

FY 2024

Governor's Recommended

Budget

Department of Environmental Conservation
John Beling, Commissioner

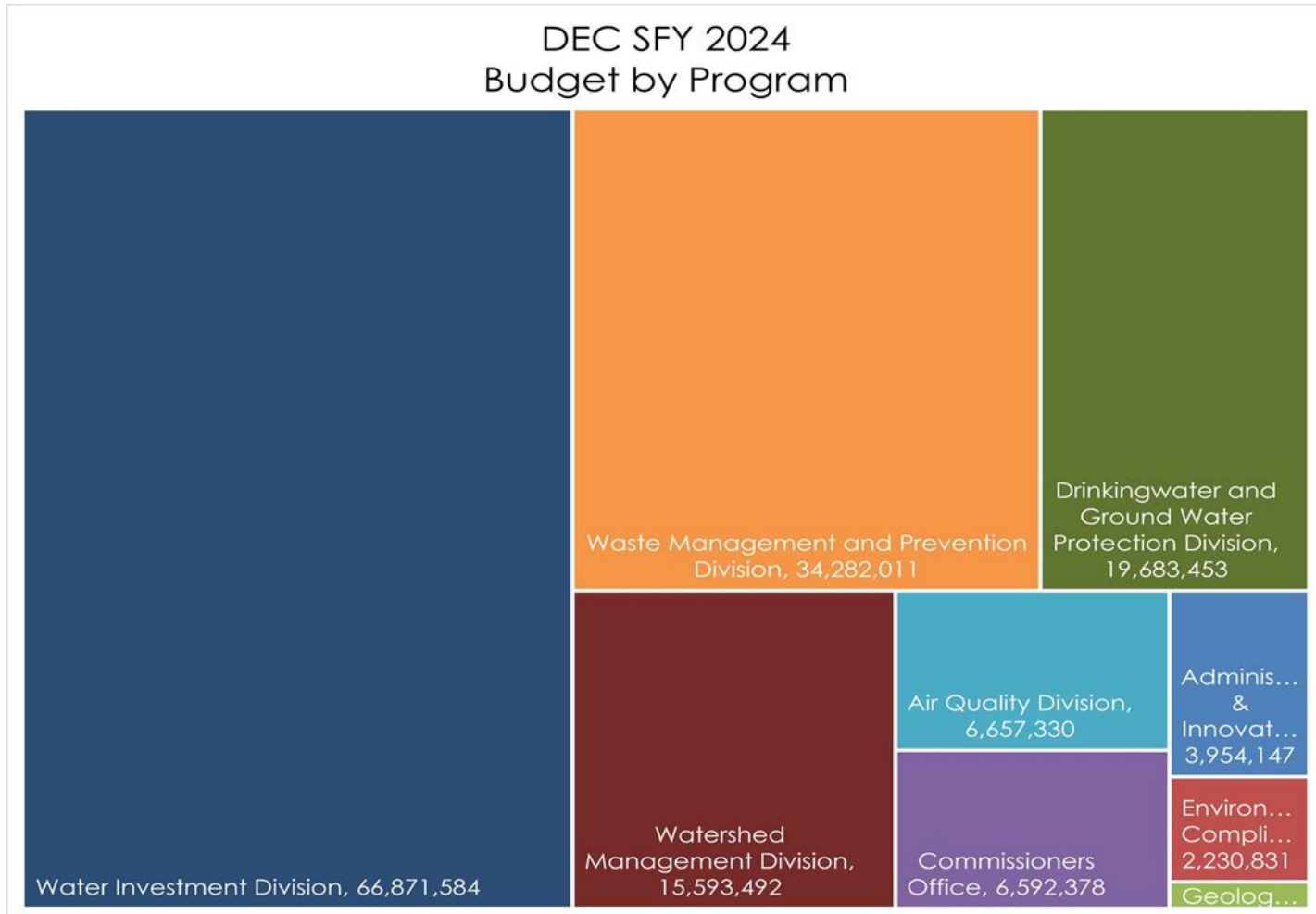
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FY24 DEC Budget Overview

	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Gov Rec	23-24 Change
Major Object				
Personal Services	39,472,370	52,640,471	82,335,116	29,694,645
Operating Expenses	17,244,034	22,452,553	22,709,539	256,986
Grants	30,632,623	42,190,539	51,385,745	9,195,206
Total	87,349,027	117,283,563	156,430,398	39,146,837
Funds				
General Fund	11,148,035	10,979,230	11,443,848	464,618
Special Fund	33,403,302	55,822,342	57,688,164	1,865,822
Interdepartmental Fund	9,038,828	8,957,467	9,339,010	381,543
Federal Fund	33,758,862	41,524,524	77,959,378	36,434,854
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FY24 DEC Budget Overview – by Program Divisions



FY24 DEC Budget Key Changes

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL):**
 - Includes \$32m of federal BIL/IIJA funding for significant project efforts (grants, contracts, loans) within our existing State Revolving Loan Programs, Brownfields Program and Superfund Sites along with related new staffing (incl. 31 Ltd Srv positions)
- **On-going Operational Costs:**
 - Reaching critical point in terms of financial resources in several key programmatic areas necessary to meet our obligation to protect public and environmental health
- **Pressures on Staff and Administrative Costs:**
 - Proposed budget necessitates a reduction in force of one full-time position within the DEC to cover increasing salary and benefit costs

One-Time DEC Investments

- **Healthy Homes Initiative:**
 - \$10,000,000 to make repairs or improvements to drinking water, wastewater or stormwater systems for Vermonters with low to moderate income and/or live in manufactured housing communities. (MHCs).
- **Brownfields:**
 - \$2,500,000 for assessments for up to 25 brownfields sites
- **PFAS Remediation:**
 - \$10,000,000 to support statewide PFAS investigation and remediation efforts for private wells.

One-Time DEC Investments

- **Emissions Repair Program:**
 - \$1,000,000 for FY24 – FY27 Emissions Repair Program. Funds shall be used for the emissions repair program established by 2019 Act 59 Section 34 as amended by 2021 Act 55 for fiscal years 2024-2027

FY24 ANR Budget – Position Changes

	FY 2024	%of total	ARPA Limited-Service Positions	DEI OneTime	Clean Water/IIJA One Time
ANRCO	38	5.9%	2	3	
F&W	144	22.4%	2		
FPR	125	19.4%	1		5
DEC	336	52.3%	34		
Total Positions	643		39	3	5

Significant and On-going Initiatives

- Successful launch and ongoing deployment of ARPA and BIL/IIJA funds
- Undertaking PFAS monitoring and response work to ensure Vermonters are protected from the potential effects of PFAS on human health
- Completing PCB testing and remediation in Vermont schools
- On-going implementation of Act 64 (2015) – Vermont’s Clean Water Act – and Act 76 (2019) related to establishing Clean Water Service Providers

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	General \$\$ 8.28%	Special \$\$ Total \$\$ 50.38%	Federal \$\$ 34.49%	Transfer \$\$ 6.85%	IJA/BIL \$	
FY 2023 As Passed Appropriated Budget	10,979,230	55,822,342	41,524,524	8,957,467	0	117,283,563
Net change in salary from FY23 Budget to FY24 across all funding sources.	315,864	(70,110)	(157,416)	158,157	2,261,291	2,507,786
Increase in Benefit Rates (Retirement increase from % to %, Health Insurance + %, Dental + %, EAP + %, Life + %, LTD %)	353,449	351,017	242,529	80,986	1,152,627	2,180,607
Increase in contractual related to funding for position in new Climate Office	-	93,000	-	-	-	93,000
Increase in contracts related to additional attorney in ANR CO \$125k and increase in benefits \$17k	-	-	-	142,241	-	142,241
Net Change in passthrough projects involving both grants and contracts. See individual appropriation report for more detail.	0	1,203,187	4,311,644	29,775	28,463,000	34,007,606
Net changes in operating costs and related funding sources from FY23 Budget to FY24	(307,954)	288,729	116,244	(158,556)	0	(61,537)
Increase in Internal Service Fund Allocation Charges (ADS SLA \$55k and Application Support \$15k; DHR Allocation \$38k; FFS \$20k; VISION Allocation \$29k W/C \$31k; State Liability Ins \$25k ; Property and Commercial Ins \$324	38,066	0	0	128,939	0	167,005
Transfer 2 limited service dam safety positions from being funded 100% in FY23 with special one-time GF appropriation to a split of base GF and federal U.S. FEMA grant funds in FY24 and extension from 2 years to 5 years.	120,258	-	-	-	100,000	220,258
Reduction in Force in VT Lakewise Program to meet budget target (Environmental Analyst VII - 660219)	(55,065)	0	(55,065)	0	0	(110,130)
TOTAL INCREASES/DECREASES	464,618	1,865,822	4,457,937	381,542	31,976,917	39,146,836
Environmental Conservation FY 2024 Governor Recommend Budget	11,443,848	57,688,164	45,982,460	9,339,009	31,976,917	156,430,398

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	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Federal \$\$	Interdept Transfer \$\$	IJA/BIL	Total \$\$
Approp #1 Management & Support Services: FY 2023 Appropriated Budget	2,248,161	597,172	1,444,364	8,029,956	0	12,319,653
Net change in salary from FY23 Budget to FY24 across all funding sources.	2,532		46,883	36,323	287,847	373,585
Increase in Benefit Rates (Retirement increase from % to %, Health Insurance + %, Dental + %, EAP + %, Life + %, LTD %)			102,608	80,986	203,598	387,192
Increase in contractual related to funding for position in new Climate Office		93,000				93,000
Increase in contracts related to additional attorney in ANR CO \$125k and increase in benefits \$17k				142,241		142,241
Net Change in remaining contracts and grants out due to annual fluctuation in activity in one time projects			(118,595)	29,775		(88,820)
Net changes in operating costs and related funding sources from FY23 Budget to FY24 mostly related to annual fluctuations in health insurance for AmeriCorps members.	(249,677)	98,381	162,658	(62,688)		(51,326)
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Subtotal of increases/decreases	(209,179)	191,381	193,554	355,576	491,445	1,022,877
FY 2024 Governor Recommend	2,039,082	788,553	1,637,918	8,385,532	491,445	13,342,530
Approp #2: Air & Waste: FY 2023 Appropriated Budget	301,826	28,941,896	4,047,690	185,525	0	33,476,937
Net change in salary from FY23 Budget to FY24 across all funding sources.	(108,261)	(712,146)		77,396	916,472	173,461
Increase in Benefit Rates (Retirement increase from % to %, Health Insurance + %, Dental + %, EAP + %, Life + %, LTD %)		43,514			192,928	236,441
Net Change in contract services due mostly to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \$9.2m as well as an decrease in work related to the various miscellaneous settlements \$-300K		301,875			9,185,000	9,486,875
Net changes in operating costs and related funding sources from FY23 Budget to FY24, mostly related to reduction in supplies (-\$21k), administrative services allocation (-\$74k), Itservices (-\$7k), equipment (-\$65k)		(80,786)		(95,868)		(176,654)
Net decrease in grants due to mainly to completion of one time projects in VW Settlement projects (-\$851K); decrease in Solid Waste Infrastructure Implementation grants (-\$275K); reduction in Underground Storage Tank loans (-\$470K) and decrease in other miscellaneous environmental settlements (-\$2m).		(2,257,719)				(2,257,719)
Subtotal of increases/decreases	(108,261)	(2,705,263)	0	(18,472)	10,294,399	7,462,404
FY 2024 Governor Recommend	193,565	26,236,633	4,047,690	167,054	10,294,400	40,939,341

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Approp #3 Office of Water Programs: FY 2023 Proposed Adjusted Budget	8,429,243	26,283,274	36,032,470	741,986	0	71,486,973	
Net change in salary from FY23 Budget to FY24 across all funding sources.	421,593	642,036	(204,299)	44,438	1,056,972	1,960,740	
Increase in Benefit Rates (Retirement increase from % to %, Health Insurance + %, Dental + %, EAP + %, Life + %, LTD %)	353,449	307,503	139,921		756,101	1,556,974	
Net changes in operating costs and related funding sources from FY23 Budget to FY24 mostly related to increase in administrative allocation..	(58,277)	271,134	(46,414)			166,443	
Net change in grants due to annual fluctuations in project activity; net decrease in special funds due mainly to reallocation from grants to contracts for Clean Water Fund ACT 76 implementation and creation of Clean Water Service Providers (\$-5.5m); net increase in federal due to Lake Champlain Basin Program Implementation projects \$4.4m); Net increase in loans due to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \$10m;			(2,935,675)	4,430,239	0	10,000,000	11,494,564
Net increase in contracts due to annual fluctuations in activity; Overall increase due mainly to Clean Water Fund reallocation to contracts in preparation for ACT 76 implementation and creation of Clean Water Service Providers (\$6.3k); increase in loans due to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (\$10m).		6,094,706			9,278,000	15,372,706	
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Reduction in Force in VT Lakewise Program to meet budget target (Environmental Analyst VII - 660219)	(55,065)		(55,065)			(110,130)	
Subtotal of increases/decreases	781,958	4,379,704	4,264,383	44,438	21,191,073	30,661,555	
FY 2024 Governor Recommend	9,211,201	30,662,978	40,296,852	786,424	21,191,073	102,148,528	
DEC FY 2023 Total Appropriated Budget	10,979,230	55,822,342	41,524,524	8,957,467	0	117,283,563	
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