



H. 145 Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Adjustment Bill as Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations

	All Funds	GF	TF, TIB, EF	SF	FF	ARPA SFR & Capital
FY23 As Passed	8,331,594,919	2,032,440,728	2,289,897,241	453,508,624	2,989,051,545	566,696,781
House FY23 BAA	8,655,604,969	2,123,422,904	2,306,385,414	488,874,893	3,170,224,977	566,696,781
Change from As Passed	324,010,050	90,982,176	16,488,173	35,366,269	181,173,432	-

Note: amounts reflect unduplicated appropriations.

Source: JFO FY 2023 BAA House Web Report¹

OVERVIEW:

This budget adjustment bill (BAA) includes unduplicated appropriations of \$8.7B, of which \$2.1B are General Funds (GF). This BAA makes strategic, one-time investments in infrastructure, housing, and other areas of need in the state. Some additional expenditures are needed to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. **The net GF increase from the FY 2023 budget in this BAA is \$91M.** Sources of one-time funds include leveraging of federal Medicaid funds, revenue forecast upgrades, reversions and interdepartmental transfers, vacancy savings, and carryforward funds.

This BAA maintains full funding for the statutorily required stabilization reserves including the budget stabilization reserve, the Rainy Day reserve, the Transportation Fund reserve, and the Education Fund reserve.

BASE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS:

- Saves \$86.1M of GF money by leveraging enhanced federal Medicaid dollars under the Public Health Emergency.
- Funds the Department of Public Safety’s collective bargaining agreement with \$1.2M GF (offset with \$1.4M in vacancy savings).
- Transfers \$540K GF to the Cannabis Regulation Fund to support operations of the Board.
- Increases the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Supplemental payment by \$21M Global Commitment from \$30M to \$51M.
- Provides funds to address Brattleboro Retreat budget pressures and increases the facility’s bed count and per diem rate with \$22.4M total funds.
- Funds rate increases for Skilled Home Health services, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), and Hospice providers.
- Funds traveling nurse contract increase of \$11.2M total funds (\$10M GF) at the Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH). This increase is offset by additional vacancy savings of \$3.5M Global Commitment.
- Addresses DCF – Reach Up caseload increase with \$8.6M GF.
- Funds DAIL – Developmental Services caseload pressures with \$1.4M Global Commitment.
- Provides DOC with recruitment and retention incentives for staff with \$6.8M GF and increases Health Services contract by \$680K GF.
- Supports the Vermont Veterans Home with funding for additional staff and for inflationary pressures.
- Reallocates \$100K from the Replace Your Ride program to the eBike incentive program.

¹ The full BAA web report is available at:
https://jfo.vermont.gov/custom_reports/webreports/webreports_baa/web/FY2023%20BAA%20Web%20Report%201-30-2023%2011_40_05%20AM.html#tablegt

ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Housing:

- Adds \$50M GF to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) to create perpetually affordable homes for Vermonters and to address the state's housing supply challenge.
- Supports the General Assistance Temporary Housing Assistance Program with \$13.42M GF to house targeted populations through the end of the fiscal year. Also appropriates \$7.5M GF to house others beyond the targeted populations to the end of the fiscal year. Requests that DCF submit a sustainable housing plan for these populations.
- Provides \$3M GF to DCF for the CARES Housing Voucher Program for families experiencing homelessness.
- \$2M GF to continue to provide coordinated care teams to continue wraparound support services to clients in the General Assistance Temporary Housing Assistance Program.
- Adds \$5M GF to ACCD to continue the Vermont Housing Incentive Program (VHIP).

Human Services:

- Provides \$1.2M GF to support for the Lund Center's Residential Treatment Program.
- Provides an additional \$2.1M GF to Adult Day Providers for operating funds through June 30, 2023.
- Sets aside \$9.25M GF to increase the number of psychiatric youth inpatient beds in the state, to be used after a feasibility study is completed and submitted for approval to the General Assembly.
- Sets aside \$952K GF for a community-based residential program for adolescent males, after a feasibility study is undertaken with relevant stake holders and a report submitted to the General Assembly.
- Adds \$30K GF to VDH for a grant to the American Heart Association for CPR and First Aid Training kits for training in schools.
- Adds \$350K GF to the State Refugee Resettlement Office for Employment Assistance Grants for New Americans.

Other Needs:

- Secures \$3M GF for the Rural Infrastructure Assistance Program.
- Sets aside \$9.2M GF for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to address the needs of organic dairy farmers.
- Adds \$1.55M GF to the Judiciary to address network cabling, courthouses' sound systems, and corrections facilities remote hearing improvements.

Match Requirements:

- Adds \$30M GF to the Public Service Department for State match to the \$84M National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) broadband grant.
- Provides \$3.34M GF for 10% State match required for FEMA COVID funds.
- Provides \$1.73M GF to the Agency of Digital Services for State match for the U.S. Geological Survey Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) grant.
- Adds \$1.12M GF to the Military Department for State match for federal funds to address the needs of state armories in FY 2023.
- Adds \$350K GF to ACCD to provide State match for the Northeast Kingdom Build to Scale proposal to be submitted to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for federal funding.