

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Annual Report on Unspent Capital Funds – FY2025 and Older

Year: 2026

Date reported: 1/20/2026

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 thirteen appropriations for capital assets consisting of department-owned dams, municipal pollution control facilities, 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 12/31/2027
- Current aggregate unexpended balance at 12/31/2025..... \$13.43M
- Current aggregate encumbered/committed balance at 12/31/2025..... \$3.29M
- Pending amount to encumber at 12/31/2025..... \$10.13M
- Amount Available to Reallocate..... \$0.00

Discussion

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

Project Description	Session Year	Act	Appropriation Section	DEPT ID	Unexpended Balance 12/31/2025	Encumbered/Obligated Unspent 12/31/2025	Pending Obligation	Expend 1/1/26- 6/30/26	Expend 7/1/26 - 12/31/26	Expend 1/1/27 - 6/30/27	Expend 7/1/27 - 12/31/27	Remaining Balance 1/1/2028	Notes
DEC -Municipal Poll Control Gr	2020	139	7	6140992005	58,491.59	0.00	58,491.59	58,491.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Swanton Grant pending amendment.
DEC-Contaminants Concern	2021	50	9	6140992104	110,537.92	0.00	110,537.92	54,518.96	54,518.96	750.00	750.00	0.00	Remaining funds for addressing PFAS at Mount Holly and Woodbury Schools - See note below.
DEC-Municipal Poll Control Grt	2021	50	10	6140992106	134,933.43	38,229.95	96,703.48	134,933.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Grants to Swanton, Burlington pending amendments, remainder is balance on existing Jamaica Engineering Planning Advance and Statewide Sludge Study.
DEC - Hazard Dam Safety	2022	180	7	6140992202	3,056,716.48	2,283,085.79	773,630.69	1,149,130.14	1,131,016.95	463,284.70	313,284.70	0.00	ANR High and Significant Hazard Potential Dams Projects.
DEC-Little Hosmer Dam	2022	180	7	6140992204	91,082.64	51,082.64	40,000.00	51,082.64	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Little Hosmer Dam comprehensive assessment, design, permitting and survey.
DEC-Muni Pollution Grants	2022	180	7	6140992207	24,863.62	24,863.62	0.00	24,863.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Balance on Colchester Mallets Bay Sewer grant.
DEC-Muni Pollution Control	2023	69	10	6140992304	155,127.68	48,677.01	106,450.67	106,450.67	0.00	0.00	48,677.01	0.00	Grants to Burlington WWTF and Colchester Mallets Bay Phase 2 pending. Remainder is balance on existing Greensboro Planning Advance.
DEC-Municipal Pol Control Gr25	2024	162	10	6140992403	33,008.35	33,008.35	0.00	33,008.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Balance on Burlington grant.
DEC-Dam Safety, Hydrology	2025	33	9	6140992501	500,000.00	0.00	500,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	198,650.00	201,350.00	0.00	Silver Lake Dam Design and Wrightsville Dam Flood Operations Study state match to US ACOE.
DEC-Municipal Pol Control Gr26	2025	33	10	6140992502	4,000,000.00	0.00	4,000,000.00	1,162,266.00	945,911.00	945,911.00	945,912.00	0.00	Grants to Colchester Mallets Bay Phase 2 and Hinesburg WWTF pending.
DEC-Muni PC Cap Swap *	2022	180	13	6140892310	535,000.00	535,000.00	0.00	0.00	535,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Balance on Colchester Mallets Bay Sewer Phase 1.
DEC-Muni Pollution Control *	2023	69	18	6140972401	319,051.58	280,510.00	38,541.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	319,051.58	0.00	Grants to Ludlow Village and Colchetser.
DEC-Waterbury Dam Spillway *	2023	69	18	6140972402	4,408,291.87	0.00	4,408,291.87	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	2,908,291.87	0.00	Waterbury Dam Spillway Design and Construction 7.1% state match to US ACOE. Subject to pace with billing from US ACOE.
Total					13,427,105.16	3,294,457.36	10,132,647.80	3,274,745.40	3,306,446.91	2,108,595.70	4,737,317.16	0.00	

Note: 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 for PFAS remediation for Public Water Systems. To date, \$889,462.08 has been transferred from DEPTID 6140992104. An additional transfer is expected circa 7/1/2026, with a subsequent and final transfer for the remainder circa 7/1/2027. Note that Mt. Holly School is expected to complete construction by the end of field season 2026 while Woodbury Elementary will need bottled water assistance for one to two more years given delays in their remediation project's design work.

* Denotes non-bonded appropriations