

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

FY 24/25 Operating Budget Presentation for House Finance Committee

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Hazardous Waste
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MTBE/DW & GW Trust
PFAS

Dams
Land Resource Mgmt.
Watersheds/Lakes/Rivers
Wastewater
Drinking Water
Winnepesaukee River Basin

Stationary Sources
Mobile Sources
Air Toxics
Environmental Health
Air Monitoring
Clean Energy



NHDES Mission Statement

... to help sustain a high quality of life for all citizens by protecting and restoring the environment and public health in New Hampshire.

... Recognizing that a strong economy and a healthy environment go hand in hand!



NHDES Core Functions

- Ensure high levels of water quality for water supplies, ecological balance, and recreational benefits
- Manage water resources for future generations
- Regulate the emissions of air pollutants and ensure air pollution levels are below federal standards
- Foster the proper use and management of materials & waste
- Remediate and reuse contaminated sites
- Emergency Preparedness and Response

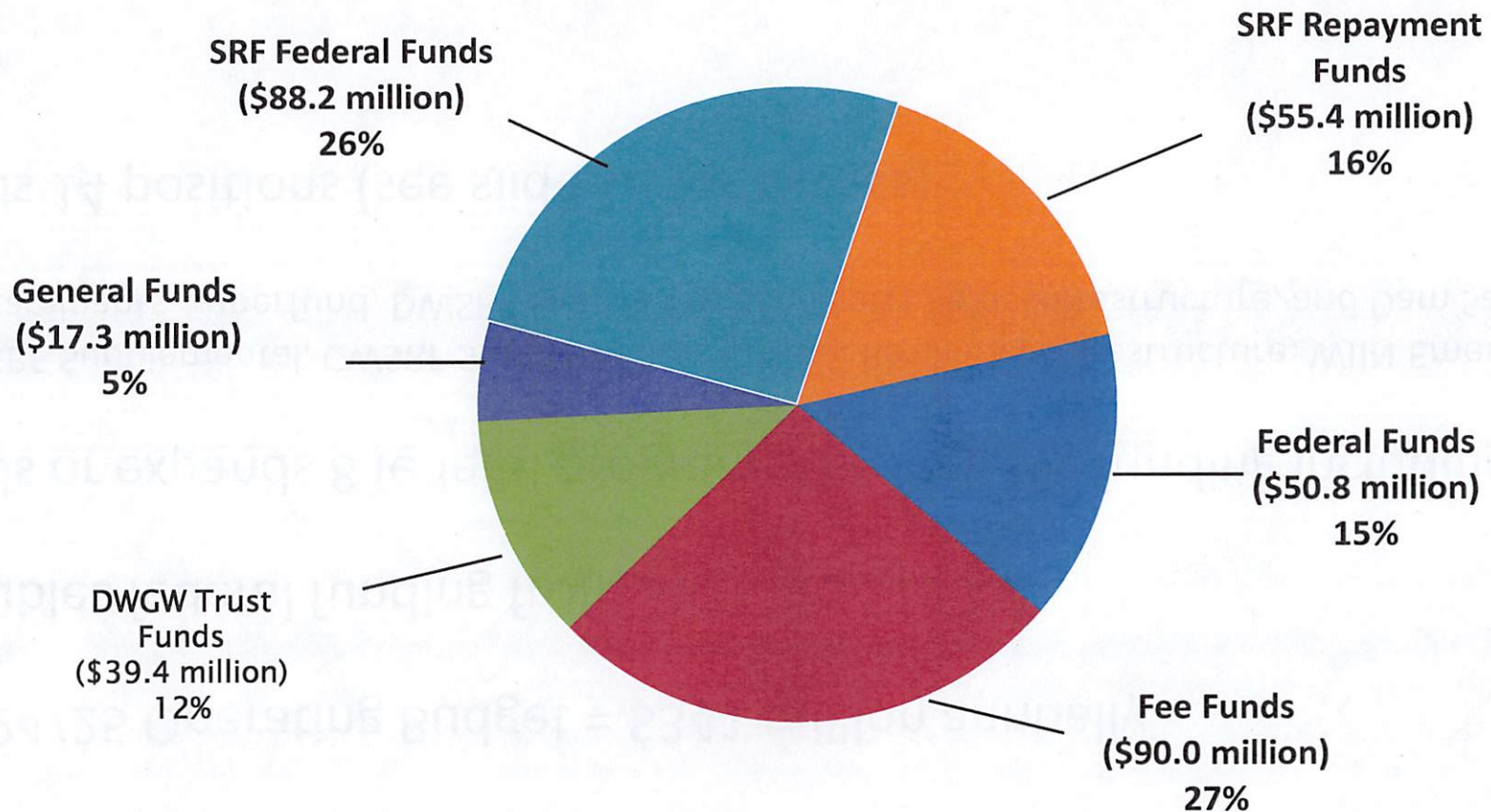
NHDES Budget Highlights

- ▶ FY 24/25 Operating Budget = \$341 million annually
- ▶ Doubles federal funding from \$61M to \$139M
- ▶ Adds or expands 8 federal programs through BIL funding including:
 - DWSRF Supplemental, CWSRF Supplemental, Coastal Resiliency Infrastructure, WIIN Emerging Contaminants, Superfund, DWSRF Lead & Copper, Brownfields Infrastructure, and Dam Safety
- ▶ Adds 14 positions (see slide 13 for details)



FY 2024 -- Sources of Funds

DES TOTAL BUDGET = \$341.1 Million



(SRF = State Revolving Fund)

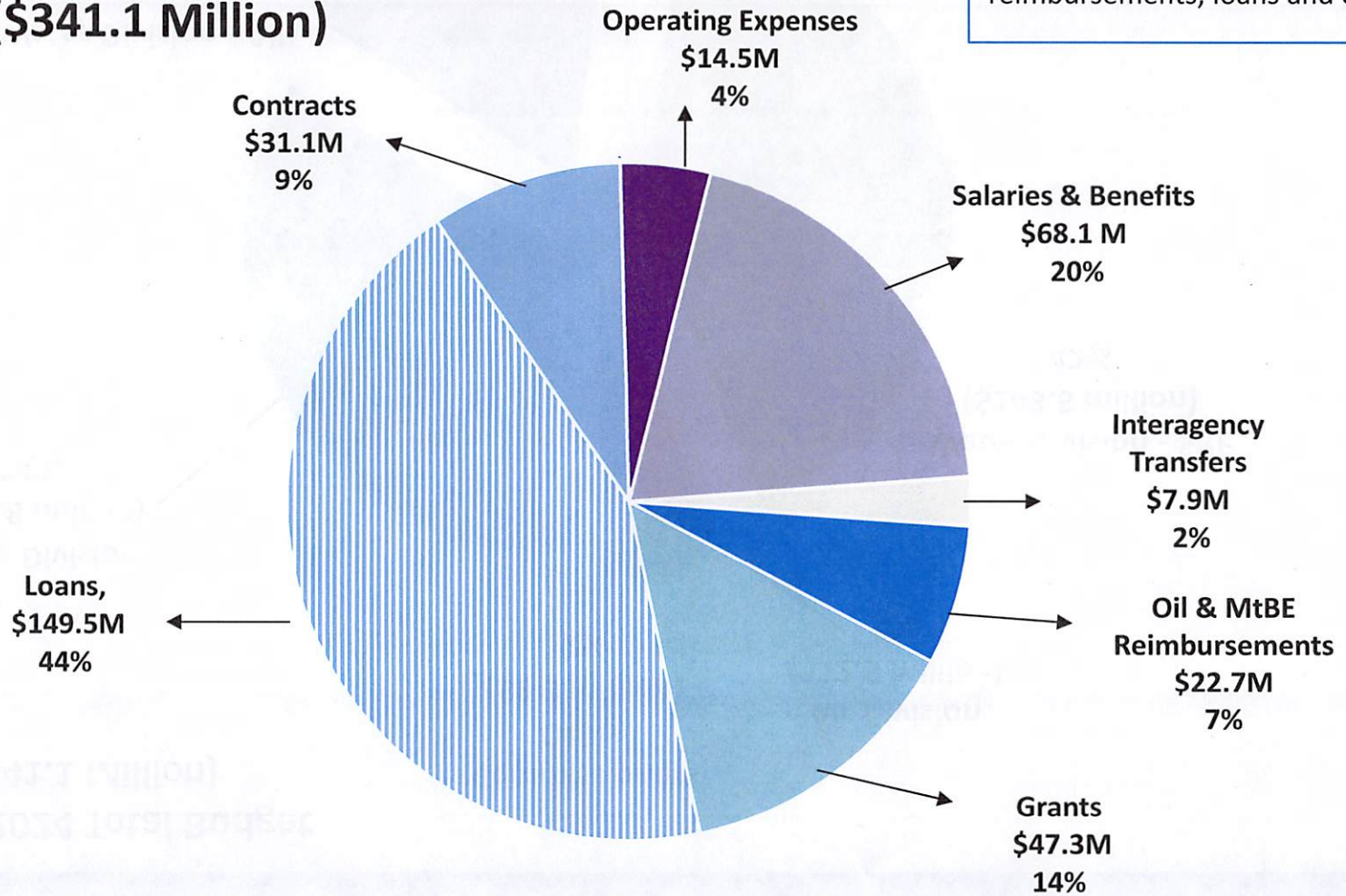
(DWGW = Drinking Water/Ground Water)



FY 2024 -- Uses of Funds

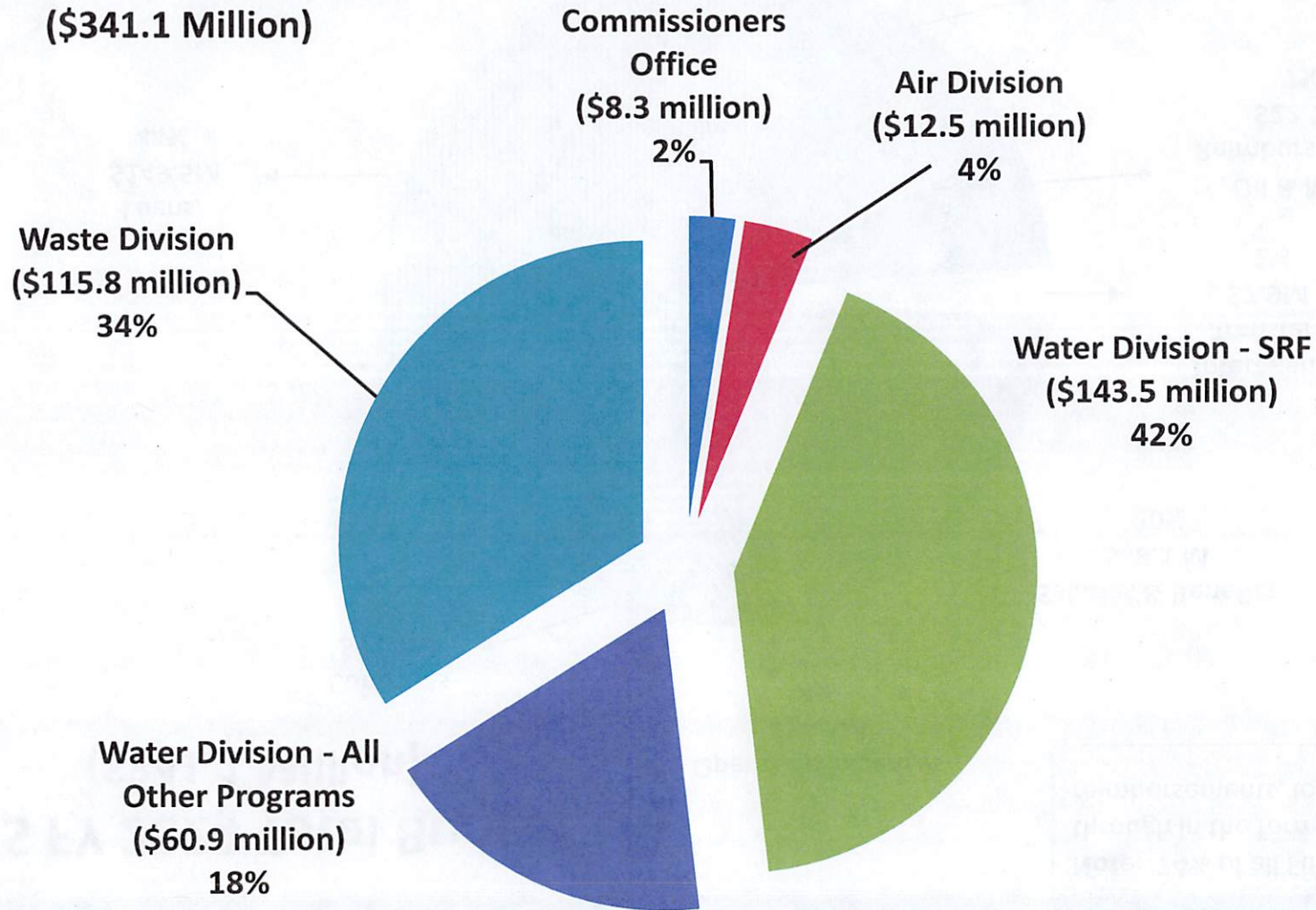
DES FY 2024 Total Budget (\$341.1 Million)

Note: 74% of all Funds are pass through in the form of grants, reimbursements, loans and contracts



FY 2024 Budget by Division

DES FY 2024 Total Budget
(\$341.1 Million)



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Budget Analysis by Cost Category

ANALYSIS OF BUDGET CHANGES BY COST CATEGORIES

(amounts shown in thousands)

	FY 2023	FY 2024	\$ Change	Percent Change	FY 2025	\$ Change	Percent Change
Grants	\$ 26,061	\$ 47,293	\$ 21,232	81%	44,359	(2,934)	-6%
Loans	101,000	149,500	48,500	48%	142,500	(7,000)	-5%
Oil Fund Reimbursements	21,950	22,710	760	3%	22,710	-	0%
Contracts	14,636	31,072	16,436	112%	38,790	7,718	25%
Operating Expenses	14,105	14,444	339	2%	14,356	(88)	-1%
Salaries & Benefits	67,317	68,169	852	1%	69,739	1,570	2%
Interagency Transfers	6,903	7,884	981	14%	8,043	159	2%
TOTAL	\$ 251,972	\$ 341,072	\$ 89,100	35%	340,497	(575)	0%

Budget Analysis by Funding Category

ANALYSIS OF BUDGET CHANGES BY FUNDING CATEGORIES

(amounts shown in thousands)

	FY 2023	FY 2024	\$ Change	Percent Change	FY 2025	\$ Change	Percent Change
General Funds	\$ 15,887	\$ 17,278	\$ 1,391	9%	\$ 17,470	\$ 192	1%
Federal Funds - SRF	34,772	88,186	53,414	154%	88,374	188	0%
Federal Funds - All Other	26,838	50,816	23,978	89%	55,990	5,174	10%
Other Funds - SRF	46,170	55,361	9,191	20%	55,524	163	0%
Other Funds - DWGW Trust	37,276	39,389	2,113	6%	39,407	18	0%
Other Funds - All Other	91,029	90,042	(987)	-1%	83,732	(6,310)	-7%
TOTAL	\$ 251,972	\$ 341,072	\$ 89,100	35%	\$ 340,497	\$ (575)	0%

HB 2 Sections

HB 2 Page	HB 2 Section #	Description	Funding
6-7	17-18	Modifies and reassigns duties within Commissioner's Office	
8-13	19-26	Adds Hearing Officer to AG and changes responsibilities of position and DES councils	
13-14	27-31	Moves Subsurface fees into the Water Resources Fund	
14	31	Establishes a deadline for filing SAG grant applications by towns	
14	32	Provides funding for the Wastewater SAG grants	\$27,900,000
15	34	Clarifies AOT permit fee calculation	
15	35	Removes old debt limit language on Winnepesaukee River Basin (WRB)	
15	36	Removes the set dates for WRB quarterly billings	
15-16	37/38	Establishes a PCB Fund	\$6,000,000
47	133	Removes NHDES name from statute	

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- ▶ Amend HB 2 by adding the following after Section 19:
 - Department of Environmental Services; Position Transferred. The department of environmental services shall transfer position # 19491 Legal Aide to the department of justice to provide necessary support for enhanced Hearings Officer responsibilities effective as of July 1, 2023.

New Full Time Positions

Division	# Positions	Titles
Comm Office	3	Business System Analyst II, HR Technician, Business Administrator III
Air	1	Environmentalist IV
Water	3	Environmentalist II, Business System Analyst I, Program Specialist I
Water-SRF	3	Administrator II, Business Administrator II, Accountant II
Waste	4	Program Assistant II, Accountant IV, Planning Analyst, Environmentalist III

Additional Funding Requests

Budget Pg #	Title	FY 2024	FY 2025	Funding Mix
693-694	Winnepesaukee River Basin-various classes	\$1,295,778	\$1,349,573	100% Other
780-781	Solid Waste Program-Contracts	\$60,000	\$60,000	100% General
671	Administration & Support- reclassify part time position to full time	\$33,723	\$36,762	53% General/47% Other
	Totals:	\$1,389,501	\$1,446,335	

(See the Technical Corrections Sheet for amounts by account, class and funding)

Additional Funding Request Descriptions

- A. Winnepesaukee River Basin – The Basin is requesting additional funds for key operating expense categories that have seen higher than anticipated cost increases including utilities, plant chemicals, and equipment. Additionally, the Basin is working to complete deferred maintenance from the pandemic.

- B. Solid Waste Program – Contracts – To fund contractor work to conduct maintenance and monitoring at 2 unlined landfills which have no responsible parties.

- C. Administration & Support - Salaries & Benefits – Currently the department's front desk is manned by one person with support by a variety of individuals who fill in for breaks and lunch. Over the past two years this system has shown to be unsustainable. DES is looking to convert one part time position to full time and make that position the primary backup for front desk coverage, thereby ensuring consistent and knowledgeable service to the public.

(See the Technical Corrections Sheet for amounts by account, class and funding)

Other Budget Adjustments

- ▶ Move P2 and SBTA programs from the Comm Office to the Air and Waste Divisions. Budget Impact = \$0
- ▶ Move federal P2 program from the Comm Office to the Waste Division. Budget Impact = \$0
- ▶ Move funding between classes for the Coastal Resiliency Infrastructure federal program. Budget Impact = \$0
- ▶ Remove Contract funds from State Permit Program. Budget Impact = (\$250,000) Other Funds

(See the Technical Corrections Sheet for amounts by account, class and funding)

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