

Program Budget Comparison

The following table summarizes the total legislative budget for the program by year, type of expenditure, and source of funding.

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Budget Item	Base Fiscal 2012	Approp. Fiscal 2013	Budget Fiscal 2014	Budget Fiscal 2015	Biennium Fiscal 12-13	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
FTE	51.15	51.15	51.15	51.15	51.15	51.15	0.00	0.00%
Personal Services	2,281,477	2,373,460	2,326,462	2,332,170	4,654,937	4,658,632	3,695	0.08%
Operating Expenses	1,200,818	1,309,885	1,278,478	1,273,122	2,510,703	2,551,600	40,897	1.63%
Total Costs	\$3,482,295	\$3,683,345	\$3,604,940	\$3,605,292	\$7,165,640	\$7,210,232	\$44,592	0.62%
General Fund	832,471	908,337	859,310	858,719	1,740,808	1,718,029	(22,779)	(1.31%)
Federal Special	2,649,824	2,775,008	2,745,630	2,746,573	5,424,832	5,492,203	67,371	1.24%
Total Funds	\$3,482,295	\$3,683,345	\$3,604,940	\$3,605,292	\$7,165,640	\$7,210,232	\$44,592	0.62%

Program Description

The Montana National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program is a volunteer program for youth ages 16 to 18 who have stopped attending secondary school before graduating. ChalleNGe is a 17-month, voluntary, two-phased military modeled training program targeting unemployed, drug-free, and crime-free high school dropouts. The program provides an opportunity for high school "at risk" youth to enhance their life skills, and increase their educational levels and employment potential. Phase I of the program is a 22 week residential stay on the campus of Western Montana College of the University of Montana in Dillon focusing on physical training, classroom instruction, personal development, and life skills. Phase II is a year-long mentoring relationship with a specially-trained member of the community where the youth resides to provide a positive role model and to assist the student in gaining employment or enrolling in post-secondary schooling.

Program Highlights

Youth ChalleNGe Program Major Budget Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The budget for the division increases from the previous biennium mainly due to two changes from the base budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Additional federal funds to support employees attending required training ● Funding of projected overtime costs

Program Narrative

To address recruitment and retention issues within the Youth ChalleNGe Program the legislature:

- Funded projected overtime costs
- Provided additional federal funds to support employee training
- Provided a biennial appropriation of \$225,000 to increase salaries, including drill instructors and teachers, to 80% of the 2012 market midpoint

The Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government recommended that during the interim the Legislative Finance Committee monitor the Youth ChalleNge Program’s progress in addressing its challenges with recruitment and retention and report back to the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government for the 2015 Legislature.

The Governor line-item vetoed the additional funding for salary increases. A survey of the legislature is being conducted to determine if the Governor’s veto will be overridden.

Funding

The following table shows program funding by source of authority for the 2015 biennium as adopted by the legislature.

Total Department Of Military Affairs Funding by Source of Authority 2015 Biennium Budget - Challenge Program							
Funds	HB 2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	MCA Reference	Statutory Category
General Fund	\$1,718,029	\$0	\$0	\$1,718,029	23.8%		
Federal Special Total	\$5,492,203	\$0	\$0	\$5,492,203	76.2%		
03132 National Guard	\$5,492,203	\$0	\$0	\$5,492,203	76.2%		
Total All Funds	\$7,210,232	\$0	\$0	\$7,210,232	100.0%		
Percent - Total All Sources	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%				

The Youth ChalleNge Program is funded with general fund and federal special revenue at a 25/75 state to federal funding ratio for most costs. Some travel and special projects required by the federal/state cooperative agreement are funded 100 percent from federal funds.

Budget Summary by Category

The following summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals.

Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Budget Fiscal 2014	Budget Fiscal 2015	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Percent of Budget	Budget Fiscal 2014	Budget Fiscal 2015	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Percent of Budget
Base Budget	832,471	832,471	1,664,942	96.91%	3,482,295	3,482,295	6,964,590	96.59%
Statewide PL Adjustments	16,839	16,248	33,087	1.93%	32,645	32,997	65,642	0.91%
Other PL Adjustments	10,000	10,000	20,000	1.16%	90,000	90,000	180,000	2.50%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%
Total Budget	\$859,310	\$858,719	\$1,718,029		\$3,604,940	\$3,605,292	\$7,210,232	

Present Law Adjustments

The “Present Law Adjustments” table shows the changes to the base budget adopted by the legislature.

Present Law Adjustments	-----Fiscal 2014-----					-----Fiscal 2015-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
Personal Services					100,254					106,204
Vacancy Savings					(95,269)					(95,511)
Inflation/Deflation					(1,344)					(688)
Fixed Costs					29,004					22,992
Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments		\$16,839	\$0	\$15,806	\$32,645		\$16,248	\$0	\$16,749	\$32,997
DP 50 - Initial Motion to FY 2012 Base	0.00	(16,839)	0	(15,806)	(32,645)	0.00	(16,248)	0	(16,749)	(32,997)
DP 51 - Adjustment for Statewide Personal Services	0.00	1,192	0	3,793	4,985	0.00	2,556	0	8,137	10,693
DP 52 - Adjustment for Statewide Operations	0.00	6,612	0	21,048	27,660	0.00	5,332	0	16,972	22,304
DP 53 - Base Funding Switch	0.00	9,035	0	(9,035)	0	0.00	8,360	0	(8,360)	0
DP 201 - Funding for ChalleNge 24/7 overtime.	0.00	10,000	0	30,000	40,000	0.00	10,000	0	30,000	40,000
DP 202 - Federal spending authority for ChalleNge training	0.00	0	0	50,000	50,000	0.00	0	0	50,000	50,000
Total Other Present Law Adjustments	0.00	\$10,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$90,000	0.00	\$10,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$90,000
Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments	0.00	\$26,839	\$0	\$95,806	\$122,645	0.00	\$26,248	\$0	\$96,749	\$122,997

DP 50 - Initial Motion to FY 2012 Base - The legislature adopted a motion to establish the starting point for budget deliberations as the FY 2012 base. This adjustment removes statewide present law adjustments for personal services, vacancy savings, fixed costs, and inflation/deflation.

DP 51 - Adjustment for Statewide Personal Services - This adjustment funds statewide personal services and vacancy savings.

DP 52 - Adjustment for Statewide Operations - This adjustment establishes the fixed cost and inflation/deflation rates as approved by the General Government subcommittee.

DP 53 - Base Funding Switch - This adjustment establishes a fund switch between fund types to fund base operations.

DP 201 - Funding for ChalleNge 24/7 overtime. - The legislature approved \$40,000 in each year of the biennium to support overtime and holiday salaries. These costs are zero based and not included in the program's base budget. The program is required to have staff coverage 24 hour a day, 7 days a week.

DP 202 - Federal spending authority for ChalleNge training - The legislature approved federal funds for ChalleNge employees to participate in training classes required by the National Guard Bureau.