

# Agency of Natural Resources

State Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Adjustment and  
ARPA Overview

# Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Statewide Law Enforcement Request for Review (RFR)
- Resulted in:
  - Two paygrade increase for 40 Game Wardens
  - One paygrade increase for 1 Game Warden
- Was approved in April 2025, retroactive to July 2024.
- Received a \$290,000 General Fund appropriation for fiscal year 2025 impact.
- Fiscal year 2026 budget adjustment request:
  - Change to Sec. B.702 of Act 27 of 2025
  - \$210,000 increase
  - Accounts for increased vacancy savings

# Attachment B - Budget Development Form

## Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Adjustment Form: Department of Fish & Wildlife - One-Times

	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Federal \$\$	Interdept'l	All other \$\$	Total \$\$
PROPOSED ONE-TIMES	210,000	0	0	0	0	210,000
Personal Services	210,000	0	0	0	0	210,000
Statewide Law Enforcement RFR	210,000					210,000

# Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

- Provide funding for wildland fire costs
  - In CY25, Vermont experienced 84 wildland fires burning a total of 66 acres
  - Wildland fire danger was very high throughout much of summer, with at or above normal temperatures and severe drought throughout much of Vermont
    - Heightened concern that any wildfires could grow quickly and be difficult to control led to statewide burn ban in September
- Received \$34,700 General Fund appropriation for 2025 expenditures
- Fiscal year 2026 budget adjustment request:
  - Change to Sec. B.704 of Act 27 of 2025
  - \$105,217 increase to cover overtime, helicopter deployment, and Green Mountain National Forest fire crews

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## Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Adjustment Form: Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation - One-Times

	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Federal \$\$	Interdept'l	Total \$\$
<b>PROPOSED ONE-TIMES</b>	<b>105,217</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105,217</b>
<i>Personal Services</i>	<i>71,983</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>71,983</i>
500060: OT for Wild Fire Efforts	71,983				71,983
					0
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	<i>33,234</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>33,234</i>
520500: Miscellaneous Expenses	597				597
515000: Helicopter Deployment	18,637				18,637
519000: GMNF Crew Cost	14,000				14,000
					0
<i>Grants</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
					0

## FPR WILDLAND FIRE TEAM

- FPR has 3 full-time wildland firefighters
- Trained 507 Vermont firefighters
- 22 FPR employees hold red cards



# ARPA Overview

- Over \$190M appropriated
- ANR-led initiatives:
  - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Community Formula Grants
  - 3-acre Stormwater
  - Combined Sewer Overflow
  - Green Schools, Construction
  - Healthy Homes Initiative
  - Wastewater Pretreatment
  - ANR-Owned Roads Water Quality
  - Rural Infrastructure
  - State Parks 3-Acre
  - State Parks Connectivity
  - State Parks Major Maintenance
  - Urban Forestry
  - Village Water and Wastewater

# ARPA Spending

## ARPA-SLFRF

	Appropriation	Expended	Encumbered or Obligated	Unexpended or Unencumbered
September 30, 2025	\$110.6M	\$59.7M	\$0	\$50.9M
December 15, 2025	\$110.6M	\$71.8M	36.2M	\$2.6M

## Cured General Fund

	Appropriation	Expended	Encumbered or Obligated	Unexpended or Unencumbered
September 30, 2025	\$82.7M	\$9.6M	\$0	73.1M
December 15, 2025	\$82.7M	\$13.9M	\$65.6M	\$3.2M

As of December 15, 2025, ANR has \$5.8 million (roughly 3%) in unencumbered or unexpended ARPA appropriations; we expect to fully expend funding by relevant deadlines.