

Presentation to the 2025 Health and Human Services Joint Appropriations Subcommittee

Public Health and Safety Division
Public Health & Community Affairs Practice



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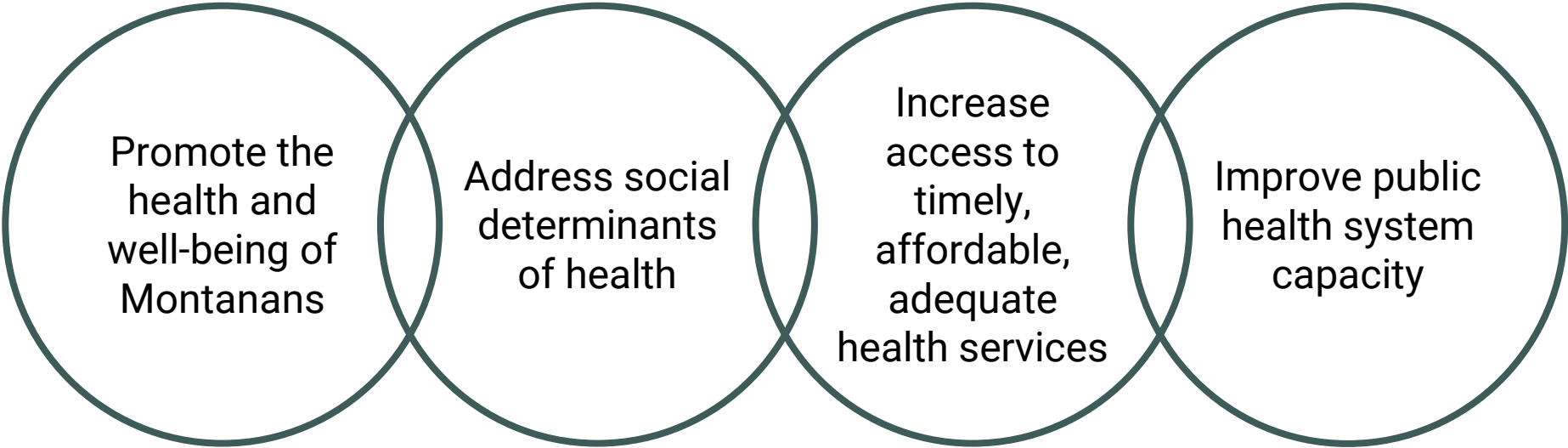
Greg Gianforte, Governor | Charlie Brereton, Director

Overview

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Public Health History in Montana

PUBLIC HEALTH AIMS TO STRENGTHEN PREVENTION AND CONTROL EFFORTS TO:



PHSD Foundation

Prevent and control disease outbreaks

Ensure clean indoor air, safe drinking water and food

Provide programs and services to support healthy living

Ensure community emergency preparedness

Respond to emerging threats

PHSD's Mission

- The mission of PHSD is to protect and improve the health of Montanans by advancing conditions for healthy living.

154 BP's

\$40 million
budget

Summary of Major Functions

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PHSD Core Components

Chronic disease prevention and health promotion

Public health emergency preparedness

Emergency medical services

Public health and environmental laboratories

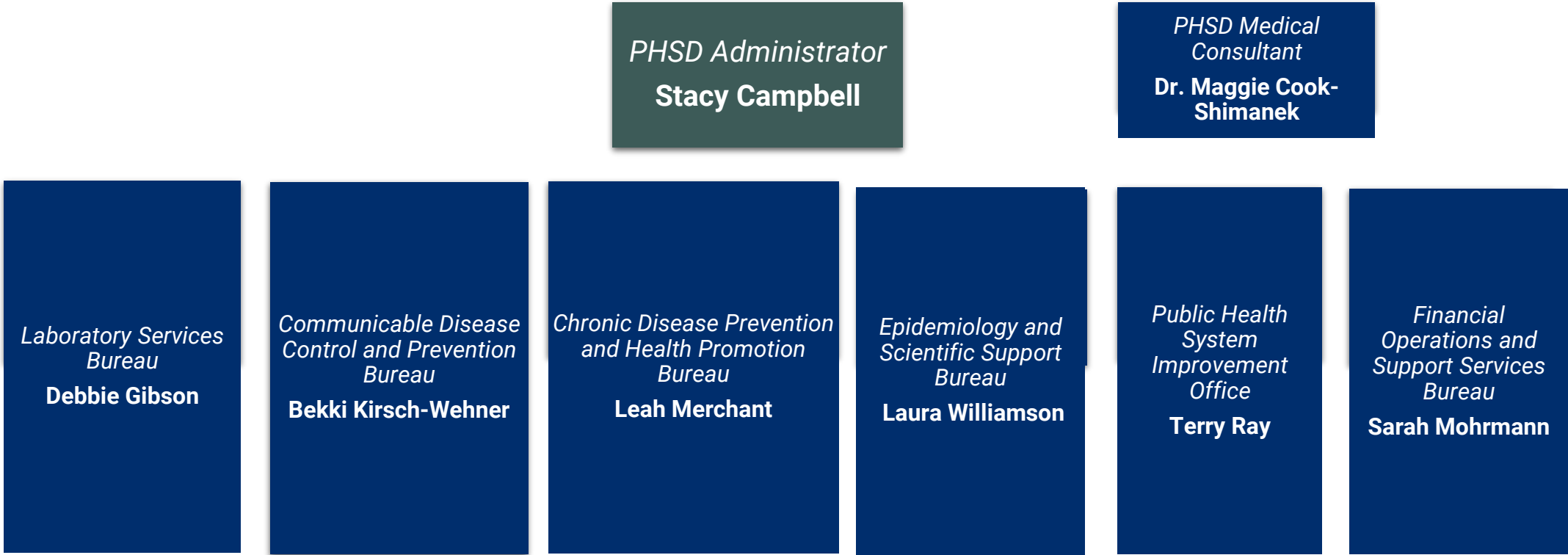
Communicable disease prevention and control

Public health planning, capacity, and development

Trauma and injury prevention

Office of vital records

PHSD Organizational Chart



Laboratory Services Bureau

Diagnostic testing in support of disease control (TB, HIV)

Surveillance testing in support of public health monitoring of disease trends (influenza, COVID)

Environmental testing in support of clean drinking water (bacterial contamination, heavy metals)

Enteric disease testing in support of outbreak investigations (salmonella, E. coli)

Select agent testing in support of public health threats (tularemia, plague, anthrax)

Newborn screening panel for ~12,000 babies born in Montana annually

Communicable Disease Control and Prevention

**Immunization
Section**

**STD/HIV
Section**

**Environmental
Health and
Food Safety
Section**

**Public Health
Emergency
Preparedness
Section**

Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

EMS and Trauma
Systems Section

Tobacco Use
Prevention Section

Living Well
Section

Cancer Control
Section

Health
Improvement
Section

Epidemiology and Scientific Support

Conducts disease surveillance and control for infectious disease

Provides infection control and prevention expertise to health care facilities

Maintains several core public health surveillance systems

Leads efforts to modernize public health data systems

Assists with investigating reports of infectious conditions, outbreaks, and novel events

Implements activities to increase blood lead screening

Conducts infection prevention and control assessments

Works to reduce, eliminate, and prevent exposures to toxic substances

Works with health care facilities and local and tribal public health agencies to implement proper treatment and infection control practices

Public Health System Improvement Office

- Provides funding and technical assistance to state, local, and tribal public health departments to improve health department operations, community health improvement planning, workforce development, and performance management;
- Implements and monitors the public health system improvement plan and the public health workforce development plan;
- Works with the National Public Health Accreditation Board to promote and assist health departments in achieving National Public Health Accreditation.

Financial Operations and Support Services

- The Financial Operations and Support Services Bureau (FOSSB) provides financial and contract management for PHSD and oversees the Office of Vital Records (OVR).
- The OVR maintains vital event registration and reporting for all Montana counties.

Highlights and Accomplishments During the 2025 Biennium

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EMS, Trauma, and Injury Prevention: Improved Communication and Reduced Burden

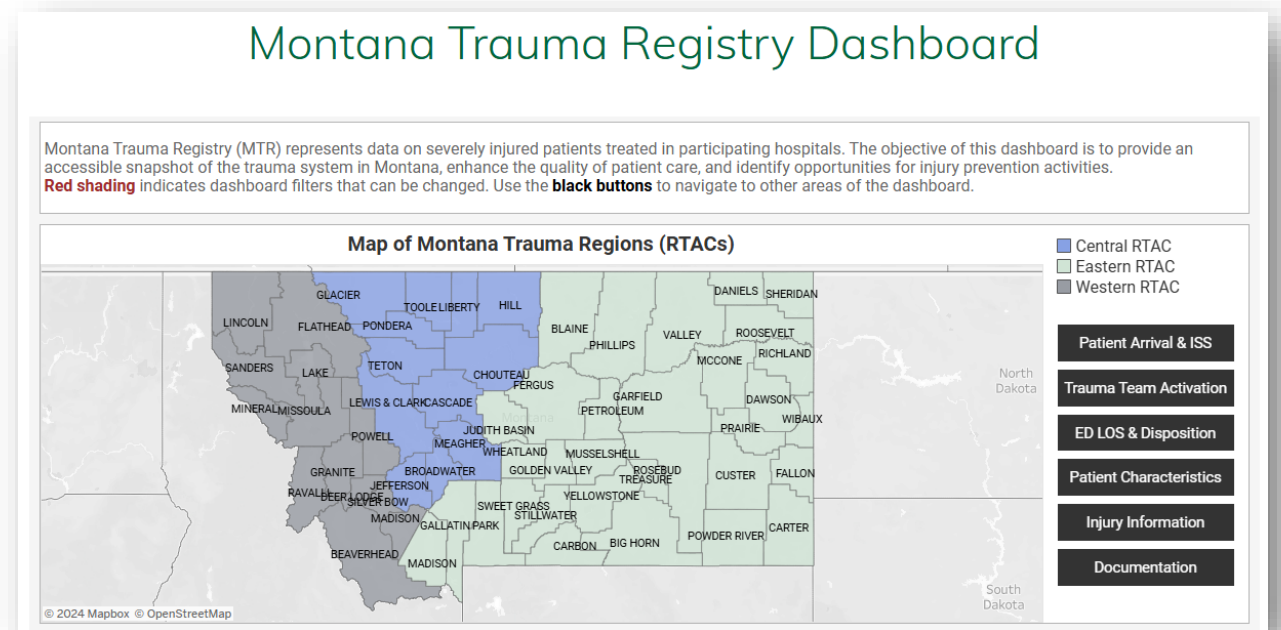
Improved communication with stakeholders and the public by replacing static annual reports with web-based dashboards, including:

[EMS Quality Improvement Dashboard](#)

[Montana Trauma Registry Dashboard](#)

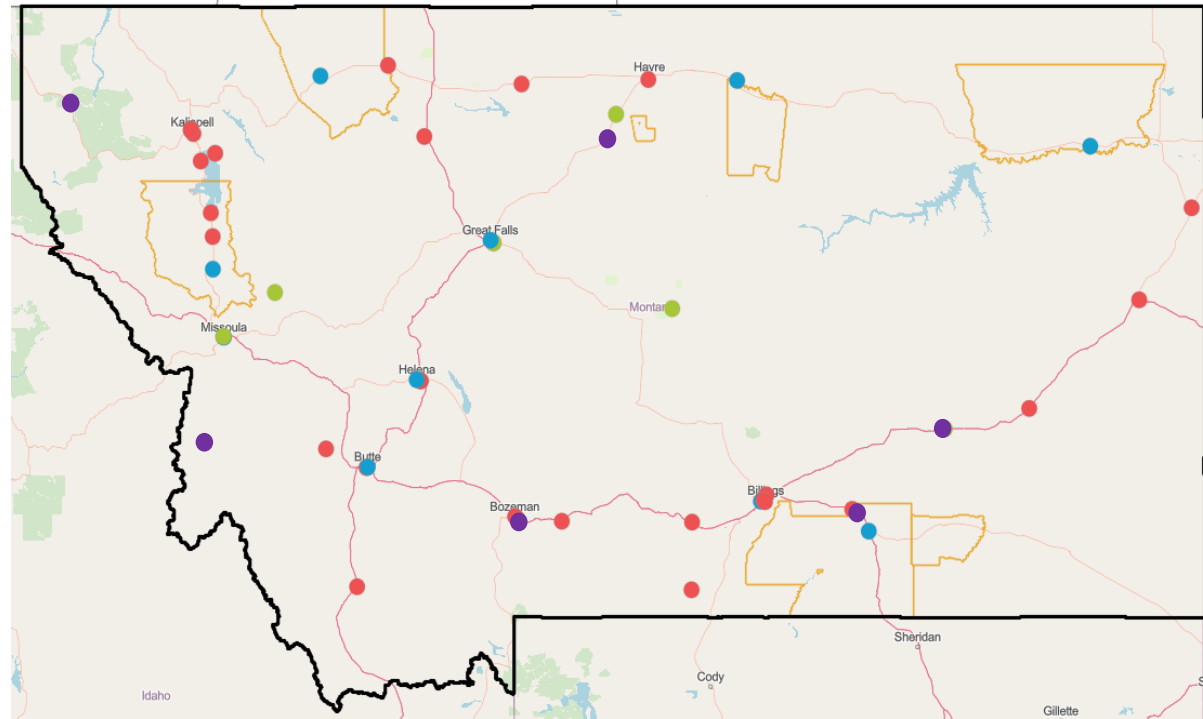
[Violent Death Reporting System Dashboard](#)

[Injury and Overdose Indicators Dashboard](#)



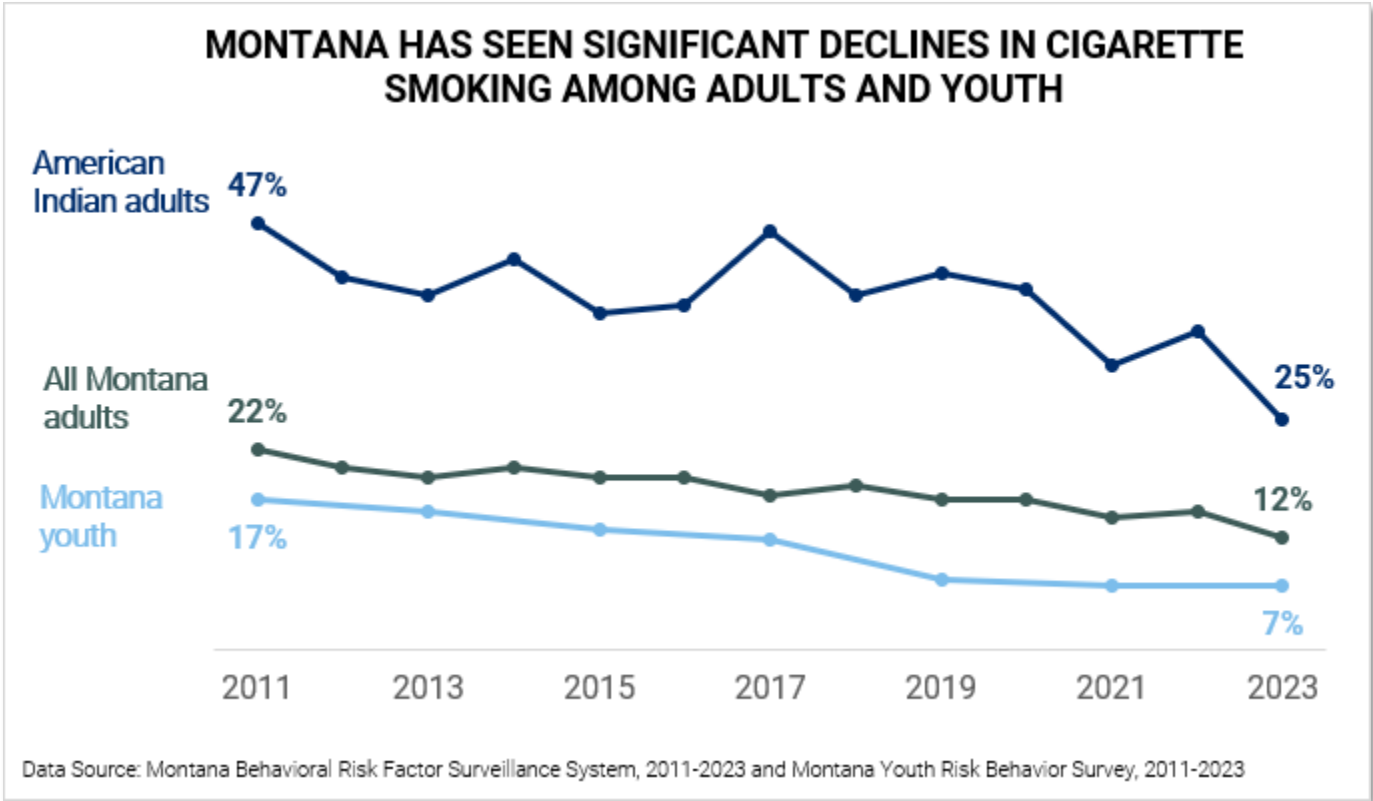
Montana Diabetes Program: Increased Access to Self-Management Education and Support Services

- Six additional Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) Programs have been added since 2022.
 - Big Sandy, Bozeman, Forsyth, Hardin, Hamilton, and Libby
- The Montana Diabetes Program (MDP) accomplished this through the implementation of the Montana Diabetes Education Accreditation Program (MT DEAP), to support the capacity building that often challenges DSMES sites from forming and receiving reimbursement.



- ADA Recognized Program
- IHS Community-Directed Special Diabetes Program
- ADCES Accredited Program
- Montana Diabetes Education Accreditation Program (DEAP)

Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program: Reduced Commercial Cigarette Smoking Rates



Modernization of Public Health Data Infrastructure

Siloed, outdated data infrastructure unable to keep pace with volume and needs

\$13.3 million
Federal cooperative agreements

- Automate clinical and laboratory reporting
- Exchange data between states
- Ensure interoperability among core public health data systems
- Upgrade systems with modern technology

Responding to Infectious Disease Outbreaks



From January 2023 through October 2024, 299 infectious disease outbreaks were reported to public health, two-and-one-half times greater than the 80 outbreaks reported from 2021 to 2022.



A 2024 outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) caused by the consumption of ground beef served at several Montana restaurants sickened 23 people from 11 states, including nine hospitalizations and one death.



In 2023, two outbreaks of group A *Streptococcus* among residents living in long-term health care facilities sickened 14 people, including three deaths.

Funding and PB Information

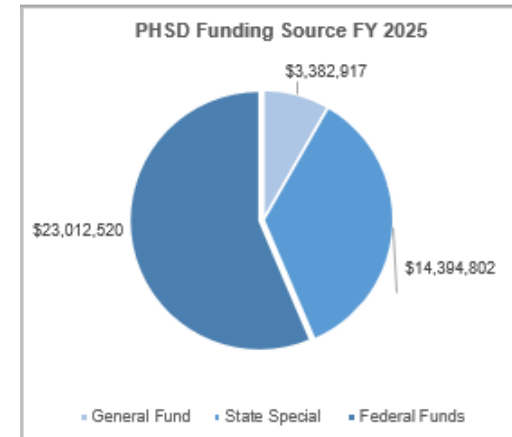
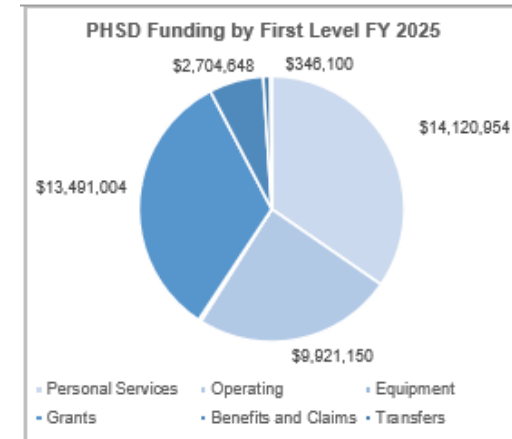
Sarah Mohrmann, Bureau Chief



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Funding and PB Information

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2027 REQUEST
PB	153.75	153.75	153.75
Personal Services	\$14,120,954	\$13,949,250	\$13,977,071
Operating	\$9,921,150	\$9,918,772	\$9,919,543
Equipment	\$141,821	\$141,821	\$141,821
Local Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants	\$13,491,004	\$12,785,854	\$12,785,949
Benefits and Claims	\$2,704,648	\$2,704,648	\$2,704,648
Transfers	\$346,100	\$346,100	\$346,100
Debt Services	\$64,562	\$64,562	\$64,562
TOTAL COSTS	\$40,790,239	\$39,911,007	\$39,939,694
	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2027 REQUEST
General Fund	\$3,382,917	\$3,357,262	\$3,324,954
State Special Fund	\$14,394,802	\$14,441,694	\$14,433,171
Federal Fund	\$23,012,520	\$22,112,051	\$22,181,569
TOTAL FUNDS	\$40,790,239	\$39,911,007	\$39,939,694



Change Packages



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Change Packages – Present Law (PL) Adjustments

SWPL 1 – PERSONAL SERVICES

The budget includes a reduction of \$171,704 in FY 2026 and \$143,883 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.

	General Fund	State Special	Federal Funds	Total Request
FY 2026	(\$24,865)	\$46,892	(\$193,731)	(\$171,704)
FY 2027	(\$57,429)	\$38,369	(\$124,823)	(\$143,883)
Biennium Total	(\$82,294)	\$85,261	(\$318,554)	(\$315,587)

SWPL 3 – INFLATION DEFLATION

This change package includes a reduction of \$2,378 in FY 2026 and \$1,607 in FY 2027 to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of deflation to state motor pool accounts.

	General Fund	State Special	Federal Funds	Total Request
FY 2026	(\$790)	\$0	(\$1,588)	(\$2,378)
FY 2027	(\$534)	\$0	(\$1,073)	(\$1,607)
Biennium Total	(\$1,324)	\$0	(\$2,661)	(\$3,985)

Change Packages – New Proposals (NP) Adjustments

NP 7001 - REALIGN APPROPRIATION FOR RYAN WHITE ADAP

This new proposal reduces the appropriation of federal funds for the Ryan White ADAP Shortfall fund to align appropriation with anticipated expenditures. This change package requests a reduction of \$1,410,205 in federal funds over the biennium.

	General Fund	State Special	Federal Funds	Total Request
FY 2026	\$0	\$0	(\$705,150)	(\$705,150)
FY 2027	\$0	\$0	(\$705,055)	(\$705,055)
Biennium Total	\$0	\$0	(\$1,410,205)	(\$1,410,205)

Conclusion

