

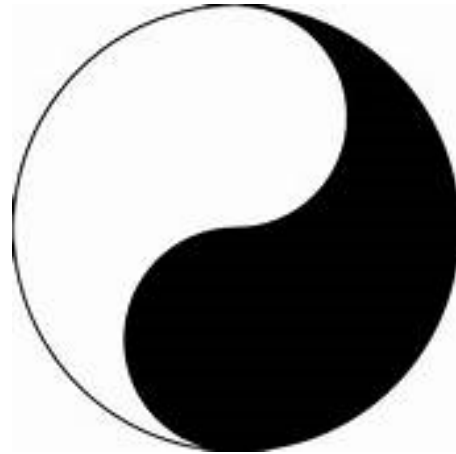
Vermont Legislative Budget Process

State Budget Overview

Vermont Legislature
New Member Orientation
November 27, 2018

Two Sides of the Equation

Revenue



Spending

How to Raise?

Tax, Fees, Assessments

Exemptions, Credits

Where to Spend?

Programs, People, Needs

Operating \$s, Capital \$s

Everything somehow relates to the budget – focus on both the present in detail but also the longer trends – the numbers often change – federal policy and budget decisions impact what can be done - state impacts local communities, individuals and businesses etc, etc, etc.....

Process for Developing Vermont's Omnibus Appropriations Bill

This is the only bill that must pass the Legislature annually

The operating budget is developed each year - the fiscal year runs from July 1 thru June 30

The process of establishing budget is ~9 months prior to the start of the fiscal year

AGENCY PHASE

SUMMER-FALL

State agencies prepare a budget based on targets provided by the Governor. Targets are based on revenue forecasts, and the economic condition of the State.

GOV'S PHASE

NOV –JAN

In the Fall the Gov thru F&M conducts meetings w/Depts. The Gov is required to submit a recommended budget to the Legislature for their consideration by 3rd week of January.

HOUSE PHASE

JAN - MAR

Traditionally House Appropriations Committee (HAC) considers the budget (aka the big bill) first. They take testimony and hold public hearings. This bill typically passes the House in March.

SENATE PHASE

FEB - APR

The Senate Appropriations Committee (SAC) begins testimony public hearings a few weeks later.. They then consider the House passed bill and pass the bill in late April.

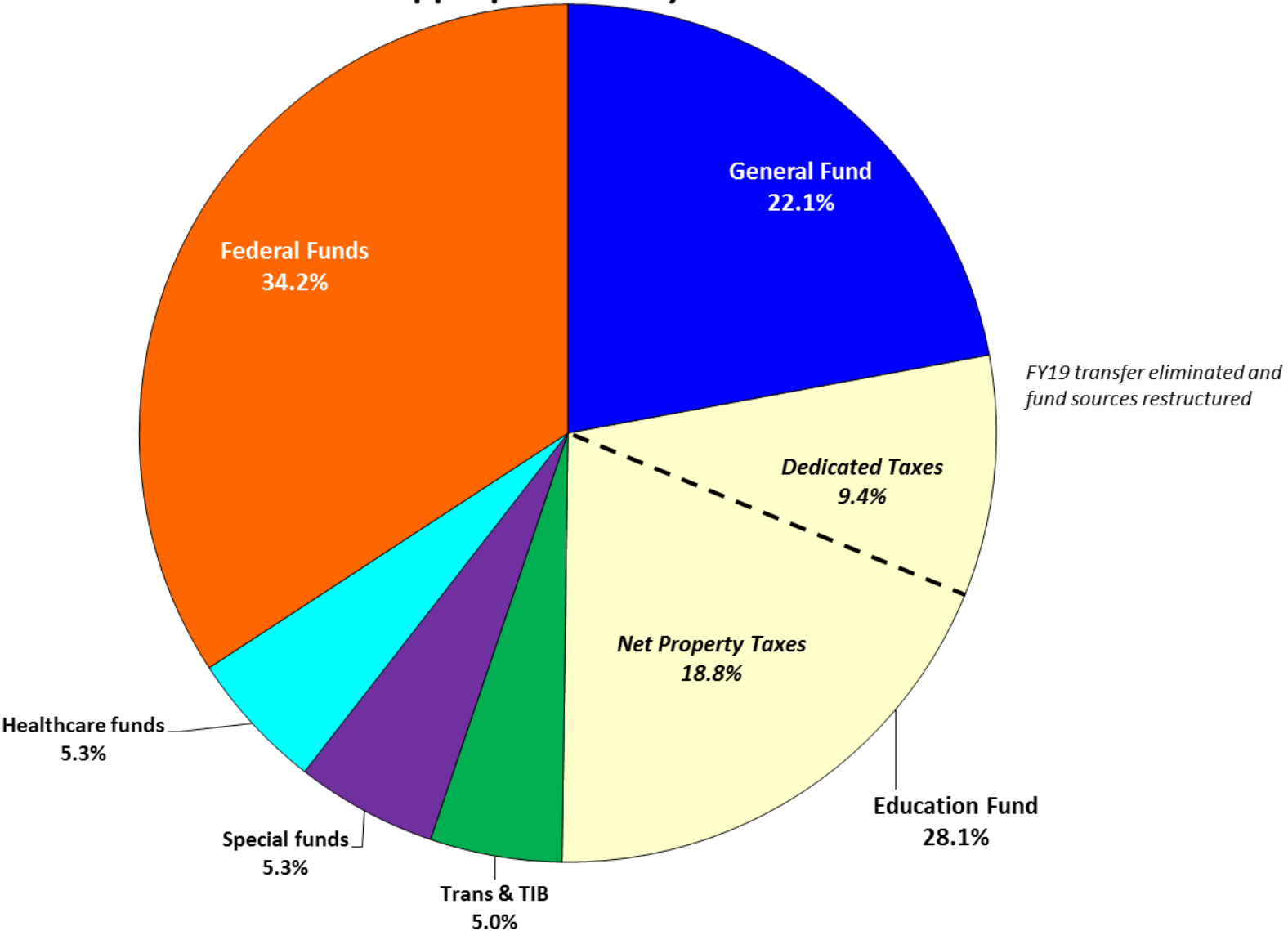
COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AND SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR

MAY – JUNE

The differences are worked out by representatives from each body. The Gov is definitely a strong voice in these final negotiations. The recommendations are submitted for approval by each body. Once adopted, it is sent to the Gov for approval or veto.

FY19 Budget = \$5.86 Billion

Appropriations By Fund



Where does the money get spent?

