

Fire Prevention and Building Inspection Special Fund

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Core Services

- The Division of Fire Safety provides all services funded by the Fire Prevention and Building Inspection Special Fund
 - Plan review for new public and commercial buildings
 - Inspections of commercial buildings and rental housing
 - Responsibility for rental housing inspections transferred from local health safety officers to the Division of Fire Safety by Act 181 of 2022
 - In some cases through MOUs with local municipalities
 - Licensing and certification of certain tradespeople
 - Electricians
 - Plumbers
 - Fire alarm technicians, chimney sweeps, sprinkler system designers, etc.



Historical Fund Financial Data

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Previous Year Balance	586,635	51,155	932,426	262,396	(66,708)	(1,021,239)	1,104,883
Revenue	4,776,020	6,993,519	6,092,177	5,985,607	5,455,507	6,099,281	6,016,146
Expenses	5,311,501	6,112,248	6,680,377	6,314,712	6,410,038	6,182,925	6,262,484
Other sources			(81,830)				500,000
Balance	51,155	932,426	262,396	(66,708)	(1,021,239)	(1,104,883)	851,221

Source: Department of Finance and Management Special Fund Reports



Revenue sources

- Approximately \$6.2 million in FY23 projected revenue, projected to increase to \$7.1 million in FY24
- Three main types of fees – shown in more detail on later slides
 - Permit Fees
 - Overall project permits
 - Electrical work notices
 - Plumbing work notices
 - Inspection Fees
 - Boiler inspection fees
 - Fire alarm inspection fees
 - Certificates of Occupancy
 - Professional Licensing and Regulation Fees
 - Collected from professions listed on the previous slide



Permit Fees

More Description	Statutory Reference	Last Year Changed (Leg. Session)	Fee Assessment Frequency	Current Fee	FY 2023 Projected Receipts
Permit Fees - Note fee is \$8/\$1,000 of project cost	20 VSA Sec 2731(c)(1)	2017	Usage Based	8	4,000,000
Electrician Work Notice Fees	26 VSA Sec 893(1)-(5)	2010	Usage Based	various	463,094
Plumbing Work Notice Fees	26 VSA Sec 2175(1)-(3)	2010	Usage Based	various	194,325

Source: Department of Finance and Management Fee Report



Electrical Work Notice Statute – 26 V.S.A. §893

(1) Services

- (A) Temporary—\$30.00.
- (B) Permanent—1 phase and 3 phase through 400 amp—\$35.00.
- (C) Permanent—401 to 800 amp—\$50.00.
- (D) Permanent—801 amp and larger—\$100.00.

(2) Transformers

- (A) 1 to 25 KVA—\$10.00 each.
- (B) 26 to 75 KVA—\$15.00 each.
- (C) 76 to 200 KVA—\$25.00 each.
- (D) Over 200 KVA—\$35.00 each.

(3) Motors and Generators

- (A) Up to 5 hp, KW, KVA—\$10.00 each.
- (B) 5 to 25 hp, KW, KVA—\$10.00 each.
- (C) 25 to 100 hp, KW, KVA—\$15.00 each.
- (D) Over 100 hp, KW, KVA—\$25.00 each.

(4) Other electrical work

- (A) Each panel and feeder after the main disconnect—\$35.00.
 - (B) Outlets for receptacles, switches, fixtures, electric baseboard (per 50 units or portion thereof)—\$20.00.
 - (C) Yard lights signs—\$5.00 each.
 - (D) Fuel oil, kerosene, LP, natural gas, and gasoline pumps—\$15.00 each.
 - (E) Boilers, furnaces, and other stationary appliances—\$10.00 each.
 - (F) Elevators—\$75.00 each.
 - (G) Platform lifts—\$40.00 each.
 - (H) Fire alarm initiating, signaling, and associated devices (per 50 units or portions thereof)—\$30.00.
 - (I) Fire alarm main panel and annunciator panels—\$50.00 each.
 - (J) Fire pumps—\$50.00.
- (5) Reinspection fee. For each reinspection for code violations, there will be a fee of \$125.00.



Inspection Fees

Description	Statutory Reference	Last Year Changed	Fee Assessment Frequency	Current Fee	FY 2023 Projected Receipts
Certificate of Occupancy	20 VSA Sec 2731(c)(2)	2010	Usage Based	125	146,875
Fire Alarm Inspection	20 VSA Sec 2731(c)(3)	2010	Usage Based	30	488,759
Cigarette Inspection Fees	20 VSA Sec 2757(c)	2010	Other - Explain in Comments	1,000	251,000
Boiler Inspection Fees	20 VSA Sec 2883	2010	Usage Based	30	75,000

Source: Department of Finance and Management Fee Report



DFS Professional Regulation Fees

More Description	Statutory Reference	Last Year Changed	Fee Assessment Frequency	Current Fee	FY 2023 Projected Receipts
Electrician Licensing Fees	26 VSA Sec 905	2010	Three year license	Various	188,858
Plumber Licensing Fees	26 VSA Sec 2193(c)	2010	License/Registration - Biennial	Various	107,584
Fire Suppression Professions	20 VSA Sec 2731(c)(4)	2010	Three-year license	Various	88,890
Boiler Inspector Fees	20 VSA Sec 2883(c)(1)	2010	Usage Based	150	5,850

Source: Department of Finance and Management Fee Report

