



House Ways and Means Committee

New Hampshire State Treasury

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Mission:

The New Hampshire State Treasury delivers professional financial management services to state government, the legislature, and New Hampshire citizens. The State Treasury will optimize the use of state financial assets and financial obligations while protecting both through the deployment of secure technology, cost-effective and efficient banking practices, a commitment to the prudent management of public funds, and a dedicated and highly-qualified staff.



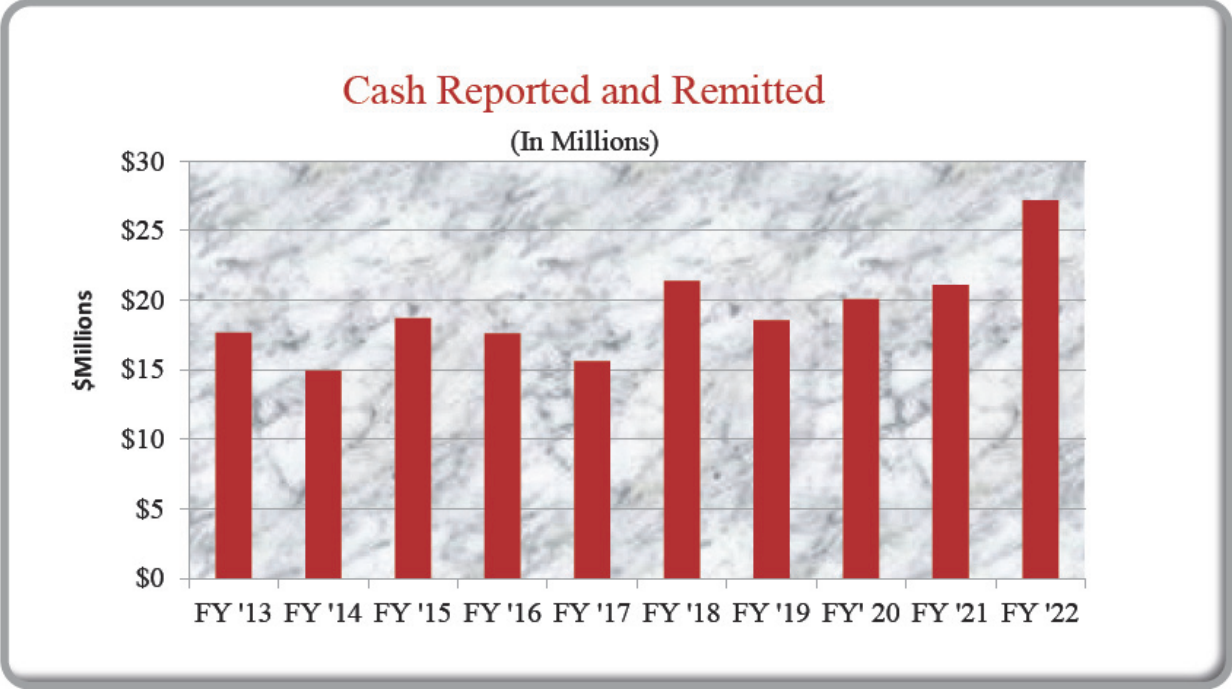
New Hampshire State Treasury

- Cash and Investments
- Debt Management
- Treasury Operations
- College Savings, STABLE NH, and Scholarship Programs
- Abandoned Property Division

Unclaimed Property Overview

- Pursuant to RSA Chapter 471-C, the State Treasury's Abandoned Property Division is charged with the task of recovering and returning intangible properties to the rightful owner or heir.
- Typically, properties are in the form of cash from dormant accounts, but may also include securities such as stock or mutual funds in share form.
- These properties are reported and remitted by the institutional "holders" of such property. By and large, holders are entities such as banks, credit unions, corporations, utilities, insurance companies, retailers, as well as government agencies and municipalities.
- In fiscal year 2022, approximately 6,500 institutional holders reported and remitted over \$27 million in cash and delivered over 2.8 million shares of stock and/or mutual funds.

Reporting Unclaimed Property

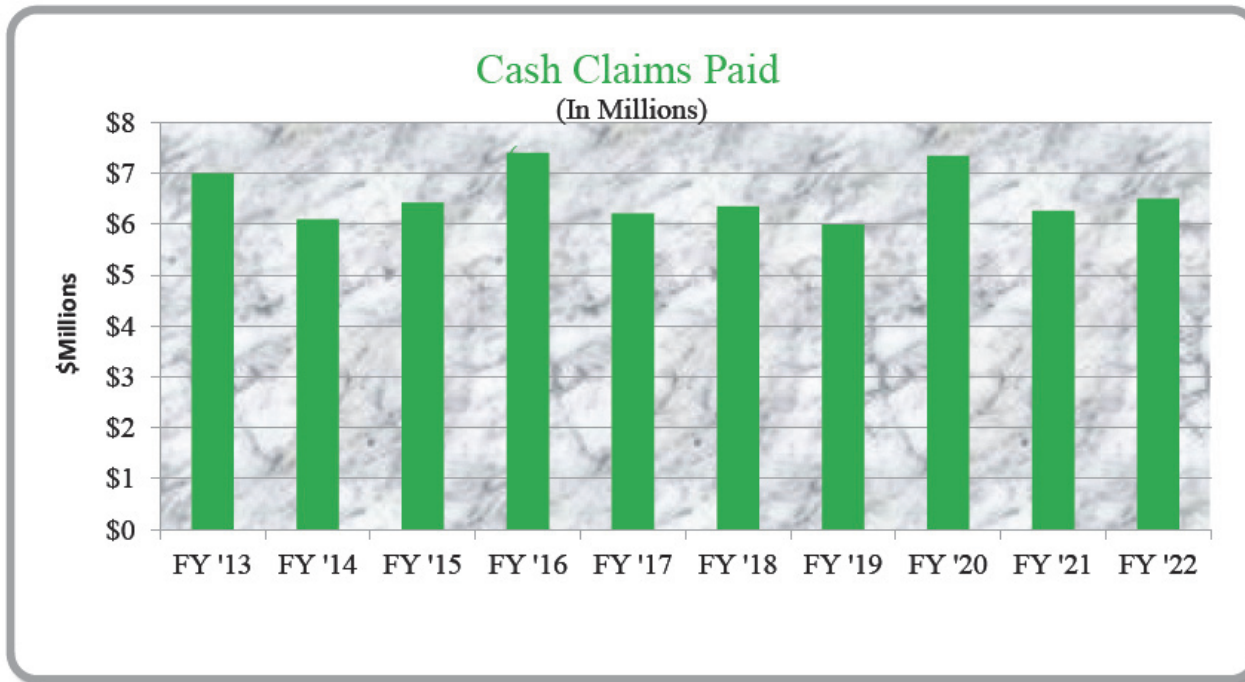


Over the past ten fiscal years, the Division has taken in \$192.8 million from holders of abandoned property, averaging \$19.2 million annually.

Unclaimed Property Overview

- Each October, an annual listing of all owner names reported to the Division in the past year, and their last known addresses, is published in the New Hampshire Union Leader for two consecutive weeks. Additionally, a mailing in the form of a postcard notification is sent to the last known address of the reported owner during August and September.
- On-line searches and claims of all properties the Division is presently holding can be done directly on the claims section of the Division's website: **[NewHampshire.findyourunclaimedproperty.com](https://www.newhampshire.findyourunclaimedproperty.com)**. The Division also participates in **[MissingMoney.com](https://www.missingmoney.com)**, a multi-state database of unclaimed property owner information. --- Coming soon: Website address will soon change to **[findnhmoney.gov](https://www.findnhmoney.gov)**
- In fiscal year 2022, the Division returned nearly \$6.6 million to citizens, representing 7,889 claims.

Claiming Unclaimed Property



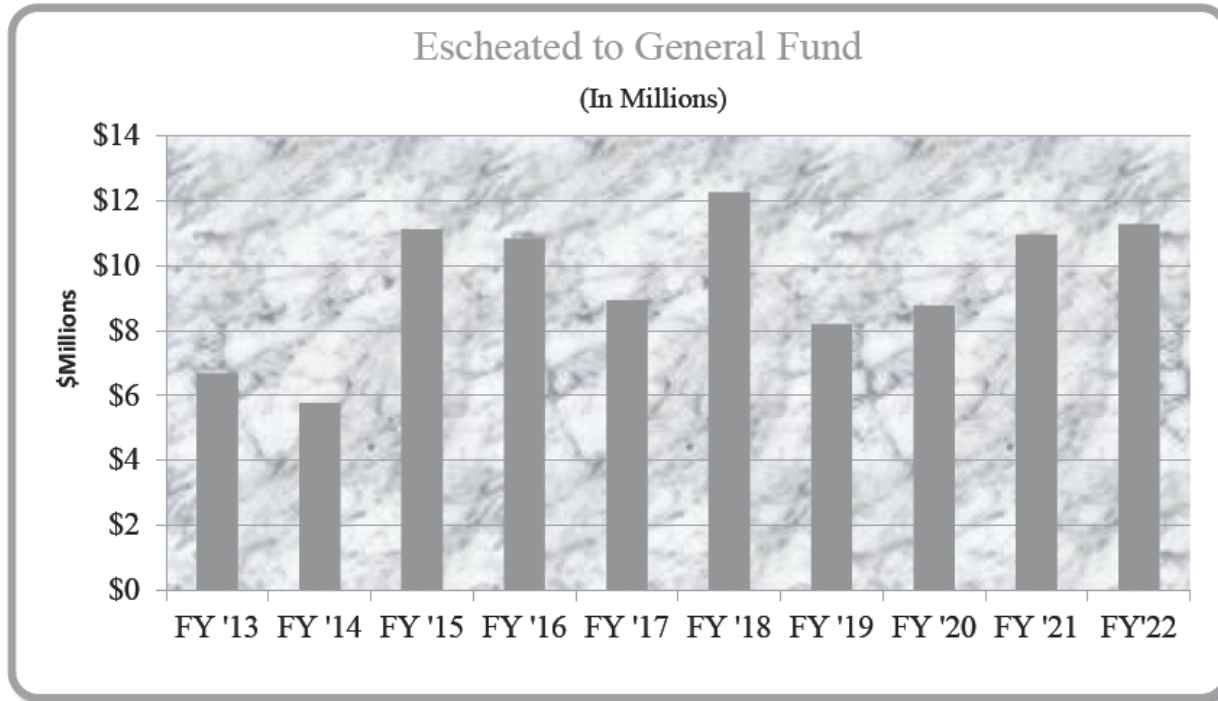
- Over the past ten fiscal years, \$65.5 million has been returned to property owners, an average of \$6.5 million each year.

Escheat Proceedings

- RSA 471-C:30-31 prescribes that within 36 months after the close of the State's fiscal year in which any property presumed abandoned under the chapter is paid or delivered, if no claim for the property has been made and established by any person, the administrator (Treasurer) shall pay or deliver all such property to the appropriate county treasurer or general fund.

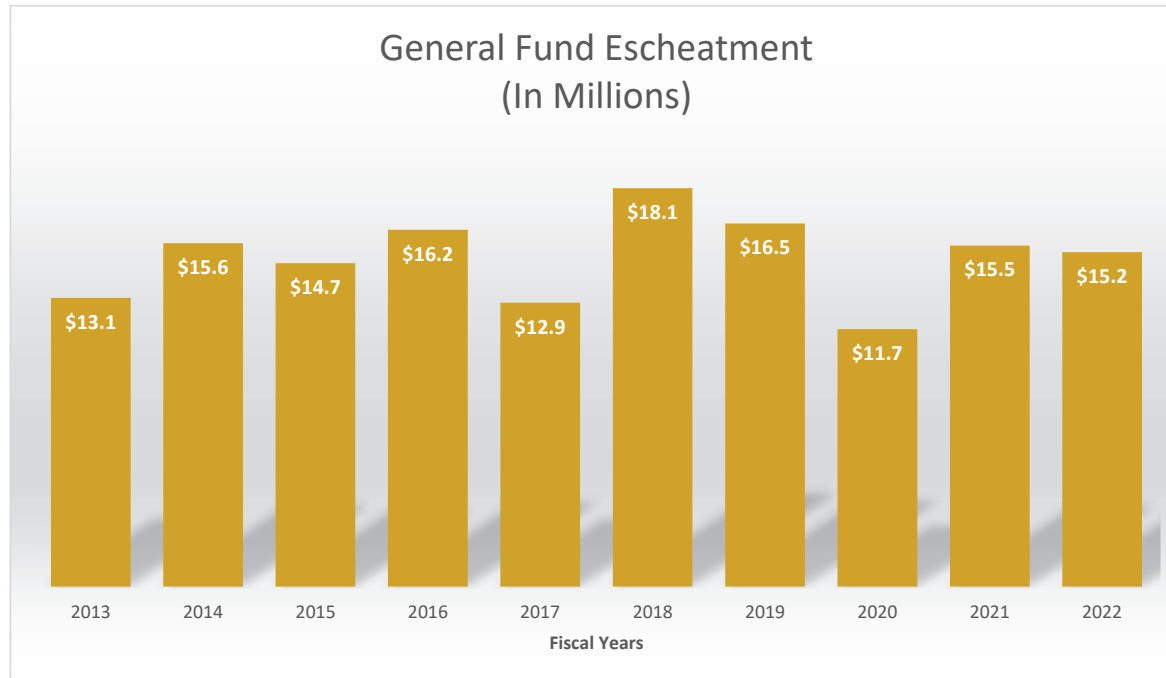
Subject: General Fund Escheat Distribution RY '18			
Escheatment of Report Year 2018 has been completed pursuant to RSA Chapter 471-C:25, 30 & 31.			
The figures are now final and broken down as follows for further accounting:			
	Net Amount Remitted RY '18/ FY '19:	\$14,464,047.89	
	Securities Liquidation Proceeds FY '22:	\$4,019,881.41	*
	Less Administrative Expenses:	\$1,786,131.09	**
	Less County Payments:	\$1,420,554.78	***
	Available to Escheat to General Fund:	\$15,277,243.43	

General Fund Escheatment (cont.)



<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
\$6.4	\$9.1	\$3.6	\$5.4	\$3.9	\$5.8	\$6.1	\$2.9	\$4.6	\$4.0

General Fund Escheatment (cont.)



Over the past ten fiscal years, the Division has escheated \$149 million to the general fund, averaging \$15 million annually.

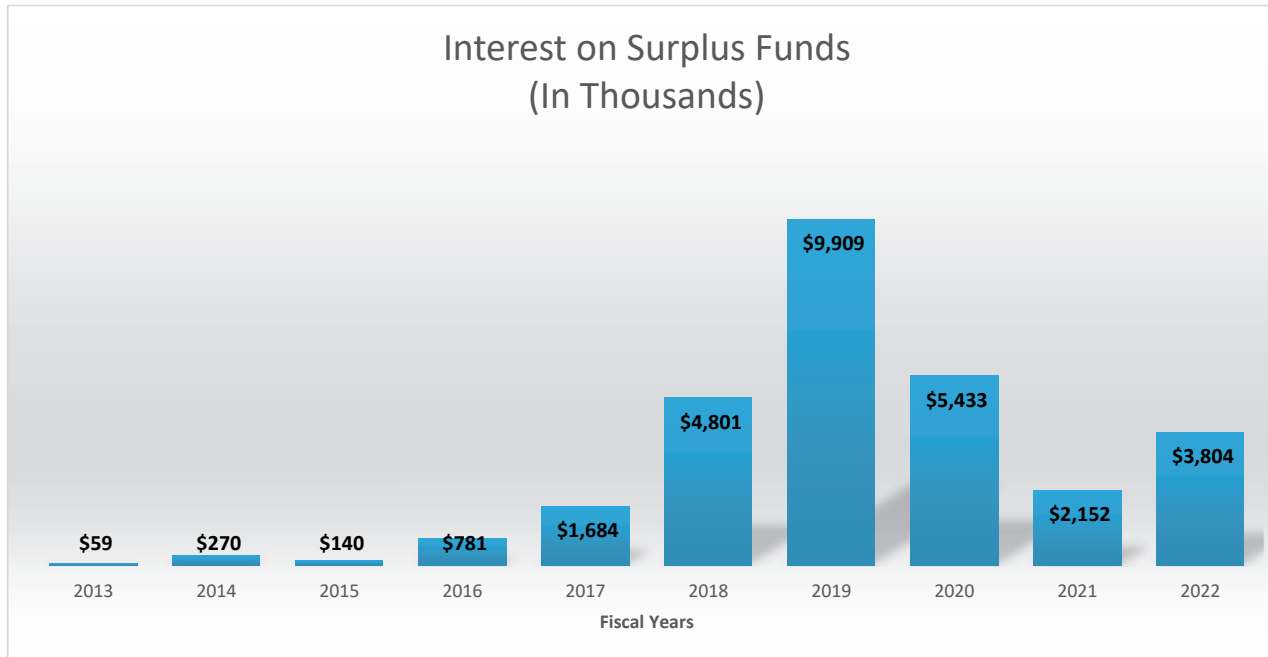
Projected GF Escheatment

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
\$18.2M	\$19.4M	\$22.0M

Interest on Surplus Funds

- Interest on Surplus Funds – Dependent on interest rate environment and average cash balances.
- Banking and investment costs are deducted from earnings.
- Average cash balance of \$2.0 billion currently in pooled cash.
- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFR) will be around for a few more years. SLFR funds need to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.
- Through December 31, 2022, approximately 94% of the \$994.5 million of SLFR funds received had been allocated to allowable programs and only 22% expended. Currently working with State agencies to learn their spending plans.
- Dedicated funds entitled to receive interest will receive an interest allocation.

Interest on Surplus Funds



FYTD = \$17 million (cash basis).
Estimated yields:
FY2023 = 4.0%
FY2024 = 4.5%
FY2025 = 3.5%

Projected GF Interest Income

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
\$35.0M	\$31.0M	\$24.0M