

**Agency Biennium Comparison**

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Agency Biennium Comparison				
Budget Item	Appropriated Budget 22-23	Requested Budget 24-25	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
Personal Services	119,238,833	115,794,556	(3,444,277)	(2.89)%
Operating Expenses	90,573,569	126,102,209	35,528,640	39.23 %
Equipment & Intangible Assets	2,635,632	2,370,108	(265,524)	(10.07)%
Grants	3,029,581	2,818,936	(210,645)	(6.95)%
Benefits & Claims	34,469	33,600	(869)	(2.52)%
Transfers	5,306,514	5,812,514	506,000	9.54 %
Debt Service	908,510	55,852	(852,658)	(93.85)%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$221,727,108</b>	<b>\$252,987,775</b>	<b>\$31,260,667</b>	<b>14.10 %</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	162,946,179	173,198,683	10,252,504	6.29 %
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	58,780,929	79,789,092	21,008,163	35.74 %
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$221,727,108</b>	<b>\$252,987,775</b>	<b>\$31,260,667</b>	<b>14.10 %</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$219,712,108</b>	<b>\$252,857,775</b>	<b>\$33,145,667</b>	<b>15.09 %</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$2,015,000</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>(\$1,885,000)</b>	<b>(93.55)%</b>

**Mission Statement**

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.

Please refer to the agency profile at <https://leg.mt.gov/lfd/appropriation-subcommittee-section-c/agency-department-fish-wildlife-parks/> for additional information about the agency’s organization structure, historical expenditures, goals and objectives, and recent studies and audits.

**Agency Highlights**

<b>Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Major Budget Highlights</b>
<p>The executive proposes a 14.1%, or \$31.3 million increase compared to the 2023 biennium, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statewide present law adjustments - \$9.9 million</li> <li>• Moving 50.73 FTE from HB 2 to proprietary funds - (\$6.6 million)</li> <li>• AmeriCorps Expansion 1.00 FTE - \$257,100</li> <li>• Block management program expansion - \$14.0 million</li> <li>• Visitor services, hunting access, regional offices - \$4.5 million</li> <li>• Increase for fleet rates - \$3.2 million</li> <li>• Increased funding for non-game wildlife programs - \$2.2 million</li> <li>• Decrease in funding for public access land agreements - (\$2.0 million)</li> <li>• Maintenance - \$1.1 million</li> </ul>

**Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison**

The following table compares FY 2022 actual expenditures, FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2024 and FY 2025 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2023	Request Fiscal 2024	Request Fiscal 2025
FTE	0.00	756.89	756.89	706.91	706.91
Personal Services	57,831,384	60,125,598	59,113,235	57,733,236	58,061,320
Operating Expenses	37,639,970	44,691,888	45,881,681	62,886,710	63,215,499
Equipment & Intangible Assets	1,021,581	1,687,694	947,938	1,250,054	1,120,054
Grants	1,290,693	1,620,113	1,409,468	1,409,468	1,409,468
Benefits & Claims	8,044	17,669	16,800	16,800	16,800
Transfers	1,261,444	2,400,257	2,906,257	2,906,257	2,906,257
Debt Service	853,886	880,584	27,926	27,926	27,926
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$99,907,002</b>	<b>\$111,423,803</b>	<b>\$110,303,305</b>	<b>\$126,230,451</b>	<b>\$126,757,324</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	74,667,562	82,133,946	80,812,233	86,429,006	86,769,677
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	25,239,440	29,289,857	29,491,072	39,801,445	39,987,647
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$99,907,002</b>	<b>\$111,423,803</b>	<b>\$110,303,305</b>	<b>\$126,230,451</b>	<b>\$126,757,324</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$99,062,401</b>	<b>\$110,128,803</b>	<b>\$109,583,305</b>	<b>\$126,100,451</b>	<b>\$126,757,324</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$844,601</b>	<b>\$1,295,000</b>	<b>\$720,000</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Agency Discussion**

*FY 2022 Appropriation Compared to FY 2022 Actual Expenditures*

The Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) HB 2 modified budget was 89.7% expended as of the end of FY 2022, leaving about \$11.5 million in unspent budget authority at the end of the fiscal year. Of the unexpended budget authority

\$11.1 million was ongoing and \$450,400 was for one-time-only (OTO) appropriations. The unexpended authority is summarized below:

- Operating Expenditures - \$7.1 million
- Personal Services - \$2.3 million
- Transfers - \$1.1 million
- Equipment & Intangible Assets - \$666,100
- Grants - \$329,400
- Debt Service, Benefits and Claims - \$36,300

Unexpended operating expenditures were budgeted for wildlife, fisheries, hunting access and state parks. Personal services had a 3.8% vacancy savings. Unexpended state special revenue budgeted for transfers supported aquatic invasive species, hunting fishing, and search and rescue programs. Unexpended authority for equipment is primarily for programs related to releasing pheasants on state lands.

*FY 2022 Appropriations Compared to FY 2023 Appropriations*

Total HB 2 appropriations in the FY 2023 decreased by 1.0% or \$1.1 million. Budgeted federal authority for personal services decreased by \$1.0 million. Reductions in expenditures equipment purchases for pheasant and fisheries programs were offset by increases in operating expenditures for non-game wildlife and parks programs and long-term federal grants.

*Comparison of FY 2023 Legislative Budget to FY 2023 Base*

The figure below illustrates the beginning FY 2023 budget as adopted by the 2021 Legislature compared to the FY 2023 base budget, which includes modifications as approved by the approving authority (as authorized in statute) during the interim. The FY 2023 base budget was agreed upon by the executive and legislative branches to be the point from which any changes would be recorded for the 2025 biennium budgeting process.

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks					
Comparison of the FY 2023 Legislative Budget to the FY 2023 Base Budget					
<u>Division</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Legislative Budget</u>	<u>Exec. Mod per Statutory Authority</u>	<u>Executive Base Budget</u>	<u>% Change from Legislative</u>
		<u>Legislative Action</u>	<u>Exec. Mod</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b><u>Technology Services</u></b>					
	Personal Services	\$3,617,244	-	\$3,617,244	0.0%
	Operating Expenses	3,469,081	266,022	3,735,103	7.7%
	Equipment & Intangible Assets	53,111	-	53,111	0.0%
	Transfers	102,342	-	102,342	0.0%
	Total	\$7,241,778	\$266,022	\$7,507,800	3.7%
<b><u>Fisheries</u></b>					
	Personal Services	\$15,318,101	(\$2,917,485)	\$12,400,616	-19.0%
	Operating Expenses	9,186,556	(1,060,860)	8,125,696	-11.5%
	Equipment & Intangible Assets	282,884	(100,000)	182,884	-35.4%
	Grants	264,570	-	264,570	0.0%
	Benefits & Claims	-	3,000	3,000	100.0%
	Transfers	1,402,392	-	1,402,392	0.0%
	Debt Service	-	12,905	12,905	100.0%
	Total	\$26,454,503	-\$4,062,441	\$22,392,062	-15.4%
<b><u>Enforcement</u></b>					
	Personal Services	\$10,799,175	\$35,839	\$10,835,014	0.3%
	Operating Expenses	2,419,968	477,994	2,897,962	19.8%
	Equipment & Intangible Assets	87,200	-	87,200	0.0%
	Transfers	53,044	-	53,044	0.0%
	Total	\$13,359,387	\$513,833	\$13,873,220	3.8%
<b><u>Wildlife</u></b>					
	Personal Services	\$11,226,567	(\$2,783,905)	\$8,442,662	-24.8%
	Operating Expenses	14,811,071	(7,385,749)	7,425,322	-49.9%
	Equipment & Intangible Assets	77,867	-	77,867	0.0%
	Grants	195,800	-	195,800	0.0%
	Benefits & Claims	4,800	-	4,800	0.0%
	Total	\$26,316,105	-\$10,169,654	\$16,146,451	-38.6%
<b><u>Parks &amp; Outdoor Recreation</u></b>					
	Personal Services	\$5,784,971	\$4,208,105	\$9,993,076	72.7%
	Operating Expenses	3,764,081	8,993,981	12,758,062	238.9%
	Equipment & Intangible Assets	419,238	100,000	519,238	23.9%
	Grants	517,696	-	517,696	0.0%
	Benefits & Claims	4,000	-	4,000	0.0%
	Debt Service	-	500	500	100.0%
	Total	\$10,489,986	\$13,302,586	\$23,792,572	126.8%
<b><u>Communication &amp; Education</u></b>					
	Personal Services	\$2,351,723	\$73,616	\$2,425,339	3.1%
	Operating Expenses	1,798,903	550,506	2,349,409	30.6%
	Grants	431,402	-	431,402	0.0%

Benefits & Claims	2,000	-	2,000	0.0%
Total	\$4,584,028	\$624,122	\$5,208,150	13.6%
<b>Administration Program</b>				
Personal Services	\$10,015,454	\$1,383,830	\$11,399,285	13.8%
Operating Expenses	9,581,425	(1,711,298)	7,870,127	-17.9%
Equipment & Intangible Assets	27,638	-	27,638	0.0%
Benefits & Claims	-	3,000	3,000	100.0%
Transfers	1,348,479	-	1,348,479	0.0%
Debt Service	14,521	-	14,521	0.0%
Total	\$20,987,517	(\$324,468)	\$20,663,050	-1.5%
Agency Total	\$109,433,304	\$150,000	\$109,583,305	0.1%

The executive modification resulted in an increase of \$150,000 in the base budget for operations, benefits & claims, and debt service.

*Executive Request*

The executive proposes a \$31.3 million increase funded with \$10.3 million in state special revenue and \$21.0 million from federal sources, the agency does not receive any general fund.

Block Management Program Expansion - \$14.0 million

The executive proposes increasing authority for the block management program. Block management programs are agreements between private landowners and the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, providing the public free access to private land for hunting opportunities. The department compensates the landowner for cost associated with providing access. Currently, statute caps payment to landowners at \$25,000 (87-1-265(8)(a), MCA), the executive proposes to increase the cap to \$50,000. This increase would be funded by increasing federal authority by \$18.0 million and reducing state special revenue by \$4.0 million for the biennium. The Environmental Quality Council has submitted legislation to increase the cap payment (LC 0745 "Increase landowner payment cap for Block Management").

Statewide present Law Adjustments - \$9.9 million

The executive proposes statewide present law adjustments for personal services, fixed costs, and inflation. These increases are funded primarily with state special revenue.

Increase in fleet rates - \$3.2 million

This request increases appropriation authority from state and federal sources to support fleet rate adjustments proposed in proprietary rates. Due to rising costs in fuel, maintenance, and purchase of vehicles, the agency is increasing fleet rates for FWP owned vehicles.

Increase in authority for the general license, and hunting access state special revenue accounts - \$2.4 million

This proposal would increase authority from the general licenses and hunting access state special revenue accounts.

Non-Game Wildlife Programs - \$2.2 Million

The executive proposes an increase in authority of state special revenue for non-game wildlife programs. Programs related to non-game wildlife include research, data collection, law enforcement, habitat improvement, and education. The executive proposes to increase HB 2 authority for these programs from \$92,800 to \$2.2 million for the biennium. The legislature passed HB 701 (2021 Session) which directed a portion of tax revenues from marijuana sales to the non-game account, in the just the last six months of FY 2022 those revenues totaled \$890,000. The increased authority would allow the agency to expend the new revenue.

Increase in authority from the state parks state special revenue account - \$2.2 Million

The requested increase would align authority with expected revenues. The account supports operations, maintenance, public relations, and education programs. The executive proposes to increase HB 2 authority for these programs from \$8.4 million to \$10.5 million for the biennium. The legislature passed HB 701 (2021 Session) which directed a portion of tax revenues from marijuana sales to the state parks account, in the just the last six months of FY 2022 those tax revenues directed to the state parks account totaled \$890,000.

Land Access Agreements Authority Reduction – (\$2.0 million)

The executive proposes moving \$2.0 million in state special revenue authority for funding public access land agreements from HB 2 to HB 5 (Long-Range Building Program). The reduction in state special revenue HB 2 authority would be made from the general license account.

Reduction of 50.73 FTE in the State Parks and Recreation Division: \$1.1 million

The executive proposes to create a new proprietary maintenance fund to maintain wildlife management areas statewide. This proposal would include moving 50.73 FTE from HB 2 to be funded by non-budgeted proprietary funds, this will result in a personal services reduction of \$6.6 million in HB 2. The proposal includes an increase in HB 2 authority to pay the required proprietary rate totaling \$7.7 million.

Increased authority for equipment \$674,200

The executive proposes to increase authority for equipment to replace existing equipment. The executive also requests one-time-only authority to purchase culvert bear traps.

AmeriCorps Program Expansion – \$257,100, and 1.00 FTE

The executive proposes to increase funding for the AmeriCorps Program, including an increase of 1.00 FTE. The funding would pay for an additional 1.00 FTE, equipment purchases, and operating expenses.

*5.0% Plan*

Statute requires that agencies submit plans to reduce general fund and certain state special revenue funds by 5.0%. A summary of the entire 2025 biennium 5.0% plan, submitted by the agency, is in the budget analysis appendix.

The department's 5.0% plan reduces state special revenue by \$323,150. The agency has no general fund appropriation. Of the total reduction, 69.1% or \$223,200 is in the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division. Maintenance activities will be curtailed or postponed, and hours of operations may be reduced at the various parks run by the division. Fisheries will reduce appropriation by \$68,200 impacting fisheries operations and programs to detect aquatic invasive species. Remaining reductions will impact enforcement, communications, and administration.

*Agency Goals and Objectives*

Statute requires that agencies submit a statement of the agency mission and a statement of goals and objectives for each program of the agency. The goals and objectives are required to be concise, specific, quantifiable, and measurable. Goals and objectives, submitted by the agency, are included in the agency profile webpage.

**Agency Personal Services**

In order to explain the factors influencing personal services changes, the proposed statewide personal services present law adjustment (DP 1) has been broken down into three categories, as follows:

- Legislatively approved changes – This category includes adjustments explicitly approved by the legislature, such as expected changes to annualize personal services costs included in the FY 2023 statewide pay plan adjustments, changes to benefit rates, increases in pay approved by the legislature, longevity adjustments

- required by statute, and changes in rates for workers' compensation and unemployment insurance
- Management decisions -This category includes agency management decisions that adjust personal services related to changes in pay. This includes changes such as hiring full time equivalent (FTE) at a lower rate to replace senior staff and broadband pay adjustments for recruitment and retention
- Budget modifications – This category includes other modifications to the FY 2023 personal services base budget such as management decisions to transfer personal services funding between programs within an agency or transfers to move personal services funding to or from other expenditure categories (e.g. moving funding from operating expenses to personal services)

The figure below shows the analysis of the executive budget for personal services for each program.

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks DP1 for FY 2024				
Division	Legislative Changes	Management Decisions	Total Budget Modifications	Total Personal Service Changes
Technical Services	\$15,803	\$41,564	\$0	\$57,367
Fisheries	288,429	4,387	-	292,816
Enforcement	12,034	209,838	(95,000)	126,872
Wildlife	(91,580)	278,880	-	187,300
Parks & Outdoor Rec.	(57,946)	579,324	126,483	647,861
Comm & Education	(6,901)	(17,979)	-	(24,880)
Administration	<u>333,558</u>	<u>219,969</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>553,527</u>
Total	\$493,397	\$1,315,983	\$31,483	\$1,840,863

Management changes for market adjustments totaled about \$1.1 million. Market adjustments are made to remain competitive to the external workforce. Adjustments for promotions totaled \$558,000. Other changes reduced personal services by \$358,000.

F ish, Wildlife, and Parks is experiencing difficulties with hiring and retaining qualified candidates. There are several contributing factors, but the most challenging are reflected in wages and housing options. Turnover in the last several years has resulted in loss of institutional knowledge impacting the ability to respond to the public inquires and the ability to make well-informed decisions in a timely manner.

In FY 2022, 195 employees left the agency, which includes 138 employees who have left state employment; 36 that retired; and 21 employees who transferred to a different agency.

The agency has utilized 96.0% of the person hours budgeted in FY 2022. Programs with the highest utilization rates occurred in the Parks and Wildlife Divisions with rates close to 100.0%. The lowest utilization rate occurred in the Enforcement and Communications Division with a combined rate of 92.6%.

Funding

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

Total Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Funding by Source of Authority 2025 Biennium Budget Request - Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks						
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
State Special Total	173,068,683	130,000	0	9,825,299	183,023,982	63.90 %
Federal Special Total	79,789,092	0	0	625,400	80,414,492	28.07 %
Proprietary Total	0	0	23,001,325	0	23,001,325	8.03 %
Other Total	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$252,857,775</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$23,001,325</b>	<b>\$10,450,699</b>	<b>\$286,439,799</b>	
<b>Percent - Total All Sources</b>	<b>88.28 %</b>	<b>0.05 %</b>	<b>8.03 %</b>	<b>3.65 %</b>		

FWP is funded by state special revenue and federal revenue sources. State special revenue comes from fees for hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities. Federal sources are predominately derived from federal excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, grants for endangered species, and state wildlife grants. State special revenue supports 68.4% of the total HB 2 appropriations for the agency. One state special revenue fund , the general license account, accounts for 50.7% of total HB 2 authority and 45.8% of total funding for the agency. Statutory funds are primarily state special revenue generated from lodging taxes and are used for maintenance on the state park system; these funds may be matched with federal funds. Other statutory appropriations support PILT or Payment In Lieu Of Taxes, aquatic invasive species mitigation, and habitat projects.

Of the 42 state special revenue funds that support the agency, nine funds account for 95.4% of the agency's state special revenue appropriation and are shown in the table below.

Executive Proposal for Major State Special Funds 2025 Biennium HB 2 (The funds listed below constitute 95.4% of agency state special funding)				
Fund	Beginning <sup>1</sup> Balance	- Revenues	Expenditures <sup>2</sup> Appropriated	Ending Balance
02409 General License	\$54,952,971	\$132,555,150	(\$128,500,119)	\$59,008,002
02334 Hunting Access	9,608,005	18,517,038	(11,640,450)	16,484,593
02411 State Parks Miscellaneous	8,907,931	19,110,120	(11,759,265)	16,258,786
02284 Aquatic Invasive Species	1,014,270	6,810,107	(6,329,389)	1,494,988
02412 Motorboat Fuel Tax	1,158,174	3,306,300	(2,577,098)	1,887,376
02061 Nongame Wildlife Account	1,794,571	6,372,382	(2,279,469)	5,887,484
02408 Coal Tax Trust Account	161,648	1,645,177	(1,912,970)	(106,145)
02407 Snowmobile Fuel Tax	<u>1,325,842</u>	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>(1,498,530)</u>	<u>1,627,312</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$78,923,412</b>	<b>\$190,116,274</b>	<b>(\$166,497,290)</b>	<b>\$102,542,396</b>

Notes

<sup>1</sup> The beginning balance is calculated using FY 2022 actual revenues and expenditures and FY 2023 forecast revenues and appropriations

<sup>2</sup> Includes appropriations to other agencies and non-HB 2 appropriations

The General License State Special Revenue Account

The General License Account (GLA) is the major funding source for FWP supporting 50.7% of HB 2 appropriations and 74.0% of state special revenue appropriations. GLA is the depository for hunting, fishing, and conservation fees charged to residents and non-residents. The Montana Legislature sets hunting and fishing license fees in statute. Traditionally, FWP seeks a fee increase when the projected fund balance approaches \$15.0 million. This balance represents the minimal amount needed to buffer cash flow. The 2015 Legislature approved HB 140 that increased license fees for hunting and fishing. Every four years HB 140 requires the agency to review its expenditures and revenue to determine the need for making license revenue recommendations to the legislature. The table below summarizes proposed expenditures and revenues from the general license account for the 2025 biennium, actuals for FY 2022 and forecast for FY 2023 are included for reference.



General License Account				
Projected Balances, Revenues, and Expenditures				
2023 & 2025 Biennium				
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	Actual	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$87,142,964	\$93,198,781	\$54,952,971	\$57,020,515
Revenue				
Licenses & Permits	59,872,603	41,881,630	53,869,064	54,169,984
Grants, Transfers	12,861,814	8,996,999	11,572,136	11,636,779
Services	1,085,487	506,734	651,773	655,414
Other Revenue	(361,076)	-	-	-
Total Revenue	73,458,828	51,385,363	66,092,973	66,462,177
HB 2 Expenditures				
Technical Services Division	6,335,088	7,601,062	7,699,588	7,756,677
Fisheries Division	7,670,827	8,487,769	8,961,821	9,038,118
Enforcement Division	11,045,209	10,990,283	11,363,364	11,467,006
Wildlife Division	3,947,260	5,025,654	5,123,776	5,154,823
Parks & Outdoor Rec Division	4,495,559	5,569,428	4,584,622	4,713,831
Communication & Education Division	3,678,738	4,177,292	4,277,635	4,309,763
Administration	18,314,389	20,467,843	21,457,238	21,477,059
Total HB 2	55,487,070	62,319,331	63,468,044	63,917,277
Non-Appropriated Expenditures				
Capital Outlay	3,939,726	26,754,542	-	-
Other Non HB 2 expenditures	7,976,215	557,300	557,385	557,413
Total Non-Appropriated	11,915,941	27,311,842	557,385	557,413
Ending Fund Balance	\$93,198,781	\$54,952,971	\$57,020,515	\$59,008,002

**Budget Summary by Category**

The following table summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals. For a description of these categories, please see the glossary.

Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget
2023 Base Budget	0	0	0	0.00 %	109,583,305	109,583,305	219,166,610	86.63 %
SWPL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	4,605,796	5,303,936	9,909,732	3.92 %
PL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	11,331,562	11,304,420	22,635,982	8.95 %
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	709,788	565,663	1,275,451	0.50 %
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$126,230,451</b>	<b>\$126,757,324</b>	<b>\$252,987,775</b>	

**Program Biennium Comparison**

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Program Biennium Comparison				
Budget Item	Appropriated Budget 22-23	Requested Budget 24-25	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
Personal Services	7,187,997	7,373,302	185,305	2.58 %
Operating Expenses	8,125,672	8,107,847	(17,825)	(0.22)%
Equipment & Intangible Assets	106,222	106,222	0	0.00 %
Transfers	204,684	204,684	0	0.00 %
Debt Service	74,528	0	(74,528)	(100.00)%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$15,699,103</b>	<b>\$15,792,055</b>	<b>\$92,952</b>	<b>0.59 %</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	15,363,319	15,456,265	92,946	0.60 %
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	335,784	335,790	6	0.00 %
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$15,699,103</b>	<b>\$15,792,055</b>	<b>\$92,952</b>	<b>0.59 %</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$14,954,103</b>	<b>\$15,792,055</b>	<b>\$837,952</b>	<b>5.60 %</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$745,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$745,000)</b>	<b>(100.00)%</b>

**Program Description**

The Technical Services Division is responsible for FWP's technology infrastructure and website frameworks; software development; technology related oversight and guidance to ensure business alignment; collection, analysis, and dissemination of biological and geographical information via Geographic Information System (GIS) technology; and user support, to ensure consistent and effective use of technology expenditures, products, and services. The division is designed with the state's enterprise principles, sustainable and achievable service levels, and the department's mission in mind.

**Program Highlights**

<p><b>Technology Services Division Major Budget Highlights</b></p>
<p>The executive proposes an increase of 0.6% or \$93,000 compared to the 2023 biennium, due entirely to statewide present law adjustments.</p>

**Program Actuals and Budget Comparison**

The following table compares FY 2022 actual expenditures, FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2024 and FY 2025 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2023	Request Fiscal 2024	Request Fiscal 2025
FTE	0.00	38.00	38.00	38.00	38.00
Personal Services	3,416,817	3,570,753	3,617,244	3,674,611	3,698,691
Operating Expenses	3,471,245	4,245,568	3,880,104	4,037,419	4,070,428
Equipment & Intangible Assets	0	53,111	53,111	53,111	53,111
Transfers	69,272	102,342	102,342	102,342	102,342
Debt Service	74,528	74,528	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,031,862</b>	<b>\$8,046,302</b>	<b>\$7,652,801</b>	<b>\$7,867,483</b>	<b>\$7,924,572</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	6,935,088	7,878,413	7,484,906	7,699,588	7,756,677
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	96,774	167,889	167,895	167,895	167,895
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$7,031,862</b>	<b>\$8,046,302</b>	<b>\$7,652,801</b>	<b>\$7,867,483</b>	<b>\$7,924,572</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$6,431,862</b>	<b>\$7,446,302</b>	<b>\$7,507,801</b>	<b>\$7,867,483</b>	<b>\$7,924,572</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$145,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Program Discussion -**

*FY 2022 Appropriation Compared to FY 2022 Actual Expenditures*

The Technical Services Division (TSD) expended 87.4% of its \$8.0 million HB 2 modified budget in FY 2022. Unexpended appropriations totaled \$1.0 million, primarily in state special revenue. Operating expenses were 81.8% expended, personal services were 95.7% expended, and all other expenditure categories were 62.5% expended. Unexpended appropriations were primarily for State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD) services and administration.

*FY 2022 Appropriations Compared to FY 2023 Appropriations*

HB 2 appropriations decreased by 4.9% or \$393,500 between F Y 2022 and F Y 2023. Appropriations for operating expenditures decreased by 8.6% or \$365,500 due to one-time-only expenditures budgeted in the first fiscal year of the biennium. Debt services budgeted in FY 2022 totaled \$74,500. Personal services increased by 1.3% or \$46,500.

*Executive Request*

The executive proposes statewide present law adjustments for personal services and inflation totaling \$776,500.

**Program Personal Services**

The executive proposes a biennial increase in personal services of 2.6% or \$185,300 in the 2025 biennium budget. Statewide present law adjustments for personal services totaled \$57,400 in FY 2024, and \$81,400 in FY 2025. The division is budgeted for 38.00 FTE funded from the general license state special revenue account

Funding

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

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, 01-Technology Services Division Funding by Source of Authority							
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02409 General License	15,456,265	0	0	0	15,456,265	100.00 %	
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$15,456,265</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,456,265</b>	<b>97.87 %</b>	
03097 Fish(WB)-Wildlf(Pr) Restor Grnt	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
03403 Misc Federal Funds	335,790	0	0	0	335,790	100.00 %	
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$335,790</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$335,790</b>	<b>2.13 %</b>	
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$15,792,055</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,792,055</b>		

The TSD is funded primarily from state special revenue, and federal sources which fund less than 3.0% of the program. State special revenue is from the general license account. Revenues include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses, camping fees, permit sales, and other miscellaneous revenue.

Program Budget Summary by Category

The following table summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals. For a description of these categories, please see the glossary.

Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget
2023 Base Budget	0	0	0	0.00 %	7,507,801	7,507,801	15,015,602	95.08 %
SWPL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	359,682	416,771	776,453	4.92 %
PL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00 %
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$7,867,483</b>	<b>\$7,924,572</b>	<b>\$15,792,055</b>	

Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the proposed 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 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	0	57,367	0	57,367	0.00	0	81,447	0	81,447
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	0	302,315	0	302,315	0.00	0	335,324	0	335,324
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$359,682</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$359,682</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$416,771</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$416,771</b>

\*\*\*Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The executive requests adjustments to the present law personal services budget. This request has been broken into the following categories, and further detail is shown in the agency summary:

- Legislatively approved changes
- Management decisions
- Budget modifications made to the personal services budget in the 2023 biennium

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The executive requests 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.

**Program Biennium Comparison**

The following table compares the 2023 biennium appropriated budget to the 2025 biennium budget request by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Biennium Comparison				
Budget Item	Appropriated Budget 22-23	Requested Budget 24-25	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
Personal Services	25,822,932	25,459,220	(363,712)	(1.41)%
Operating Expenses	15,594,174	17,204,755	1,610,581	10.33 %
Equipment & Intangible Assets	548,768	770,000	221,232	40.31 %
Grants	551,440	529,140	(22,300)	(4.04)%
Benefits & Claims	6,000	6,000	0	0.00 %
Transfers	2,475,784	2,804,784	329,000	13.29 %
Debt Service	25,810	25,810	0	0.00 %
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$45,024,908</b>	<b>\$46,799,709</b>	<b>\$1,774,801</b>	<b>3.94 %</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	21,999,429	22,996,759	997,330	4.53 %
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	23,025,479	23,802,950	777,471	3.38 %
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$45,024,908</b>	<b>\$46,799,709</b>	<b>\$1,774,801</b>	<b>3.94 %</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$44,954,908</b>	<b>\$46,799,709</b>	<b>\$1,844,801</b>	<b>4.10 %</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$70,000)</b>	<b>(100.00)%</b>

**Program Description**

The Fisheries Division is responsible for preserving, maintaining, and enhancing aquatic species and their ecosystems to meet the public’s demand for recreational opportunities and stewardship of aquatic wildlife. Primary functions of the division include collection and analysis of fisheries data, fish stocking, establishing fishing regulations, habitat conservation and management, preserving aquatic resources, and maintaining sound fish populations and opportunities to enjoy them. The division formulates and implements policies and programs that emphasize management for wild fish populations and the protection and restoration of habitat necessary to maintain these populations. The division is responsible for:

- Aquatic Invasive Species Program
- Fisheries Mitigation Program
- Manage and protect fish and fish habitats
- Operating a hatchery program to stock lakes and reservoirs where natural reproduction is limited
- Regulating angler harvests

**Program Highlights**

<b>Fisheries Division Major Budget Highlights</b>
<p>The executive proposes an increase of 3.9% or \$1.8 million compared to the 2023 biennium ,including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statewide present law adjustments - \$1.6 million</li> <li>• Increased authority for equipment - \$404,200</li> </ul>

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2022 actual expenditures, FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2024 and FY 2025 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2023	Request Fiscal 2024	Request Fiscal 2025
FTE	0.00	176.69	176.69	176.69	176.69
Personal Services	12,483,701	13,422,316	12,400,616	12,693,432	12,765,788
Operating Expenses	6,316,777	7,468,479	8,125,695	8,559,372	8,645,383
Equipment & Intangible Assets	278,711	365,884	182,884	385,000	385,000
Grants	268,989	286,870	264,570	264,570	264,570
Benefits & Claims	1,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Transfers	18,177	1,073,392	1,402,392	1,402,392	1,402,392
Debt Service	0	12,905	12,905	12,905	12,905
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$19,367,855</b>	<b>\$22,632,846</b>	<b>\$22,392,062</b>	<b>\$23,320,671</b>	<b>\$23,479,038</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	9,057,450	11,183,597	10,815,832	11,451,535	11,545,224
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	10,310,405	11,449,249	11,576,230	11,869,136	11,933,814
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$19,367,855</b>	<b>\$22,632,846</b>	<b>\$22,392,062</b>	<b>\$23,320,671</b>	<b>\$23,479,038</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$19,367,855</b>	<b>\$22,562,846</b>	<b>\$22,392,062</b>	<b>\$23,320,671</b>	<b>\$23,479,038</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Program Discussion -

*FY 2022 Appropriation Compared to FY 2022 Actual Expenditures*

The division expended 85.6% of its \$22.6 million HB 2 modified budget in FY 2022. Unexpended appropriations totaled \$3.3 million. Operating expenses were 84.6% expended, leaving \$1.2 million unexpended. Unexpended operating expenditures were primarily federal authority for grant programs. Personal services were 93.0% expended, leaving \$938,600 unexpended. Unexpended federal authority for grants and transfers totaled \$1.1 million.

*FY 2022 Appropriations Compared to FY 2023 Appropriations*

Appropriations decreased by 1.1% or \$240,800, primarily in state special revenue, between FY 2022 and FY 2023. Appropriations for personal services decreased by 7.6% or \$1.0 million. Operating expenditures increased by 8.8% or \$657,200 for federal funds budgeted for grants. State special revenue and federal funds budgeted for fisheries equipment decreased by 50.0% or \$183,000. Transfers for mitigation of aquatic invasive species, hunting, and fishing programs increased by \$329,000.

*Executive Request*

The executive proposes statewide present law adjustments for personal services and inflation totaling \$1.6 million. Other proposals would increase base funding authority from the general license account by \$404,200 to establish a program to replace equipment on a fixed schedule.

*Program Personal Services*

The executive proposes a biennial decrease of 1.4% or \$363,700 for personal services. Statewide present law adjustments for personal services totaled \$292,800 in FY 2024 and \$365,200 in FY 2025, totaling \$658,000 for the 2025 biennium. In the base year, FY 2023, federal funding for long term grants and other reductions resulted in a \$1.0 million lower appropriation than FY 2022. The division is budgeted with 176.69 FTE, funded from several state special revenue accounts and federal sources.

Funding

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

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, 03-Fisheries Division Funding by Source of Authority						
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
02051 Private Contracts & Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
02148 Paddlefish Roe Account	52,972	0	0	0	52,972	0.23 %
02409 General License	17,999,939	0	0	0	17,999,939	78.27 %
02284 Aquatic Invasive Species	4,943,848	0	0	0	4,943,848	21.50 %
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$22,996,759</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,996,759</b>	<b>49.14 %</b>
03097 Fish(WB)-Wildlf(Pr) Restor Grnt	11,051,867	0	0	0	11,051,867	46.43 %
03129 USFWS Section 6	80,103	0	0	0	80,103	0.34 %
03403 Misc Federal Funds	11,827,612	0	0	0	11,827,612	49.69 %
03408 State Wildlife Grants	843,368	0	0	0	843,368	3.54 %
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$23,802,950</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$23,802,950</b>	<b>50.86 %</b>
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$46,799,709</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$46,799,709</b>	

The division is funded from state special revenue and federal sources. State special revenue is primarily funded from the general license account, which derives revenue from the sale of fishing and hunting licenses, camping fees, permit sales, a portion of vehicle license fees and other miscellaneous revenue. Revenues for aquatic invasive species come primarily from fees charged to anglers, and boat owners.

Program Budget Summary by Category

The following table summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals. For a description of these categories, please see the glossary.

Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget
2023 Base Budget	0	0	0	0.00 %	22,392,062	22,392,062	44,784,124	95.69 %
SWPL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	726,493	884,860	1,611,353	3.44 %
PL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	202,116	202,116	404,232	0.86 %
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00 %
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$23,320,671</b>	<b>\$23,479,038</b>	<b>\$46,799,709</b>	

Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the proposed 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 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	0	183,153	109,663	292,816	0.00	0	216,086	149,086	365,172
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	0	250,434	183,243	433,677	0.00	0	311,190	208,498	519,688
DP 301 - Base Equipment Authority Increase	0.00	0	202,116	0	202,116	0.00	0	202,116	0	202,116
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$635,703</b>	<b>\$292,906</b>	<b>\$928,609</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$729,392</b>	<b>\$357,584</b>	<b>\$1,086,976</b>

\*"Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The executive requests adjustments to the present law personal services budget. This request has been broken into the following categories, and further detail is shown in the agency summary:

- Legislatively approved changes
- Management decisions
- Budget modifications made to the personal services budget in the 2023 biennium

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The executive requests 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 301 - Base Equipment Authority Increase -

The executive proposes inflationary increases for equipment replacement.

**Program Biennium Comparison**

The following table compares the 2023 biennium appropriated budget to the 2025 biennium budget request by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Biennium Comparison				
Budget Item	Appropriated Budget 22-23	Requested Budget 24-25	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
Personal Services	21,317,721	21,984,539	666,818	3.13 %
Operating Expenses	5,797,722	6,182,346	384,624	6.63 %
Equipment & Intangible Assets	174,400	344,400	170,000	97.48 %
Transfers	106,088	106,088	0	0.00 %
Debt Service	93,004	0	(93,004)	(100.00)%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$27,488,935</b>	<b>\$28,617,373</b>	<b>\$1,128,438</b>	<b>4.11 %</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	24,659,078	25,517,169	858,091	3.48 %
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	2,829,857	3,100,204	270,347	9.55 %
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$27,488,935</b>	<b>\$28,617,373</b>	<b>\$1,128,438</b>	<b>4.11 %</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$27,488,935</b>	<b>\$28,487,373</b>	<b>\$998,438</b>	<b>3.63 %</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>

**Program Description**

The Enforcement Division provides modern professional conservation law enforcement services to the people of Montana for the purpose of the stewardship and protection of Montana’s fish, wildlife, parks, and outdoor recreational resources, to preserve the quality of life and outdoor traditions of present and future generations. The division engages in complex fish and wildlife criminal investigations aimed at unlawful trafficking and unlawful exploitation of fish and wildlife. The division is responsible for:

- Assisting with hunter education
- Assisting other law enforcement agencies as requested
- Block management area patrols
- Commercial wildlife permitting
- Enforces laws and regulations relative to lands or waters under agency jurisdiction and authority of the department such as state parks, fishing access sites, and wildlife management areas
- Enforces laws and regulations pertaining to outfitters/guides, boating, snowmobiles, and off-highway vehicle safety and registration
- Ensuring compliance with laws and regulations pertaining to the protection and preservation of game animals, fur-bearing animals, fish, game birds, and other protected wildlife species
- Game damage response
- License vendor contacts
- Recreational Boating Safety Program
- Stream access enforcement
- Turn In Poachers (TIP)-Montana Crime Stoppers Program
- Urban wildlife activities

**Program Highlights**

<b>Enforcement Division Major Budget Highlights</b>
<p>The executive proposes an increase of 4.1% or \$1.1 million compared to the 2023 biennium, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased authority for equipment - \$40,000</li> <li>• One-time-only authority for new bear traps - \$130,000</li> </ul>

**Program Actuals and Budget Comparison**

The following table compares FY 2022 actual expenditures, FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2024 and FY 2025 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2023	Request Fiscal 2024	Request Fiscal 2025
FTE	0.00	119.00	119.00	119.00	119.00
Personal Services	9,876,796	10,482,707	10,835,014	10,961,886	11,022,653
Operating Expenses	2,819,307	2,899,759	2,897,963	3,070,012	3,112,334
Equipment & Intangible Assets	51,688	87,200	87,200	237,200	107,200
Transfers	28,000	53,044	53,044	53,044	53,044
Debt Service	79,254	93,004	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,855,045</b>	<b>\$13,615,714</b>	<b>\$13,873,221</b>	<b>\$14,322,142</b>	<b>\$14,295,231</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	12,078,881	12,206,862	12,452,216	12,772,365	12,744,804
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	776,164	1,408,852	1,421,005	1,549,777	1,550,427
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$12,855,045</b>	<b>\$13,615,714</b>	<b>\$13,873,221</b>	<b>\$14,322,142</b>	<b>\$14,295,231</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$12,855,045</b>	<b>\$13,615,714</b>	<b>\$13,873,221</b>	<b>\$14,192,142</b>	<b>\$14,295,231</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Program Discussion -**

*FY 2022 Appropriation Compared to FY 2022 Actual Expenditures*

The division expended 94.4% of its \$13.6 million HB 2 modified budget in FY 2022. Vacancy savings for personal services accounted for most of the unexpended authority, unexpended personal services totaled \$605,900, primarily federal funds. All other expenditure categories were 95.1% expended.

*FY 2022 Appropriations Compared to FY 2023 Appropriations*

Appropriations increased by 1.9% or \$257,500 between FY 2022 and FY 2023, primarily for increases in personal services. Personal services increased by 3.4% or \$352,300, the increase is funded primarily with state special revenue. Debt services, totaling \$93,000, was budgeted in FY 2022 only.

*Executive Request*

The executive proposes statewide present law adjustments for personal services and inflation totaling \$700,900. Other proposals are for equipment. The executive proposes an inflationary increase of \$40,000 in ongoing state special revenue authority for equipment. The budget also includes a one-time-only proposal of state special revenue to purchase culvert bear traps.

**Program Personal Services**

The executive proposes an increase of 3.1% or \$666,800 for personal services in the 2025 biennium. Statewide present law adjustments for personal services totaled \$126,900 in FY 2024 and \$187,600 in FY 2025. The division is budgeted with 119.00 FTE funded from several state special revenue accounts and federal sources.

**Funding**

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

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, 04-Enforcement Division Funding by Source of Authority							
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02051 Private Contracts & Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02115 Off-Highway Decal	95,616	0	0	0	95,616	0.37 %	
02329 Snowmobile Fuel Tax-Enforcemnt	77,334	0	0	0	77,334	0.30 %	
02334 Hunting Access	1,187,708	0	0	0	1,187,708	4.65 %	
03403 Misc Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02409 General License	22,830,370	130,000	0	0	22,960,370	89.98 %	
02411 State Parks Miscellaneous	524,061	0	0	0	524,061	2.05 %	
02413 F & G Motorboat Cert Id	111,274	0	0	0	111,274	0.44 %	
02414 Snowmobile Reg	146,492	0	0	0	146,492	0.57 %	
02938 TLMD Trust Administration	414,314	0	0	0	414,314	1.62 %	
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$25,387,169</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$25,517,169</b>	<b>89.17 %</b>	
03097 Fish(WB)-Wldlf(Pr) Restor Grnt	1,438,746	0	0	0	1,438,746	46.41 %	
03403 Misc Federal Funds	1,661,458	0	0	0	1,661,458	53.59 %	
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$3,100,204</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,100,204</b>	<b>10.83 %</b>	
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$28,487,373</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,617,373</b>		

The largest source of funding for the division is the general license account. Revenues funding the division include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses, camping fees, permit sales, a portion of vehicle license fees, and other miscellaneous revenue. Other sources of funding come from motor vehicle registrations, snowmobile permits and pass fees.

**Program Budget Summary by Category**

The following table summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals. For a description of these categories, please see the glossary.

Budget Summary by Category								
Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget
2023 Base Budget	0	0	0	0.00 %	13,873,221	13,873,221	27,746,442	96.96 %
SWPL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	298,921	402,010	700,931	2.45 %
PL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	20,000	20,000	40,000	0.14 %
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	130,000	0	130,000	0.45 %
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$14,322,142</b>	<b>\$14,295,231</b>	<b>\$28,617,373</b>	

**Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the proposed 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 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	0	6,217	120,655	126,872	0.00	0	63,724	123,915	187,639
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	0	163,932	8,117	172,049	0.00	0	208,864	5,507	214,371
DP 401 - Base Equipment Authority Increase	0.00	0	20,000	0	20,000	0.00	0	20,000	0	20,000
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$190,149</b>	<b>\$128,772</b>	<b>\$318,921</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$292,588</b>	<b>\$129,422</b>	<b>\$422,010</b>

\*\*Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The executive requests adjustments to the present law personal services budget. This request has been broken into the following categories, and further detail is shown in the agency summary:

- Legislatively approved changes
- Management decisions
- Budget modifications made to the personal services budget in the 2023 biennium

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The executive requests 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 401 - Base Equipment Authority Increase -

The executive proposes inflationary increases for equipment replacement to maintain the current replacement cycle for ATV's, snowmobiles, and trailers.

**New Proposals**

The "New Proposals" table shows new proposals for spending.

	-----Fiscal 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 402 - Culvert Bear Traps (OTO/Bien)	0.00	0	130,000	0	130,000	0.00	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\*\*Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 402 - Culvert Bear Traps (OTO/Bien) -

This request is for one-time-only funding to purchase up to 10 modern culvert bear traps to replace aging and unsafe equipment and to supplement the current inventory of traps requested. With a steady increase in urban bear activity, the Enforcement Division staff need to put these traps in place to ensure public and animal safety and keep staff safe while dealing with bear issues.

**LFD  
COMMENT**

The legislature may wish to consider adding a "Restricted" designation to this decision package.

**Program Biennium Comparison**

The following table compares the 2023 biennium appropriated budget to the 2025 biennium budget request by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Biennium Comparison				
Budget Item	Appropriated Budget 22-23	Requested Budget 24-25	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
Personal Services	17,193,725	17,315,024	121,299	0.71 %
Operating Expenses	14,019,950	21,200,504	7,180,554	51.22 %
Equipment & Intangible Assets	242,490	255,734	13,244	5.46 %
Grants	579,945	391,600	(188,345)	(32.48)%
Benefits & Claims	10,469	9,600	(869)	(8.30)%
Transfers	100,000	0	(100,000)	(100.00)%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$32,146,579</b>	<b>\$39,172,462</b>	<b>\$7,025,883</b>	<b>21.86 %</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	12,537,564	15,965,151	3,427,587	27.34 %
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	19,609,015	23,207,311	3,598,296	18.35 %
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$32,146,579</b>	<b>\$39,172,462</b>	<b>\$7,025,883</b>	<b>21.86 %</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$32,096,579</b>	<b>\$39,172,462</b>	<b>\$7,075,883</b>	<b>22.05 %</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$50,000)</b>	<b>(100.00)%</b>

**Program Description**

The Wildlife Division is responsible for the conservation and management of Montana’s 600+ birds, big game, nongame wildlife, furbearers, reptiles, amphibians, threatened and endangered species, habitat, and meeting public demand for hunting opportunities and wildlife stewardship. The division formulates and implements policies and programs that emphasize management for wildlife populations, protection, and restoration of habitat to maintain these populations. The division is responsible for:

- Innovative management that ensures the health and integrity of native and wildlife populations
- Monitoring and conserving wildlife and habitat
- Protecting the diversity of wildlife and Montana’s landscapes
- Providing opportunity for public enjoyment of wildlife through hunting, trapping, and viewing
- Reducing conflicts between wildlife and persons to strike a reasonable balance while ensuring a future for the species
- Using sound science and stewardship for protecting the integrity of Montana's outdoor resources

Program Highlights

<b>Wildlife Division Major Budget Highlights</b>
<p>The executive proposes an increase of 21.9% or \$7.0 million compared to the 2023 biennium, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildlife management areas maintenance - \$3.3 million</li> <li>• Expansion of non-game wildlife programs - \$2.2 million</li> <li>• Statewide present law adjustments - \$1.3 million</li> <li>• Increased authority for equipment - \$100,000</li> </ul>

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2022 actual expenditures, FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2024 and FY 2025 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2023	Request Fiscal 2024	Request Fiscal 2025
FTE	0.00	103.48	103.48	103.48	103.48
Personal Services	8,412,074	8,751,063	8,442,662	8,629,962	8,685,062
Operating Expenses	4,530,997	6,594,628	7,425,322	10,554,992	10,645,512
Equipment & Intangible Assets	164,624	164,623	77,867	127,867	127,867
Grants	257,878	384,145	195,800	195,800	195,800
Benefits & Claims	3,044	5,669	4,800	4,800	4,800
Transfers	99,259	100,000	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$13,467,876</b>	<b>\$16,000,128</b>	<b>\$16,146,451</b>	<b>\$19,513,421</b>	<b>\$19,659,041</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	4,972,091	6,218,134	6,319,430	7,963,063	8,002,088
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	8,495,785	9,781,994	9,827,021	11,550,358	11,656,953
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$13,467,876</b>	<b>\$16,000,128</b>	<b>\$16,146,451</b>	<b>\$19,513,421</b>	<b>\$19,659,041</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$13,427,991</b>	<b>\$15,950,128</b>	<b>\$16,146,451</b>	<b>\$19,513,421</b>	<b>\$19,659,041</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$39,885</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Program Discussion -

*FY 2022 Appropriation Compared to FY 2022 Actual Expenditures*

The division expended 84.2% of its \$16.0 million HB 2 modified budget in FY 2022. Unexpended

appropriations totaled \$2.5 million. Operating expenses were 68.7% expended leaving \$2.1 million unexpended primarily for hunting, fishing, and habitat programs. Personal services vacancy savings totaled 3.9% or \$339,000. Grants, Benefits, & Claims were 66.9% expended leaving \$128,900 unexpended.

*FY 2022 Appropriations Compared to FY 2023 Appropriations*

Appropriations increased by 0.9% or \$146,300 between FY 2022 and FY 2023. Appropriations for operating expenditures increased by 12.6% or \$830,700 for federal grants and contracts. Personal services decreased 3.5% or \$308,400. Decreases in grants, primarily from federal sources, totaled \$188,300, federal funds budgeted for transfers to hunting and fishing programs decreased by \$100,000. State special revenue and federal funds for equipment purchases decreased by \$86,800.



Executive Request

In addition to statewide present law adjustments of \$1.3 million, the executive proposes an expansion of the non-game wildlife program to be funded with \$2.2 million in tax revenues from marijuana transferred to the non-game wildlife state special revenue account. The 67th Legislature approved HB 701 which directed a portion of the marijuana tax revenues to the non-game wildlife account. In the last six months of FY 2022 those revenues totaled about \$890,000.

Increases totaling \$3.3 million are proposed to pay proprietary rates for the new proprietary maintenance program. FWP has consolidated all maintenance staff and budget into the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division in FY 2022 with the goal of establishing a proprietary account in FY 2024. This staff will be funded from the new proprietary account and will provide maintenance on all FWP lands and facilities. Other proposals would shift funding from state special revenue to federal sources and provide inflationary increases for equipment.

Program Personal Services

The executive proposes an increase of 0.7% or \$121,300 for personal services in the 2025 biennium. Statewide present law adjustments for personal services totaled \$187,300 in FY 2024, and \$242,400 in FY 2025. The division is budgeted with 103.48 FTE funded from several state special revenue accounts and federal sources.

Funding

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

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, 05-Wildlife Division							
Funding by Source of Authority							
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02051 Private Contracts & Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02061 Nongame Wildlife Account	2,279,469	0	0	0	2,279,469	14.28 %	
02084 Fish WL Forest Management	74,752	0	0	0	74,752	0.47 %	
02085 Waterfowl Stamp Spec. Rev.	26,136	0	0	0	26,136	0.16 %	
02086 Mountain Sheep Account	298,710	0	0	0	298,710	1.87 %	
02112 Moose Auction	79,482	0	0	0	79,482	0.50 %	
02113 Upland Game Bird Habitat	284,294	0	0	0	284,294	1.78 %	
02176 Mountain Goat Auction	28,710	0	0	0	28,710	0.18 %	
02409 General License	10,691,473	0	0	0	10,691,473	66.97 %	
02411 State Parks Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02423 Wolf Collaring	425,374	0	0	0	425,374	2.66 %	
02424 Wolf Depredation	384,895	0	0	0	384,895	2.41 %	
02469 Habitat Trust Interest	1,264,958	0	0	0	1,264,958	7.92 %	
02559 Mule Deer Auction	50,356	0	0	0	50,356	0.32 %	
02560 Elk Auction	76,542	0	0	0	76,542	0.48 %	
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$15,965,151</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,965,151</b>	<b>40.76 %</b>	
03097 Fish(WB)-Wildlf(Pr) Restor Grnt	21,408,862	0	0	0	21,408,862	92.25 %	
03129 USFWS Section 6	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
03403 Misc Federal Funds	1,031,033	0	0	0	1,031,033	4.44 %	
03408 State Wildlife Grants	767,416	0	0	0	767,416	3.31 %	
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$23,207,311</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$23,207,311</b>	<b>59.24 %</b>	
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$39,172,462</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$39,172,462</b>		

The division is funded with state special and federal revenues. The hunting access account which receives revenue from the sale of bird, deer and big game licenses is used to support hunter access programs. The general license account receives revenues from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, camping fees, and the sale of permits and is used to benefit both anglers and hunters. The habitat trust account receives a portion of the revenue from hunting licenses and is used to support the Habitat Montana Program. Federal revenue comes from an excise tax on fishing equipment, sporting arms, and ammunition. Federal funds support management of fish and wildlife projects.

**Program Budget Summary by Category**

The following table summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals. For a description of these categories, please see the glossary.

Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget
2023 Base Budget	0	0	0	0.00 %	16,146,451	16,146,451	32,292,902	82.44 %
SWPL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	586,041	726,527	1,312,568	3.35 %
PL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	1,132,000	1,132,000	2,264,000	5.78 %
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	1,648,929	1,654,063	3,302,992	8.43 %
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$19,513,421</b>	<b>\$19,659,041</b>	<b>\$39,172,462</b>	

**Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the proposed 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 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	0	101,101	86,199	187,300	0.00	0	115,349	127,051	242,400
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	0	109,300	289,441	398,741	0.00	0	132,793	351,334	484,127
DP 504 - UGBEP PS/OPS Funding Switch	0.00	0	(73,500)	73,500	0	0.00	0	(73,500)	73,500	0
DP 505 - Nongame Program Expansion (HB 701)	0.00	0	1,082,000	0	1,082,000	0.00	0	1,082,000	0	1,082,000
DP 506 - Equipment Authority Increase	0.00	0	12,500	37,500	50,000	0.00	0	12,500	37,500	50,000
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,231,401</b>	<b>\$486,640</b>	<b>\$1,718,041</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,269,142</b>	<b>\$589,385</b>	<b>\$1,858,527</b>

\*\*Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The executive requests adjustments to the present law personal services budget. This request has been broken into the following categories, and further detail is shown in the agency summary:

- Legislatively approved changes
- Management decisions
- Budget modifications made to the personal services budget in the 2023 biennium

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The executive requests 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 504 - UGBEP PS/OPS Funding Switch -

The executive proposes to shift funding for the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Coordinator from state special revenue to federal sources.

DP 505 - Nongame Program Expansion (HB 701) -

The executive proposes an increase in authority of state special revenue for non-game wildlife programs including research, data collection, law enforcement, habitat improvement, and education. The executive proposes to increase HB 2 authority for these programs from \$92,800 to \$2.2 million for the biennium funded primarily with marijuana tax revenue.

DP 506 - Equipment Authority Increase -

The executive proposes to increase authority for equipment to purchase camper trailers to replace old Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailers used by staff for extended field work and for check stations, and a cargo trailer for storing and hauling supplies and equipment throughout the state.

**LFD COMMENT** The legislature may wish to designate this proposal as one-time-only (OTO), biennial, and restricted.

**New Proposals**

The “New Proposals” table shows new proposals for spending.

New Proposals	-----Fiscal 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 901 - Proprietary Maintenance Fund	0.00	0	412,232	1,236,697	1,648,929	0.00	0	413,516	1,240,547	1,654,063
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$412,232</b>	<b>\$1,236,697</b>	<b>\$1,648,929</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$413,516</b>	<b>\$1,240,547</b>	<b>\$1,654,063</b>

\*\*\*Total Funds\*\* amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 901 - Proprietary Maintenance Fund -

The executive requests increased authority for new maintenance rates. The agency will utilize the new proprietary maintenance program to provide maintenance services and this funding will pay the required rate for those services. The executive proposes a proprietary maintenance rate of \$75.00 per hour.

**LFD COMMENT** FWP consolidated all maintenance staff and budget into the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division in FY2022 with the goal of establishing a proprietary account in FY2024. For the 2025 biennium the executive proposes to fund all maintenance on all FWP lands and facilities using this new account, revenues will be generated by internal maintenance rates charged to the various divisions for maintenance. To establish the new proprietary fund the agency must have the rates approved by the legislature.

**Other Issues -**

**Fund 06540 Aircraft Rate Request**

*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. Every month, users are charged for the hours flown during the previous month.

*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 2022, the department flew approximately 1,960 hours in department aircrafts. In FY2022, the aircraft fleet generated \$1,039,514 in revenue. The department expects flight hours to remain steady for FY 2024 and FY 2025.

The department is requesting to purchase a helicopter to replace an existing helicopter in the fleet using the InterCAP Loan program. The associated hourly flight rate will increase for turbine helicopters in order to recoup the cost of the loan payments.

*Rates and Rate Explanation*

The hourly rates requested are calculated to recoup the projected operating costs of the aircraft fund. The rates shown below are charged monthly to each program for the hours flown during the previous month. The cost drivers for each rate includes fuel, repairs, supplies, rent, insurance, and other general operational costs as well as the above-mentioned loan payments. In FY 2022, the aircraft fleet generated \$1,039,514 in revenue.

Proposed Hourly Rates for Fixed Wing and Rotary Aircraft						
Hourly Rate	Actual FY 2020	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Actual FY 2023	Proposed FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025
Two place single-engine plane	\$201	\$206	\$357	\$357	\$301	\$368
Four place single-engine plane	\$282	\$233	\$357	\$357	\$301	\$308
Turbine helicopter	\$516	\$531	\$803	\$804	\$926	\$942

*Changes in Level of Fees and Charges*

The hourly rates have increased for the helicopter in order to recoup the cost of replacing existing helicopters at the end of service. Rates for single engine planes reflect the increased cost of routine aircraft repairs and maintenance.

*Projected Fund Balance, Including Cash Fluctuations*

A portion of the program's net position has been reserved for the book value (original cost less accumulated depreciation) of department aircraft, which was \$1,850,992 at FYE 2022. The net position as of FYE 2022 was \$898,163. The figure below shows the forecasted ending fund balance for FY 2025 at \$874,512.

06540 DFWP Aircraft						
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Forecast	Budget	Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	\$1,004,720	\$984,018	\$868,426	\$898,163	\$871,893	\$873,305
Revenue	513,087	566,839	1,039,514	1,039,514	1,162,770	1,319,544
Expenditures	533,790	682,431	1,009,777	1,065,783	1,161,358	1,318,338
Ending Fund Balance	\$984,018	\$868,426	\$898,163	\$871,893	\$873,305	\$874,512

**Program Biennium Comparison**

The following table compares the 2023 biennium appropriated budget to the 2025 biennium budget request by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Biennium Comparison				
Budget Item	Appropriated Budget 22-23	Requested Budget 24-25	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
Personal Services	20,008,268	14,879,062	(5,129,206)	(25.64)%
Operating Expenses	27,407,959	47,210,637	19,802,678	72.25 %
Equipment & Intangible Assets	1,038,476	838,476	(200,000)	(19.26)%
Grants	1,035,392	1,035,392	0	0.00 %
Benefits & Claims	8,000	8,000	0	0.00 %
Debt Service	13,100	1,000	(12,100)	(92.37)%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$49,511,195</b>	<b>\$63,972,567</b>	<b>\$14,461,372</b>	<b>29.21 %</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	41,222,616	40,034,291	(1,188,325)	(2.88)%
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	8,288,579	23,938,276	15,649,697	188.81 %
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$49,511,195</b>	<b>\$63,972,567</b>	<b>\$14,461,372</b>	<b>29.21 %</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$48,361,195</b>	<b>\$63,972,567</b>	<b>\$15,611,372</b>	<b>32.28 %</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$1,150,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$1,150,000)</b>	<b>(100.00)%</b>

**Program Description**

The Parks & Outdoor Recreation Division provides valued services to the public and manages human use to ensure the long-term sustainability of Montana’s scenic, historic, cultural, archaeological, and fish and wildlife resources. The division is responsible for:

- Access and landowner relations for hunting, fishing, and other types of recreation on public and private lands
- Administration of trail and shooting range grant programs
- AmeriCorps and Volunteer Program
- Block Management Program
- Enterprise
- Heritage Program
- Hunting Access Program
- Maintenance of fishing access sites, state parks, and wildlife management areas
- Off-Highway Vehicle and Snowmobile Program
- Planning Unit
- Recreation management and visitor services for state parks, fishing access sites and wildlife
- River recreation
- Shooting range development
- Stewardship
- Trail coordination and planning

Program Highlights

**Parks & Outdoor Recreation Division  
Major Budget Highlights**

The executive proposes an increase of 29.2% or \$14.5 million compared to the 2023 biennium, including:

- Expansion of the Block Management Program - \$14.0 million
- Reduction of 50.73 FTE agency maintenance personnel, decreasing personal services by - (\$6.6 million)
- Maintenance of wildlife management areas - \$4.1 million
- State parks and hunting access programs - \$3.7 million
- Expansion of the AmeriCorps Program, including additional 0.75 FTE - \$275,100
- Reduction in funding for private land access agreements - (\$2.0 million)

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2022 actual expenditures, FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2024 and FY 2025 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2023	Request Fiscal 2024	Request Fiscal 2025
FTE	0.00	150.35	150.35	100.37	100.37
Personal Services	10,005,479	10,015,192	9,993,076	7,420,075	7,458,987
Operating Expenses	11,897,885	14,074,897	13,333,062	23,561,672	23,648,965
Equipment & Intangible Assets	430,321	519,238	519,238	419,238	419,238
Grants	465,992	517,696	517,696	517,696	517,696
Benefits & Claims	1,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Debt Service	12,578	12,600	500	500	500
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$22,813,255</b>	<b>\$25,143,623</b>	<b>\$24,367,572</b>	<b>\$31,923,181</b>	<b>\$32,049,386</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	19,075,528	21,004,611	20,218,005	19,954,043	20,080,248
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	3,737,727	4,139,012	4,149,567	11,969,138	11,969,138
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$22,813,255</b>	<b>\$25,143,623</b>	<b>\$24,367,572</b>	<b>\$31,923,181</b>	<b>\$32,049,386</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$22,608,539</b>	<b>\$24,568,623</b>	<b>\$23,792,572</b>	<b>\$31,923,181</b>	<b>\$32,049,386</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$204,716</b>	<b>\$575,000</b>	<b>\$575,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Program Discussion -

*FY 2022 Appropriation Compared to FY 2022 Actual Expenditures*

The Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division expended 90.7% of its \$25.1 million HB 2 modified budget in FY 2022. Unexpended appropriations totaled \$2.3 million, of which \$2.2 million was budgeted for operating expenses. Unexpended operating expenses were budgeted for public access programs, Milltown State Park, Lake Frances Dock, Smith River corridor enhancement, fishing and water access, weed control at fishing access sites, and unexpended base funding. Authority for equipment and grants was 86.4% expended, leaving \$140,600 unexpended. Personal services were almost completely expended.

*FY 2022 Appropriations Compared to FY 2023 Appropriations*

Appropriations decreased by 3.1% or \$776,100 between FY 2022 and FY 2023, driven primarily by decreases in operating expenses. Appropriations for operating expenditures decreased by 5.3% or \$741,800, personal services decreased by 0.2% or \$22,100, debt service decreased by \$12,100.

*Executive Request*

In addition to statewide present law adjustments of \$3.0 million, the executive proposes to increase the Block Management Program's funding by \$14.0 million, funded from federal sources. The executive proposes to increase the maximum payment to landowners that participate in the Block Management Program from \$25,000 to \$50,000 per year. The increase would also add additional operating expenses.

The budget proposal includes an expansion of the AmeriCorps Program, adding 0.75 FTE, and \$257,100 in state special revenue. The funding would support additional FTE, computer purchases, training, a small stipend, and a housing subsidy. The AmeriCorps Program is a federal program for community service and volunteerism.

Funding maintenance for FWP lands and facilities from a new proprietary account will move 50.73 FTE and about \$6.6 million in personal services out of HB 2 and into a non-budgeted proprietary funding. The proposal would increase authority to pay the new proprietary rate by increasing authority for operations and equipment by \$4.1 million. In order for the new proprietary fund to be established, the legislature must approve the new rates.

The executive proposes moving \$2.0 million for public access land agreements from HB 2 to Long-Range Building Program (HB 5). This public access program allows the agency to enter into long term agreements up to ten years with private landowners for access to public lands.

The proposed budget would increase authority for the state parks and hunting access state special revenue accounts by \$3.7 million. Authority in these funds was reduced in the 2021 Session, and these proposals would re-establish the base to levels prior to the 2023 biennium.

**Program Personal Services**

Personal services decreased by 25.6% or \$5.1 million with a proposed decrease of 49.98 FTE in the 2025 biennium.

The executive proposes to fund maintenance staff from a new proprietary account. This results in a reduction of personal services totaling \$6.6 million in HB 2. Divisions in the agency would then pay an internal proprietary rate for maintenance. The executive also includes statewide present law adjustments for personal services of \$1.3 million.

**Funding**

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

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, 06-Parks & Outdoor Rec Div							
Funding by Source of Authority							
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02051 Private Contracts & Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02171 Smith R. Corridor Enhancement	415,240	0	0	0	415,240	0.86 %	
02213 Off Highway Vehicle Gas Tax	147,660	0	0	0	147,660	0.31 %	
02239 Off Hwy Vehicle Acct (Parks)	46,056	0	0	0	46,056	0.10 %	
02273 Motorboat Fees	366,637	0	0	0	366,637	0.76 %	
02274 FWP Accommodations Tax	0	0	0	8,359,501	8,359,501	17.27 %	
02328 Parks OHV Fuel Safety/Educ	37,764	0	0	0	37,764	0.08 %	
02330 Parks Snomo Fuel Tax Sfty/Educ	99,198	0	0	0	99,198	0.20 %	
02331 Motorboat Certification-Parks	58,652	0	0	0	58,652	0.12 %	
02332 Snowmobile Registration-Parks	746,492	0	0	0	746,492	1.54 %	
02333 Fishing Access Site Maint	840,329	0	0	0	840,329	1.74 %	
02334 Hunting Access	10,452,742	0	0	0	10,452,742	21.60 %	
02407 Snowmobile Fuel Tax	1,498,530	0	0	0	1,498,530	3.10 %	
02408 Coal Tax Trust Account	1,714,356	0	0	0	1,714,356	3.54 %	
02409 General License	9,233,335	0	0	0	9,233,335	19.08 %	
02411 State Parks Miscellaneous	11,302,876	0	0	0	11,302,876	23.36 %	
02412 Motorboat Fuel Tax	2,348,184	0	0	0	2,348,184	4.85 %	
02469 Habitat Trust Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02558 FAS - Vehicle Registration	517,127	0	0	0	517,127	1.07 %	
02055 Snowmobile Trail Pass	130,458	0	0	0	130,458	0.27 %	
02057 OHV Noxious Weeds	56,471	0	0	0	56,471	0.12 %	
02059 OHV Education	22,184	0	0	0	22,184	0.05 %	
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$40,034,291</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,359,501</b>	<b>\$48,393,792</b>	<b>65.95 %</b>	
03097 Fish(WB)-Wldlf(Pr) Restor Grnt	23,848,276	0	0	0	23,848,276	99.62 %	
03403 Misc Federal Funds	90,000	0	0	0	90,000	0.38 %	
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$23,938,276</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$23,938,276</b>	<b>32.62 %</b>	
06068 MFWP Visitor Services	0	0	1,042,671	0	1,042,671	100.00 %	
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,042,671</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,042,671</b>	<b>1.42 %</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$63,972,567</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,042,671</b>	<b>\$8,359,501</b>	<b>\$73,374,739</b>		

The division is funded with revenue from day-use park entry fees, camping fees, cabin site rentals, a portion of state gasoline dealers license and distribution tax, coal tax dollars, recreational and commercial user fees for floating and camping on the Smith River, and other miscellaneous taxes, fees, and permit revenue. Statutory appropriations come from 6.5% of the total accommodations bed tax and is used for the maintenance of facilities in state parks that have both resident and non-resident use (15-65-121(2)(c), MCA).

**Program Budget Summary by Category**

The following table summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals. For a description of these categories, please see the glossary.

Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget
2023 Base Budget	0	0	0	0.00 %	23,792,572	23,792,572	47,585,144	74.38 %
SWPL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	1,365,674	1,602,414	2,968,088	4.64 %
PL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	8,006,063	7,915,062	15,921,125	24.89 %
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	(1,241,128)	(1,260,662)	(2,501,790)	(3.91)%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$31,923,181</b>	<b>\$32,049,386</b>	<b>\$63,972,567</b>	

**Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the proposed 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 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	0	572,076	75,785	647,861	0.00	0	621,195	78,337	699,532
DP 2 - Fixed Costs	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	0	692,470	25,343	717,813	0.00	0	873,675	29,207	902,882
DP 601 - AmeriCorps Program Expansion	0.75	0	174,063	0	174,063	0.75	0	83,062	0	83,062
DP 604 - Restore 2023 Hunting Access Reduction	0.00	0	750,000	0	750,000	0.00	0	750,000	0	750,000
DP 605 - Block Management Program Expansion	0.00	0	(2,000,000)	9,000,000	7,000,000	0.00	0	(2,000,000)	9,000,000	7,000,000
DP 607 - PALA Reduction (contingent upon HB5)	0.00	0	(1,000,000)	0	(1,000,000)	0.00	0	(1,000,000)	0	(1,000,000)
DP 608 - State Parks (HB 701) Restore	0.00	0	1,082,000	0	1,082,000	0.00	0	1,082,000	0	1,082,000
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$270,609</b>	<b>\$9,101,128</b>	<b>\$9,371,737</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$409,932</b>	<b>\$9,107,544</b>	<b>\$9,517,476</b>

\*\*"Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The executive requests adjustments to the present law personal services budget. This request has been broken into the following categories, and further detail is shown in the agency summary:

- Legislatively approved changes
- Management decisions
- Budget modifications made to the personal services budget in the 2023 biennium

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The executive requests adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget for 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 -

This change package includes funding to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation to specific expenditure accounts. Affected accounts include those associated with supplies & materials, communications, repair & maintenance, state motor pool, and other services.

DP 601 - AmeriCorps Program Expansion -

The executive proposes to expand the AmeriCorps program with 0.75 FTE.

DP 604 - Restore 2023 Hunting Access Reduction -

The executive proposes to increase authority from the hunting access state special revenue account. This request would restore the base budget to fund the program as it was prior to the 2021 Session.

DP 605 - Block Management Program Expansion -

The executive proposes an increase in federal authority to expand the Block Management Program. Current statute caps annual reimbursements to landowners at \$25,000 and proposed legislation (LC 0745 "Increase landowner payment cap for Block Management") would increase the cap to \$50,000. This proposal also assists in funding other increases to the program as necessary to ensure that the program can maintain or increase participation of landowners in the program. This request also switches a large portion of the entire program from state special funding to federal Pittman Robertson funding and is contingent on legislation.

**LFD COMMENT** The legislature may wish to consider delaying action on this proposal until action has been taken on LC 0745 "Increase landowner payment cap for Block Management".

DP 607 - PALA Reduction (contingent upon HB5) -

The executive proposes a decrease in state special revenue for Public Access Land Agreements (PALA). PALA's are long term contracts with landowners for access to public land that is otherwise inaccessible, or access is limited. These agreements can extend up to ten years. The executive is proposing the funding for this program be moved to HB 5 (Long-Range Building Plan).

DP 608 - State Parks (HB 701) Restore -

The executive request an increase in authority from the state parks state special revenue account to align authority with revenues.

**New Proposals**

The "New Proposals" table shows new proposals for spending.

New Proposals	-----Fiscal 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 901 - Proprietary Maintenance Fund	(50.73)	0	40,429	(1,281,557)	(1,241,128)	(50.73)	0	27,311	(1,287,973)	(1,260,662)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(50.73)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$40,429</b>	<b>(\$1,281,557)</b>	<b>(\$1,241,128)</b>	<b>(50.73)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$27,311</b>	<b>(\$1,287,973)</b>	<b>(\$1,260,662)</b>

\*\*\*Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 901 - Proprietary Maintenance Fund -

The executive proposes 50.73 FTE reduction, a reduction \$6.6 million in personal services, and increase of \$4.1 million to pay the new internal proprietary rate for maintenance. The executive proposes a proprietary maintenance rate of \$75.00 per hour.

**LFD COMMENT** FWP consolidated all maintenance staff and budget into the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division in FY 2022 with the goal of establishing a proprietary account in FY 2024. For the 2025 biennium the executive proposes to fund all maintenance on FWP lands and facilities using this new account, and revenues will be generated by internal rates charged to the various divisions for maintenance. To establish the new proprietary fund the agency must have the rates approved by the legislature.

Other Issues -

Fund 06068 - MFWP Visitor Services

*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. Monies 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.

*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.

06068 MFWP Visitor Services						
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$736,068	\$468,743	\$369,274	\$387,002	\$387,002	\$387,002
Revenue	317,906	390,487	185,231	538,670	538,670	538,670
Expenditures	<u>585,231</u>	<u>489,956</u>	<u>167,503</u>	<u>538,670</u>	<u>538,670</u>	<u>538,670</u>
Ending Fund Balance	\$468,743	\$369,274	\$387,002	\$387,002	\$387,002	\$387,002

**Program Biennium Comparison**

The following table compares the 2023 biennium appropriated budget to the 2025 biennium budget request by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Biennium Comparison				
Budget Item	Appropriated Budget 22-23	Requested Budget 24-25	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
Personal Services	4,852,751	4,813,275	(39,476)	(0.81)%
Operating Expenses	4,658,673	4,969,033	310,360	6.66 %
Grants	862,804	862,804	0	0.00 %
Benefits & Claims	4,000	4,000	0	0.00 %
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$10,378,228</b>	<b>\$10,649,112</b>	<b>\$270,884</b>	<b>2.61 %</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	8,382,494	8,648,060	265,566	3.17 %
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	1,995,734	2,001,052	5,318	0.27 %
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$10,378,228</b>	<b>\$10,649,112</b>	<b>\$270,884</b>	<b>2.61 %</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$10,378,228</b>	<b>\$10,649,112</b>	<b>\$270,884</b>	<b>2.61 %</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>

**Program Description**

The Communication & Education Division is the information and education section of FWP. The division is responsible for:

- Distribution of public information through various media outlets, including Montana Outdoors Magazine
- Coordinating youth education programs
- Coordination of the production of hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations
- Coordination of the hunter, bow-hunter, trapper, boat education, and safety programs
- Management of FWP's website and social media platform
- Marketing and Communication
- Oversight of the Montana Wild Education Center

**Program Highlights**

<b>Communication and Education Division Major Budget Highlights</b>
The executive proposes an increase of 2.6% or \$270,900 compared to the 2023 biennium, driven by statewide present law adjustments.

**Program Actuals and Budget Comparison**

The following table compares FY 2022 actual expenditures, FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2024 and FY 2025 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2023	Request Fiscal 2024	Request Fiscal 2025
FTE	0.00	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Personal Services	2,318,307	2,427,412	2,425,339	2,400,459	2,412,816
Operating Expenses	1,720,169	2,309,265	2,349,408	2,474,631	2,494,402
Grants	297,834	431,402	431,402	431,402	431,402
Benefits & Claims	500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,336,810</b>	<b>\$5,170,079</b>	<b>\$5,208,149</b>	<b>\$5,308,492</b>	<b>\$5,340,620</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	3,702,167	4,174,871	4,207,623	4,307,966	4,340,094
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	634,643	995,208	1,000,526	1,000,526	1,000,526
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$4,336,810</b>	<b>\$5,170,079</b>	<b>\$5,208,149</b>	<b>\$5,308,492</b>	<b>\$5,340,620</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$4,336,810</b>	<b>\$5,170,079</b>	<b>\$5,208,149</b>	<b>\$5,308,492</b>	<b>\$5,340,620</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Program Discussion -**

*FY 2022 Appropriation Compared to FY 2022 Actual Expenditures*

The division expended 83.9% of its \$5.2 million HB 2 modified budget in FY 2022. Unexpended appropriations totaled \$833,300. Personal services vacancy savings were 4.5% or \$109,100. Operating expenses were 74.5% expended, leaving \$589,100 unexpended primarily for education and information programs. Unexpended federal grants totaled \$74,100, and unexpended grants of state special revenue grants totaled \$59,500.

*FY 2022 Appropriations Compared to FY 2023 Appropriations*

Appropriations increased by 0.7% or \$38,100 between FY 2022 and FY 2023, primarily for operating expenses. Personal services decreased by \$2,100.

*Executive Request*

The executive proposes statewide present law adjustments for personal services and inflation totaling \$232,800 in state special revenue.

**Program Personal Services**

The executive proposes a decrease of 0.8% or \$39,500 and no change in FTE in the 2025 biennium. Statewide present law adjustments reduce personal services by \$24,900 in FY 2024, and \$12,500 in FY 2025. The division is budgeted with 27.50 FTE, and personal services is funded primarily from the general license state special revenue account.

**Funding**

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

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, 08-Communication & Education Div Funding by Source of Authority							
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02409 General License	8,587,398	0	0	0	8,587,398	99.30 %	
02411 State Parks Miscellaneous	60,662	0	0	0	60,662	0.70 %	
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$8,648,060</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,648,060</b>	<b>81.21 %</b>	
03097 Fish(WB)-Wldlf(Pr) Restor Grnt	1,929,268	0	0	0	1,929,268	96.41 %	
03403 Misc Federal Funds	71,784	0	0	0	71,784	3.59 %	
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$2,001,052</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,001,052</b>	<b>18.79 %</b>	
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$10,649,112</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,649,112</b>		

The division is funded almost entirely from the state general license account and federal sources. State special revenues are from the sale of fishing and hunting licenses, camping fees, permit sales, commercial use fees, and other miscellaneous state revenues. Federal revenue sources are from an excise tax on the sale of fishing gear, sporting arms, and ammunition.

**Program Budget Summary by Category**

The following table summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals. For a description of these categories, please see the glossary.

Budget Summary by Category									
Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----				
	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget	
2023 Base Budget	0	0	0	0.00 %	5,208,149	5,208,149	10,416,298	97.81 %	
SWPL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	100,343	132,471	232,814	2.19 %	
PL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00 %	
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00 %	
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$5,308,492</b>	<b>\$5,340,620</b>	<b>\$10,649,112</b>		

**Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the proposed 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 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	0	(24,880)	0	(24,880)	0.00	0	(12,523)	0	(12,523)
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	0	125,223	0	125,223	0.00	0	144,994	0	144,994
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,343</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,343</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$132,471</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$132,471</b>

\*\*"Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The executive requests adjustments to the present law personal services budget. This request has been broken into the following categories, and further detail is shown in the agency summary:

- Legislatively approved changes
- Management decisions
- Budget modifications made to the personal services budget in the 2023 biennium

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The executive requests 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.

**Program Biennium Comparison**

The following table compares the 2023 biennium appropriated budget to the 2025 biennium budget request by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Biennium Comparison				
Budget Item	Appropriated Budget 22-23	Requested Budget 24-25	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
Personal Services	22,855,439	23,970,134	1,114,695	4.88 %
Operating Expenses	14,969,419	21,227,087	6,257,668	41.80 %
Equipment & Intangible Assets	525,276	55,276	(470,000)	(89.48)%
Benefits & Claims	6,000	6,000	0	0.00 %
Transfers	2,419,958	2,696,958	277,000	11.45 %
Debt Service	702,068	29,042	(673,026)	(95.86)%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$41,478,160</b>	<b>\$47,984,497</b>	<b>\$6,506,337</b>	<b>15.69 %</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	38,781,679	44,580,988	5,799,309	14.95 %
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	2,696,481	3,403,509	707,028	26.22 %
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$41,478,160</b>	<b>\$47,984,497</b>	<b>\$6,506,337</b>	<b>15.69 %</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$41,478,160</b>	<b>\$47,984,497</b>	<b>\$6,506,337</b>	<b>15.69 %</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>

**Program Description**

The Administration Division is responsible for operating the Legal Unit; Human Resources; Lands and Water Unit; Operations and Fiscal Services, and the outlying seven regional offices. This division also provides oversight of the Communication and Education, Enforcement, Fisheries, Parks and Outdoor Recreation, and Wildlife Divisions.

Operations and Financial Services provides centralized services, quality guidance to all divisions and regions throughout the agency including:

- Accounting, fiscal management and budget preparation
- Administrative support to divisions and regions
- Agency facility maintenance
- Capital outlay
- Financial Assistance and Compliance
- Hunting, fishing, and other recreational license sales
- Maintain biological and GIS applications
- Managing federal aid
- Maintaining internal control procedures
- Procurement and property management

**Program Highlights**

<b>Administration Division Major Budget Highlights</b>
<p>The executive proposes an increase of 15.7% or \$6.5 million compared to the 2023 biennium, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inflationary increases for FWP vehicles - \$3.2 million</li> <li>• Increased funding from the general license account - \$850,000</li> <li>• Increase maintenance funding for regional offices - \$290,200</li> </ul>



**Program Actuals and Budget Comparison**

The following table compares FY 2022 actual expenditures, FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriations, and the expenditures requested for FY 2024 and FY 2025 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2023	Request Fiscal 2024	Request Fiscal 2025
FTE	0.00	141.87	141.87	141.87	141.87
Personal Services	11,318,210	11,456,155	11,399,284	11,952,811	12,017,323
Operating Expenses	6,883,590	7,099,292	7,870,127	10,628,612	10,598,475
Equipment & Intangible Assets	96,237	497,638	27,638	27,638	27,638
Benefits & Claims	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Transfers	1,046,736	1,071,479	1,348,479	1,348,479	1,348,479
Debt Service	687,526	687,547	14,521	14,521	14,521
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$20,034,299</b>	<b>\$20,815,111</b>	<b>\$20,663,049</b>	<b>\$23,975,061</b>	<b>\$24,009,436</b>
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	18,846,357	19,467,458	19,314,221	22,280,446	22,300,542
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	1,187,942	1,347,653	1,348,828	1,694,615	1,708,894
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$20,034,299</b>	<b>\$20,815,111</b>	<b>\$20,663,049</b>	<b>\$23,975,061</b>	<b>\$24,009,436</b>
<b>Total Ongoing</b>	<b>\$20,034,299</b>	<b>\$20,815,111</b>	<b>\$20,663,049</b>	<b>\$23,975,061</b>	<b>\$24,009,436</b>
<b>Total OTO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Program Discussion -**

*FY 2022 Appropriation Compared to FY 2022 Actual Expenditures*

The division expended 96.2% of its \$20.8 million HB 2 modified budget in FY 2022. Unexpended appropriations totaled \$780,800. Personal services had a vacancy savings of 1.2%, leaving \$137,900 unexpended. Operating expenses were 97.0% expended, leaving \$215,700 unexpended. Unexpended authority for equipment budgeted for the pheasant program left \$385,300 unexpended. Other unexpended authority totaled \$41,900.

*FY 2022 Appropriations Compared to FY 2023 Appropriations*

Appropriations decreased by 0.7% or \$152,100 between FY 2022 and FY 2023. Appropriations for equipment related to the pheasant program decreased by 94.4% or \$470,000. Operating expenses increased by 10.9% or \$770,800. Funding for service debt decreased by \$673,000. State special revenue budgeted for transfers increased by \$277,000, and personal services decreased by 0.5% or \$56,900.

*Executive Request*

In addition to statewide present law adjustments totaling \$2.3 million, the executive proposes to increase funding from the general license account by \$850,000. Budget authority for the general license account was reduced in the 2021 Session, and these proposals would re-establish the base to levels prior to the 2023 biennium. The executive proposal includes inflationary increases for vehicle rates totaling \$3.2 million. FWP owns vehicles for which internal proprietary rates are charged to the various divisions that use the vehicles. The agency proposes increases in those rates to reflect higher fuel prices and maintenance costs. Proposals for new fixed costs and proprietary maintenance cost total \$344,200 in state special revenue.

**Program Personal Services**

The executive proposes an increase of 4.9% or \$1.1 million in the 2025 biennium. Statewide present law adjustments for personal services total \$553,500 in FY 2024 and \$618,000 in FY 2025. The division is budgeted with 141.87 FTE funded primarily from the general license state special revenue account.

**Funding**

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

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, 09-Administration							
Funding by Source of Authority							
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02061 Nongame Wildlife Account	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02084 Fish WL Forest Management	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02085 Waterfowl Stamp Spec. Rev.	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02086 Mountain Sheep Account	64,000	0	0	0	64,000	0.14 %	
02092 Parks Forest Management	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02112 Moose Auction	4,666	0	0	0	4,666	0.01 %	
02113 Upland Game Bird Habitat	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02114 Wildlife Habitat	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02115 Off-Highway Decal	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02148 Paddlefish Roe Account	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02149 River Restoration Account	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02171 Smith R. Corridor Enhancement	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02176 Mountain Goat Auction	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	0.01 %	
02213 Off Highway Vehicle Gas Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02239 Off Hwy Vehicle Acct (Parks)	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02273 Motorboat Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02274 FWP Accommodations Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02328 Parks OHV Fuel Safety/Educ	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02329 Snowmobile Fuel Tax-Enforcemnt	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02330 Parks Snomo Fuel Tax Sfty/Educ	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02331 Motorboat Certification-Parks	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02332 Snowmobile Registration-Parks	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02333 Fishing Access Site Maint	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02334 Hunting Access	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02407 Snowmobile Fuel Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02408 Coal Tax Trust Account	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	0.02 %	
02409 General License	43,278,546	0	0	1,114,798	44,393,344	96.41 %	
02410 Real Estate Trust Earnings	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02411 State Parks Miscellaneous	775,400	0	0	124,702	900,102	1.95 %	
02412 Motorboat Fuel Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02413 F & G Motorboat Cert Id	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02414 Snowmobile Reg	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02415 Fishing Access Site Acq.	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02423 Wolf Collaring	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02424 Wolf Depredation	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02459 Hunting Access Acquisitions	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02469 Habitat Trust Interest	65,742	0	0	226,298	292,040	0.63 %	
02547 Search & Rescue	200,000	0	0	0	200,000	0.43 %	
02558 FAS - Vehicle Registration	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02559 Mule Deer Auction	2,800	0	0	0	2,800	0.01 %	
02560 Elk Auction	6,666	0	0	0	6,666	0.01 %	
02600 Hunters Against Hunger	160,000	0	0	0	160,000	0.35 %	
02687 Upland Game Bird Planting	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02055 Snowmobile Trail Pass	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02059 OHV Education	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02543 Search and Rescue - General	10,168	0	0	0	10,168	0.02 %	
02284 Aquatic Invasive Species	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
02724 Trails and Rec Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
<b>State Special Total</b>	<b>\$44,580,988</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,465,798</b>	<b>\$46,046,786</b>	<b>63.92 %</b>	
03097 Fish(WB)-Wildl(Pr) Restor Grnt	3,195,509	0	0	625,400	3,820,909	94.84 %	
03098 Parks Federal Revenue	208,000	0	0	0	208,000	5.16 %	
<b>Federal Special Total</b>	<b>\$3,403,509</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$625,400</b>	<b>\$4,028,909</b>	<b>5.59 %</b>	
06502 Equipment Enterprise Fund	0	0	7,537,751	0	7,537,751	34.33 %	
06503 F & G Warehouse Inventory	0	0	208,335	0	208,335	0.95 %	
06540 DFWP Aircraft	0	0	1,173,135	0	1,173,135	5.34 %	
06004 52010	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %	
06513 FWP Maintenance	0	0	13,039,433	0	13,039,433	59.38 %	
<b>Proprietary Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,958,654</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,958,654</b>	<b>30.48 %</b>	
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$47,984,497</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,958,654</b>	<b>\$2,091,198</b>	<b>\$72,034,349</b>		

The division is funded primarily with state special revenue from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. Proprietary revenue includes charges for the vehicle fleet, and warehouse fees. Statutory expenditures are for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT).

PILT are payments to local governments to help offset losses in property taxes due to the existence of state or federal lands not subject to property taxes.

**Program Budget Summary by Category**

The following table summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals. For a description of these categories, please see the glossary.

Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget
2023 Base Budget	0	0	0	0.00 %	20,663,049	20,663,049	41,326,098	86.12 %
SWPL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	1,168,642	1,138,883	2,307,525	4.81 %
PL Adjustments	0	0	0	0.00 %	1,971,383	2,035,242	4,006,625	8.35 %
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	171,987	172,262	344,249	0.72 %
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$23,975,061</b>	<b>\$24,009,436</b>	<b>\$47,984,497</b>	

**Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the proposed 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 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	0	553,527	0	553,527	0.00	0	618,039	0	618,039
DP 2 - Fixed Costs	0.00	0	247,830	0	247,830	0.00	0	99,786	0	99,786
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	0	367,285	0	367,285	0.00	0	421,058	0	421,058
DP 902 - Fleet Rate Adjustment	0.00	0	1,200,596	345,787	1,546,383	0.00	0	1,250,176	360,066	1,610,242
DP 904 - Reinstate 2023 General Licenses base budget	0.00	0	425,000	0	425,000	0.00	0	425,000	0	425,000
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,794,238</b>	<b>\$345,787</b>	<b>\$3,140,025</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,814,059</b>	<b>\$360,066</b>	<b>\$3,174,125</b>

\*\*Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The executive requests adjustments to the present law personal services budget. This request has been broken into the following categories, and further detail is shown in the agency summary:

- Legislatively approved changes
- Management decisions
- Budget modifications made to the personal services budget in the 2023 biennium

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The executive requests adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget for 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 executive requests 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 902 - Fleet Rate Adjustment -

The executive proposes an increase in authority to pay for rate adjustments to the vehicle fleet. Vehicle rates are driven by fuel prices, maintenance, and other operating cost. FWP maintains a fleet of vehicles and charges internal rate to the divisions for the use of those vehicles.

DP 904 - Reinstate 2023 General Licenses base budget -

The executive proposes an increase in base authority from the general license state special revenue account.

**New Proposals**

The “New Proposals” table shows new proposals for spending.

New Proposals	Fiscal 2024					Fiscal 2025				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 99 - New Fixed Costs	0.00	0	27,044	0	27,044	0.00	0	27,044	0	27,044
DP 901 - Proprietary Maintenance Fund	0.00	0	144,943	0	144,943	0.00	0	145,218	0	145,218
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$171,987</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$171,987</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$172,262</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$172,262</b>

\*\*\*Total Funds\*\* amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 99 - New Fixed Costs -

The executive requests appropriations for the agency to provide funding for a new fixed cost for the Chief Data Office. Additionally, the executive requests appropriations of \$54,100 for the agency to provide funding for a new fixed cost for the State Management Training Center. This appropriation is offset by a reduction to the existing training budget in the agency. The rates charged for this service are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

DP 901 - Proprietary Maintenance Fund -

The executive request increased authority for new maintenance rates. The agency will utilize the new proprietary maintenance program to provide maintenance services and this funding will pay the required rate for those services. The executive proposes a proprietary maintenance rate of \$75.00 per hour.

<b>LFD COMMENT</b>	FWP consolidated all maintenance staff and budget into the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division in FY 2022 with the goal of establishing a proprietary account in FY 2024. For the 2025 biennium the executive proposes to fund all maintenance on FWP lands and facilities using this new account, and revenues will be generated by internal rates charged to the various divisions for maintenance. To establish the new proprietary fund the
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agency must have the rates approved by the legislature.

#### **Other Issues -**

#### **Fund 06502 Equipment Fund Rate Request**

##### *Program Description*

The department's equipment fund provides a fleet of vehicles to department employees.

##### *Revenues and Expenses*

Users are charged a usage rate for the number of miles driven and an assigned rate for the number of days a vehicle is used. The assigned rates are calculated to recover the costs of administration to operate the program (personal services and fixed operational costs) and replacement of fleet vehicles. The usage rates are calculated to recover the costs of fuel, supplies, repairs, and maintenance of the fleet. This fund supports a total of 3.56 FTE.

Each year, department employees drive an average of 6.6 million miles in department owned vehicles. The number of miles driven is expected to remain consistent over the next biennium. The department currently has a fleet of 599 vehicles. The department's request for vehicle replacement is for 60 vehicles in both FY 2024 and FY 2025. This is based on replacing vehicles after a minimum of 180,000 miles from the last biennium. For the additional cost to the programs, the department submitted a decision package request, PL903. The department will also be managing this fund to ensure that the fiscal year end balance will not exceed the 60-day working capital requirement.

##### *Rates and Rate Explanation*

The vehicle usage rate recovers the direct costs of fuel, supplies, repairs, and maintenance of the fleet. The assigned rates for vehicles are calculated to recover the costs of administration of the program (personal services, vehicle licensing, insurance and title work, utilities, etc) and replacement of fleet vehicles.

Information is gathered using the Agile Assets Fleet Software to provide mileage and cost information related to each vehicle class. This cost information, as well as SABHRS financial information, was used to base costs and to calculate the FY 2024 and FY 2025 rates. The volatility of fuel prices continues to be a major challenge in estimating future rates and a tier structure has been developed to adjust rates based on unexpected increases in fuel costs per gallon. The department has also added a class category for one-ton pickups. Previously, the department consolidated the cost of the one-ton trucks into the rate for the 3/4-ton pickup class category. The assigned rate in the following tables are day rates.

FY 2024 Vehicle Usage Rate				
	Assigned			
	Cost Rate	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier3
<u>Vehicle Class</u>	<u>per Day</u>	<u>\$4.50/gal</u>	<u>\$5.00/gal</u>	<u>\$5.50/gal</u>
Sedan	\$14.13	\$0.21	\$0.22	\$0.23
Van	\$8.16	\$0.26	\$0.28	\$0.30
Utility	\$6.38	\$0.29	\$0.31	\$0.33
1/2 Ton Pickup	\$19.05	\$0.37	\$0.40	\$0.43
3/4 Ton Pickup	\$13.29	\$0.47	\$0.51	\$0.55
1 Ton Pickup	\$40.86	\$0.45	\$0.48	\$0.51

FY 2025 Vehicle Usage Rate				
	Assigned			
	Cost Rate	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier3
<u>Vehicle Class</u>	<u>per Day</u>	<u>\$4.50/gal</u>	<u>\$5.00/gal</u>	<u>\$5.50/gal</u>
Sedan	\$14.14	\$0.21	\$0.23	\$0.24
Van	\$8.18	\$0.27	\$0.29	\$0.31
Utility	\$6.38	\$0.29	\$0.31	\$0.34
1/2 Ton Pickup	\$19.06	\$0.38	\$0.41	\$0.44
3/4 Ton Pickup	\$13.30	\$0.48	\$0.52	\$0.56
1 Ton Pickup	\$40.87	\$0.45	\$0.49	\$0.52

**Fund 06503 Warehouse Inventory Rate Request**

*Program Description*

The department's warehouse contains mainly uniform items for department employees. Overhead costs are recovered by charging a predetermined fixed percentage to all sales. The department wishes to end this internal service fund by FYE 2023. Due to the fluctuation of uniform needs (sizing, and product type), the warehouse has not been able to match inventory with department needs. This unpredictability in purchases from the warehouse make it difficult to set a rate that will recover enough funds to maintain a 60-day working capital balance. The department has found another vendor that can better provide for the uniform needs of the agency.

*Rates and Rate Explanation*

35.0%

*Projected Fund Balance, Including Cash Fluctuations*

06503 Warehouse Inventory Internal Service Fund						
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$101,556	\$101,556	\$101,556	\$101,556	\$101,556	\$101,556
Revenue	105,768	101,579	89,109	134,213	-	-
Expenditures	<u>150,475</u>	<u>124,949</u>	<u>112,877</u>	<u>134,213</u>	-	-
Ending Fund Balance	\$56,849	\$78,186	\$77,788	\$101,556	\$101,556	\$101,556