
Total Ongoing	\$1,318,653	\$1,430,759	\$1,484,700	\$1,704,989	\$1,704,806
Total OTO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Summary of Legislative Action

The legislature approved statewide present law adjustments.

Funding

The following table shows the adopted agency funding for all sources of authority.

Total De	partment of Livesto 2027 Bio	ock Funding by ennium Budget		ty		
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
01100 General Fund	9,370,865	200,400			9,571,265	23.3%
02426 Lvstk Per Capita	11,543,043	863,048			12,406,091	30.2%
02425 Inspection and Control	7,089,093				7,089,093	17.3%
02117 Predatory Animal SSR				1,150,000	1,150,000	2.8%
02262 Egg Shielded Grading Program	760,450				760,450	1.9%
02124 LLB Restricted Special Revenue				600,000	600,000	1.5%
Other State Special Revenue	1,081,451			420,000	1,501,451	3.7%
State Special Revenue Total	20,474,037	863,048	-	2,170,000	23,507,085	57.2%
03209 Meat/Poultry Inspection Sp Rev	2,946,432				2,946,432	7.2%
03427 AH FEDERAL UMBRELLA	1,564,365				1,564,365	3.8%
03673 Small Federal Grants	43,458				43,458	0.1%
03032 Animal Health Sp. Rev	35,904				35,904	0.1%
Federal Special Revenue Total	4,590,159	-	-	-	4,590,159	11.2%
06026 MT Veterinary Diagnostic Lab			3,409,795		3,409,795	8.3%
Proprietary Fund Total	-	-	3,409,795	-	3,409,795	8.3%
Total of All Funds Percent of All Sources of Authority	34,435,061 83.8%	1,063,448 2.6%	3,409,795 8.3%	2,170,000 5.3%	41,078,304	

Non-budgeted proprietary funds support the operation of the state veterinary laboratory, revenues come from fees collected for services. Descriptions for all other funds can be found in the fiscal report.

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

		20		epartment of HB 2 Base E	Livestock Budget and Ad	djustments				
			FY 2026					FY 2027		
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget
Base Budget	0	0	0	1,484,700	87.1%	0	0	0	1,484,700	87.1%
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	0	0	0	4,266	0.3%	0	0	0	4,693	0.3%
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	6,023	0.4%	0	0	0	5,413	0.3%
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	10,289	0.6%	0	0	0	10,106	0.6%
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	210,000	12.3%	0	0	0	210,000	12.3%
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	220,289	12.9%	0	0	0	220,106	12.9%
Total Budget	0	0	0	1,704,989		0	0	0	1,704,806	

Executive Budget Comparison

The following table compares the legislative budget for the biennium to the budget requested by the Governor by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Executive Budget Comparison Budget Item	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Executive Budget Fiscal 2026	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2026	Leg — Exec. Difference Fiscal 2026	Executive Budget Fiscal 2027	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2027	Leg — Exec. Difference Fiscal 2027	Biennium Difference Fiscal 26-27
Personal Services	365,429	369,695	369,695	0	370,122	370,122	0	0
Operating Expenses	992,529	1,208,552	1,208,552	0	1,207,942	1,207,942	0	0
Equipment & Intangible Assets	126,742	126,742	126,742	0	126,742	126,742	0	0
Total Costs	\$1,484,700	\$1,704,989	\$1,704,989	\$0	\$1,704,806	\$1,704,806	\$0	\$0
Other	1,484,700	1,704,989	1,704,989	0	1,704,806	1,704,806	0	0
Total Funds	\$1,484,700	\$1,704,989	\$1,704,989	\$0	\$1,704,806	\$1,704,806	\$0	\$0
Total Ongoing	\$1,484,700	\$1,704,989	\$1,704,989	\$0	\$1,704,806	\$1,704,806	\$0	\$0
Total OTO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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The legislature made no changes to the proprietary budget.

Program Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Base Budget Comparison						
	Base Budget	Adopted Bi	udget	Biennium Change from Base		
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
РВ	4.75	4.75	4.75	0.00	0.0%	
Proprietary Funds	1,484,700	1,704,989	1,704,806	440,395	14.8%	
Total Funds	1,484,700	1,704,989	1,704,806	440,395	14.8%	
Personal Services	365,429	369,695	370,122	8,959	1.2%	
Operating Expenses	992,529	1,208,552	1,207,942	431,436	21.7%	
Equipment & Intangible Assets	126,742	126,742	126,742		0.0%	
Total Expenditures	1,484,700	1,704,989	1,704,806	440,395	14.8%	
Total Ongoing	1,484,700	1,704,989	1,704,806	440,395	14.8%	
Total One-Time-Only					0.0%	

Proprietary Program Description

The Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (MVDL) is the only accredited, full-service veterinary laboratory in Montana. The division provides disease diagnostic support to veterinarians, livestock producers, companion animal owners, and the Department of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks as well as other state and federal agencies. The division provides laboratory support to the department's Animal Health and Food Safety Division and helps protect public health by testing dairy products and testing for zoonotic diseases. The laboratory is a member and participant of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network established to provide laboratory diagnostic support in the event of a local, regional, or national animal disease emergency.

Program Highlights

Animal Health Division Major Budget Highlights

Increases in non-budgeted proprietary totals 14.8% or 440,400 including:

Statewide present law adjustments: \$20,400Laboratory operations augment: \$420,000

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the adopted budget for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027
Personal Services	339,751	346,172	365,429	369,695	370,122
Operating Expenses	956,739	957,845	992,529	1,208,552	1,207,942
Equipment & Intangible Assets	22,163	126,742	126,742	126,742	126,742
Total Expenditures	\$1,318,653	\$1,430,759	\$1,484,700	\$1,704,989	\$1,704,806
Proprietary Funds	1,318,653	1,430,759	1,484,700	1,704,989	1,704,806
Total Funds	\$1,318,653	\$1,430,759	\$1,484,700	\$1,704,989	\$1,704,806
Total Ongoing Total OTO	\$1,318,653 \$0	\$1,430,759 \$0	\$1,484,700 \$0	\$1,704,989 \$0	\$1,704,806 \$0

Funding

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

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Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
01100 General Fund	8,964,670	0	0	8,964,670	38.54 %
02262 Egg Shielded Grading Program 02426 Lvstk Per Capita	760,450 4,915,391	0	0	760,450 4,915,391	12.08 % 78.06 %
02427 Animal Health	63.590	0	0	63.590	1.01 %
02701 Milk and Egg Inspection	537,122	0	0	537,122	8.53 %
02980 INDEMNITY SPECIAL REVENUE	0	0	20,000	20,000	0.32 %
State Special Total	\$6,276,553	\$0	\$20,000	\$6,296,553	27.07 %
03032 Animal Health Sp. Rev	35,904	0	0	35,904	0.78 %
03209 Meat/Poultry Inspection Sp Rev	2,946,432	0	0	2,946,432	64.19 %
03427 AH FEDERAL UMBRELLA	1,564,365	0	0	1,564,365	34.08 %
03673 Small Federal Grants	43,458	0	0	43,458	0.95 %
Federal Special Total	\$4,590,159	\$0	\$0	\$4,590,159	19.73 %
06026 MT Veterinary Diagnostic Lab	0	3,409,795	0	3,409,795	100.00 %
Proprietary Total	\$0	\$3,409,795	\$0	\$3,409,795	14.66 %
Total All Funds	\$19,831,382	\$3,409,795	\$20,000	\$23,261,177	

Non-budgeted proprietary funds are generated from fees for service at the Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Descriptions for other funds can be found in the fiscal report.

Revenues and Expenses

Lab testing fees and charges for services collected from veterinarians and other users/customers of the lab make up the total proprietary fund revenue for the MVDL program. Proprietary funds from lab operations support about forty percent of all lab operations including 4.75 staff positions (\$370,000) and \$1,200,000 in related testing expenses. The balance of revenue and expenses are budgeted in general fund and state special revenue funds. The lab in FY 2024 generated \$1,528,468 in proprietary revenue. Outside of inflationary adjustments, there are no major expected changes in services or fees from lab operations.

Rate(s) and Rate Explanation

This program is funded with an enterprise fund, which is a type of proprietary fund. As such, the legislature does not appropriate the funds or approve the rates for the program. Instead, the legislature reviews the report for the enterprise fund and identifies concerns with the financial position of the fund. Lab fee rates are predominately set by the industry across the nation. The current MVDL fee schedule can be found at: https://liv.mt.gov/Diagnostic-Lab/Guidance-Documents-and-Test-Fees

Agency # 56030	Agency Nan Department		ice and Enter	Program Name Animal Health		
	Fund Name MT Veterina		Lab			
	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Budgeted FY25	Budgeted FY26	Budgeted FY27
Operating Revenues: Fee and Charges						
Fee Revenue A Fee Revenue B	1,528,396 2,139	1,551,505 4,216	1,525,353 3,115	1,700,000 4,000	1,700,000 4,000	1,700,000 4,000
Total Operating Revenues	1,530,535	1,555,721	1,528,468	1,704,000	1,704,000	1,704,000
Expenses:						
Personal Services	(237,560)	(338,075)	(351,837)	(365,429)	(369,696)	(370,122)
Other Operating Expenses	(1,232,831)	(1,198,483)	(990,819)	(992,529)	(1,203,961)	(1,203,539)
Expense B	-		-	(126,742)	(126,742)	(126,742)
Total Operating Expenses	(1,470,391)	(1,536,558)	(1,342,656)	(1,484,700)	(1,700,399)	(1,700,403)
Operating Income (Loss)	3,000,926	3,092,279	2,871,124	3,188,700	3,404,399	3,404,403
Nonoperating Revenues:						
Nonoperating Expenses:						
Other Expense A	(21,380)	-	-	-	-	~
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	(21,380)	-	-	-	-	-
Income (Loss) Before Contributions and Transfers	2,979,546	3,092,279	2,871,124	3,188,700	3,404,399	3,404,403
Change in Net Position	2,979,546	3,092,279	2,871,124	3,188,700	3,404,399	3,404,403
Beginning Net Position - July 1	324,362	3,303,908	6,396,187	9.288.691	12,477,391	15,881,790
Prior Period Adjustments	-	-	21,380	-	-	-
Change in Net Position	2,979,546	3,092,279	2,871,124	3,188,700	3,404,399	3,404,403
Ending Net Position - June 30	3,303,908	6,396,187	9,288,691	12,477,391	15,881,790	19,286,193
Net Position (Fund Balance) Analysis						
Restricted Net Pos(Enterprise Fund Only)	363,127	382,291	589,482	808,782	812,384	815,981

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

		20		Animal Health HB 2 Base E	n Division Budget and Ad	djustments				
			FY 2026		· ·	•		FY 2027		
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget
Base Budget	0	0	0	1,484,700	87.1%	0	0	0	1,484,700	87.1%
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	0	0	0	4,266	0.3%	0	0	0	4,693	0.3%
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	6,023	0.4%	0	0	0	5,413	0.3%
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	10,289	0.6%	0	0	0	10,106	0.6%
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	210,000	12.3%	0	0	0	210,000	12.3%
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	220,289	12.9%	0	0	0	220,106	12.9%
Total Budget	0	0	0	1,704,989		0	0	0	1,704,806	

Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the adopted budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

			Fiscal 2026					Fiscal 2027		
	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Sen	vices									
	0.00	0	0	0	4,266	0.00	0	0	0	4,693
DP 2 - Fixed Costs										
	0.00	0	0	0	6,023	0.00	0	0	0	5,413
DP 3 - Inflation Defla	ition									
	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	C
Grand Total A	II Present	Law Adjustn	nents							
	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,289	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,106

^{*&}quot;Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to the present law personal services budget.

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget to pay increases in fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples include: warrant writer, motor pool, information technology services, etc. The rates charged for these services are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation and deflation factors to specific expenditure accounts. Affected accounts include in-state state motor pool and motor pool leased vehicles.

Agency Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted by the legislature for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Agency Base Budget Comparison					
	Base Budget	Adopted Bu	udget	Biennium Change	from Base
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent
РВ	25.15	25.15	25.15	0.00	0.0%
Proprietary Funds	3,993,119	4,180,379	4,188,001	382,142	4.8%
Total Funds	3,993,119	4,180,379	4,188,001	382,142	4.8%
Personal Services	2,280,797	2,395,700	2,400,522	234,628	5.1%
Operating Expenses	1,654,822	1,727,179	1,729,979	147,514	4.5%
Equipment & Intangible Assets	57,500	57,500	57,500		0.0%
Total Expenditures	3,993,119	4,180,379	4,188,001	382,142	4.8%
Total Ongoing	3,993,119	4,180,379	4,188,001	382,142	4.8%
Total One-Time-Only					0.0%

Agency Description

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) manages state trust land, protects natural resources from wildfire, promotes stewardship of water, soil, forest, and rangeland resources, assists conservation districts, provides conservation education, and supports the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation and other commissions and advisory councils. Among the duties of the Department include the regulation of oil and gas exploration and production, provision of technical and financial assistance to conservation districts, manage natural resource conservation and development grants and loans, administer the Montana Sage Grouse Oversight Team and other councils, maintain a record of water rights in Montana, review and analysis of water right application, provide technical and legal support for water compacts, manage state water projects (including the Toston power plant, several state-owned dams, canals, and water storage facilities), investigate water use violations, ensure dam safety compliance, manage the stream gage network, plan and implement forestry programs, wildfire prevention and mitigation, regulate forest practices, build and restore resilient forests, and the growing and selling seedlings for conservation and re-forestation projects on state and private lands in Montana. DNRC also manages the state trust land resources to provide revenues for the trust beneficiaries under the direction of the State Board of Land Commissioners.

Agency Highlights

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Major Budget Highlights

The 2027 biennium non-budgeted proprietary appropriations are approximately \$382,000 or 4.8% higher than the FY 2025 base budget. The entire increase is due to statewide present law adjustments. The Air Operations proprietary rate was increased.

Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the expenditures adopted for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027
Budget item	FISCAI 2024	FISCAI 2024	FISCAI 2025	FISCAI 2020	FISCAI 2021
Personal Services	2,216,887	(722,804)	2,280,797	2,395,700	2,400,522
Operating Expenses	926,211	1,187,796	1,654,822	1,727,179	1,729,979
Equipment & Intangible Assets	125,230	450,532	57,500	57,500	57,500
Total Expenditures	\$3,268,328	\$915,524	\$3,993,119	\$4,180,379	\$4,188,001
Proprietary Funds	3,268,328	915,524	3,993,119	4,180,379	4,188,001
Total Funds	\$3,268,328	\$915,524	\$3,993,119	\$4,180,379	\$4,188,001
Total Ongoing Total OTO	\$3,268,328	\$915,524	\$3,993,119	\$4,180,379	\$4,188,001

Summary of Legislative Action

The legislature reviewed the report for the State Nursery Enterprise fund and had no concerns. In addition, the legislature adopted an increase to the Air Operations proprietary rate. The adopted increases anticipate a 3.0% inflation for aircraft parts and fuel prices.

Funding

The following table shows the adopted agency funding for all sources of authority.

Total Department of	of Natural Resources a 2027 Bi	nd Conservation ennium Budget	Funding by Source	of Authority		
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
01100 General Fund	88,481,581	1,171,801			89,653,382	40.6%
02938 TLMD Trust Administration	37,179,832	392,150			37,571,982	17.0%
02039 Fire Protection Assessments	10,268,568	•			10,268,568	4.7%
02048 Conservation District Acct	9,526,506				9,526,506	4.3%
02470 State Project Hydro Earnings	8,466,220				8,466,220	3.8%
02432 Oil & Gas ERA	6,940,834				6,940,834	3.1%
Other State Special Revenue	35,977,758	820,000		2,376,138	39,173,896	17.8%
State Special Revenue Total	108,359,718	1,212,150	-	2,376,138	111,948,006	50.7%
03500 GNA FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE				6.380.883	6.380.883	2.9%
03053 CONSOLIDATED GRANT-FY27	1,096,988			, ,	1,096,988	0.5%
03110 CONSOLIDATED GRANT-FY26	1,096,988				1,096,988	0.5%
03094 FEMA Federal Grants	541,978				541,978	0.2%
03595 DW24 SRF Grant	341,018				341,018	0.2%
Other Federal Special Revenue	1,168,894				1,168,894	0.5%
Federal Special Revenue Total	4,245,866	-	-	6,380,883	10,626,749	4.8%
06538 Air Operations Internal Svc.			6,426,478		6,426,478	2.9%
06003 State Nursery Enterprise Fund			1,941,902		1,941,902	0.9%
Proprietary Fund Total	-	-	8,368,380	-	8,368,380	3.8%
Total of All Funds Percent of All Sources of Authority	201,087,165 91.2%	2,383,951 1.1%	8,368,380 3.8%	8,757,021 4.0%	220,596,517	

DNRC is primarily funded with state special revenue and general fund. Nonbudgeted proprietary funds are supported with revenue from the state nursery and charges for air operations.

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

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			FY 2026		_	•		FY 2027		
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget
Base Budget	0	0	0	3,993,119	95.5%	0	0	0	3,993,119	95.3%
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	0	0	0	114,903	2.7%	0	0	0	119,725	2.9%
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	72,380	1.7%	0	0	0	75,173	1.8%
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	(23)	(0.0%)	0	0	0	(16)	(0.0%)
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	187,260	4.5%	0	0	0	194,882	4.7%
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	187,260	4.5%	0	0	0	194,882	4.7%
Total Budget	0	0	0	4,180,379		0	0	0	4,188,001	

Other Legislation

HB 130 requires wildland fire suppression regardless of land ownership within five miles of county or state fire protection boundaries if federal agency fire response does not meet the standards set in 76-13-104, MCA. Federal agencies may be billed for costs associated with such wildland fire suppression. This change may change demand for the air operations program.

Executive Budget Comparison

The following table compares the legislative budget for the biennium to the budget requested by the Governor by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Executive Budget Comparison	Approp.	Executive Budget	Legislative Budget	Leg — Exec. Difference	Executive Budget	Legislative Budget	Leg — Exec. Difference	Biennium Difference
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2027	Fiscal 2027	Fiscal 2027	Fiscal 26-27
Personal Services	2,280,797	2,395,700	2,395,700	0	2,400,522	2,400,522	0	0
Operating Expenses	1,654,822	1,727,179	1,727,179	0	1,729,979	1,729,979	0	0
Equipment & Intangible Assets	57,500	57,500	57,500	0	57,500	57,500	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Costs	\$3,993,119	\$4,180,379	\$4,180,379	\$0	\$4,188,001	\$4,188,001	\$0	\$0
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	3,993,119	4,180,379	4,180,379	0	4,188,001	4,188,001	0	0
Total Funds	\$3,993,119	\$4,180,379	\$4,180,379	\$0	\$4,188,001	\$4,188,001	\$0	\$0
Total Ongoing	\$3,993,119	\$4,180,379	\$4,180,379	\$0	\$4,188,001	\$4,188,001	\$0	\$0
Total OTO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

There were no changes from the executive's proposed budget for DNRC's proprietary programs.

Program Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

	Base Budget	Adopted Bu	udget	Biennium Change	from Base
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent
PB	25.15	25.15	25.15	0.00	0.0%
Proprietary Funds	3,993,119	4,180,379	4,188,001	382,142	4.8%
Total Funds	3,993,119	4,180,379	4,188,001	382,142	4.8%
Personal Services	2,280,797	2,395,700	2,400,522	234,628	5.1%
Operating Expenses	1,654,822	1,727,179	1,729,979	147,514	4.5%
Equipment & Intangible Assets	57,500	57,500	57,500		0.0%
Total Expenditures	3,993,119	4,180,379	4,188,001	382,142	4.8%
Total Ongoing	3,993,119	4,180,379	4,188,001	382,142	4.8%
Total One-Time-Only					0.0%

Program Description

The Forestry and Trust Lands Program protects against wildfires, regulates forest practices, assists private landowners, implements cross-boundary projects, manages federal lands, and grows seedlings. The Program includes the state nursery enterprise fund and the air operations internal services fund.

Program Highlights

Forestry and Trust Lands Division Major Budget Highlights

The 2027 biennium non-budgeted proprietary appropriations are approximately \$382,000 or 4.8% higher than the FY 2025 base budget. The entire increase is due to statewide present law adjustments. The Air Operations proprietary rate was increased. The legislature reviewed the report for the State Nursery Enterprise fund and had no concerns.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the adopted budget for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Approp. (722,804) 1,187,796 450,532 \$915,524	1,654,822 57,500	1,727,179 57,500	1,729,979 57,500
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1,187,796 450,532	1,654,822 57,500	1,727,179 57,500	1,729,979 57,500
450,532	57,500	57,500	57,500 \$4,188,001
,	,	,	,
\$915,524	\$3,993,119	\$4,180,379	\$4,188,001
915,524	3,993,119	4,180,379	4,188,001
\$915,524	\$3,993,119	\$4,180,379	\$4,188,001
\$915,524	\$3,993,119	\$4,180,379	\$4,188,001
		\$0	\$0
	. ,	\$915,524 \$3,993,119	

Funding

Proprietary revenues are generated from the sale of state nursery products and fees charged to other agencies for aircraft services.

Departmen		s and Conservation, 35 g by Source of Authorit	-Forestry and Trust Lan y	ds	
Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
01100 General Fund	34,964,492	0	0	34,964,492	34.82 %
02031 LAND BANKING PRVT CLOSNG COSTS	578,964	0	0	578,964	1.21 %
02039 Fire Protection Assessments	9,169,636	0	0	9,169,636	19.16 %
02073 Forestry - Slash Disposal	127,539	0	0	127,539	0.27 %
02449 Forest Resources-Forest Improv	3,060,404	0	0	3,060,404	6.40 %
02576 Natural Resources Operations	200,694	0	0	200,694	0.42 %
02623 Contract Timber Harvesting	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	2.09 %
02681 Historic Right-of-Way Acct	17,298	0	0	17,298	0.04 %
02912 TLMD Land Exchange Admin	107,060	0	0	107,060	0.22 %
02938 TLMD Trust Administration	33,588,157	0	0	33,588,157	70.19 %
State Special Total	\$47,849,752	\$0	\$0	\$47,849,752	47.65 %
03053 CONSOLIDATED GRANT-FY27	1,096,988	0	0	1,096,988	11.87 %
03055 NON-CONSOLIDATED GRANT-FY27	332,447	0	0	332,447	3.60 %
03084 NON-CONSOLIDATED GRANT-FY26	332,447	0	0	332,447	3.60 %
03110 CONSOLIDATED GRANT-FY26	1,096,988	0	0	1,096,988	11.87 %
03500 GNA FEDERAL SPECIAL REVENUE	0	0	6,380,883	6,380,883	69.06 %
Federal Special Total	\$2,858,870	\$0	\$6,380,883	\$9,239,753	9.20 %
06003 State Nursery Enterprise Fund	0	1,941,902	0	1,941,902	23.21 %
06538 Air Operations Internal Svc.	0	6,426,478	0	6,426,478	76.79 %
Proprietary Total	\$0	\$8,368,380	\$0	\$8,368,380	8.33 %
Total All Funds	\$85,673,114	\$8,368,380	\$6,380,883	\$100,422,377	

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

		20		orestry and Ti HB 2 Base E	rust Lands Budget and Ad	ljustments				
			FY 2026			FY 2027				
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget
Base Budget	0	0	0	3,993,119	95.5%	0	0	0	3,993,119	95.3%
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	0	0	0	114,903	2.7%	0	0	0	119,725	2.9%
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	72,380	1.7%	0	0	0	75,173	1.8%
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	(23)	(0.0%)	0	0	0	(16)	(0.0%
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	187,260	4.5%	0	0	0	194,882	4.7%
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	187,260	4.5%	0	0	0	194,882	4.7%
Total Budget	0	0	0	4,180,379		0	0	0	4,188,001	

Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the adopted budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

-			Fiscal 2026		Fiscal 2027					
	РВ	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	PB	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal S	Services									
	0.00	0	0	0	114,903	0.00	0	0	0	119,725
DP 2 - Fixed Cost	ts									
	0.00	0	0	0	72,380	0.00	0	0	0	75,173
DP 3 - Inflation De	eflation									
	0.00	0	0	0	(23)	0.00	0	0	0	(16
Grand Total	I All Present	Law Adjustn	nents							
	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$187,260	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$194,882

^{*&}quot;Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to the present law personal services budget.

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget to pay increases in fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples include: audit fees, Capitol complex rent, information technology services, etc. The rates charged for these services are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The legislature reviewed adjustments to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation and deflation factors to specific expenditure accounts. Affected accounts include in-state state motor pool and motor pool leased vehicles.

State Nursery Enterprise Fund – Fund 06003

The Montana State Conservation Seedling Nursery produces and distributes seedlings for conservation plantings, including applications such as fire and logging reforestation, farmstead windbreaks, shelterbelts, wildlife habitat, stream stabilization and restoration, and other conservation uses. The Nursery Program is funded solely from the nursery proprietary account and contains 10.92 PB. Statutory authority for the program is in 17-2-102, MCA.

Proprietary Program Revenues and Expenses

The primary source of revenue is seedling sales. Other revenue sources are services such as seed collection, cleaning, and storage and selling products for seedling care and protection. The customer base for nursery products and services is comprised of private landowners in Montana, the DNRC Trust Land Management Division, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of Environmental Quality, Montana Natural Resource Damage Program, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Native American Tribal Governments, the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), Pheasants Forever, and numerous other conservation programs and organizations.

Prices are set to recover all program costs and to increase the year-end carryover balance. Year-end carryover dollars are used for non-typical expenses such as large equipment replacement or for unforeseen expenses such as weather-related crop losses. Since the nursery is funded primarily by seedling sales, all personal services, operating, and capital equipment costs are included when setting prices.

Proprietary Rates

This program is funded with an enterprise fund, which is a type of proprietary fund. As such, the legislature does not appropriate the funds or approve the rates for the program. Instead, the legislature reviews the report for the enterprise fund and identifies concerns with the financial position of the fund.

Agency # 57060	um Report on Agency Name Department o Conservation	e: f Natural Resou		Program Name: Forestry and Trust Lands				
	Fund Name Air Operations	s Internal Svc.						
	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Adopted FY25	Adopted FY26	Adopted FY27		
Operating Revenues:								
Fee and Charges	1 151 000	000.050	000 247	1 000 000	1 100 000	1 100 000		
Fee Revenue A	1,151,890	909,056 909,056	802,347 802,347	1,000,000	1,100,000	1,100,000		
Total Operating Revenues	1,151,890	909,056	802,347	1,000,000	1,100,000	1,100,000		
Expenses:								
Personal Services	1,564,966	1,678,767	1,640,785	1,514,593	1,615,349	1,619,588		
Other Operating Expenses	1,086,979	933,293	976,355	1,461,912	1,519,450	1,534,374		
Total Operating Expenses	2,651,945	2,612,060	2,617,140	2,976,505	3,134,799	3,153,962		
Operating Income (Loss)	(1,500,055)	(1,703,004)	(1,814,793)	(1,976,505)	(2,034,799)	(2,053,962)		
Nonoperating Revenues: Nonoperating Expenses:								
Total Nonoperating Revenues								
(Expenses)	_	9	2.0	120	_	2		
Income (Loss) Before Contributions and Transfers	(1,500,055)	(1,703,004)	(1,814,793)	(1,976,505)	(2,034,799)	(2,053,962)		
Capital Contributions	1,638,877	1,664,652	1,664,652	1,664,652	1,987,735	1,975,473		
Change in Net Position	138,822	(38,352)	(150,141)	(311,853)	(47,064)	(78,489)		
Beginning Net Position - July 1 Change in Net Position	585,190 138,822	724,012 (38,352)	685,660 (150,141)	535,519 (311,853)	223,666 (47,064)	176,602 (78,489)		
Ending Net Position - June 30	724,012	685,660	535,519	223,666	176,602	98,113		

Fund 06538 - Air Operations Internal Svc

The Air Operations Program in the DNRC Forestry and Trust Lands Division operates and maintains a fleet of ten aircraft, consisting of seven helicopters and three single-engine, fixed-wing aircraft. The aircraft are primarily used for fire detection, support, and suppression of wildfires, as well as reclamation work in the Department of Environmental Quality. The program is funded in part by revenue generated by the aircraft hourly flight rates and in part by the general fund and fire protection assessment revenues. Statutory authority for the program is found in 77-5-103, MCA, and 17-2-102, MCA.

Historically, additional aviation resources needed for large fire support are ordered through the national interagency system when needed, with related costs charged to the fire suppression fund. Contracted private aviation services are available but are typically two to three times more than the cost of the state-operated aircraft.

Revenues and Expenses

Revenues and expenditures are managed through an internal service fund to account for the operational costs of the program. The primary source of revenue is from a general fund transfer and fire protection assessment fees. These transfers cover the fixed costs, including hangar rent, insurance, and personnel costs (14.23 PB). Fixed costs must be paid regardless of the number of hours flown. Variable costs dependent on the hours flown (such as fuel and maintenance) are recovered through an hourly rate charged to users of the aircraft. Users include DNRC, other state agencies, local government, and federal agencies. Rates are set to recover the actual expenses needed to maintain the aircraft in an air worthy condition and remain mission ready for the purpose of initial attack on wildfires on state, private, and federal ownership.

Rate(s) and Rate Explanation

The flight rates for the operation of the department aircraft are based on 5,000 hours of aircraft usage. The rate has been determined to maintain the aircraft in its original condition. At the end of 5,000 hours, all parts should have been replaced and a new maintenance/operation cycle started. The adopted increases are based on anticipated 3.0% inflation in the cost of aircraft parts and fuel prices.

This program is funded with an internal service fund, which is a type of proprietary fund. As such, the legislature approves the maximum rate the program may charge during the biennium. They are not the rates the program must charge. The legislature approved an increase to Air Operations Program proprietary rate. The figure below shows the rates adopted for the 2027 biennium.

DNRC Air Opera	ations Progran	n Proprietary	Rates
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Adopted</u>
Bell UH-1H	\$1,860	\$1,916	\$1,916
Bell Jet Ranger	\$525	\$541	\$541
Cessna 180 Series	\$210	\$216	\$216

Agency # 57060	Agency Name Department of Conservation	: f Natural Resou	irces and	Program Name: Forestry and Trust Lands			
	Fund Name Air Operations	s Internal Svc.					
	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Adopted FY25	Adopted FY26	Adopted FY27	
Operating Revenues:							
Fee and Charges	sendalah darah	N202105-200008	929000000000		and described	ys - 9-2-2-2-2-2-2	
Fee Revenue A	1,151,890	909,056	802,347	1,000,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	
Total Operating Revenues	1,151,890	909,056	802,347	1,000,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	
Expenses:							
Personal Services	1,564,966	1,678,767	1,640,785	1,514,593	1,615,349	1,619,588	
Other Operating Expenses	1,086,979	933,293	976,355	1,461,912	1,519,450	1,534,374	
Total Operating Expenses	2,651,945	2,612,060	2,617,140	2,976,505	3,134,799	3,153,962	
Operating Income (Loss)	(1,500,055)	(1,703,004)	(1,814,793)	(1,976,505)	(2,034,799)	(2,053,962)	
Nonoperating Revenues: Nonoperating Expenses:							
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	-	9	2	1211	-	-	
Income (Loss) Before Contributions and Transfers	(1,500,055)	(1,703,004)	(1,814,793)	(1,976,505)	(2,034,799)	(2,053,962)	
Capital Contributions	1,638,877	1,664,652	1,664,652	1,664,652	1,987,735	1,975,473	
Change in Net Position	138,822	(38,352)	(150,141)	(311,853)	(47,064)	(78,489)	
Beginning Net Position - July 1	585,190	724,012	685,660	535,519	223,666	176,602	
Change in Net Position	138,822	(38,352)	(150,141)	(311,853)	(47,064)	(78,489)	
Ending Net Position - June 30	724,012	685,660	535,519	223,666	176,602	98,113	

Agency Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted by the legislature for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Agency Base Budget Comparison						
	Base Budget	Adopted B	udget	Biennium Change from Base		
Budget Item	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
Proprietary Funds	58,200	58,200	58,200		0.0%	
Total Funds	58,200	58,200	58,200		0.0%	
Operating Expenses	58,200	58,200	58,200		0.0%	
Total Expenditures	58,200	58,200	58,200		0.0%	
Total Ongoing	58,200	58,200	58,200		0.0%	
Total One-Time-Only	·	·	·		0.0%	

Agency Description

The Montana Department of Agriculture, established by the state constitution, promotes and supports agriculture through public-private partnerships, regulatory oversight, and various programs. It collects statistics, supports farmers' organizations, sets product standards, develops marketing systems, and enforces agricultural laws. The department is organized into three divisions: Agricultural Development, Agricultural Sciences, and Central Services.

Agency Highlights

Department of Agriculture Major Budget Highlights
There were no changes to the proprietary base budget.

Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the expenditures adopted for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027	
Operating Expenses	0	61,285	58,200	58,200	58,200	
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$61,285	\$58,200	\$58,200	\$58,200	
General Fund	0	3,085	0	0	0	
Proprietary Funds	0	58,200	58,200	58,200	58,200	
Total Funds	\$0	\$61,285	\$58,200	\$58,200	\$58,200	
Total Ongoing	\$0	\$61,285	\$58,200	\$58,200	\$58,200	
Total OTO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Summary of Legislative Action

The legislature took no action impacting the proprietary funds.

Funding

The following table shows the adopted agency funding for all sources of authority.

Total Dep	eartment of Agricult	ure Funding by		ty		
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
01100 General Fund	2,183,023	49,000		3,130,000	5,362,023	9.4%
02040 Wheat & Barley Research & Mktg	9,388,109				9,388,109	16.4%
02205 Pulse Crop Research&Marketing	58,258			6,122,406	6,180,664	10.8%
02068 Noxious Weed Admin Account	4,783,432				4,783,432	8.4%
02193 Pesticide Account	3,732,998	209,200			3,942,198	6.9%
02453 Grain Services	3,576,516				3,576,516	6.3%
Other State Special Revenue	15,927,713	692,700		552,174	17,172,587	30.1%
State Special Revenue Total	37,467,026	901,900	-	6,674,580	45,043,506	78.9%
03118 Agriculture ASD Federal	2,529,628	41,600			2,571,228	4.5%
03225 Agriculture ADD Federal	591,486				591,486	1.0%
03120 Agriculture CMD Federal	521,156				521,156	0.9%
Federal Special Revenue Total	3,642,270	41,600	-	-	3,683,870	6.4%
06052 Hail Insurance	1,276,505			1,640,000	2,916,505	5.1%
06016 Beginning Farm Loans	, -,		116,400	, , ,	116,400	0.2%
Proprietary Fund Total	1,276,505	-	116,400	1,640,000	3,032,905	5.3%
Total of All Funds Percent of All Sources of Authority	44,568,824 78.0%	992,500 1.7%	116,400 0.2%	11,444,580 20.0%	57,122,304	

Non-budgeted funds are for beginning farm loan programs. The Montana Beginning Farm/Ranch Loan Program is designed to assist beginning farmers and ranchers in acquiring agricultural property at lower interest rates. Descriptions for all other funds can be found in the fiscal report.

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

		20		epartment of HB 2 Base B	Agriculture Budget and A	djustments				
			FY 2026					FY 2027		
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget
Base Budget	0	0	0	58,200	100.0%	0	0	0	58,200	100.0%
Statewide PL										
Personal Services	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Budget	0	0	0	58,200		0	0	0	58,200	

Executive Budget Comparison

The following table compares the legislative budget for the biennium to the budget requested by the Governor by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Executive Budget Comparison Budget Item	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Executive Budget Fiscal 2026	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2026	Leg — Exec. Difference Fiscal 2026	Executive Budget Fiscal 2027	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2027	Leg — Exec. Difference Fiscal 2027	Biennium Difference Fiscal 26-27
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Operating Expenses	62,309	62,309	58,200	(4,109)	62,309	58,200	(4,109)	(8,218)
Transfers	0	0	0	Ů,	0	0	Ů,	0
Total Costs	\$62,309	\$62,309	\$58,200	(\$4,109)	\$62,309	\$58,200	(\$4,109)	(\$8,218)
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	62,309	62,309	58,200	(4,109)	62,309	58,200	(4,109)	(8,218)
Total Funds	\$62,309	\$62,309	\$58,200	(\$4,109)	\$62,309	\$58,200	(\$4,109)	(\$8,218)
Total Ongoing	\$62,309	\$62,309	\$58,200	(\$4,109)	\$62,309	\$58,200	(\$4,109)	(\$8,218)
Total OTO	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The legislature adopted adjustments to fixed costs, for a total reduction of \$4,109.

Program Base Budget Comparison

The following table compares the base budget with the expenditures adopted for the upcoming biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Base Budget	Adopted Bu	udget	Biennium Change from Base		
FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Amount	Percent	
58,200	58,200	58,200		0.0%	
58,200	58,200	58,200		0.0%	
58,200	58,200	58,200		0.0%	
58,200	58,200	58,200		0.0%	
58,200	58,200	58,200		0.0% 0.0%	
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Program Description

The Agricultural Development Division (ADD) supports Montana's agricultural industry through various services and programs. It manages the Growth Through Agriculture Program, oversees wheat and barley research and marketing initiatives, and coordinates pulse crop research and marketing efforts. The division is responsible for awarding and managing various agricultural loans, including those for beginning farmers and ranchers. ADD provides services such as hail insurance, grain grading and inspection, and promotes agricultural literacy through curriculum development.

The division fosters marketing and trade initiatives by facilitating both domestic and international opportunities by organizing inbound and outbound trade missions. The division offers support to producers through farm and ranch stress assistance programs, mediation services, and administration of agricultural commodity research and market development initiatives. ADD also provides administrative support to several key agricultural committees and boards, including the Alfalfa Seed Committee, Montana Wheat and Barley Board, Montana Pulse Crop Committee, Agriculture Development Council, Board of Hail Insurance, and an advisory potato committee.

Agricultural Development Division
Major Budget Highlights

There were no changes to the proprietary base budget.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2024 actual expenditures, FY 2024 and FY 2025 appropriations, and the adopted budget for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2024	Approp. Fiscal 2025	Legislative Fiscal 2026	Legislative Fiscal 2027			
Operating Expenses	0	61,285	58,200	58,200	58,200			
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$61,285	\$58,200	\$58,200	\$58,200			
General Fund	0	3,085	0	0	C			
Proprietary Funds	0	58,200	58,200	58,200	58,200			
Total Funds	\$0	\$61,285	\$58,200	\$58,200	\$58,200			
Total Ongoing Total OTO	\$0 \$0	\$61,285 \$0	\$58,200 \$0	\$58,200 \$0	\$58,200 \$0			

Funding

The following table shows proposed program funding for all sources of authority.

Department of Agriculture, 50-Agricultural Development Division Funding by Source of Authority								
Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds			
01100 General Fund	579,062	0	3,093,600	3,672,662	13.07 %			
02040 Wheat & Barley Research & Mktg	9,388,109	0	0	9,388,109	44.46 %			
02062 Growth Through Agriculture 02066 Agriculture In MT Schools Act.	1,311,638 90.890	0	0	1,311,638 90.890	6.21 % 0.43 %			
02132 GTA Seed Capital Account	90,090	0	140.000	140.000	0.43 % 0.66 %			
02205 Pulse Crop Research&Marketing	58,258	0	6,122,406	6,180,664	29.27 %			
02453 Grain Services	3,576,516	0	0	3,576,516	16.94 %			
02461 Alfalfa Seed Assessment	75,988	0	0	75,988	0.36 %			
02465 Industrial Hemp	34,068	0	0	34,068	0.16 %			
02466 Misc Ag Donations	12,596	0	0	12,596	0.06 %			
02793 Potato Research & Marketing	0	0	304,174	304,174	1.44 %			
State Special Total	\$14,548,063	\$0	\$6,566,580	\$21,114,643	75.15 %			
03225 Agriculture ADD Federal	591,486	0	0	591,486	100.00 %			
Federal Special Total	\$591,486	\$0	\$0	\$591,486	2.11 %			
06016 Beginning Farm Loans	0	116,400	0	116.400	4.28 %			
06052 Hail Insurance	960,583	0	1,640,000	2,600,583	95.72 %			
Proprietary Total	\$960,583	\$116,400	\$1,640,000	\$2,716,983	9.67 %			
Total All Funds	\$16,679,194	\$116,400	\$11,300,180	\$28,095,774				

Proprietary funding is used for beginning farm loans. There have been no expenditures for the beginning farm loans program in the previous 12 years.

Legislative Budget

The following table shows the base budget and the statewide present law adjustments, present law adjustments, and new proposals adopted by the legislature by source of funding.

Agricultural Development Division 2027 Biennium HB 2 Base Budget and Adjustments											
		FY 2026					FY 2027				
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	% of Budget	
Base Budget	0	0	0	58,200	100.0%	0	0	0	58,200	100.0%	
Statewide PL											
Personal Services	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Fixed Costs	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Inflation Deflation	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Total Statewide PL	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Present Law (PL)	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
New Proposals	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Total HB 2 Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Total Budget	0	0	0	58,200		0	0	0	58,200		