



# FY 2025 Executive Budget Overview

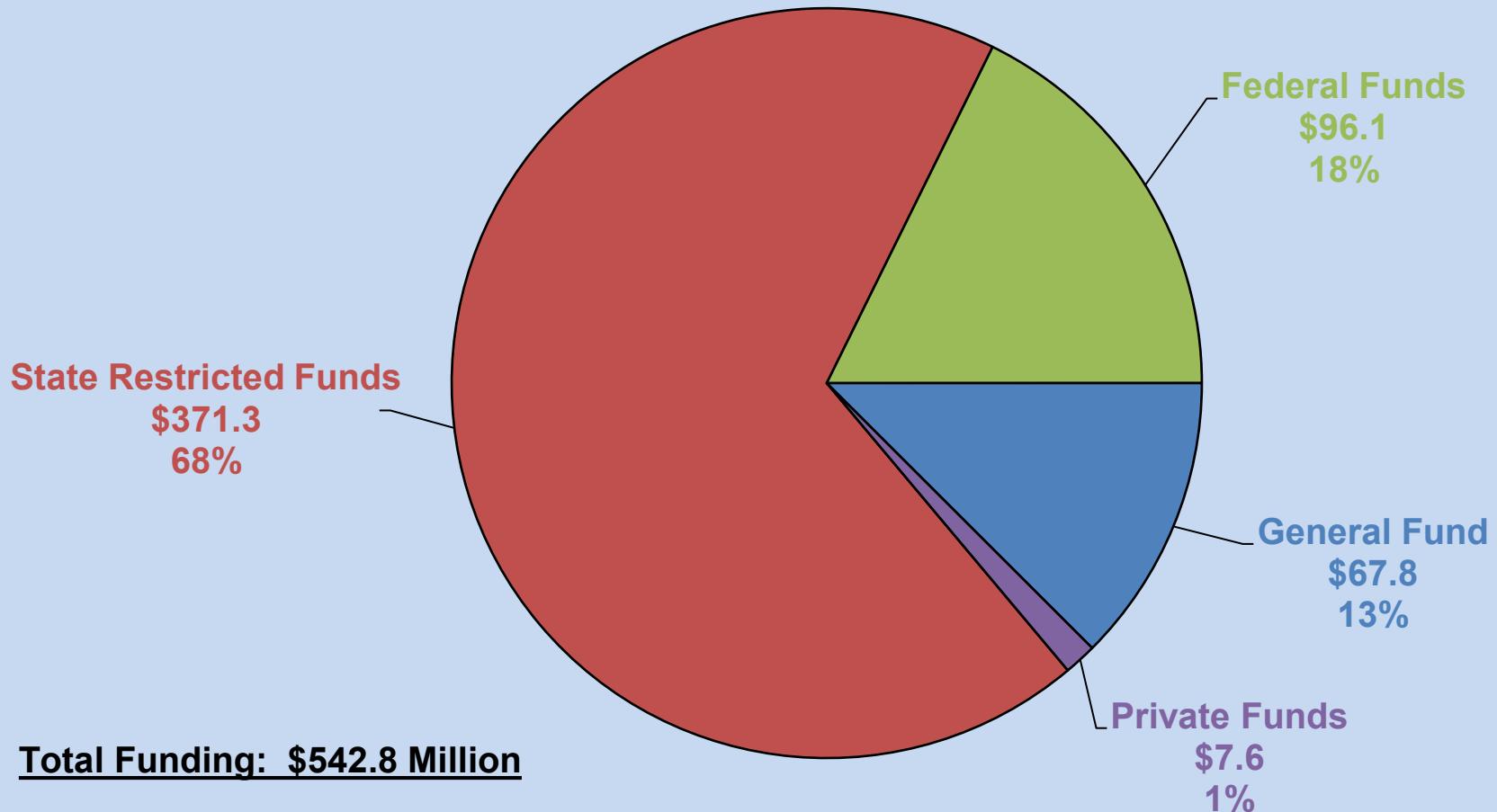
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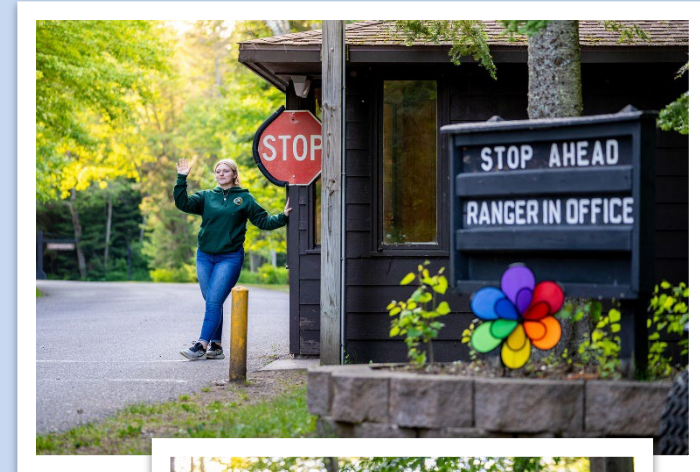
# FY 2025 DNR Executive Budget Funding Sources

*(\$ in Millions)*



# Recreation Passport Opt-Out and Resident Military Exemption

- **Objective:** Honor the state's military service members by providing them free lifetime access to Michigan's celebrated state parks while enabling greater investment in Michigan state parks by converting the Recreation Passport to an opt-out model.
- **Investment:** \$17.2 million ongoing State Restricted Funds





# Recreation Passport Opt-Out and Resident Military Exemption

## Additional Recreation Passport Revenue Will Support the Following:

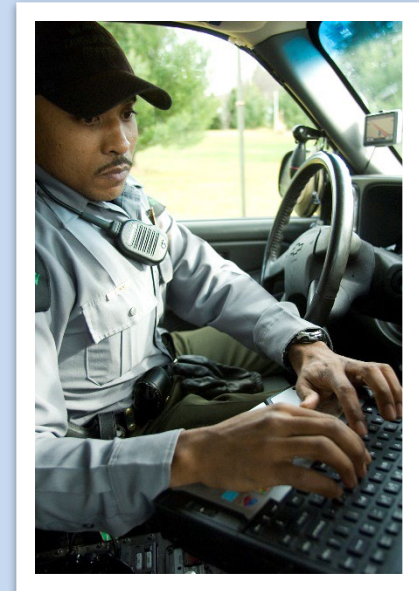
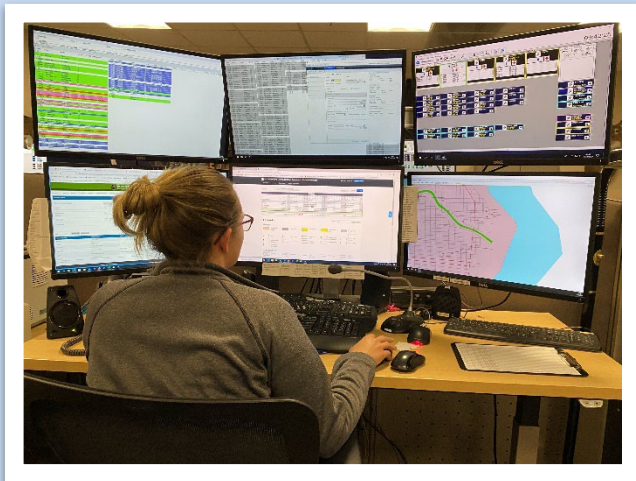
- State Park Capital Outlay \$8.6 million
  - State Park Operations & Maintenance \$5.2 million
  - Local Public Recreation Facilities Grants \$1.7 million
  - State Forest Campgrounds & Pathways \$1.2 million
  - State Park Cultural & Historic Resources \$0.5 million
  - Promotion of State Parks & Recreation Areas < \$0.1 million
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- ≈ \$17.2 million



Estimated increase in annual revenue at a 60% participation rate

# Law Enforcement Records Management System

- **Objective:** Consolidate and improve DNR Law Enforcement Division's incident and records management system through the implementation of a new software solution.



- **Investment:** \$700,000 ongoing General Fund

# Communications Equipment Modernization

- **Objective:** Support a radio lifecycle replacement plan for DNR conservation officers and firefighting staff.
- **Investment:** \$878,300 ongoing General Fund

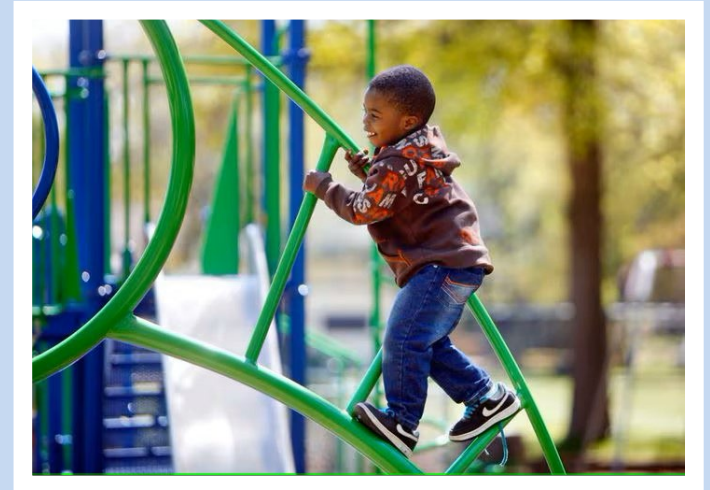


# Land and Water Conservation Fund Compliance and Stewardship



- **Objective:** Help prevent and resolve grant compliance issues so communities can access new funding opportunities for public outdoor recreation investments.

- **Investment:** \$151,100 ongoing (\$76,100 General Fund and \$75,000 Federal); 1.0 FTE





# Nature Awaits



- **Objective:** Provide fourth grade classes across the state the opportunity to visit a state park and participate in outdoor learning sessions facilitated by the DNR.



- **Investment:** \$4 million ongoing General Fund (represents a \$4 million reduction from FY 2024 to align with the annual budget need)



# Fleet Rate Increases

- **Objective:** Accommodate increased vehicle mileage rates due to higher fuel and vehicle repair costs for leased vehicles managed by DTMB-Vehicle Travel Services (VTS).
- **Investment:** \$890,300 ongoing (\$343,100 General Fund and remainder from Federal and State Restricted Funds)



# Archives of Michigan Transfer to DTMB

- **Objective:** Facilitate the transfer of the Archives of Michigan from DNR to DTMB pursuant to Executive Order 2023-6 (Transfer effective December 1, 2023; budget transfer proposed for FY 2025).
- **Investment:** DNR General Fund reduction of \$1.9 million and reduction of 14.5 FTEs \*

\* Additional General Fund reduction of approximately \$600,000 tied to DTMB building occupancy charges that will no longer be paid by the DNR for space occupied by the Archives of Michigan.



# Other Adjustments

- **Accounting Service Center:** \$120,000 to support increase in Michigan Cashiering and Receivables System contractual costs
- **Cultural Resources Management:** Additional 3.5 FTEs supported by the reallocation of existing funding for contractual services
- **Capital Outlay:** State park repair & maintenance; state/local boating infrastructure; wetland restoration, enhancement, and acquisition
- **Spending Authorization Adjustments to Align with Available Revenue:**
  - \$570,000 increase in Private authority for Forestry
  - \$100,00 increase in Fisheries Settlement spending authority
  - \$326,800 decrease in Belle Isle Subaccount spending authority



# FY 2024 Supplemental Requests

- Straits State Park Native American History Project: \$3.6 million (Private)
- 2023 Great Lakes Consent Decree: \$2.3 million (General Fund)
- Brandon Road Interbasin Project: \$1.5 million (General Fund)
- One-Time Lump Sum Payments: \$561,900 (General Fund)
- Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund: \$27.3 million (State Restricted)







# Questions?

Learn more about outdoor recreation opportunities at [Michigan.gov/DNR](https://Michigan.gov/DNR).