



**H.494 – Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Act
Senate Committee on Appropriations – Proposed Amendment**

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS PRINCIPLES APPLIED

Reserves – All Statutory Requirements Met Plus:

Transportation – \$25m for IIJA FY25 and FY26 match need within Cash Fund
ANR – Water Programs – \$14.5m for IIJA FY25 and FY26 match need within Cash Fund
FEMA denied claims reserve – \$15m

Prioritize Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure:

Housing – \$188m see housing funding summary document

Funds housing assistance and support programs
Funds continued development of affordable housing units

Child Care and Parental Leave – S.56

Assures \$88.2m in appropriations and services in S.56 are within overall FY24 balance

Provider Rate Increases – \$97m total – see provider rate increase document

Dental rates increased and cap raised for adult dental services
Primary care, specialty rates, FQHCs and free clinics
Home health provider tax eliminated; rates increase
Assistive Community Care Services, Enhanced Residential Care, Nursing Homes
Adult Day and Senior Nutrition
Designated, Specialized, Substance Use and TBI provider rates 5% increase
PNMI, subsidized adoption and foster care
EMS – Ambulance rates increase

State IT Networks - maintain and update critical infrastructure

ADS – \$10m for statewide network modernization
Judiciary – \$4.8m for new IT network and security modernization

Transportation – fee increases effective Jan. 1, 2024

Set to lowest inflation target
FY24 new TF fee revenue is \$8m; \$21m annualized

Base Commitments Honored:

Moves \$18m of pension plus required funding from one-time to base

Fully Funds Pilot or Multi-Year Initiatives (does not start then potentially strand work):

Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke pilot – \$20m; two years
Language Access plan – \$2.3m; two years
Reach Ahead pilot – \$2m; two years
Criminal Justice Training Accreditation Process – \$1.2m; three years
Community Violence Prevention Grants – \$5m; multi-year
Bennington youth inpatient residential facility – \$9.2m; multi-year

Apply Circumspection and Rigor When Requesting Reports and Studies:

Adult Basic Education funding report
Healthcare and Social Service Workforce Incentives report

Modest Reliance on Contingent Funding through Cash Fund



OTHER BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

BIPOC – New Americans:

Truth and Reconciliation and Land Access and Opportunity Boards both funded
New Americans and Refugee programs and a language access plan funded

Criminal Justice System:

Adds a new superior court Judge and 6 additional staff in Judiciary; increases security rate
Includes eight new permanent staff in State’s Attorneys Office
Increases for capacity and ad hoc rates in Defender General Office
Fully funds Corrections out-of-state beds, health care, and payroll cost rollouts

Justice Reinvestment II (JRII):

Provides \$790k base increase, for Network, CJC, Women’s reentry and other JRII priorities
BARJ grants increased by \$250k and Court Diversion fee gap closed

Emergency Communications – E-911 and Dispatch Services:

Allows \$2m for continued data collection, expertise and to inform next steps for statewide system design
Funds gap in baseline of E-911 USF revenue

Prevention and Recovery:

\$3m funding continued for Prevention Coalitions (cannabis and one-time funds)
\$6m EF from cannabis sales tax to new afterschool grant program
\$1.85m for Recovery Centers; \$100k one-time to Jenna’s Promise; Recovery Residence funding report
\$1m one-time for Mentor VT and \$200k for Youth Service providers

Climate and Environment:

Environmental Justice and Water Quality positions; Climate Action Office tools and analysis funded.
PFAS remediation; Brownfield’s assessment and remediation; Emissions repair 3-years funded.
Outdoor recreation grants; State parks staff housing updates; crop damage funded.

Higher Education, Workforce, Economic and Agriculture Development – \$74.2m:

State Colleges base and bridge funding provided; new 3D and Restorative Justice Programs funded
802 Opportunity funded in base; critical occupations and CCV targeted tuition reductions funded
UVM 3% base increase and Upskill scholarships funded; trades certificate funding in VSAC base
Nursing, Dental Hygienist, Psych MH Nurse forgivable loans; DA and EMS training funded
New and underrepresented K-12 Educators forgivable loan programs funded
Vermont Serve, Earn and Learn program funded
CHIPS Act State commitment requirement met through VT Training Program funding
RDCs granted funds for small business technical assistance; Rural Industry Development (contingent)
Reach Up work supports and Relocating Worker grants funded
Organic Dairy, Other Agriculture Producers, and Small Farm Diversification grants funded
Working Lands and Sustainable Jobs Fund program funded

New Positions – a total of 168 new positions created – see position detail document

(\$ millions)	GF	FF (including ARPA)	TF	EF	All Other Fds	UnDup Total
FY23 BAA	2,099.99	3,756.16	341.68	1,961.21	489.74	8,648.77
Change - Senate	294.32	(606.99)	15.62	114.80	41.43	(140.82)
FY24 Total	2,394.31	3,149.17	357.30	2,076.01	531.16	8,507.95