



# Department of Environmental Quality

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Natural Resources and Environmental Quality  
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## DEQ Mission

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality promotes wise management of Michigan's air, land, and water resources to support a sustainable environment, healthy communities, and vibrant economy.



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## DEQ Transition Priorities

Communication

Collaboration

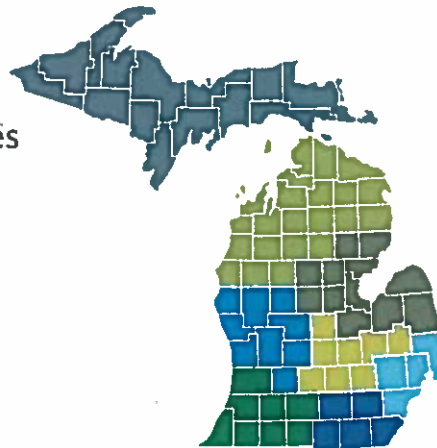
Consistency

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## DEQ Overview

- 1,150 Employees
- 7 Divisions
- 11 Primary Offices
  - Cadillac
  - Detroit
  - Flint
  - Gaylord
  - Grand Rapids
  - Jackson
  - Kalamazoo
  - Lansing
  - Saginaw
  - Southeast (Warren)
  - Upper Peninsula (Marquette)



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- ## DEQ Organizational Structure
- Administration Division
  - Air Quality Division
  - Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance Division
  - Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division
  - Remediation and Redevelopment Division
  - Waste Management and Radiological Protection Division
  - Water Resources Division

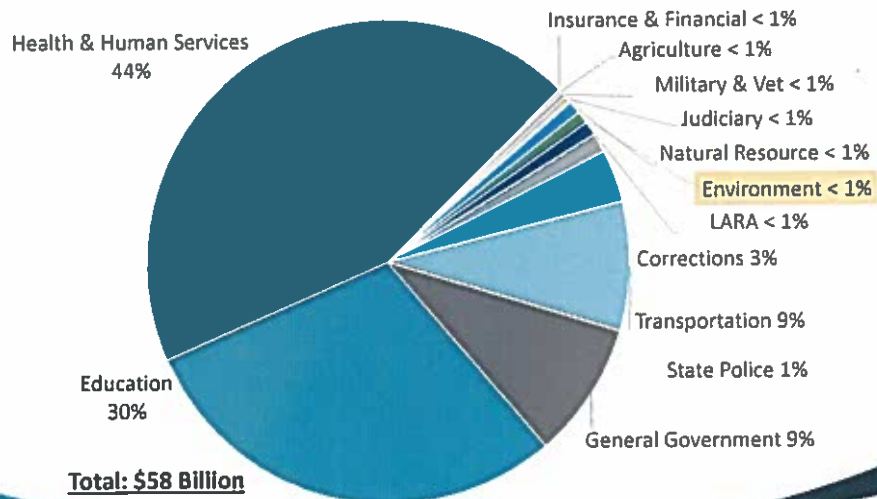
## Federal Delegations

- Multiple programs implemented by or delegated to the DEQ to administer
- DEQ works closely with EPA on programs as well as permits
- Federal law requires states to be consistent or equally as protective as federal law

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## 2019 State of Michigan Budget

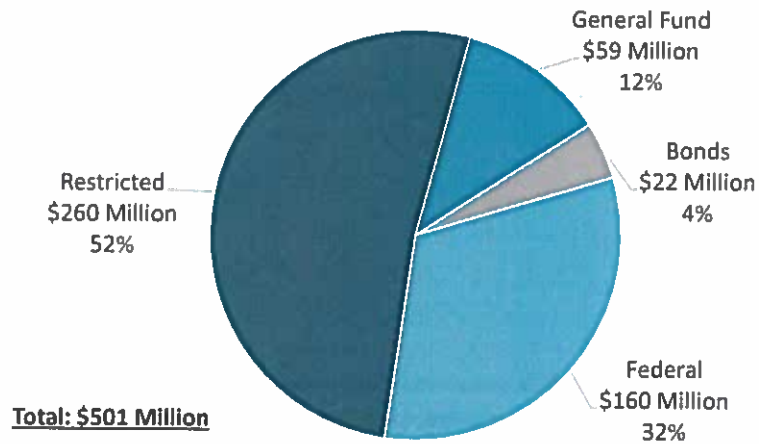


**Total: \$58 Billion**

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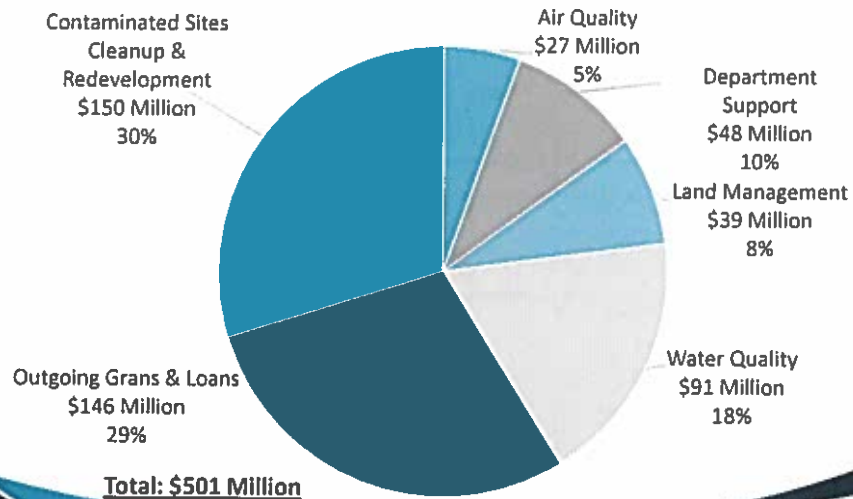
## 2019 DEQ Budget



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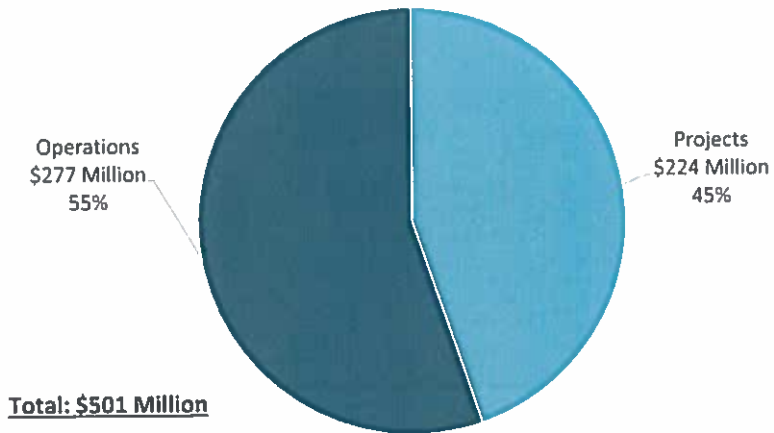
## 2019 DEQ Budget by Category



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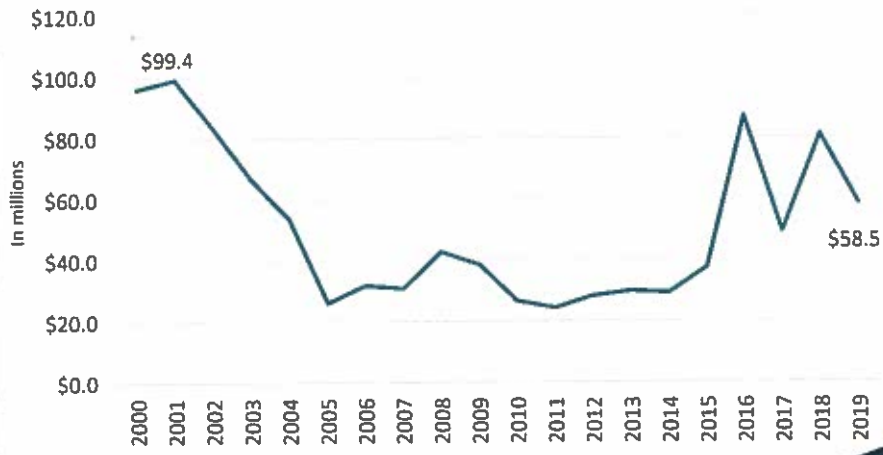
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## Historical General Fund



40% decrease since 2001

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## Policy and Legislative Affairs

- 350 constituent inquiries handled annually
- 2017 – 2018 Session:
  - 149 bills assigned as lead agency
  - 27 bills became public acts
- 2018:
  - 110 scheduled meetings/calls with legislator
  - 71 committee meetings attended

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## Moving Forward

- Meeting with and listening to stakeholders
- Holding internal staff listening sessions
- Developing strategic plan with short term and long term goals based on internal and external feedback
- Continual focus on protecting Michigan's environment and public health

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# Questions



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