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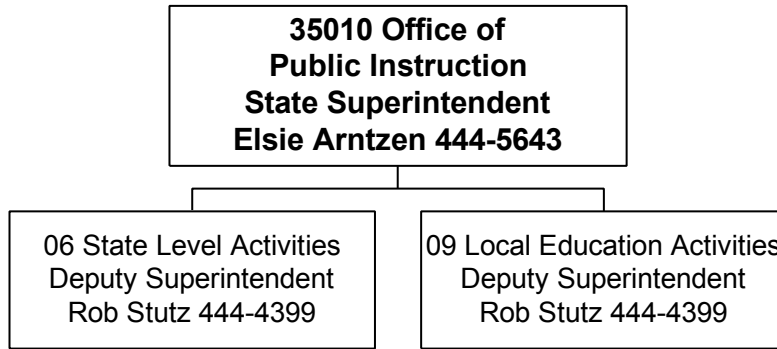
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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
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Office of Public Instruction - 35010



Mission Statement - The Office of Public Instruction serves Montana’s students, parents, schools, and communities as we prepare each generation for success in careers and college.

Statutory Authority - Title 20, MCA.

Agency Proposed Budget	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Total Exec. Budget 2027 Biennium
Budget Item			
FTE	153.27	153.27	
Personal Services	15,216,679	15,236,187	30,452,866
Operating Expenses	22,439,477	25,857,556	48,297,033
Local Assistance	1,100,236,059	1,160,141,112	2,260,377,171
Grants	175,703,657	175,778,012	351,481,669
Transfers	3,737,706	3,772,706	7,510,412
Debt Service	40,189	40,189	80,378
Total Costs	\$1,317,373,767	\$1,380,825,762	\$2,698,199,529
General Fund	591,432,973	649,927,482	1,241,360,455
State/Other Special	541,602,027	546,548,468	1,088,150,495
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	184,338,767	184,349,812	368,688,579
Total Funds	\$1,317,373,767	\$1,380,825,762	\$2,698,199,529

Agency Appropriated Biennium to Biennium Comparison								
Program	2025 Biennium Appropriated Budget		2027 Biennium Requested Budget		Biennium to Biennium Difference (dollars)		Biennium to Biennium Difference (percent)	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
06 - State Level Activities - Program 06	28,909,519	47,820,436	40,276,990	78,954,843	11,367,471	31,134,407	39.32 %	65.11 %
09 - Local Education Activities - Program 09	1,084,441,171	2,293,893,593	1,201,083,465	2,619,244,686	116,642,294	325,351,093	10.76 %	14.18 %
Agency Total	\$1,113,350,690	\$2,341,714,029	\$1,241,360,455	\$2,698,199,529	\$128,009,765	\$356,485,500	11.50 %	15.22 %

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State Level Activities - Program 06 - 06

**06 State Level Activities
Deputy Superintendent
Rob Stutz 444-4399**

Program Description - The State Level Activities program provides leadership and coordination of services to a variety of school and public groups. The staff provides assistance to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in performing statutorily prescribed duties. The program: 1) supports the superintendent's statutory role with the Board of Public Education, Board of Regents and Land Board; 2) is responsible for the distribution and accounting of state and federal funds provided to school districts; 3) maintains the information systems necessary to assess student achievement and the quality of Montana's elementary and secondary school system; and 4) provides assistance and information to school districts. The program administers all federal grants received by OPI, including curriculum assistance, special education, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Career and Technical Education, and other educational services.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget Adjustments	Total	Budget Adjustments	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	153.27	0.00	153.27	0.00	153.27	
Personal Services	14,402,364	814,315	15,216,679	833,823	15,236,187	30,452,866
Operating Expenses	17,118,946	1,614,577	18,733,523	5,032,656	22,151,602	40,885,125
Grants	750,000	0	750,000	0	750,000	1,500,000
Transfers	2,125,737	875,000	3,000,737	910,000	3,035,737	6,036,474
Debt Service	40,189	0	40,189	0	40,189	80,378
Total Costs	\$34,437,236	\$3,303,892	\$37,741,128	\$6,776,479	\$41,213,715	\$78,954,843
General Fund	15,526,319	2,881,725	18,408,044	6,342,627	21,868,946	40,276,990
State/Other Special	680,659	49,049	729,708	49,689	730,348	1,460,056
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	18,230,258	373,118	18,603,376	384,163	18,614,421	37,217,797
Total Funds	\$34,437,236	\$3,303,892	\$37,741,128	\$6,776,479	\$41,213,715	\$78,954,843

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments				
	Budget Adjustments		Budget Adjustments	
	Fiscal 2026		Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	1,042,723	312,144	1,054,883	333,823
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	894,715	724,758	772,352	602,556
SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation	(1,425)	(6,361)	(963)	(4,299)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$1,936,013</i>	<i>\$1,030,541</i>	<i>\$1,826,272</i>	<i>\$932,080</i>
Present Law Adjustments				
PL - 604 - Increase Federal Grant Authority - Program 06	0	800,000	0	800,000
PL - 612 - Subscriptions Cost Increase	136,811	136,811	137,997	137,997
PL - 615 - Hearing Conservation Program (HCP) Infl Inc	67,696	67,696	67,696	67,696
PL - 616 - Teacher Licensure Adjustment	(221,618)	(193,979)	(224,194)	(196,150)
<i>Total Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>(\$17,111)</i>	<i>\$810,528</i>	<i>(\$18,501)</i>	<i>\$809,543</i>
New Proposals				
NP - 605 - Federal Personal Services Authority	0	500,000	0	500,000
NP - 606 - Montana Digital Academy	875,000	875,000	910,000	910,000
NP - 607 - Indian Ed for All - MACIE Meeting Costs	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
NP - 608 - PowerSchool Subscription	0	0	2,837,033	2,837,033
NP - 609 - School Foods Match for New EBT Program	72,823	72,823	72,823	72,823
NP - 610 - High School Assessment Funding OTO	0	0	700,000	700,000
<i>Total New Proposals</i>	<i>\$962,823</i>	<i>\$1,462,823</i>	<i>\$4,534,856</i>	<i>\$5,034,856</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$2,881,725	\$3,303,892	\$6,342,627	\$6,776,479

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State Level Activities - Program 06 - 06

-----Statewide Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$1,042,723	\$312,144
FY 2027	\$1,054,883	\$333,823

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

This change package request is for adjustments to annualize various personal services costs including the statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$894,715	\$724,758
FY 2027	\$772,352	\$602,556

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

This change package request is for adjustments to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, warrant writer, payroll processing, SITSD, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$1,425)	(\$6,361)
FY 2027	(\$963)	(\$4,299)

SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation -

This change package request is to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of deflation to state motor pool accounts.

-----Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$800,000
FY 2027	\$0	\$800,000

PL - 604 - Increase Federal Grant Authority - Program 06 -

This change package requests an increase of \$800,000 of federal authority in each year of the biennium to adjust for increases in federal grants awarded to OPI.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$136,811	\$136,811
FY 2027	\$137,997	\$137,997

PL - 612 - Subscriptions Cost Increase -

OPI requests increased general fund appropriation of \$136,811 in FY 2026 and \$137,997 in FY 2027 to cover the cost of new software and increases to current software for the 2027 biennium.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$67,696	\$67,696
FY 2027	\$67,696	\$67,696

PL - 615 - Hearing Conservation Program (HCP) Infl Inc -

This change package request is an increase of \$67,696 of general fund in each year of the biennium to fund a 4% contractual increase for the statewide Hearing Conservation Program (HCP). The Division of Special Education administers the HCP for the Office of Public Instruction.

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	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$221,618)	(\$193,979)
FY 2027	(\$224,194)	(\$196,150)

PL - 616 - Teacher Licensure Adjustment -

This request is to adjust the budget to reflect appropriate funding for Teacher Licensure moving 2.5 FTE from general fund authority to state special revenue and setting an appropriate operating cost.

-----**New Proposals**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$500,000
FY 2027	\$0	\$500,000

NP - 605 - Federal Personal Services Authority -

This request is for \$500,000 in federal special revenue for personal services in each year of the biennium to support part-time modified FTE. Changes in state and federal laws do not allow the agency to contract for these services and the state personal services funding process does not reinstate personal services expenditures for these workers. Therefore, this funding is requested every biennium.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$875,000	\$875,000
FY 2027	\$910,000	\$910,000

NP - 606 - Montana Digital Academy -

This request is for ongoing general fund of \$875,000 in FY 2026 and \$910,000 in FY 2027 for the Montana Digital Academy (MTDA) clearinghouse. This clearinghouse funding was one-time-only in the 2025 biennium through the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education budget. The funding is to maintain regular operations and enhance schools' opportunities to offer flexible learning environments and options to students across Montana.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$15,000	\$15,000
FY 2027	\$15,000	\$15,000

NP - 607 - Indian Ed for All - MACIE Meeting Costs -

This change package is for a general fund increase of \$15,000 in each year of the biennium to cover travel costs associated with the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE). Currently, the council meets eight times a year with two in-person meetings and 21-25 people serving on the council.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$0
FY 2027	\$2,837,033	\$2,837,033

NP - 608 - PowerSchool Subscription -

This request is for \$2,837,033 in the second year of the biennium. Data Modernization requirements from HB 367, 2023 Session, required commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) products to be purchased with federal funding. OPI secured a contract to meet the requirements to repair, improve, or replace existing data systems. These additional funds are necessary to ensure the continuation of the sharing of data between school districts, state education officials, and other state agencies.

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	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$72,823	\$72,823
FY 2027	\$72,823	\$72,823

NP - 609 - School Foods Match for New EBT Program -

The OPI requests a general fund increase of \$72,823 in each year of the 2027 Biennium for the state match portion of the School Foods Summer EBT Program.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$0
FY 2027	\$700,000	\$700,000

NP - 610 - High School Assessment Funding OTO -

This change package is for \$700,000 general fund, one-time-only (OTO), in FY 2027 to provide ACT testing with Writing to 11th grade students in public high schools as the high school assessment requirement. These have previously been provided with now expired federal funding.

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Local Education Activities - Program 09 - 09

**09 Local Education Activities
Deputy Superintendent
Rob Stutz 444-4399**

Program Description - The Local Education Activities Program is used by OPI to distribute state and federal funds to local education agencies.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget Adjustments	Total	Budget Adjustments	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
Operating Expenses	3,702,839	3,115	3,705,954	3,115	3,705,954	7,411,908
Local Assistance	1,024,600,340	75,635,719	1,100,236,059	135,540,772	1,160,141,112	2,260,377,171
Grants	164,946,503	10,007,154	174,953,657	10,081,509	175,028,012	349,981,669
Transfers	692,502	44,467	736,969	44,467	736,969	1,473,938
Total Costs	\$1,193,942,184	\$85,690,455	\$1,279,632,639	\$145,669,863	\$1,339,612,047	\$2,619,244,686
General Fund	584,607,617	(11,582,688)	573,024,929	43,450,919	628,058,536	1,201,083,465
State/Other Special	453,599,176	87,273,143	540,872,319	92,218,944	545,818,120	1,086,690,439
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	155,735,391	10,000,000	165,735,391	10,000,000	165,735,391	331,470,782
Total Funds	\$1,193,942,184	\$85,690,455	\$1,279,632,639	\$145,669,863	\$1,339,612,047	\$2,619,244,686

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments					
	Budget Adjustments		Budget Adjustments		
	Fiscal 2026		Fiscal 2027		
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds	
Present Law Adjustments					
PL - 904 - K-12 BASE Aid Inflationary Increase	9,096,050	9,096,050	42,985,166	42,985,166	
PL - 905 - At Risk Payment Inflationary Increase	186,400	186,400	378,392	378,392	
PL - 906 - NRD K12 Facilities Major Maintenance Aid	317,343	10,747,167	644,206	11,074,030	
PL - 907 - State Transformational Learning Pmt Adjustment	76,621	76,621	150,976	150,976	
PL - 909 - State Tuition Increase	189,000	189,000	189,000	189,000	
PL - 910 - In State Treatment Adjustment	3,115	3,115	3,115	3,115	
PL - 911 - Increase Federal Grant Authority - Program 09	0	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	
PL - 917 - Guarantee Account Adjustment	1,744,640	1,744,640	1,068,036	1,068,036	
PL - 918 - Equalization Aid Acct Adjustment	(72,399,422)	0	(79,780,092)	0	
PL - 919 - County Retirement Adjustment	0	0	24,600,000	24,600,000	
PL - 920 - Debt Service Adjustment	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	
PL - 923 - Indian Language Immersion Adjustment	168,000	168,000	173,000	173,000	
Total Present Law Adjustments	(\$60,618,253)	\$33,210,993	(\$9,588,201)	\$91,621,715	
New Proposals					
NP - 914 - Move Workforce Innovation Grants to DLI	(525,000)	(525,000)	(525,000)	(525,000)	
NP - 916 - Cell Phone Free Schools (BIEN/OTO)	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	
NP - 921 - 95 Mill Non Levy Revenue	(14,733,873)	0	(12,649,004)	0	
NP - 922 - Teacher Pay Incentive	52,504,462	52,504,462	54,073,148	54,073,148	
NP - 924 - SMMA Adjustment	(3,175,000)	0	(3,287,000)	0	
NP - 925 - Business Equipment Tax Adjustment	1,050,000	0	1,512,000	0	
NP - 926 - Homestead Property Tax Adjustment	13,414,976	0	13,414,976	0	
Total New Proposals	\$49,035,565	\$52,479,462	\$53,039,120	\$54,048,148	
Total Budget Adjustments	(\$11,582,688)	\$85,690,455	\$43,450,919	\$145,669,863	

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-----Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$9,096,050	\$9,096,050
FY 2027	\$42,985,166	\$42,985,166

PL - 904 - K-12 BASE Aid Inflationary Increase -

This change package is for a general fund increase of \$9.0 million in FY 2026 and \$43.0 million in FY 2027 for BASE Aid inflationary increases for the basic entitlement, per-ANB entitlement, the quality educator payment, the Indian education for all payment, data for achievement payment, special education allowable cost payment and the American Indian achievement gap payment. This request includes funding for both change in enrollment (ANB) and the inflation calculated per 20-9-326, MCA, to the statutory funding rates in 20-9-306, MCA.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$186,400	\$186,400
FY 2027	\$378,392	\$378,392

PL - 905 - At Risk Payment Inflationary Increase -

This change package increases funding for the at risk component of the BASE Aid funding formula by \$186,400 in FY 2026 and \$378,392 in FY 2027 for the inflationary factor per 20-9-326, MCA.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$317,343	\$10,747,167
FY 2027	\$644,206	\$11,074,030

PL - 906 - NRD K12 Facilities Major Maintenance Aid -

This change package increases general fund in FY 2026 by \$317,343 and in FY 2027 by \$644,206 and state special revenue by \$10,429,824 in each year of the 2027 Biennium for the Natural Resource Development K-12 payment in 20-9-635, MCA. The general fund increase is the inflation rate of 3% per year as calculated per 20-9-326, MCA. Total appropriation authority including base funding will be \$22,895,443 in FY 2026 and \$23,222,306 in FY 2027.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$76,621	\$76,621
FY 2027	\$150,976	\$150,976

PL - 907 - State Transformational Learning Pmt Adjustment -

The agency requests \$76,621 in FY 2026 and \$150,976 in FY 2027 general fund to adjust the state transformational learning payment for 3% inflation increases related to the per educator component of the calculation in 20-7-1602(9), MCA.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$189,000	\$189,000
FY 2027	\$189,000	\$189,000

PL - 909 - State Tuition Increase -

This request is for a general fund increase of \$189,000 in each year of the 2027 Biennium to meet the state tuition payment required in 20-5-323, MCA, and 20-5-324, MCA. The total appropriation per year will be \$249,911.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$3,115	\$3,115
FY 2027	\$3,115	\$3,115

PL - 910 - In State Treatment Adjustment -

The OPI requests \$3,115 each year of the 2027 biennium to meet the in-state inpatient treatment payment needs required in 20-7-435, MCA. The total appropriation including base funding will be \$3,010,000 each year.

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	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$10,000,000
FY 2027	\$0	\$10,000,000

PL - 911 - Increase Federal Grant Authority - Program 09 -

This change package is for additional federal authority of \$10,000,000 of the biennium to adjust for increases in federal grant awards OPI distributes to school districts and other local education agencies administered by the OPI.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$1,744,640	\$1,744,640
FY 2027	\$1,068,036	\$1,068,036

PL - 917 - Guarantee Account Adjustment -

This decision package reduces the guarantee account appropriation to match projected revenue in FY 2026 by \$1,744,640 and in FY 2027 by \$1,068,036. This adjusts the expected receipts to \$55.1 million in FY 2026 and \$55.8 million in FY 2027. This will increase general fund expenditures by a like amount. The guarantee account, 20-9-622, MCA, is the first source of funding for state equalization aid and is statutorily appropriated.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$72,399,422)	\$0
FY 2027	(\$79,780,092)	\$0

PL - 918 - Equalization Aid Acct Adjustment -

This request increases state special revenue authority for the state equalization aid account (95 mills) by \$72.4 million in FY 2026 and by \$79.8 million in FY 2027 to account for projected revenue with an offsetting reduction of general fund. This account, 20-9-336, MCA, is the second source of funding for state equalization aid.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$0
FY 2027	\$24,600,000	\$24,600,000

PL - 919 - County Retirement Adjustment -

This budget request for \$24.6 million in FY 2027 is for additional funding for K-12 BASE Aid for County Retirement per 20-9-336, MCA, for the state share of the general fund growth due to increased property tax valuation. No adjustment is made for FY 2026 as the change in taxable value in the formula did not require an adjustment.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$1,000,000
FY 2027	\$0	\$1,000,000

PL - 920 - Debt Service Adjustment -

This request is for \$1.0 million state special revenue funding in each year of the 2027 biennium to increase debt service to projected need.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$168,000	\$168,000
FY 2027	\$173,000	\$173,000

PL - 923 - Indian Language Immersion Adjustment -

This request is for \$168,000 in FY 2026 and \$173,000 in FY 2027 to increase base funding of \$96,970 to increase participation in the Indian Language Immersion program in 20-7-1404, MCA.

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-----New Proposals-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$525,000)	(\$525,000)
FY 2027	(\$525,000)	(\$525,000)

NP - 914 - Move Workforce Innovation Grants to DLI -

This change package moves \$525,000 general fund each year to the Department of Labor and Industry, for the Adult Basic Education Workforce Innovation and Opportunities grants. The request is contingent on legislative.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$500,000	\$500,000
FY 2027	\$500,000	\$500,000

NP - 916 - Cell Phone Free Schools (BIEN/OTO) -

This request is a one-time-only safety request for \$1.0 million general fund as a biennial appropriation for the 2027 Biennium for small grants to K-12 public schools to purchase secure systems so that cell phones are inaccessible to students during school hours.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$14,733,873)	\$0
FY 2027	(\$12,649,004)	\$0

NP - 921 - 95 Mill Non Levy Revenue -

Contingent on legislation, this request redirects the 95 mill non levy revenue from the general fund to the State Equalization Aid state special revenue account.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$52,504,462	\$52,504,462
FY 2027	\$54,073,148	\$54,073,148

NP - 922 - Teacher Pay Incentive -

Contingent on legislation, this request is for \$52.5 million in FY 2026 and \$54.1 million in FY 2027 for increased teacher pay directed to the bottom one third of the teacher pay scale in each school district through state grants.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$3,175,000)	\$0
FY 2027	(\$3,287,000)	\$0

NP - 924 - SMMA Adjustment -

Contingent on legislation, this request reduces general fund by \$3.175 million in FY 2026 and by \$3.287 million in FY 2027 and increases state special revenue expenditures by like amounts in support of the state major maintenance payment.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$1,050,000	\$0
FY 2027	\$1,512,000	\$0

NP - 925 - Business Equipment Tax Adjustment -

Contingent on legislation, this request fund switches BASE Aid funding of \$1 million in FY 2026 and \$1.5 million in FY 2027 for adjustments to business equipment tax exemptions by decreasing the state special revenue State Equalization Aid (95 mill) account and increasing general fund.

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	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$13,414,976	\$0
FY 2027	\$13,414,976	\$0

NP - 926 - Homestead Property Tax Adjustment -

Contingent on legislation regarding homestead property tax exemptions, this request is a fund switch of \$13.4 million each year of the 2027 Biennium for BASE Aid from the State Equalization Aid (95 mill) state special revenue account to the general fund.

Board of Public Education - 51010

**51010 Board of Public
Education
McCall Flynn 444-0300**

Mission Statement - The Montana Constitution created and empowered the Board of Public Education to supervise, serve, maintain, and strengthen Montana's system of free quality public elementary and secondary schools. The board exists to promote high academic achievement for all Montana students.

Statutory Authority - Article X, Section 9, Montana Constitution; 2-15-1507 and 2-15-1522, MCA.

Board of Public Education - 51010

K-12 Education - 01

Program Description - The Montana Board of Public Education was established to supervise, serve, maintain, and strengthen Montana's system of free quality public elementary and secondary schools. The agency strives to fulfill these obligations through the administration, research, and management of all activities under the purview of the Board of Public Education as outlined in the powers and duties in 20-2-121, MCA, and the Montana Constitution.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	
Personal Services	278,418	(380)	278,038	(379)	278,039	556,077
Operating Expenses	313,730	(23,122)	290,608	(23,178)	290,552	581,160
Total Costs	\$592,148	(\$23,502)	\$568,646	(\$23,557)	\$568,591	\$1,137,237
General Fund	580,585	(11,939)	568,646	(11,994)	568,591	1,137,237
State/Other Special	11,563	(11,563)	0	(11,563)	0	0
Total Funds	\$592,148	(\$23,502)	\$568,646	(\$23,557)	\$568,591	\$1,137,237

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments				
	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	11,130	11,130	11,131	11,131
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	(23,062)	(23,062)	(23,121)	(23,121)
SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation	(7)	(7)	(4)	(4)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>(\$11,939)</i>	<i>(\$11,939)</i>	<i>(\$11,994)</i>	<i>(\$11,994)</i>
Present Law Adjustments				
PL - 9 - Remove State Special Revenue Authority	0	(11,563)	0	(11,563)
<i>Total Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$11,563)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$11,563)</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	(\$11,939)	(\$23,502)	(\$11,994)	(\$23,557)

-----**Statewide Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$11,130	\$11,130
FY 2027	\$11,131	\$11,131

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes \$11,130 in FY2026 and \$11,131 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot. The Board of Public Education is exempt from vacancy savings.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$23,062)	(\$23,062)
FY 2027	(\$23,121)	(\$23,121)

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

The request includes a reduction of \$23,062 in FY 2026 and a reduction of \$23,121 in FY 2027 to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

Board of Public Education - 51010

K-12 Education - 01

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$7)	(\$7)
FY 2027	(\$4)	(\$4)

SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation -

This change package includes a reduction of \$7 in FY 2026 and \$4 in FY 2027 to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of deflation to state motor pool accounts.

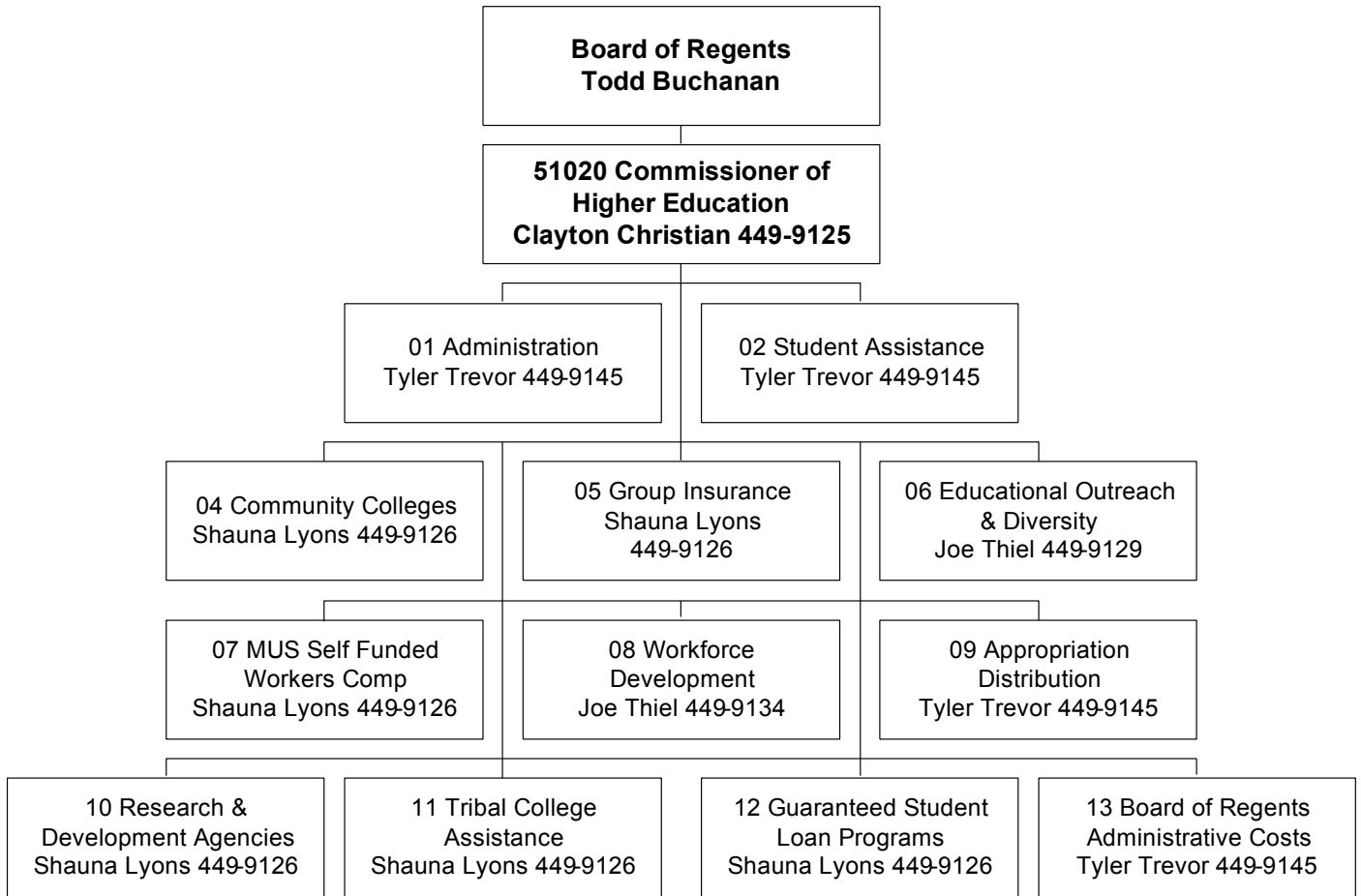
-----Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	(\$11,563)
FY 2027	\$0	(\$11,563)

PL - 9 - Remove State Special Revenue Authority -

The Board of Public Education receives no state special revenue funding following legislation passed by the 2023 Legislature. Therefore, this request reduces state special revenue funding by \$11,563 per year and zeros the agency state special revenue appropriation.

Commissioner of Higher Education - 51020



Mission Statement - To serve students through the delivery of high quality, accessible postsecondary educational opportunities, while actively participating in the preservation and advancement of Montana's economy and society.

Statutory Authority - Article X, Section 9, Montana Constitution and 2-15-1506, MCA.

Agency Proposed Budget	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Total Exec. Budget 2027 Biennium
Budget Item			
FTE	50.22	50.22	
Personal Services	6,012,156	6,048,431	12,060,587
Operating Expenses	8,375,323	8,387,593	16,762,916
Equipment & Intangible Assets	11,063	11,063	22,126
Local Assistance	18,204,022	18,927,866	37,131,888
Grants	20,515,265	21,592,018	42,107,283
Transfers	315,092,960	314,316,772	629,409,732
Debt Service	1,002,458	1,002,878	2,005,336
Total Costs	\$369,213,247	\$370,286,621	\$739,499,868
General Fund	311,476,981	311,876,256	623,353,237
State/Other Special	38,171,423	38,630,074	76,801,497
Proprietary Funds	723,465	723,465	1,446,930
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	18,841,378	19,056,826	37,898,204
Total Funds	\$369,213,247	\$370,286,621	\$739,499,868

Commissioner of Higher Education - 51020

Agency Appropriated Biennium to Biennium Comparison								
Program	2025 Biennium Appropriated Budget		2027 Biennium Requested Budget		Biennium to Biennium Difference (dollars)		Biennium to Biennium Difference (percent)	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
01 - Administration Program	14,799,546	16,246,476	9,125,800	10,572,730	(5,673,746)	(5,673,746)	(38.34)%	(34.92)%
02 - Student Assistance Program	26,477,102	27,210,486	29,941,062	31,355,773	3,463,960	4,145,287	13.08 %	15.23 %
04 - Community College Assistance	33,787,373	33,787,373	36,771,513	36,771,513	2,984,140	2,984,140	8.83 %	8.83 %
06 - Education Outreach & Diversity	304,026	19,494,126	352,622	19,649,049	48,596	154,923	15.98 %	0.79 %
08 - Work Force Development Program	211,209	12,947,595	227,210	14,179,145	16,001	1,231,550	7.58 %	9.51 %
09 - Appropriation Distribution	423,060,684	489,715,534	467,639,496	540,786,346	44,578,812	51,070,812	10.54 %	10.43 %
10 - Agency Funds	70,925,911	73,165,847	77,309,582	79,549,518	6,383,671	6,383,671	9.00 %	8.72 %
11 - Tribal College Assistance Pgm	2,036,800	2,036,800	1,836,800	1,836,800	(200,000)	(200,000)	(9.82)%	(9.82)%
12 - Guaranteed Student Loan Pgm	0	4,797,509	0	4,649,842	0	(147,667)	0.00 %	(3.08)%
13 - Board of Regents-Admin	148,828	148,828	149,152	149,152	324	324	0.22 %	0.22 %
Agency Total	\$571,751,479	\$679,550,574	\$623,353,237	\$739,499,868	\$51,601,758	\$59,949,294	9.03 %	8.82 %

Commissioner of Higher Education - 51020

Administration Program - 01

01 Administration
Tyler Trevor x449-9145

Program Description - The Administration Program includes: 1) general administration of the university system, 2) academic, financial, and legal administration, 3) labor relations and personnel administration, and 4) student assistance administration. Article X, Section 9, of the Montana Constitution requires that the Board of Regents appoints the commissioner and prescribes his/her powers and duties.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	23.28	0.00	23.28	0.00	23.28	
Personal Services	3,930,263	(395,554)	3,534,709	(380,506)	3,549,757	7,084,466
Operating Expenses	1,012,874	17,559	1,030,433	26,899	1,039,773	2,070,206
Equipment & Intangible Assets	11,063	0	11,063	0	11,063	22,126
Transfers	22,773	575,000	597,773	425,000	447,773	1,045,546
Debt Service	175,193	0	175,193	0	175,193	350,386
Total Costs	\$5,152,166	\$197,005	\$5,349,171	\$71,393	\$5,223,559	\$10,572,730
General Fund	4,428,701	197,005	4,625,706	71,393	4,500,094	9,125,800
Proprietary Funds	723,465	0	723,465	0	723,465	1,446,930
Total Funds	\$5,152,166	\$197,005	\$5,349,171	\$71,393	\$5,223,559	\$10,572,730

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	(395,554)	(395,554)	(380,506)	(380,506)
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	18,360	18,360	27,440	27,440
SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation	(801)	(801)	(541)	(541)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>(\$377,995)</i>	<i>(\$377,995)</i>	<i>(\$353,607)</i>	<i>(\$353,607)</i>
New Proposals				
NP - 106 - Online J.D. Program (OTO)	575,000	575,000	425,000	425,000
<i>Total New Proposals</i>	<i>\$575,000</i>	<i>\$575,000</i>	<i>\$425,000</i>	<i>\$425,000</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$197,005	\$197,005	\$71,393	\$71,393

-----**Statewide Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$395,554)	(\$395,554)
FY 2027	(\$380,506)	(\$380,506)

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes a reduction of \$395,554 in FY 2026 and \$380,506 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

Commissioner of Higher Education - 51020

Administration Program - 01

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$18,360	\$18,360
FY 2027	\$27,440	\$27,440

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

The request includes \$18,360 in FY 2026 and \$27,440 in FY 2027 to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$801)	(\$801)
FY 2027	(\$541)	(\$541)

SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation -

This change package includes a reduction of \$801 in FY 2026 and \$541 in FY 2027 to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of deflation to state motor pool accounts.

-----New Proposals-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$575,000	\$575,000
FY 2027	\$425,000	\$425,000

NP - 106 - Online J.D. Program (OTO) -

This new proposal will provide start-up funding to develop a hybrid online J.D. Program at the University of Montana's law school. The development of a hybrid online J.D. program will aid in meeting Montana's need for lawyers in rural areas and would focus on agricultural law, natural resources law, and Indian law. The program would become operational in academic year 2027-2028.

Commissioner of Higher Education - 51020

Student Assistance Program - 02

02 Student Assistance
Tyler Trevor x449-9145

Program Description - All student grant funding is included in this program. Types of grants include: work study, state grants, federal grant matching programs, and student grants for attending professional schools which are not available in Montana such as medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine. Title 20, Chapters 25 and 26, MCA, govern the program.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	
Personal Services	406,060	27,133	433,193	29,312	435,372	868,565
Operating Expenses	440,885	66,882	507,767	67,315	508,200	1,015,967
Local Assistance	169,000	7,352	176,352	15,023	184,023	360,375
Grants	13,019,810	571,594	13,591,404	1,568,390	14,588,200	28,179,604
Transfers	115,631	0	115,631	0	115,631	231,262
Debt Service	0	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	700,000
Total Costs	\$14,151,386	\$1,022,961	\$15,174,347	\$2,030,040	\$16,181,426	\$31,355,773
General Fund	13,781,373	685,944	14,467,317	1,692,372	15,473,745	29,941,062
State/Other Special	370,013	337,017	707,030	337,668	707,681	1,414,711
Total Funds	\$14,151,386	\$1,022,961	\$15,174,347	\$2,030,040	\$16,181,426	\$31,355,773

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	40,116	27,133	41,644	29,312
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$40,116</i>	<i>\$27,133</i>	<i>\$41,644</i>	<i>\$29,312</i>
Present Law Adjustments				
PL - 201 - Professional Student Exchange Programs	645,828	645,828	1,650,728	1,650,728
<i>Total Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$645,828</i>	<i>\$645,828</i>	<i>\$1,650,728</i>	<i>\$1,650,728</i>
New Proposals				
NP - 204 - Central Application System	0	350,000	0	350,000
<i>Total New Proposals</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$350,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$350,000</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$685,944	\$1,022,961	\$1,692,372	\$2,030,040

-----**Statewide Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$40,116	\$27,133
FY 2027	\$41,644	\$29,312

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes \$27,133 in FY 2026 and \$29,312 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

Commissioner of Higher Education - 51020

Student Assistance Program - 02

-----Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$645,828	\$645,828
FY 2027	\$1,650,728	\$1,650,728

PL - 201 - Professional Student Exchange Programs -

This request is for continued state support to fund first year and continuing student slots at anticipated increased tuition levels for the WICHE, WWAMI, MN Dental, WIMU, and ICOM professional student exchange programs. The budget includes \$645,828 in FY 2026 and \$1,650,728 in FY 2027.

-----New Proposals-----

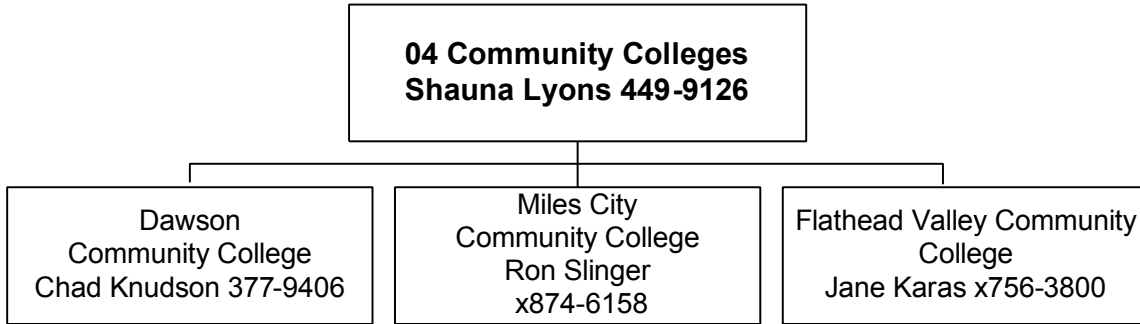
	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$350,000
FY 2027	\$0	\$350,000

NP - 204 - Central Application System -

The new proposal will support the central application system for the Montana University System, and provide authority to utilize the application fees collected from non-resident students applying to the Montana University System via the single application portal. Non-resident students are required to pay the application fee to apply, while it remains free for all resident students. The fees collected in the state special revenue account will be used to offset a portion of the annual operating costs of the central application system and for the OCHE to administer and manage the program.

Commissioner of Higher Education - 51020

Community College Assistance - 04



Program Description - The funds appropriated by the legislature for this program are distributed to support Montana's three community colleges: Miles Community College, Dawson Community College, and Flathead Valley Community College. Each community college district has an elected board of trustees. The regents have statutory authority to control the community colleges in Title 20, Chapter 15, MCA.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
Local Assistance	17,635,881	391,789	18,027,670	1,107,962	18,743,843	36,771,513
Total Costs	\$17,635,881	\$391,789	\$18,027,670	\$1,107,962	\$18,743,843	\$36,771,513
General Fund	17,635,881	391,789	18,027,670	1,107,962	18,743,843	36,771,513
Total Funds	\$17,635,881	\$391,789	\$18,027,670	\$1,107,962	\$18,743,843	\$36,771,513

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments				
	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Present Law Adjustments				
PL - 401 - Community College PLA	33,289	33,289	1,107,962	1,107,962
PL - 402 - Community College Audit Costs	358,500	358,500	0	0
<i>Total Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$391,789</i>	<i>\$391,789</i>	<i>\$1,107,962</i>	<i>\$1,107,962</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$391,789	\$391,789	\$1,107,962	\$1,107,962

-----**Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$33,289	\$33,289
FY 2027	\$1,107,962	\$1,107,962

PL - 401 - Community College PLA -

This change package provides increased funding based on the statutory funding formula for Community Colleges.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$358,500	\$358,500
FY 2027	\$0	\$0

PL - 402 - Community College Audit Costs -

This decision package is for audit costs for the Community Colleges. The estimated costs are provided by the community colleges per 5-13-402, MCA.

Commissioner of Higher Education - 51020

Education Outreach & Diversity - 06

**06 Educational Outreach
& Diversity
Joe Thiel 449-9134**

Program Description - The Educational Outreach and Diversity Program is primarily a federally funded program to decrease the dropout rate of disadvantaged students in high schools and increase their enrollment and retention in post-secondary education. The Educational Outreach and Diversity Program has three components providing services to target populations:

- Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is an early intervention and scholarship program that provides mentoring, counseling and outreach to build academic success that will lead to postsecondary education enrollment and achievement. The program provides these services to an entire cohort of students at participating schools starting in seventh grade, and the program services follow that cohort through high school completion
- Educational Talent Search (ETS) creates a long-term academic contract with middle school students that subsequently provide academic support, skills building, and counseling to encourage the planning, preparation and pursuit of a postsecondary education
- American Indian/Minority Achievement (AIMA) is responsible for American Indian and minority recruitment and retention in the university system, oversight for the campus diversity plans, and implementation of Indian Education for All programs. An overall objective of the program is to work with the campuses of the MUS in order to increase recruitment, enrollment, and graduation rates of American Indian and other minority students

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments	Exec. Budget	Adjustments	Exec. Budget	Budget Request
		Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2027	Fiscal 2027	2027 Biennium
FTE	18.24	0.00	18.24	0.00	18.24	
Personal Services	1,450,055	28,180	1,478,235	31,426	1,481,481	2,959,716
Operating Expenses	4,910,476	(164)	4,910,312	(111)	4,910,365	9,820,677
Grants	3,377,000	0	3,377,000	0	3,377,000	6,754,000
Debt Service	57,328	0	57,328	0	57,328	114,656
Total Costs	\$9,794,859	\$28,016	\$9,822,875	\$31,315	\$9,826,174	\$19,649,049
General Fund	155,871	20,436	176,307	20,444	176,315	352,622
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	9,638,988	7,580	9,646,568	10,871	9,649,859	19,296,427
Total Funds	\$9,794,859	\$28,016	\$9,822,875	\$31,315	\$9,826,174	\$19,649,049

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments		Budget Adjustments	
	Fiscal 2026		Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	20,461	28,180	20,461	31,426
SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation	(25)	(164)	(17)	(111)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$20,436</i>	<i>\$28,016</i>	<i>\$20,444</i>	<i>\$31,315</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$20,436	\$28,016	\$20,444	\$31,315

Commissioner of Higher Education - 51020

Education Outreach & Diversity - 06

-----Statewide Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$20,461	\$28,180
FY 2027	\$20,461	\$31,426

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes \$28,180 in FY 2026 and \$31,426 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$25)	(\$164)
FY 2027	(\$17)	(\$111)

SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation -

This change package includes a reduction of \$164 in FY 2026 and \$111 in FY 2027 to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of deflation to state motor pool accounts.

Commissioner of Higher Education - 51020

Work Force Development Program - 08

08 Workforce Development
Joe Thiel 449-9134

Program Description - Workforce Development is a coordinated effort between OCHE and the Office of Public Instruction to support vocational education at the secondary and post-secondary levels with primarily federal funds.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	4.20	0.00	4.20	0.00	4.20	
Personal Services	394,371	11,778	406,149	27,579	421,950	828,099
Operating Expenses	76,942	5,676	82,618	8,083	85,025	167,643
Grants	2,431,869	196,592	2,628,461	276,549	2,708,418	5,336,879
Transfers	3,552,678	287,406	3,840,084	404,298	3,956,976	7,797,060
Debt Service	23,490	1,032	24,522	1,452	24,942	49,464
Total Costs	\$6,479,350	\$502,484	\$6,981,834	\$717,961	\$7,197,311	\$14,179,145
General Fund	103,331	8,595	111,926	11,953	115,284	227,210
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	6,376,019	493,889	6,869,908	706,008	7,082,027	13,951,935
Total Funds	\$6,479,350	\$502,484	\$6,981,834	\$717,961	\$7,197,311	\$14,179,145

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	0	(21,930)	0	(19,727)
SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation	0	(171)	0	(115)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$22,101)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$19,842)</i>
Present Law Adjustments				
PL - 801 - Perkins Federal Award Increase	0	515,990	0	725,850
PL - 802 - Perkins MOE Increase	8,595	8,595	11,953	11,953
<i>Total Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$8,595</i>	<i>\$524,585</i>	<i>\$11,953</i>	<i>\$737,803</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$8,595	\$502,484	\$11,953	\$717,961

-----**Statewide Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	(\$21,930)
FY 2027	\$0	(\$19,727)

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes a reduction of \$21,930 in FY 2026 and \$19,727 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

Commissioner of Higher Education - 51020

Work Force Development Program - 08

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	(\$171)
FY 2027	\$0	(\$115)

SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation -

This change package includes a reduction of \$171 in FY 2026 and \$115 in FY 2027 to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of deflation to state motor pool accounts.

-----Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$515,990
FY 2027	\$0	\$725,850

PL - 801 - Perkins Federal Award Increase -

The Perkins Program is requesting additional federal authority of \$515,990 in FY 2026 and \$725,850 in FY 2027 to meet the requirements of the federal grant award.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$8,595	\$8,595
FY 2027	\$11,953	\$11,953

PL - 802 - Perkins MOE Increase -

This decision package increases the minimum maintenance of effort requirement for the Perkins grant by \$8,595 for FY 2026 and \$11,953 for FY 2027. The Perkins state allocation has increased thus increasing the minimum required maintenance of effort.

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Appropriation Distribution - 09

**09 Appropriation
Distribution
Tyler Trevor x449-9145**

Program Description - The Appropriation Distribution Program in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) is the conduit through which state funds flow to the university system units. This program includes state funding for the Montana University System educational units, the Family Practice Rural Residency programs located at MSU Billings and University of Montana in Missoula, and the Motorcycle Safety Program located at Helena College.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments	Exec. Budget	Adjustments	Exec. Budget	Budget Request
		Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2027	Fiscal 2027	2027 Biennium
Transfers	254,410,536	16,528,302	270,938,838	15,436,972	269,847,508	540,786,346
Total Costs	\$254,410,536	\$16,528,302	\$270,938,838	\$15,436,972	\$269,847,508	\$540,786,346
General Fund	221,383,111	13,211,302	234,594,413	11,661,972	233,045,083	467,639,496
State/Other Special	33,027,425	3,317,000	36,344,425	3,775,000	36,802,425	73,146,850
Total Funds	\$254,410,536	\$16,528,302	\$270,938,838	\$15,436,972	\$269,847,508	\$540,786,346

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments					
	Budget Adjustments			Budget Adjustments	
	Fiscal 2026			Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds	
Present Law Adjustments					
PL - 901 - Montana University System PLA	11,384,407	11,384,407	10,526,476	10,526,476	
PL - 902 - MUS LAD Audit Costs	282,249	282,249	0	0	
PL - 903 - MUS Fixed Cost Increases from State	4,861,646	4,861,646	4,910,496	4,910,496	
<i>Total Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$16,528,302</i>	<i>\$16,528,302</i>	<i>\$15,436,972</i>	<i>\$15,436,972</i>	
New Proposals					
NP - 904 - University Millage Fund Switch	(3,317,000)	0	(3,775,000)	0	
<i>Total New Proposals</i>	<i>(\$3,317,000)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$3,775,000)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	
Total Budget Adjustments	\$13,211,302	\$16,528,302	\$11,661,972	\$15,436,972	

-----**Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$11,384,407	\$11,384,407
FY 2027	\$10,526,476	\$10,526,476

PL - 901 - Montana University System PLA -

The MUS requests funding to annualize various personal services costs, fixed costs, and inflationary costs for all Montana University System (MUS) units at the current unrestricted rate. This change package simulates change packages SWPL 1 & 3 for all other agencies.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$282,249	\$282,249
FY 2027	\$0	\$0

PL - 902 - MUS LAD Audit Costs -

The decision package is for Legislative Audit Costs for the Montana University System.

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Appropriation Distribution - 09

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$4,861,646	\$4,861,646
FY 2027	\$4,910,496	\$4,910,496

PL - 903 - MUS Fixed Cost Increases from State -

The decision package is to provide funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

-----New Proposals-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$3,317,000)	\$0
FY 2027	(\$3,775,000)	\$0

NP - 904 - University Millage Fund Switch -

This change package adjusts funding for the MUS based on revenue in the 6-mill, state special revenue account. The request decreases general fund by \$3,317,000 in FY 2026 and \$3,775,000 in FY 2027, and increases University Millage state special revenue by \$3,317,000 in FY 2026 and \$3,775,000 in FY 2027.

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Agency Funds - 10

Program Description - The agencies within the Montana University system aid in research, scientific experimentation, and professional and community development. The agencies work side by side with campuses across the state to foster learning and create career opportunities in various fields of study including agriculture, resource management and conservation, forestry, fire and rescue, and geologic studies.

The Research and Development Agencies consist of:

- Agricultural Experiment Stations (AES)
- Extension Services (ES)
- Forestry and Conservation Experiment Station (FCES)
- Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)
- Fire Services Training School (FSTS)

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget Adjustments	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
Transfers	37,256,986	2,343,648	39,600,634	2,691,898	39,948,884	79,549,518
Total Costs	\$37,256,986	\$2,343,648	\$39,600,634	\$2,691,898	\$39,948,884	\$79,549,518
General Fund	36,137,018	2,343,648	38,480,666	2,691,898	38,828,916	77,309,582
State/Other Special	1,119,968	0	1,119,968	0	1,119,968	2,239,936
Total Funds	\$37,256,986	\$2,343,648	\$39,600,634	\$2,691,898	\$39,948,884	\$79,549,518

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments				
	Budget Adjustments		Budget Adjustments	
	Fiscal 2026		Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Present Law Adjustments				
PL - 1001 - Research & Development Agencies PLA	2,185,377	2,185,377	2,535,546	2,535,546
PL - 1002 - SWPL Research & Development Agencies	158,271	158,271	156,352	156,352
<i>Total Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$2,343,648</i>	<i>\$2,343,648</i>	<i>\$2,691,898</i>	<i>\$2,691,898</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$2,343,648	\$2,343,648	\$2,691,898	\$2,691,898

-----Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$2,185,377	\$2,185,377
FY 2027	\$2,535,546	\$2,535,546

PL - 1001 - Research & Development Agencies PLA -

The Research & Development Agencies request funding to annualize various MUS personal services costs, MUS fixed cost, and inflationary costs. This change package simulates the SWPL 1 & 3 changes packages for all other agencies.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$158,271	\$158,271
FY 2027	\$156,352	\$156,352

PL - 1002 - SWPL Research & Development Agencies -

The decision package provides funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

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Tribal College Assistance Pgm - 11

**11 Tribal College
Assistance
Shauna Lyons x449-9126**

Program Description - The Tribal College Assistance program provides funding to tribal colleges to support a portion of the costs of educating nonbeneficiary Montana students (non-tribal members) attending the seven tribal community colleges on the reservations in Montana. Section 20-25-428, MCA, requires the Board of Regents to provide assistance to tribal colleges "subject to a line item appropriation" by the legislature, up to a maximum of \$3,280 per year for each nonbeneficiary student FTE.

Program Proposed Budget							
Budget Item	Starting Point Fiscal 2025	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Executive Budget Request 2027 Biennium	
Grants	918,400	0	918,400	0	918,400	1,836,800	
Total Costs	\$918,400	\$0	\$918,400	\$0	\$918,400	\$1,836,800	
General Fund	918,400	0	918,400	0	918,400	1,836,800	
Total Funds	\$918,400	\$0	\$918,400	\$0	\$918,400	\$1,836,800	

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Guaranteed Student Loan Pgm - 12

**12 Guaranteed Student
Loan Program
Shauna Lyons x449-9126**

Program Description - The Guaranteed Student Loan Program (GSL) provides financial aid awareness and related outreach and other financial aid-related activities for the benefit of students. GSL is authorized under Title 20, Chapter 26, MCA.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	1.50	0.00	1.50	0.00	1.50	
Personal Services	231,023	(83,053)	147,970	(83,052)	147,971	295,941
Operating Expenses	1,781,632	(115)	1,781,517	(78)	1,781,554	3,563,071
Debt Service	395,415	0	395,415	0	395,415	790,830
Total Costs	\$2,408,070	(\$83,168)	\$2,324,902	(\$83,130)	\$2,324,940	\$4,649,842
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	2,408,070	(83,168)	2,324,902	(83,130)	2,324,940	4,649,842

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments				
	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	0	(83,053)	0	(83,052)
SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation	0	(115)	0	(78)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$83,168)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$83,130)</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$0	(\$83,168)	\$0	(\$83,130)

-----**Statewide Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	(\$83,053)
FY 2027	\$0	(\$83,052)

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes a reduction of \$83,053 in FY 2026 and \$83,052 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	(\$115)
FY 2027	\$0	(\$78)

SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation -

This change package includes a reduction of \$115 in FY 2026 and \$78 in FY 2027 to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of deflation to state motor pool accounts.

Commissioner of Higher Education - 51020

Board of Regents-Admin - 13

**13 Board of Regents
Tyler Trevor 449-9145**

Program Description - The Board of Regents program provides administrative support, travel, and per diem for the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents has full power, responsibility, and authority to supervise, coordinate, manage, and control the Montana University System under Article X, Section 9, Montana Constitution, and 20-25-301, MCA.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
Personal Services	11,900	0	11,900	0	11,900	23,800
Operating Expenses	62,676	0	62,676	0	62,676	125,352
Total Costs	\$74,576	\$0	\$74,576	\$0	\$74,576	\$149,152
General Fund	74,576	0	74,576	0	74,576	149,152
Total Funds	\$74,576	\$0	\$74,576	\$0	\$74,576	\$149,152

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	(5,600)	(5,600)	(5,600)	(5,600)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>(\$5,600)</i>	<i>(\$5,600)</i>	<i>(\$5,600)</i>	<i>(\$5,600)</i>
Present Law Adjustments				
PL - 1301 - Fixed Cost Per Diem Account Adjustment	5,600	5,600	5,600	5,600
<i>Total Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$5,600</i>	<i>\$5,600</i>	<i>\$5,600</i>	<i>\$5,600</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

-----**Statewide Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$5,600)	(\$5,600)
FY 2027	(\$5,600)	(\$5,600)

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

This change package includes a reduction of \$5,600 in FY 2026 and \$5,600 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings. Additional factors contributing to the budget request include the removal of per diem allowance for the Board of Regent's during the snapshot process and a technical adjustment due to the incorrect personal services account used during turnaround. A coordinating change package PL 1301 corrects this technical accounting issue by adjusting base funding for the Board of Regents.

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Board of Regents-Admin - 13

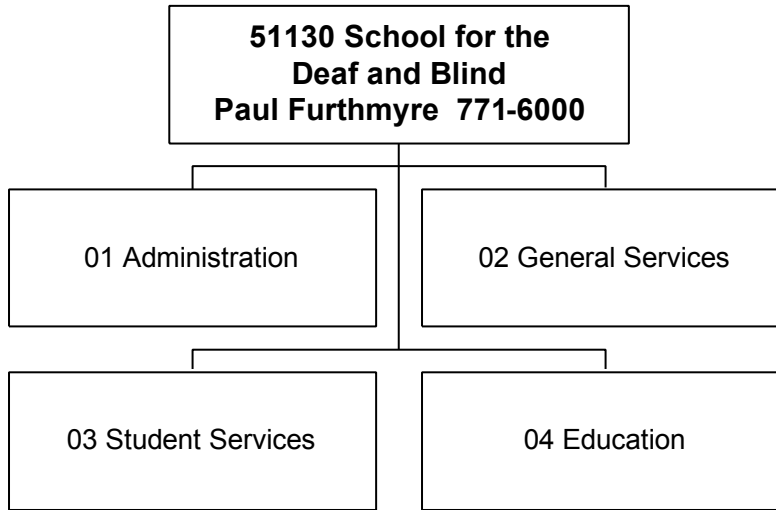
-----Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$5,600	\$5,600
FY 2027	\$5,600	\$5,600

PL - 1301 - Fixed Cost Per Diem Account Adjustment -

This change package corrects a technical issue for the allocation of per diem authority related to HB 314 from the 2023 Session. During the turnaround process the incorrect personal services account was used resulting in a shortfall in the account used for SWPL 1.

School For the Deaf & Blind - 51130



Mission Statement - To foster the learning and growth of the whole-child with a hearing and/or vision loss, preparing them to become successful citizens. By being Montana’s leading resource for the stakeholders of MSDB by providing supports & services that empower individuals to attain their highest potential. As the school believes all children are capable and confident and will receive an education through the whole child education philosophy, which includes sensory specific access to communication and curriculum in safe learning & living environments.

Statutory Authority - Title 20, Chapter 8, part 1, MCA.

Agency Proposed Budget			
Budget Item	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Total Exec. Budget 2027 Biennium
FTE	89.28	89.28	
Personal Services	9,155,325	9,189,407	18,344,732
Operating Expenses	1,160,315	1,160,705	2,321,020
Transfers	1,000	1,000	2,000
Debt Service	61,615	61,615	123,230
Total Costs	\$10,378,255	\$10,412,727	\$20,790,982
General Fund	9,865,711	9,900,183	19,765,894
State/Other Special	305,735	305,735	611,470
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	206,809	206,809	413,618
Total Funds	\$10,378,255	\$10,412,727	\$20,790,982

Agency Appropriated Biennium to Biennium Comparison								
Program	2025 Biennium Appropriated Budget		2027 Biennium Requested Budget		Biennium to Biennium Difference (dollars)		Biennium to Biennium Difference (percent)	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
01 - Administration Program	1,445,305	1,452,093	1,951,976	1,958,764	506,671	506,671	35.06 %	34.89 %
02 - General Services	1,331,559	1,331,559	1,495,020	1,495,020	163,461	163,461	12.28 %	12.28 %
03 - Student Services	4,197,444	4,266,902	4,376,107	4,445,565	178,663	178,663	4.26 %	4.19 %
04 - Education	11,659,044	12,612,297	11,942,791	12,891,633	283,747	279,336	2.43 %	2.21 %
Agency Total	\$18,633,352	\$19,662,851	\$19,765,894	\$20,790,982	\$1,132,542	\$1,128,131	6.08 %	5.74 %

School For the Deaf & Blind - 51130

Administration Program - 01

Program Description - The Administration Program staff provide purchasing, accounting, personnel functions, and management of the business affairs for the school.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point Fiscal 2025	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Executive Budget Request 2027 Biennium
Budget Item						
FTE	5.00	1.00	6.00	1.00	6.00	
Personal Services	503,100	179,368	682,468	205,796	708,896	1,391,364
Operating Expenses	218,612	65,915	284,527	64,261	282,873	567,400
Total Costs	\$721,712	\$245,283	\$966,995	\$270,057	\$991,769	\$1,958,764
General Fund	718,318	245,283	963,601	270,057	988,375	1,951,976
State/Other Special	3,394	0	3,394	0	3,394	6,788
Total Funds	\$721,712	\$245,283	\$966,995	\$270,057	\$991,769	\$1,958,764

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	21,018	21,018	21,709	21,709
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	63,115	63,115	64,261	64,261
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$84,133</i>	<i>\$84,133</i>	<i>\$85,970</i>	<i>\$85,970</i>
New Proposals				
NP - 15 - Longevity Adjustment	106,683	106,683	132,420	132,420
NP - 9 - Business Office Administrative Assistant	54,467	54,467	51,667	51,667
<i>Total New Proposals</i>	<i>\$161,150</i>	<i>\$161,150</i>	<i>\$184,087</i>	<i>\$184,087</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$245,283	\$245,283	\$270,057	\$270,057

-----Statewide Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$21,018	\$21,018
FY 2027	\$21,709	\$21,709

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes adjustments to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, and longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot. MSDB is exempt from vacancy savings per 17-7-162, MCA.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$63,115	\$63,115
FY 2027	\$64,261	\$64,261

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

The request includes adjustments to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

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Administration Program - 01

-----New Proposals-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$106,683	\$106,683
FY 2027	\$132,420	\$132,420

NP - 15 - Longevity Adjustment -

MSDB bargained for longevity in FY 2024 for employees. These employees had not previously received longevity as part of the pay plan. This request is for general fund increases of \$106,683 in FY 2026 and \$132,420 in FY 2027 to build the longevity into the pay plan for MSDB.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$54,467	\$54,467
FY 2027	\$51,667	\$51,667

NP - 9 - Business Office Administrative Assistant -

MSDB requests \$106,134 general fund in the 2027 Biennium for a 1.00 FTE administrative assistant to assist half-time in the Business Office and half-time with outreach staff record keeping.

School For the Deaf & Blind - 51130

General Services - 02

Program Description - The General Services program maintains all buildings and property on campus. This includes all custodial work and any maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point Fiscal 2025	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Executive Budget Request 2027 Biennium
Budget Item						
FTE	4.57	0.00	4.57	0.00	4.57	
Personal Services	349,222	30,513	379,735	31,351	380,573	760,308
Operating Expenses	303,811	930	304,741	930	304,741	609,482
Transfers	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	2,000
Debt Service	28,451	33,164	61,615	33,164	61,615	123,230
Total Costs	\$682,484	\$64,607	\$747,091	\$65,445	\$747,929	\$1,495,020
General Fund	682,484	64,607	747,091	65,445	747,929	1,495,020
Total Funds	\$682,484	\$64,607	\$747,091	\$65,445	\$747,929	\$1,495,020

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	30,513	30,513	31,351	31,351
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	34,094	34,094	34,094	34,094
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$64,607</i>	<i>\$64,607</i>	<i>\$65,445</i>	<i>\$65,445</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$64,607	\$64,607	\$65,445	\$65,445

-----**Statewide Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$30,513	\$30,513
FY 2027	\$31,351	\$31,351

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes adjustments to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, and longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot. MSDB is exempt from vacancy savings per 17-7-162, MCA.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$34,094	\$34,094
FY 2027	\$34,094	\$34,094

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

The request includes adjustments to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

School For the Deaf & Blind - 51130

Student Services - 03

Program Description - The Student Services Program provides residential care for children living at the school.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget Adjustments	Total	Budget Adjustments	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	25.21	0.00	25.21	0.00	25.21	
Personal Services	1,888,603	95,032	1,983,635	99,378	1,987,981	3,971,616
Operating Expenses	237,969	(1,187)	236,782	(802)	237,167	473,949
Total Costs	\$2,126,572	\$93,845	\$2,220,417	\$98,576	\$2,225,148	\$4,445,565
General Fund	2,091,843	93,845	2,185,688	98,576	2,190,419	4,376,107
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	34,729	0	34,729	0	34,729	69,458
Total Funds	\$2,126,572	\$93,845	\$2,220,417	\$98,576	\$2,225,148	\$4,445,565

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	95,032	95,032	99,378	99,378
SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation	(1,187)	(1,187)	(802)	(802)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$93,845</i>	<i>\$93,845</i>	<i>\$98,576</i>	<i>\$98,576</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$93,845	\$93,845	\$98,576	\$98,576

-----Statewide Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$95,032	\$95,032
FY 2027	\$99,378	\$99,378

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes adjustments to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, and longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot. MSDB is exempt from vacancy savings per 17-7-162, MCA.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$1,187)	(\$1,187)
FY 2027	(\$802)	(\$802)

SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation -

This change package reflects budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation to state motor pool accounts.

School For the Deaf & Blind - 51130

Education - 04

Program Description - The Education Program provides an education for children with hearing and/or sight loss that prevents them from receiving a quality education in their local schools. The Education Program serves visually and hearing impaired children who remain in their local school districts by providing deaf/blind educational support services to the students' local schools. The program also offers "mainstream" programs for on-campus students in a joint effort with the Great Falls Public Schools. Additionally, pursuant to 20-8-102(3), MCA, the school is charged with the responsibility of tracking a child identified as hearing or visually impaired from the time of impairment identification through the child's exit from intervention or educational services.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	53.50	0.00	53.50	0.00	53.50	
Personal Services	6,212,868	(103,381)	6,109,487	(100,911)	6,111,957	12,221,444
Operating Expenses	306,667	27,598	334,265	29,257	335,924	670,189
Total Costs	\$6,519,535	(\$75,783)	\$6,443,752	(\$71,654)	\$6,447,881	\$12,891,633
General Fund	6,033,580	(64,249)	5,969,331	(60,120)	5,973,460	11,942,791
State/Other Special	313,875	(11,534)	302,341	(11,534)	302,341	604,682
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	172,080	0	172,080	0	172,080	344,160
Total Funds	\$6,519,535	(\$75,783)	\$6,443,752	(\$71,654)	\$6,447,881	\$12,891,633

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	(133,756)	(133,756)	(131,286)	(131,286)
SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation	(5,118)	(5,118)	(3,459)	(3,459)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>(\$138,874)</i>	<i>(\$138,874)</i>	<i>(\$134,745)</i>	<i>(\$134,745)</i>
Present Law Adjustments				
PL - 400 - Reduce Unfunded Federal Authority	0	(11,534)	0	(11,534)
<i>Total Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$11,534)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$11,534)</i>
New Proposals				
NP - 100 - Extracurricular Compensation	30,375	30,375	30,375	30,375
NP - 5 - Additional Outreach Motor Pool Vehicles	44,250	44,250	44,250	44,250
<i>Total New Proposals</i>	<i>\$74,625</i>	<i>\$74,625</i>	<i>\$74,625</i>	<i>\$74,625</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	(\$64,249)	(\$75,783)	(\$60,120)	(\$71,654)

-----**Statewide Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$133,756)	(\$133,756)
FY 2027	(\$131,286)	(\$131,286)

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes adjustments to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, and longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot. MSDB is exempt from vacancy savings per 17-7-162, MCA.

School For the Deaf & Blind - 51130

Education - 04

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$5,118)	(\$5,118)
FY 2027	(\$3,459)	(\$3,459)

SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation -

This change package reflects budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation to state motor pool accounts.

-----**Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	(\$11,534)
FY 2027	\$0	(\$11,534)

PL - 400 - Reduce Unfunded Federal Authority -

This request is to reduce agency state special revenue authority by \$11,534 in each year of the 2027 biennium to remove authority that has not been funded for a number of years.

-----**New Proposals**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$30,375	\$30,375
FY 2027	\$30,375	\$30,375

NP - 100 - Extracurricular Compensation -

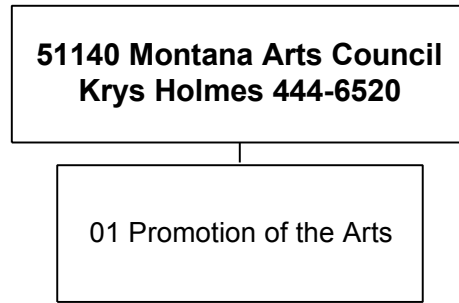
MSDB requests \$30,375 each year of the 2027 Biennium to provide stipends for staff who advise student extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs, and class sponsors. This is an ongoing personal services cost that is requested each biennium as it is not part of the base budget.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$44,250	\$44,250
FY 2027	\$44,250	\$44,250

NP - 5 - Additional Outreach Motor Pool Vehicles -

The School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB) requests \$44,250 each year of the 2027 Biennium to lease six motor pool vehicles for staff. The 2023 Legislature approved four new outreach consultants and one transition coordinator, and due to increased travel the outreach director needs a motor pool vehicle. These vehicles were not requested when the new staff were approved so the agency had to defer other necessary expenses to pay for vehicles in the 2025 Biennium.

Montana Arts Council - 51140



Mission Statement - The Montana Arts Council is the agency of state government established to develop the creative potential of all Montanans, advance education, spur economic vibrancy, and revitalize communities through involvement in the arts.

Statutory Authority - 22-2-101-109, MCA .

Montana Arts Council - 51140

Promotion of the Arts - 01

Program Description - The Montana Arts Council cooperates with public and private institutions engaged in artistic and cultural activities. The council: 1) recommends appropriate methods to encourage participation in and appreciation of the arts; 2) fosters interest in the state's cultural heritage; 3) expands the state's cultural resources; and 4) encourages and assists freedom of artistic expression through ongoing programs and council initiated projects. The council administers the Cultural and Aesthetic Projects Advisory Committee authorized in 22-2-302, MCA. This committee reviews all proposals for cultural and aesthetic project grants and presents its recommendations to the legislature.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	7.00	0.00	7.00	0.00	7.00	
Personal Services	761,676	12,548	774,224	14,178	775,854	1,550,078
Operating Expenses	344,381	(32,658)	311,723	(32,580)	311,801	623,524
Grants	512,238	55,000	567,238	55,000	567,238	1,134,476
Debt Service	45,491	0	45,491	0	45,491	90,982
Total Costs	\$1,663,786	\$34,890	\$1,698,676	\$36,598	\$1,700,384	\$3,399,060
General Fund	627,688	45,914	673,602	46,554	674,242	1,347,844
State/Other Special	228,012	(5,065)	222,947	(4,608)	223,404	446,351
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	808,086	(5,959)	802,127	(5,348)	802,738	1,604,865
Total Funds	\$1,663,786	\$34,890	\$1,698,676	\$36,598	\$1,700,384	\$3,399,060

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments				
	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	5,742	12,548	6,312	14,178
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	(14,765)	(32,486)	(14,715)	(32,464)
SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation	(63)	(172)	(43)	(116)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>(\$9,086)</i>	<i>(\$20,110)</i>	<i>(\$8,446)</i>	<i>(\$18,402)</i>
New Proposals				
NP - 5 - Federal Match Increase	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
<i>Total New Proposals</i>	<i>\$55,000</i>	<i>\$55,000</i>	<i>\$55,000</i>	<i>\$55,000</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$45,914	\$34,890	\$46,554	\$36,598

-----Statewide Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$5,742	\$12,548
FY 2027	\$6,312	\$14,178

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes \$12,548 in FY 2026 and \$14,178 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot. This agency is exempt from vacancy savings.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$14,765)	(\$32,486)
FY 2027	(\$14,715)	(\$32,464)

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

The request includes a reduction of \$32,486 in FY 2026 and a reduction of \$32,464 in FY 2027 to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

Montana Arts Council - 51140

Promotion of the Arts - 01

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$63)	(\$172)
FY 2027	(\$43)	(\$116)

SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation -

This change package includes a reduction of \$172 in FY 2026 and a reduction of \$116 in FY 2027 to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of deflation to state motor pool accounts.

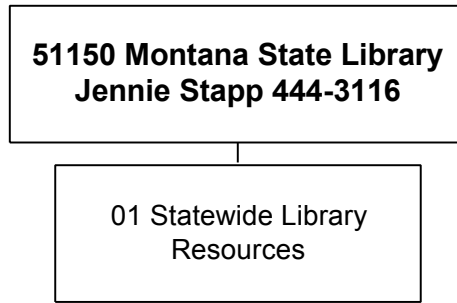
-----New Proposals-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$55,000	\$55,000
FY 2027	\$55,000	\$55,000

NP - 5 - Federal Match Increase -

The Arts Council requests a \$55,000 general fund increase each year of the 2027 Biennium to bring the Arts Council into compliance with a dollar for dollar federal match requirement. This funding allows the agency to continue a highly valued, long-standing program distributing small, quick turnaround microgrants to awardees across the state.

Montana State Library - 51150



Mission Statement - The Montana State Library helps all organizations, communities, and Montanans thrive through excellent library resources and services.

Statutory Authority - Title 22, Chapter 1, MCA; Title 90, Chapter 15, MCA; and Title 90, Chapter 1, Part 4, MCA.

Montana State Library - 51150

Statewide Library Resources - 01

Program Description - The program provides: 1) information services to state government employees and officials; 2) assistance to all tax-supported or public libraries; 3) reading material for all blind and physically handicapped Montana residents; 4) assistance to the six library federations, 5) a centralized repository for land and natural resources information; and 6) standards and consistent collection and maintenance of commonly available land information. This program also administers the state documents depository system, administers a granting process to implement land plans, and coordinates the development of information resources and library information systems throughout the state. The program also manages the budgetary, personnel, and administrative functions of the State Library.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	30.46	0.00	30.46	0.00	30.46	
Personal Services	3,112,404	196,647	3,309,051	217,144	3,329,548	6,638,599
Operating Expenses	4,155,161	181,456	4,336,617	182,284	4,337,445	8,674,062
Grants	475,000	0	475,000	0	475,000	950,000
Debt Service	165,240	0	165,240	0	165,240	330,480
Total Costs	\$7,907,805	\$378,103	\$8,285,908	\$399,428	\$8,307,233	\$16,593,141
General Fund	3,347,459	255,754	3,603,213	266,577	3,614,036	7,217,249
State/Other Special	3,047,959	79,758	3,127,717	90,260	3,138,219	6,265,936
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	1,512,387	42,591	1,554,978	42,591	1,554,978	3,109,956
Total Funds	\$7,907,805	\$378,103	\$8,285,908	\$399,428	\$8,307,233	\$16,593,141

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	74,298	196,647	84,293	217,144
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	182,204	182,204	182,790	182,790
SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation	(748)	(748)	(506)	(506)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$255,754</i>	<i>\$378,103</i>	<i>\$266,577</i>	<i>\$399,428</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$255,754	\$378,103	\$266,577	\$399,428

-----Statewide Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$74,298	\$196,647
FY 2027	\$84,293	\$217,144

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes \$196,647 in FY 2026 and \$213,794 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$182,204	\$182,204
FY 2027	\$182,790	\$182,790

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

The request includes \$180,482 in FY 2026 and \$181,068 in FY 2027 to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

Montana State Library - 51150

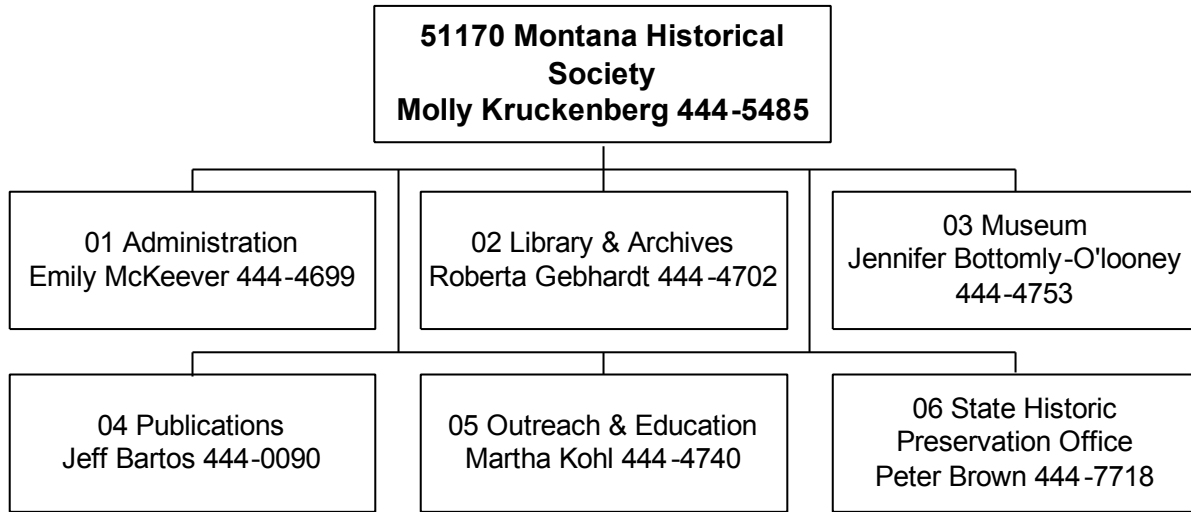
Statewide Library Resources - 01

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$748)	(\$748)
FY 2027	(\$506)	(\$506)

SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation -

This change package includes a reduction of \$748 in FY 2026 and \$506 in FY 2027 to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of deflation to state motor pool accounts.

Montana Historical Society - 51170



Mission Statement - The Montana Historical Society saves Montana's past, shares Montana's stories, and inspires exploration, to provide meaning for today and vision for tomorrow.

Statutory Authority - Title 22, Chapter 3, MCA.

Agency Proposed Budget	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Total Exec. Budget 2027 Biennium
Budget Item			
FTE	79.84	79.84	
Personal Services	6,139,413	6,149,760	12,289,173
Operating Expenses	2,971,503	2,993,220	5,964,723
Equipment & Intangible Assets	94,886	94,886	189,772
Grants	87,120	87,120	174,240
Transfers	0	0	0
Debt Service	237,914	187,914	425,828
Total Costs	\$9,530,836	\$9,512,900	\$19,043,736
General Fund	2,524,661	2,503,241	5,027,902
State/Other Special	4,949,778	4,950,830	9,900,608
Proprietary Funds	1,042,926	1,043,259	2,086,185
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	1,013,471	1,015,570	2,029,041
Total Funds	\$9,530,836	\$9,512,900	\$19,043,736

Agency Appropriated Biennium to Biennium Comparison								
Program	2025 Biennium Appropriated Budget		2027 Biennium Requested Budget		Biennium to Biennium Difference (dollars)		Biennium to Biennium Difference (percent)	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
01 - Administration Program	3,428,080	6,024,284	596,710	6,740,931	(2,831,370)	716,647	(82.59)%	11.90 %
02 - Library & Archives Program	2,517,468	3,740,852	2,410,259	4,033,998	(107,209)	293,146	(4.26)%	7.84 %
03 - Museum Program	1,182,262	3,064,309	731,444	3,196,637	(450,818)	132,328	(38.13)%	4.32 %
04 - Publications Program	574,155	1,315,782	610,712	1,370,393	36,557	54,611	6.37 %	4.15 %
05 - Outreach & Education Program	703,020	1,410,485	678,777	1,507,230	(24,243)	96,745	(3.45)%	6.86 %
06 - State Historic Preservation Office Program	2,632	2,157,542	0	2,194,547	(2,632)	37,005	(100.00)%	1.72 %
Agency Total	\$8,407,617	\$17,713,254	\$5,027,902	\$19,043,736	(\$3,379,715)	\$1,330,482	(40.20)%	7.51 %

Montana Historical Society - 51170

Administration Program - 01

Program Description - The Administration Program provides supervision, administration, and coordination of the six programs in the Montana Historical Society. Program staff are responsible for the management, planning, direction, and leadership of the society. Activities include public information, payroll/personnel, fund raising, financial reporting, business management, security, building management, information technology, community outreach, and the society store.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point Fiscal 2025	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Executive Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	30.68	1.00	31.68	1.00	31.68	
Personal Services	2,335,224	(130,583)	2,204,641	(127,348)	2,207,876	4,412,517
Operating Expenses	907,376	222,693	1,130,069	240,969	1,148,345	2,278,414
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	0	50,000	50,000	0	0	50,000
Total Costs	\$3,242,600	\$142,110	\$3,384,710	\$113,621	\$3,356,221	\$6,740,931
General Fund	1,574,637	(1,262,021)	312,616	(1,290,543)	284,094	596,710
State/Other Special	1,154,651	1,402,288	2,556,939	1,402,191	2,556,842	5,113,781
Proprietary Funds	371,500	1,843	373,343	1,973	373,473	746,816
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	141,812	0	141,812	0	141,812	283,624
Total Funds	\$3,242,600	\$142,110	\$3,384,710	\$113,621	\$3,356,221	\$6,740,931

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	21,868	46,080	23,921	49,314
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	(50,266)	(50,266)	(29,190)	(29,190)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>(\$28,398)</i>	<i>(\$4,186)</i>	<i>(\$5,269)</i>	<i>\$20,124</i>
Present Law Adjustments				
PL - 5 - Standard Budget Adjustment	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
New Proposals				
NP - 11 - Fund Switch to O&M Accommod Tax	(1,283,623)	0	(1,285,274)	0
NP - 12 - Temporary Relocation Rent (OTO/RST)	50,000	50,000	0	0
NP - 5170101 - Museum CSM Database Manager	0	96,296	0	93,497
<i>Total New Proposals</i>	<i>(\$1,233,623)</i>	<i>\$146,296</i>	<i>(\$1,285,274)</i>	<i>\$93,497</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	(\$1,262,021)	\$142,110	(\$1,290,543)	\$113,621

-----**Statewide Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$21,868	\$46,080
FY 2027	\$23,921	\$49,314

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes an increase \$46,581 in FY 2026 and \$49,815 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2027 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

Montana Historical Society - 51170

Administration Program - 01

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$50,266)	(\$50,266)
FY 2027	(\$29,190)	(\$29,190)

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

This request includes a reduction of \$54,972 in FY 2026 and a reduction of \$33,895 in FY 2027 to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

-----**Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$0
FY 2027	\$0	\$0

PL - 5 - Standard Budget Adjustment -

This zero-impact package moves \$270,159 personal services authority from the state special revenue accommodations tax fund 02853 to the state special revenue Montana Heritage Center Operations account (02850) in 22-3-1304, MCA, to be used only for expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the Montana Heritage Center, which may include the Veterans' and Pioneer Memorial Building. This funding was miscoded in the agency standard budget which developed the starting point for the 2027 budget.

-----**New Proposals**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$1,283,623)	\$0
FY 2027	(\$1,285,274)	\$0

NP - 11 - Fund Switch to O&M Accom Tax -

15-68-820, MCA, directs 6% of the accommodation sales and use tax to MTHS for operation and maintenance of the Montana Heritage Center beginning January 1, 2025. This request fund switches \$692,000 personal services per year and \$591,623 in FY 2026 and \$593,274 in FY 2027 for operating expense in the administration program from general fund to the state special revenue Montana heritage center operations fund.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$50,000	\$50,000
FY 2027	\$0	\$0

NP - 12 - Temporary Relocation Rent (OTO/RST) -

This request is for restricted one-time-only general fund of \$50,000 in FY 2026 to extend the lease of facilities while renovations continue at the Heritage Center and Veteran's Building.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$96,296
FY 2027	\$0	\$93,497

NP - 5170101 - Museum CSM Database Manager -

Contingent on passage and approval of related customer service management (CSM) software in HB 10, MTHS requests 1.00 FTE database administrator to manage the CSM. This includes one-time-only funding in FY 2027 of \$2,800 for the new employee office package. This would be funded by state special revenue Montana heritage operations accommodations tax of \$96,296 in FY 2026 and \$93,497 in FY 2027.

Montana Historical Society - 51170

Library & Archives Program - 02

Program Description - The Library & Archives Program consists of the library, archives, and photograph archives functions. This program acquires, organizes, preserves, makes accessible to the public, and assists researchers with published materials, historic records and manuscripts, photographs and related media, digitized materials available online, and oral histories illustrative of the history of Montana and the surrounding region. By statute, this program houses the official archives of state government.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point Fiscal 2025	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Executive Budget Request 2027 Biennium
Budget Item						
FTE	16.50	0.00	16.50	0.00	16.50	
Personal Services	1,254,096	80,470	1,334,566	84,040	1,338,136	2,672,702
Operating Expenses	660,839	(68,860)	591,979	(67,704)	593,135	1,185,114
Equipment & Intangible Assets	88,091	0	88,091	0	88,091	176,182
Total Costs	\$2,003,026	\$11,610	\$2,014,636	\$16,336	\$2,019,362	\$4,033,998
General Fund	1,205,140	(2,070)	1,203,070	2,049	1,207,189	2,410,259
State/Other Special	762,666	13,680	776,346	14,287	776,953	1,553,299
Proprietary Funds	35,220	0	35,220	0	35,220	70,440
Total Funds	\$2,003,026	\$11,610	\$2,014,636	\$16,336	\$2,019,362	\$4,033,998

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	66,790	80,470	69,753	84,040
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	(68,860)	(68,860)	(67,704)	(67,704)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>(\$2,070)</i>	<i>\$11,610</i>	<i>\$2,049</i>	<i>\$16,336</i>
Present Law Adjustments				
PL - 5 - Standard Budget Adjustment	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	(\$2,070)	\$11,610	\$2,049	\$16,336

-----**Statewide Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$66,790	\$80,470
FY 2027	\$69,753	\$84,040

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes \$80,470 in FY 2026 and \$84,040 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2027 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$68,860)	(\$68,860)
FY 2027	(\$67,704)	(\$67,704)

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

The request includes \$132,819 in FY 2026 and \$108,934 in FY 2027 to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

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Library & Archives Program - 02

-----Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$0
FY 2027	\$0	\$0

PL - 5 - Standard Budget Adjustment -

This zero impact package moves \$302,792 operating expense authority from the state special revenue accommodations tax fund 02853 to the state special revenue Montana Heritage Center Operations account (02850) in 22-3-1304, MCA, to be used only for expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the Montana Heritage Center, which may include the Veterans' and Pioneer Memorial Building. This funding was miscoded in the agency standard budget which developed the starting point for the 2027 budget.

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Museum Program - 03

Program Description - The Museum Program collects, preserves, and interprets the history of Montana through its material culture, by collecting fine art and historical, archaeological, and ethnological artifacts from Montana and the general geographic region. The program interprets its collections through exhibits, tours, and traveling exhibits. The program also coordinates with the society's education program to orchestrate events, programs, and materials on Montana history for learners of all ages.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point Fiscal 2025	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Executive Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	11.75	0.00	11.75	0.00	11.75	
Personal Services	928,682	24,173	952,855	25,006	953,688	1,906,543
Operating Expenses	478,996	(29,545)	449,451	(27,771)	451,225	900,676
Equipment & Intangible Assets	6,795	0	6,795	0	6,795	13,590
Debt Service	187,914	0	187,914	0	187,914	375,828
Total Costs	\$1,602,387	(\$5,372)	\$1,597,015	(\$2,765)	\$1,599,622	\$3,196,637
General Fund	457,179	(92,604)	364,575	(90,310)	366,869	731,444
State/Other Special	1,142,129	87,232	1,229,361	87,545	1,229,674	2,459,035
Proprietary Funds	3,079	0	3,079	0	3,079	6,158
Total Funds	\$1,602,387	(\$5,372)	\$1,597,015	(\$2,765)	\$1,599,622	\$3,196,637

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	16,196	24,173	16,754	25,006
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	(29,545)	(29,545)	(27,771)	(27,771)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>(\$13,349)</i>	<i>(\$5,372)</i>	<i>(\$11,017)</i>	<i>(\$2,765)</i>
Present Law Adjustments				
PL - 5 - Standard Budget Adjustment	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
New Proposals				
NP - 11 - Fund Switch to O&M Accommod Tax	(79,255)	0	(79,293)	0
<i>Total New Proposals</i>	<i>(\$79,255)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$79,293)</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	(\$92,604)	(\$5,372)	(\$90,310)	(\$2,765)

-----**Statewide Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$16,196	\$24,173
FY 2027	\$16,754	\$25,006

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes \$24,173 in FY 2026 and \$25,006 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

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Museum Program - 03

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$29,545)	(\$29,545)
FY 2027	(\$27,771)	(\$27,771)

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

The request includes \$7,972 in FY 2026 and \$10,902 in FY 2027 to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

-----Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$0
FY 2027	\$0	\$0

PL - 5 - Standard Budget Adjustment -

This zero impact package moves \$250,979 operating expense authority from the state special revenue accommodations tax fund 02853 to the state special revenue Montana Heritage Center Operations account (02850) in 22-3-1304, MCA, to be used only for expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the Montana Heritage Center, which may include the Veterans' and Pioneer Memorial Building. This funding was miscoded in the agency standard budget which developed the starting point for the 2027 budget.

-----New Proposals-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$79,255)	\$0
FY 2027	(\$79,293)	\$0

NP - 11 - Fund Switch to O&M Accom Tax -

15-68-820, MCA, directs 6% of the accommodation sales and use tax to MTHS for operation and maintenance of the Montana Heritage Center beginning January 1, 2025. This request fund switches \$79,255 in FY 2026 and \$79,293 in FY 2027 for personal services in the museum program from general fund to the state special revenue Montana heritage center operations fund.

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Publications Program - 04

Program Description - The Publications Program promotes the study of Montana history and education through lectures, publications, and curriculum materials. The program publishes quarterly editions of the award-winning Montana The Magazine of Western History. It also publishes books under the Montana Historical Society Press imprint.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point	Budget	Total	Budget	Total	Executive
Budget Item	Fiscal 2025	Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	
Personal Services	390,227	39,126	429,353	39,426	429,653	859,006
Operating Expenses	276,746	(21,094)	255,652	(21,011)	255,735	511,387
Total Costs	\$666,973	\$18,032	\$685,005	\$18,415	\$685,388	\$1,370,393
General Fund	281,790	23,476	305,266	23,656	305,446	610,712
Proprietary Funds	385,183	(5,444)	379,739	(5,241)	379,942	759,681
Total Funds	\$666,973	\$18,032	\$685,005	\$18,415	\$685,388	\$1,370,393

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	23,476	39,126	23,656	39,426
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	0	(21,094)	0	(21,011)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$23,476</i>	<i>\$18,032</i>	<i>\$23,656</i>	<i>\$18,415</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$23,476	\$18,032	\$23,656	\$18,415

-----Statewide Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$23,476	\$39,126
FY 2027	\$23,656	\$39,426

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes \$39,126 in FY 2026 and \$39,426 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	(\$21,094)
FY 2027	\$0	(\$21,011)

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

The request includes a reduction of \$21,909 in FY 2026 and a reduction of \$21,826 in FY 2027 to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

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Outreach & Education Program - 05

Program Description - The Outreach & Education Program is comprised of three primary activities: outreach and interpretation, historic signs, and the volunteer program. The Outreach & Education Program provides educational public programming of all types, both at the society's headquarters and throughout the state, for a wide range of audiences; plans and produces educational publications, curriculum materials, and instructional literature for broad distribution; plans and produces interpretive, place-based publications, articles, brochures, and tours for statewide distribution/implementation; provides reference services to the general public, teachers, students, technical users, and other like-minded institutions and organizations; oversees the National Register Sign Program for the State of Montana, producing interpretive signage for eligible structures and sites in all parts of the state; assists in the planning, production, and placement of non-register permanent and/or temporary signage in all parts of the state; and oversees the society's volunteer program, coordinating volunteers, and volunteer activities society wide.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point Fiscal 2025	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Executive Budget Request 2027 Biennium
Budget Item						
FTE	6.91	0.00	6.91	0.00	6.91	
Personal Services	464,358	64,038	528,396	64,611	528,969	1,057,365
Operating Expenses	265,303	(40,453)	224,850	(40,288)	225,015	449,865
Total Costs	\$729,661	\$23,585	\$753,246	\$24,323	\$753,984	\$1,507,230
General Fund	341,164	(2,030)	339,134	(1,521)	339,643	678,777
State/Other Special	361,517	25,615	387,132	25,844	387,361	774,493
Proprietary Funds	26,980	0	26,980	0	26,980	53,960
Total Funds	\$729,661	\$23,585	\$753,246	\$24,323	\$753,984	\$1,507,230

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	38,423	64,038	38,767	64,611
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	(40,453)	(40,453)	(40,288)	(40,288)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>(\$2,030)</i>	<i>\$23,585</i>	<i>(\$1,521)</i>	<i>\$24,323</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	(\$2,030)	\$23,585	(\$1,521)	\$24,323

-----**Statewide Present Law Adjustments**-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$38,423	\$64,038
FY 2027	\$38,767	\$64,611

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes \$64,038 in FY 2026 and \$64,611 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	(\$40,453)	(\$40,453)
FY 2027	(\$40,288)	(\$40,288)

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

The request includes a reduction of \$39,005 in FY 2026 and a reduction of \$38,840 in FY 2027 to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

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State Historic Preservation Office Program - 06

Program Description - The State Historic Preservation Office administers the Montana Antiquities Act and Montana's participation in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Staff provide technical assistance to all Montana property owners, including agencies, organizations, and the public. Staff maintain a statewide inventory of recorded historic and archaeological sites; review state agencies' compliance with the state antiquities act; review and comment on all proposed federally funded or permitted projects within the state to determine their effect on properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and administer the National Register of Historic Places program in Montana through the State Preservation Review Board. The office recommends certification of historic structures and rehabilitation projects for federal tax credits to citizens and businesses, as authorized by the Tax Reform Act of 1976. The program awards and administers pass-through federal grants to local governments participating in the federal Certified Local Government Program and may also award funds for historic survey and planning for historic areas and for bricks and mortar rehabilitation when funds are available.

Program Proposed Budget	Starting Point Fiscal 2025	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2026	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2027	Executive Budget Request 2027 Biennium
FTE	8.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	8.00	
Personal Services	645,685	43,917	689,602	45,753	691,438	1,381,040
Operating Expenses	374,049	(54,547)	319,502	(54,284)	319,765	639,267
Grants	87,120	0	87,120	0	87,120	174,240
Total Costs	\$1,106,854	(\$10,630)	\$1,096,224	(\$8,531)	\$1,098,323	\$2,194,547
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proprietary Funds	224,565	0	224,565	0	224,565	449,130
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	882,289	(10,630)	871,659	(8,531)	873,758	1,745,417
Total Funds	\$1,106,854	(\$10,630)	\$1,096,224	(\$8,531)	\$1,098,323	\$2,194,547

Program Proposed Budget Adjustments	Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2026		Budget Adjustments Fiscal 2027	
	General Fund	Total Funds	General Fund	Total Funds
Statewide Present Law Adjustments				
SWPL - 1 - Personal Services	0	43,917	0	45,753
SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs	0	(54,246)	0	(54,081)
SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation	0	(301)	0	(203)
<i>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$10,630)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$8,531)</i>
Total Budget Adjustments	\$0	(\$10,630)	\$0	(\$8,531)

-----Statewide Present Law Adjustments-----

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$43,917
FY 2027	\$0	\$45,753

SWPL - 1 - Personal Services -

The budget includes \$43,917 in FY 2026 and \$45,753 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

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State Historic Preservation Office Program - 06

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	(\$54,246)
FY 2027	\$0	(\$54,081)

SWPL - 2 - Fixed Costs -

The request includes a reduction of \$55,870 in FY 2026 and a reduction of \$55,705 in FY 2027 to provide the funding required in the budget to pay fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples of fixed costs include liability and property insurance, legislative audit, warrant writer, payroll processing, and others. The rates charged for these services are approved in a separate portion of the budget.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	(\$301)
FY 2027	\$0	(\$203)

SWPL - 3 - Inflation Deflation -

This change package includes a reduction of \$301 in FY 2026 and \$203 in FY 2027 to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation to specific expenditure accounts. Affected accounts include those associated with the supplies & materials, communications, repair & maintenance, state motor pool, and other services.