

SFY 2025 Governor's Recommended Budget

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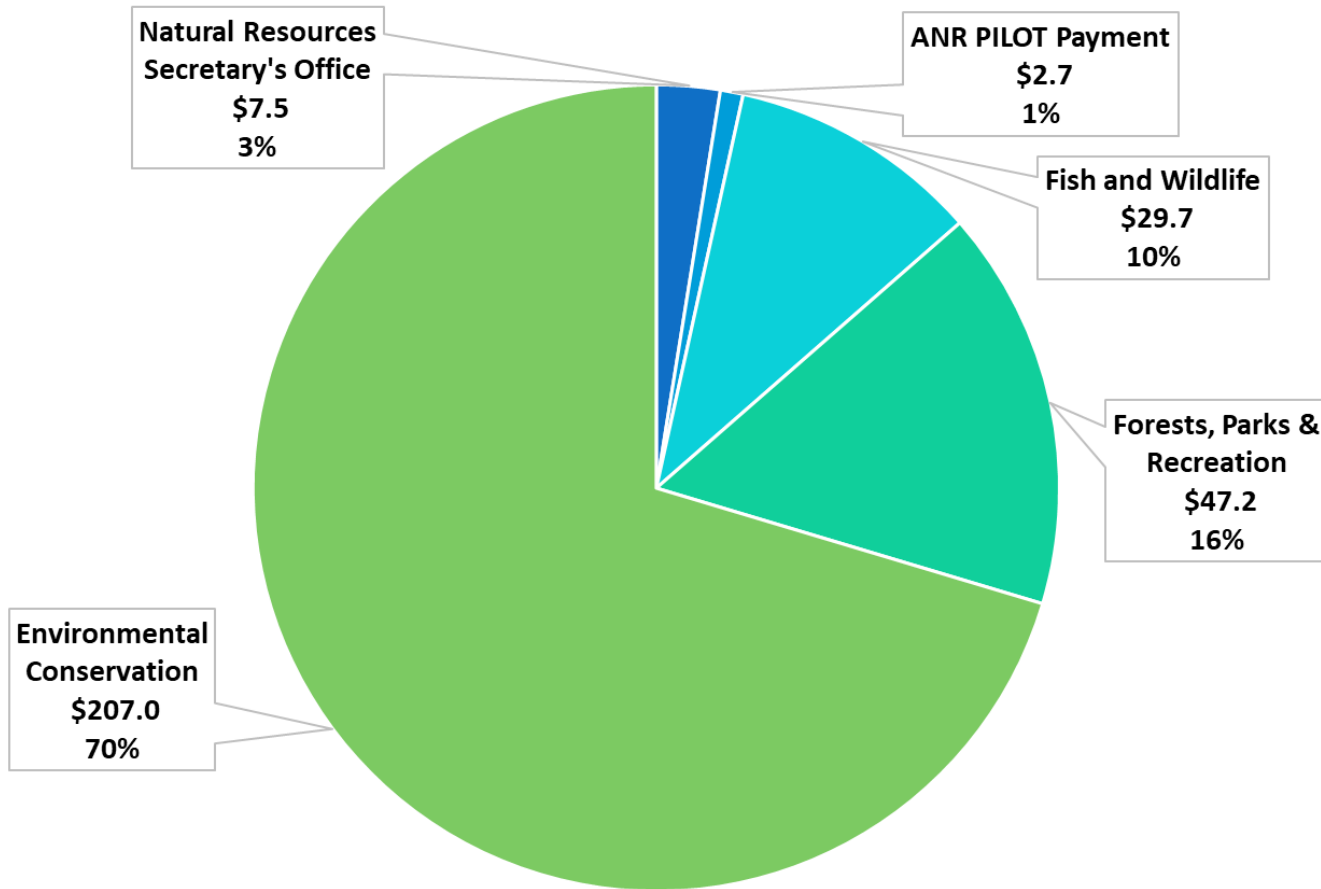
SFY25 ANR Budget Overview

- Governor's SFY25 Recommend: \$294.2 million
 - Increase of \$62.5 million (~27%) above SFY24
 - More than \$100 million above SFY23
 - Increase largely driven by increased federal funds, including American Rescue Plan Act (APRA), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- Budget supports 650 full-time employees and ~400 seasonal workers
- Roughly 2/3s of the SFY25 budget will be passed thru to municipalities, contractors, and partner organizations

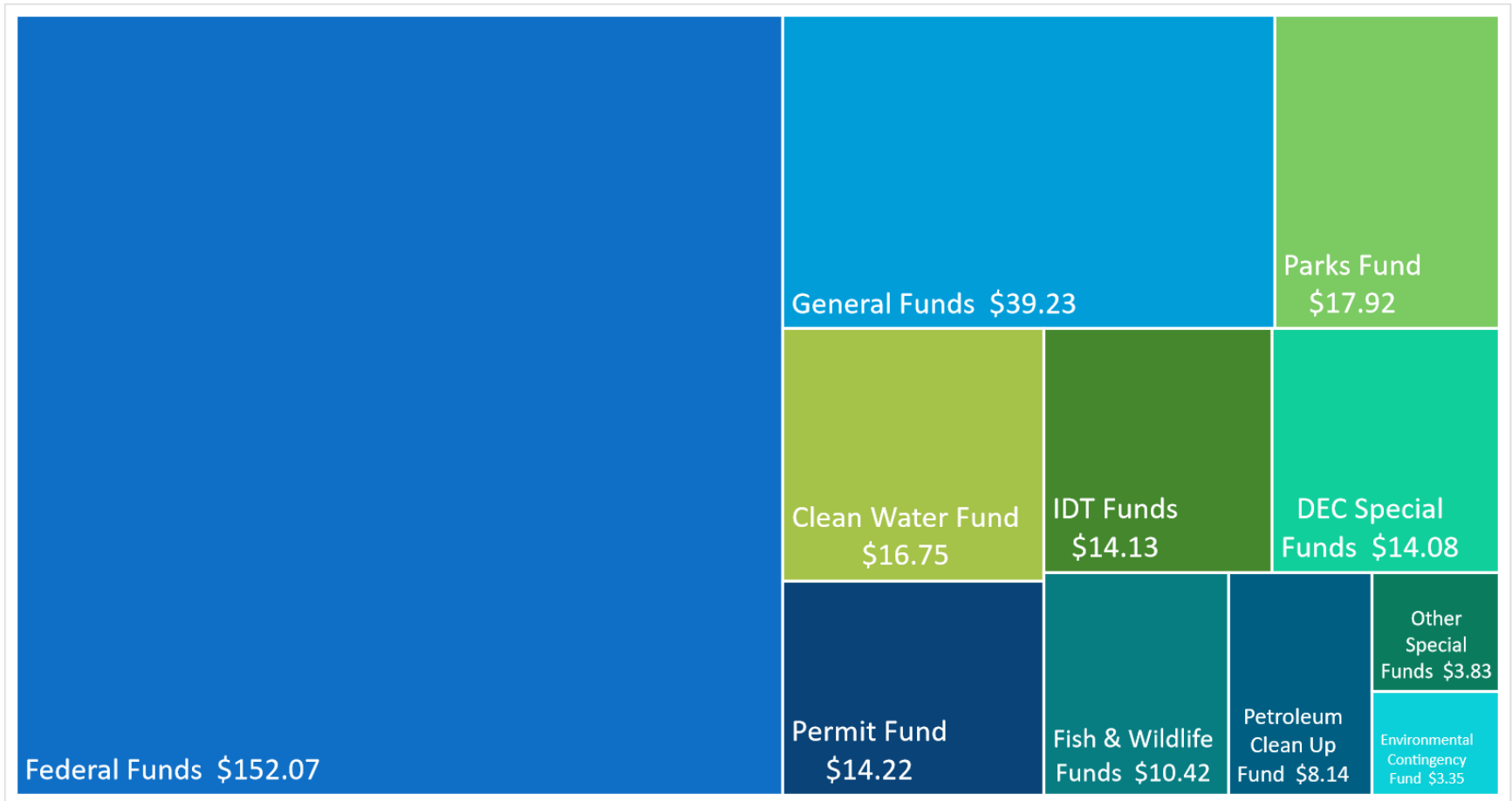
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- Approximately 87% of ANR's SFY25 budget is special and federal funds
 - Budget fully utilizes projected revenue from special and federal funds
- About 5.2% (\$1.9 million) of the proposed increase in ANR's SFY25 budget is General Fund
 - Funds significant portion of Pay Act and ISF increases

SFY25 Budget Overview – by Department (\$ millions)



SFY25 Budget Overview – by Fund (\$ millions)



SFY25 ANR Budget Key Changes

- SFY25 budget largely maintains current service levels across our programs
 - Inflationary pressures are addressed with additional GF and by tightening the Agency's modest operating budget
- Federal funding from ARPA, BIL, and IRA translated into a 68% increase of federal funds as compared to SFY24

SFY25 One-Time Investments

- DEC
 - \$4M of continued investment in the Healthy Homes initiative
 - \$1M in one-time funding to capitalize a revolving loan program within the existing Unsafe Dams fund
 - \$500K in state-match for funding through the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) for a flood recovery and watershed resilience study in Winooski River basin
 - Proposed scope of the study includes the Barre-Montpelier area and associated flood control dams at Wrightsville and East Barre

SFY25 ANR Budget –Position Changes

- DEC
 - Conversion of three limited-service positions to permanent
 - Two in dam safety
 - One in geology
- FPR
 - Budget neutral reallocation of Parks Fund revenue to convert eight current seasonal positions to four year-round classified Park Manager IV positions (PG 20)
 - Key recommendation of the 2023 *Parks Modernization Study*

SFY25 ANR Budget –Position Changes

- FWD
 - Additional funding to fill a vacant warden position to add capacity to in the Warden Service in recognition of the significant responsibilities related to animal cruelty investigations the wardens assumed in September 2022
 - Reassignment of three positions working out of the Salisbury fish culture station to the Wildlife Division
 - Allows FWD to tap additional federal and special funds

Significant and On-going Initiatives

- Supporting ANR flood recovery efforts. Kim Greenwood is ANR's Flood Recovery Officer.
- Deploying hundreds of millions of dollars of investments made possible by ARPA, BIL and IRA funds.
- Leading on climate action, including supporting the Climate Council, on behalf of state agencies.
- Standing up an environmental justice unit and supporting the work needed to integrate these important principles more fully into the work of state government.
- Standing up Act 59 (State Conservation 30x30 and 50x50 legislation)
- On-going work related to the implementation of Act 64 (2015) – Vermont's Clean Water Act – and Act 76 (2019) related to establishing Clean Water Service Providers.
- Leading PFAS monitoring and response work to ensure Vermonters are protected from the potential effects of PFAS on human health.
- Expanding Vermont's outdoor recreation offerings, including investments in fishing access areas, wildlife management areas, state parks and forests, and investing in local community recreational assets.
- Continuing PCB testing in the more than 300 Vermont schools built prior to 1980.

SFY25 ANR SO Budget Overview

	SFY 2023 Actuals	SFY 2024 Budget	SFY 2025 Gov Rec	24-25 Change
Major Object				
Personal Services	4,317,950	5,824,798	6,006,412	181,614
Operating Expenses	1,123,852	1,471,913	1,475,166	3,253
Grants		-	-	-
Total	5,441,802	7,296,711	7,481,578	184,867
Funds				
General Funds	3,715,979	4,914,987	5,129,356	214,369
Special Funds	351,769	775,079	775,079	-
Interdepartmental Transfer	1,374,054	1,606,645	1,577,143	(29,502)
Total	5,441,802	7,296,711	7,481,578	184,867

SFY25 ANR SO Budget Overview – by Program



FY25 ANR SO Budget Key Changes

- True-up salaries that were budgeted in SFY24 under a non-salary account code
- Overall slight decrease in operating budget in SFY25
 - Decrease in National Life lease payments due to end of ANR's fit-up payments
 - Decrease in non-employee travel results from right-sizing this line item that supports the Vermont Climate Council
 - Increase to internal service fund (ISFs) costs
 - Increase costs of communication platforms used and coordinated by the ANRSO on behalf of all three departments
- Maintains expenses budgeted to the special funds that receive Act 250 and Section 248 fees level with SFY24 budget

Budget Development Form

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	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Interdept'l	All other \$\$	Total \$\$
Approp #1 [6100010000] Administration: FY 2024 Approp	4,914,987	775,079	1,606,645	0	7,296,711
Other Changes: (Please insert changes to your base appropriation that occurred after the passage of the FY24 budget)					0
FY 2024 Other Changes	0	0	0	0	0
Total Approp. After FY 2024 Other Changes	4,914,987	775,079	1,606,645	0	7,296,711
CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL/CURRENT LAW	214,369	0	(29,502)	0	184,867
<i>Personal Services</i>	211,116	0	(29,502)	0	181,614
500000: Salary & Wages: Classified Employees	352,431	(6,328)	(41,114)		304,989
500010: Salary & Wages: Exempt Employees					
501500: Health Insurance: Classified Employees	39,471	5,065	2,884		47,420
501510: Health Insurances: Exempt Employees					
502000: Retirement: Classified Employees	91,453	(1,690)	5,885		95,648
502010: Retirement: Exempt Employees					
All Other Employee Payroll Related Fringe Benefits	31,728	(389)	(4,100)		27,239
504040: VT Family & Medical Leave Insurance Premium	8,068	1,763	3,675		13,506
504045: Child Care Contribution	7,179	1,567	3,268		12,014
505200: Workers' Compensation Insurance Premium	1,786				1,786
508000: Vacancy Turnover Savings					0
Correcting Salaries budgeted to non-salary account codes in FY24	(321,000)				(321,000)
Contracted & 3rd Party - Legal		12			12
					0
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	3,253	0	0	0	3,253
515010: Fee-for-Space Charge	1,337				1,337
516000: Insurance Other Than Employee Benefits	3,699				3,699
516010: Insurance - General Liability	3,195				3,195
516671: VISION/ISD	4,013				4,013
516685: ADS Allocated Charge	10,123				10,123
519006: Human Resources Services	1,349				1,349
523620: Single Audit Allocation	140				140
Net Operating Changes	(20,603)				(20,603)
					0
<i>Grants</i>	0	0	0	0	0
					0
Subtotal of Increases/Decreases	214,369	0	(29,502)	0	184,867
FY 2025 Governor Recommend	5,129,356	775,079	1,577,143	0	7,481,578

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	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Interdept'l	All other \$\$	Total \$\$
Approp #2 [6100040000] State and Local Property Tax Assessment: FY 2024 Approp	2,253,017	0	421,500	0	2,674,517
Other Changes: (Please insert changes to your base appropriation that occurred after the passage of the FY24 budget)					0
FY 2024 Other Changes	0	0	0	0	0
Total Approp. After FY 2024 Other Changes	2,253,017	0	421,500	0	2,674,517
CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL/CURRENT LAW	14,659	0	0	0	14,659
<i>Personal Services</i>	0	0	0	0	0
					0
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	14,659	0	0	0	14,659
515010: Fee-for-Space Charge					0
516000: Insurance Other Than Employee Benefits					0
516010: Insurance - General Liability					0
516671: VISION/ISD					0
516685: ADS Allocated Charge					0
519006: Human Resources Services					0
523620: Single Audit Allocation					0
Annual PILOT increase	14,659				14,659
					0
<i>Grants</i>	0	0	0	0	0
					0
Subtotal of Increases/Decreases	14,659	0	0	0	14,659
FY 2025 Governor Recommend	2,267,676	0	421,500	0	2,689,176
Agency of Natural Resources - Central Office FY 2024 Appropriation	7,168,004	775,079	2,028,145	0	9,971,228
Reductions and Other Changes	0	0	0	0	0
FY 2024 Total After Other Changes	7,168,004	775,079	2,028,145	0	9,971,228
TOTAL INCREASES/DECREASES	229,028	0	(29,502)	0	199,526
Agency of Natural Resources - Central Office FY 2025 Governor Recommend	7,397,032	775,079	1,998,643	0	10,170,754