DNRC State Special Revenue

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is appropriated \$152.1 million for the FY 2023 biennium. The appropriation is funded from the general fund, state special revenue, and federal special revenue.

General fund, 42.0% of total funding

General fund are revenues from general sources than can be used for any lawful purpose. Major sources of the general fund include, individual and corporate taxes, property taxes, gaming taxes, natural resource taxes, and other taxes and fees.

State Special Revenue, 55.3% of total funding

State special revenue is derived from specific tax or fee sources and is used to fund the costs of specific functions. The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is supported by 31 different state special revenues in HB 2. It funds over half of the appropriation for DNRC.

Federal Funds, 2.8% of total funding

Federal funds are provided by the federal government for specific purposes and must be used within federal confines and guidelines. Federal funds can also come with requirements for state matching funds or with the requirement that the state provide a certain level of overall state funding.

The table below shows the source of funding for DNRC. The links in the table provide more detail on each of the twelve state special revenue funds that comprise 90.0% of the state special revenue appropriation and 50.6% of the total appropriation.

Funding Source	FY 2022	FY 2023	2023 Biennium	% of Total
General Fund	\$31,496,373	\$32,315,092	\$63,811,465	42.0%
State Special Revenue				
Trust Land Management Division Trust Administration	\$15,135,629	\$15,135,629	\$30,271,258	19.9%
Fire Protection Assessments	4,302,050	4,332,009	8,634,059	5.7%
State Project Hydro Earnings	3,381,352	3,282,652	6,664,004	4.49
Conservation District Account	3,087,067	3,104,047	6,191,114	4.19
Oil & Gas Earmarked Revenue Account	3,029,783	3,046,513	6,076,296	4.0%
Water Adjudication	2,873,738	2,890,451	5,764,189	3.89
Resource Development Bureau Proceeds	1,983,090	1,983,090	3,966,180	2.6%
Forest Resources-Forest Improvement	1,353,672	1,353,672	2,707,344	1.89
MT Coal Endowment Regional Water Systems Water	1,009,391	1,009,391	2,018,782	1.39
Right Appropriation	833,968	840,938	1,674,906	1.19
Water Storage State Special Revenue Account	759,989	759,989	1,519,978	1.09
Natural Resources Operations	726,467	722,607	1,449,074	1.0%
Other State Special Revenue	3,617,395	3,501,317	7,118,712	4.7%
Total State Special Revenue	\$42,093,591	\$41,962,305	\$84,055,896	55.3%
Federal Special Revenue	\$2,110,870	\$2,102,950	\$4,213,820	2.8%
Total HB 2 Funding	\$75,700,834	\$76,380,347	\$152,081,181	100.0%

