

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Annual Report on Unspent Capital Funds – FY2024 and Older

Year: 2025

Date reported: 1/15/2025

Authorizing statute: 32 V.S.A. Sec. 701a(d)

Committees: House Committee on Corrections & Institutions and Senate Committee on Institutions

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Executive Summary

This report fulfills the requirement for the Department of Environmental Conservation to report on the current fund balances of each project with unexpended funds authorized by a capital construction act enacted two or more years prior to the current legislative session. This report includes the status of sixteen appropriations for capital assets consisting of department-owned dams, municipal pollution control facilities, ecosystem restoration projects, and public water systems addressing PFAS contamination. Three of the sixteen appropriations were authorized in a capital budget act but are sourced with non-bonded dollars.

Key Takeaways

- All funds are projected to be spent by 12/31/2026.
- Current aggregate unexpended balance at 12/31/2024..... \$16.93M
- Current aggregate encumbered/committed balance at 12/31/2024..... \$6.95M
- Pending amount to encumber at 12/31/2024.....\$9.98M
- Amount Available to Reallocate.....\$249.01

Discussion

The table below identifies each appropriation, obligated or committed amounts, and estimated timing of expenditure of the unspent balances.

DEC Capital Funds Balance at 12/31/2024 - Capital Funds Authorized 2 or More Years Prior to Current (2025) Legislative Session

Report Date 1/15/2025

Project Description	Session Year	Act	Appropriation Section	DEPT ID	Unexpended Balance 12/31/2024	Obligated Unspent 12/31/2024	Pending Obligation	Expend 1/1/25 - 6/30/25	Expend 7/1/25 - 12/31/25	Expend 1/1/26 - 6/30/26	Expend 7/1/26 - 12/31/26	Remaining Balance 1/1/2027	Notes
Std EcoSystem Restore&Prot	2018	190	8	6140991805	249.01	249.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	249.01	Available for Reallocation
Dam Safety & Hydrology Proj	2019	42	10	6140991902	2,314.89	0.00	2,314.89	0.00	2,314.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	Lake Carmi Dam Rehab - JP Sicard Contract for \$622,716
Pollution Control	2019	42	11	6140991905	51,076.89	51,076.89	0.00	51,076.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Addison Grant
DEC - Dam Safety, Hydrology	2020	139	6	6140992002	24,335.91	24,335.91	0.00	0.00	24,335.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	Lake Carmi Dam Rehab - JP Sicard Contract for \$622,716
DEC -Municipal Poll Control Gr	2020	139	7	6140992005	80,625.45	22,133.86	58,491.59	80,625.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Balance of Addison Grant , Montgomery Planning Advance, and Swanton Grant
DEC - Dam Safety, Hydrology	2021	50	9	6140992102	266,684.54	263,084.82	3,599.72	66,684.54	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Lake Carmi Dam Rehab - JP Sicard Contract for \$622,716
DEC-Contaminants Concern	2021	50	9	6140992104	293,810.13	0.00	293,810.13	100,000.00	150,000.00	43,810.13	0.00	0.00	Remaining Funds for Mount Holly and Woodbury Schools - See note 1 below
DEC-Municipal Poll Control Grt	2021	50	10	6140992106	255,503.48	20,400.00	235,103.48	117,086.41	88,417.07	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	Jamaica Planning, Statewide Sludge Study, Burlington WWTF Grant
DEC - Hazard Dam Safety	2022	180	7	6140992202	3,115,000.00	0.00	3,115,000.00	440,000.00	1,241,442.00	944,000.00	489,558.00	0.00	ANR High and Significant Hazard Potential Dams Projects
DEC- Waterbury Dam Spillway	2021	50	9	6140992203	193,240.00	0.00	193,240.00	193,240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Waterbury Dam Spillway Design 7.1% state match to US ACOE
DEC-Little Hosmer Dam	2022	180	7	6140992204	190,000.00	0.00	190,000.00	90,000.00	60,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	Little Hosmer Dam comprehensive assessment, design and permitting
DEC-Muni Pollution Grants	2022	180	8	6140992207	903,526.00	703,527.00	199,999.00	835,075.00	68,451.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Grants to Brandon, Johnson Village, Colchester, and Burlington
DEC-Muni Pollution Control	2023	69	10	6140992304	2,483,658.52	2,360,465.00	123,193.52	1,025,000.00	1,298,193.52	160,465.00	0.00	0.00	Hinesburg WWTF Grant, Greensboro Planning Adance, Burlington WWTF Grant
DEC-Muni PC Cap Swap *	2022	180	13	6140892310	574,154.07	574,154.07	0.00	265,000.00	300,000.00	9,154.07	0.00	0.00	\$535K awarded to Colchester for Mallets Bay Sewer and ~ \$40K for DEC op ex
DEC-Muni Pollution Control *	2023	69	18	6140972401	4,000,000.00	2,932,865.00	1,067,135.00	1,912,544.00	1,400,000.00	600,000.00	87,456.00	0.00	Grants to Burlington, Ludlow Village, Hinesburg, Hartford, and Colcheter
DEC-Waterbury Dam Spillway *	2023	69	18	6140972402	4,500,000.00	0.00	4,500,000.00	399,610.00	0.00	592,850.00	3,507,540.00	0.00	Waterbury Dam Spillway Design and Construction 7.1% state match to US ACOE
Total					16,934,178.89	6,952,291.56	9,981,887.33	5,575,942.29	4,833,154.39	2,440,279.20	4,084,554.00	249.01	

Note 1: DEC pays the grantees directly from the Contaminants of Emerging Concern Special Fund (CECF) and an annual transfer is made at the end of each fiscal year from the designated appropriation to the CECF. To date, \$201,682.87 has been transferred from DEPTID 6140992104, an additional transfer is expected by circa 7/1/25, with a subsequent and final transfer for the remainder by circa 7/1/2026.

* Denotes non-bonded appropriations