



Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

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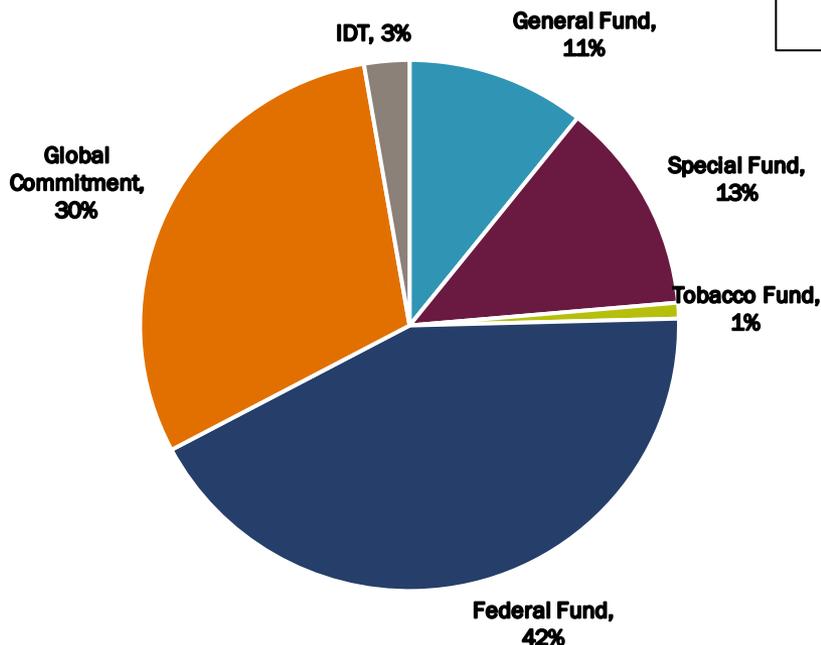
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**Agency of Human Services
Vermont Department of Health
FY 2025 Governor's Recommend Budget**

Mission: To protect and promote the best health for all Vermonters.

FY 2025 SUMMARY

- Current service budget is fully funded
- State dollar increase of 5%



General Fund	\$ 22,741,885
Special Fund	\$ 27,403,668
Tobacco Fund	\$ 2,038,835
Federal Fund	\$ 90,535,488
Global Commitment	\$ 63,747,141
IDT	\$ 5,766,866
Total	\$ 212,233,883

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Sec.B.311 – Administration and Support Appropriation – Highlights

1. Increase in funding for the Vermont Nursing Forgivable Loan Incentive Program
 - Program authorized by 18 V.S.A. § 34 and administered by VSAC
 - Provides interest-free forgivable loans to nursing students up to an annual maximum of \$16,280
 - Recipients must commit to working full-time in Vermont as a nurse for a minimum of one-year for each year of assistance received
 - Governor’s budget proposal adds \$288,594 in funding for this program bringing total available to approximately \$3.3M

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Sec.B.312 – Public Health – Highlights

1. Unused Prescription Drug Repository

- Global Commitment Investment appropriation of \$355,703
- Follows passage of bill in 2023 that allows the Agency of Human Services to adopt rules and contract to administer the program
- Health benefits: Get medication into the hands of those who need them
- Economic benefits: Reduce health care costs
- Environmental benefits: Reduce drug waste

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Sec.B.313 – Substance Use Programs – Highlights

1. Rate Increase for Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers
 - 38% rate increase effective January 1, 2024
 - Reallocation of funding appropriated in FY24 to enhance and support the residential treatment system to Global Commitment Program dollars

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Sec.B.313 – Substance Use Programs – Highlights (continued)

2. Base General Fund Increase for Substance Misuse Prevention

- Increases base general fund appropriation for substance misuse prevention by \$1.59M to \$3M
- Legislative intent established in 2022 that \$3M be directed to substance misuse prevention annually
- In FY24, appropriated as \$1.41M base, \$1.59 one-time
- For FY25, full \$3M is base

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Act 22 of 2023 One-time Opioid Abatement Special Fund Appropriations
Total Appropriation of \$8,196,000

1. Naloxone Expansion - \$1,980,000
2. Treatment Satellite Services - \$2,000,000
3. Outreach & Case Management - \$1,976,000
4. Syringe Services Programs Prevention & Response - \$400,000
5. Contingency Management - \$840,000
6. Telehealth Wound Care - \$100,000
7. Fentanyl and Xylazine Test Strips - \$200,000
8. Drug Testing Device Grants - \$700,000

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Proposed One-time FY25 Opioid Abatement Special Fund Appropriations
Total Available for Appropriation - \$4,903,962

1. Expanded Methadone Treatment Access - \$900,000
2. Managed Medical Response Partnership - \$300,000
3. Stabilization Bed Program - \$1,000,000
4. Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform (VCJR) - \$150,000
5. Ongoing Support for Contingency Management - \$800,000
6. Recovery Housing Supports - \$325,000
7. Expansion of Student Assistance Professionals/School Based Services - \$1,428,962