

### Agency Budget Comparison

The following table compares 2014 actuals expenditures without one-time appropriations plus 2015 estimated appropriations including one-time appropriations, but excluding certain base appropriations to the 2017 biennial total legislative budget. The comparison is listed by year, type of expenditure, and source of funding. The biennial percent change column has been eliminated to allow for the transition to a comparison of biennial appropriations consistent with SB 140 in the future. The biennial appropriation growth/decline is listed in the agency highlight tables and the expenditure section of Volume 1 of this Fiscal Report.

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Budget Item	Base Fiscal 2014	Approp. Fiscal 2015	Legislative Budget 2016	Legislative Budget 2017	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Biennium Change
FTE	88.61	88.61	88.61	88.61	88.61	88.61	0.00
Personal Services	5,895,267	6,299,893	6,379,806	6,369,081	12,195,160	12,748,887	553,727
Operating Expenses	805,844	778,843	859,321	839,283	1,584,687	1,698,604	113,917
Equipment & Intangible Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	11,300	11,300	11,300	11,300	22,600	22,600	0
Debt Service	28,451	28,450	28,450	28,450	56,901	56,900	(1)
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$6,740,862</b>	<b>\$7,118,486</b>	<b>\$7,278,877</b>	<b>\$7,248,114</b>	<b>\$13,859,348</b>	<b>\$14,526,991</b>	<b>\$667,643</b>
General Fund	6,416,018	6,783,506	6,950,482	6,919,270	13,199,524	13,869,752	670,228
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	255,680	263,220	258,061	258,409	518,900	516,470	(2,430)
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	69,164	71,760	70,334	70,435	140,924	140,769	(155)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$6,740,862</b>	<b>\$7,118,486</b>	<b>\$7,278,877</b>	<b>\$7,248,114</b>	<b>\$13,859,348</b>	<b>\$14,526,991</b>	<b>\$667,643</b>

### Agency Description

The Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB), located in Great Falls, is part of Montana's educational system and under the policy and governance of the State Board of Public Education. The school is a state funded special purpose school with a residential option for students whose hearing or sight is a barrier to receiving required and effective education in the public schools of Montana. The school's funding is almost entirely by legislative appropriation from the general fund (95% of total funding), unlike public K-12 school districts MSDB has no authority to levy additional funds.

The school consists of four programs with the following functions:

1. Administration - (6.8% of total budget) purchasing, accounting, personnel functions, and overall management of the school
2. General Services - (7.1% of total budget) upkeep and maintenance of school facilities and grounds of the 18.5 acre campus
3. Student Services - (23.2% of total budget) round-the-clock residential care for students residing at the school, including general supervision, meal services, and support services
4. Educational Services - (62.9% of total budget) residential, outreach, and mainstream education programs

There is additional, more detailed information about the agency in the agency profile. The profile may be viewed at: <http://leg.mt.gov/fbp-2017.asp>

Agency Highlights

<b>Montana School for Deaf and Blind Major Budget Highlights</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The legislature utilized the 2015 legislative appropriations as the starting point of comparison for the budgeting process.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The 2013 legislature provided general fund appropriations for ongoing activities of \$6.88 million in FY 2014 and \$6.85 million in FY 2015 for a total 2015 biennial appropriation of \$13.7 million. The legislature established the base budget for each year of the 2017 biennium at the level of the FY 2015 appropriation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Total biennial general fund appropriations increased by \$0.4 million or 3.3% compared to the 2015 biennium appropriations.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ \$0.23 million increase - Annualize FY 2014 expenses to FY 2015 base budget funding level</li> <li>◦ \$0.16 million increase - Present law adjustments for personal services and health insurance</li> <li>◦ \$0.05 million increase - Present law adjustments for fixed costs, inflation, IT rate adjustment, liability, motor pool adjustments</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In addition to the 3.3% increases in general fund detailed above, the legislature approved one-time-only general fund appropriations of \$139,000, \$54,000 for personal service to support extra-curricular activities, \$25,000 to upgrade the lending library, \$60,000 in additional funding for student travel. Including OTO appropriations, funding increased by 4.4% compared to the 2015 biennium appropriations.</li> </ul>	

Summary of Legislative Action

The legislature approved an increase in general funds of \$440,000 or 3.3% compared to the 2015 biennial appropriation. The legislature also appropriated an additional \$139,000 general fund as one-time-only, including this funding the total 2017 biennium budget raises the increase to \$579,000 or 4.4% compared to the 2015 biennial appropriation.

Funding

The following table shows agency funding by source of authority. Funding for each program is discussed in detail in the individual program narratives that follow.

Total School For the Deaf & Blind Funding by Source of Authority 2017 Biennium Budget - School For the Deaf & Blind					
Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
General Fund	13,869,752	0	0	13,869,752	95.48 %
State Special Total	516,470	0	0	516,470	3.56 %
Federal Special Total	140,769	0	0	140,769	0.97 %
Proprietary Total	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Other Total	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$14,526,991</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,526,991</b>	
<b>Percent - Total All Sources</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>		

MSDB’s programs are funded primarily with general fund. State special funds include school trust income and interest and Medicaid reimbursements. Revenues from school trusts fluctuate based on the activities occurring on school lands. Students under the care of the MSDB may be Medicaid eligible and the school is reimbursed for those services covered by Medicaid.

Sources of federal funds include the National School Lunch Program that provides subsidized meals for low-income students, and Education Consolidation and Improvement Act Chapter I which provides federal funds to assist state and local educational agencies to meet the needs of educationally deprived students.

The school also receives tuition from out of state students, which is statutorily appropriated.

**Budget Summary by Category**

The following summarizes the total budget utilizing the FY 2015 legislative base, present law adjustments, and new proposals.

Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg. Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Percent of Budget	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg. Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Percent of Budget
2015 Budget	6,758,506	6,758,506	13,517,012	97.46 %	7,093,486	7,093,486	14,186,972	97.66 %
PL Adjustments	161,976	130,764	292,740	2.11 %	155,391	124,628	280,019	1.93 %
New Proposals	30,000	30,000	60,000	0.43 %	30,000	30,000	60,000	0.41 %
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$6,950,482</b>	<b>\$6,919,270</b>	<b>\$13,869,752</b>		<b>\$7,278,877</b>	<b>\$7,248,114</b>	<b>\$14,526,991</b>	

**Executive Budget Comparison**

The following table compares the legislative budget for the 2017 biennium to the budget requested by the Governor, by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Budget Item	Base Budget Fiscal 2014	Executive Budget Fiscal 2016	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg — Exec. Difference Fiscal 2016	Executive Budget Fiscal 2017	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg — Exec. Difference Fiscal 2017	Biennium Difference Fiscal 16-17
FTE	88.61	88.61	88.61	0.00	88.61	88.61	0.00	0.00
Personal Services	5,895,267	6,458,291	6,379,806	(78,485)	6,447,566	6,369,081	(78,485)	(156,970)
Operating Expenses	805,844	859,427	859,321	(106)	814,230	839,283	25,053	24,947
Equipment & Intangible Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	11,300	9,000	11,300	2,300	9,000	11,300	2,300	4,600
Debt Service	28,451	28,451	28,450	(1)	28,451	28,450	(1)	(2)
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$6,740,862</b>	<b>\$7,355,169</b>	<b>\$7,278,877</b>	<b>(\$76,292)</b>	<b>\$7,299,247</b>	<b>\$7,248,114</b>	<b>(\$51,133)</b>	<b>(\$127,425)</b>
General Fund	6,416,018	7,030,325	6,950,482	(79,843)	6,974,403	6,919,270	(55,133)	(134,976)
State/other Special Rev. Funds	255,680	255,680	258,061	2,381	255,680	258,409	2,729	5,110
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	69,164	69,164	70,334	1,170	69,164	70,435	1,271	2,441
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$6,740,862</b>	<b>\$7,355,169</b>	<b>\$7,278,877</b>	<b>(\$76,292)</b>	<b>\$7,299,247</b>	<b>\$7,248,114</b>	<b>(\$51,133)</b>	<b>(\$127,425)</b>

The legislature approved a general fund budget less than one percent or \$135,000 below the executive request. The legislature did not include funding to implement the executives 2015 pay increases of \$211,000 general fund. The legislature approved funding of \$30,000 in each year of the biennium from the general fund to cover increase costs in student travel not included in the executive request. Other legislative present law adjustments include personal services and operations increases totaling \$16,000.