



Finance: Operating Budget Process

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Stewardship Council



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Operating Budget Timeline

- ANF Spending/Maintenance Planning
- 9C Deficiency of Revenue
- Governor's Budget Development
- House and Senate Ways & Means
- Joint Committee
- General Acts of Appropriation (GAA)
- Governor's Vetoes
- Acceptance or Overrides of Vetoes
- Spending Plan Assignments
- Begin Plan Cycle for Upcoming Fiscal Year



Operating Budget Timeline

- October – ANF Spending Plan Submission: Finance submits budget estimate based on ANF directive for the next fiscal year's Governor's budget.
 - 9C – Current Fiscal Year Budget: If the October 15th revenue projections are below the revenue level that was estimated when the budget was adopted at the beginning of the fiscal year, then the 9C process is generally implemented. The Governor has the authority to make spending reductions, request the Legislature to raise additional revenue, or request a transfer from the "Rainy Day" Fund.
- January – Governor's budget is issued.
- February – JWM Spending Plan Submission: Finance submits budget proposal to both the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means.



Operating Budget Timeline

- April – HWM & House Budget: The House Ways and Means Committee reviews the Governor’s budget and develops its own recommendation. House members propose amendments to the budget including earmarked funding. Once debated, amended and voted on by the House, it becomes the House Budget.
- May – SWM & Senate Budget: The Senate Ways and Means Committee reviews the HWM and Governor’s budgets and develops its own recommendation. Senate members propose amendments to the budget including earmarked funding. Once debated, amended and voted on by the Senate, it becomes the Senate Budget. This then goes to Conference Committee.



Operating Budget Timeline

- May – Finance develops internal and payroll budgets for the *next* fiscal year
- June – Conference Committee Budget: Members of the House and Senate committee negotiate the differences between the House and Senate bills
- Vetoes - Once approved, the Governor has 10 days to veto all or part of the budget but may not add anything.



Operating Budget Timeline

- Overrides – The House and Senate may vote to override the Governor’s vetoes. This requires two-thirds majority in each chamber.
- July 1 – Final Budget: Signed by the Governor and **known** as the General Appropriations Act (GAA)
- August – Spending Plan: Finance develops and submits to ANF estimated budgetary spending based on the signed budget.



Operating Account Descriptions

- 2800-0100 **Conservation and Recreation** This item funds the general operations of DCR administration spending including payroll for administrative staff
- 2800-0101 **Watershed Management** Operate and maintain reservoirs, watershed lands and related infrastructure of the department and the office of water resources.
- 2800-0401 **Stormwater Management** The program funded under this item must comply with federal and state stormwater management requirements. Funding includes street sweeping, inspection and cleaning of catch basins, emergency repairs to roadway drainage, etc.



Operating Account Descriptions

- 2800-0500 **Beach Preservation** This funds FTE's and seasonal payroll and operational at metro beaches. Beaches must remain open and staffed from Memorial Day through Labor Day with full amount of required maintenance and upkeep.
- 2800-0501 **DCR Seasonal** This funds the seasonal payroll and operations of DCR. DCR's seasonal facilities are comprised of beaches, pools, campgrounds and day use facilities in urban and state park locations. Beaches must remain open and staffed from Memorial Day through Labor Day with full amount of required maintenance and upkeep.



Operating Account Descriptions

- 2800-0700 **Dam Regulatory Office** MGL Ch 253 S 44-48 and 302 CMR 10.00 establish DCR's responsibility to operate the office of Dam Safety to ensure adequate inspection, operation and repair of public and private dams in the Commonwealth to protect public safety. DCR is responsible for monitoring and ensuring owner compliance for 3,000+ dams statewide. DCR owns 340 of those and is responsible for capital repairs, but this item does not pay for that, that is funded from DCRs \$145M capital program.



Operating Account Descriptions

- **2810-0100 DCR Parks Operations** This is the operating account for the DCR. This item funds operating costs for all the department's parks, heritage state parks, reservations, campgrounds, beaches and pools and for the oversight of rinks, to protect and manage the division's lands and natural resources, including the forest and parks conservation services and the bureau of forestry, fire, special events, recreation and park rangers. This item was consolidated with the item that used to fund the division of urban parks in fiscal year 2009.



Operating Account Descriptions

- 2810-2042 **DCR Retained Revenue** Revenue collected from campsite reservation transactions from the automated campground reservation and registration program, golf courses, various permit fees, skating rinks, high ground telecommunication lease fees, forestry sales, rents, employee housing, ranger fines and penalties, season passes, parking fees and various miscellaneous fees. The retained revenues can be utilized for additional expenses, upkeep and improvements to the parks and recreation system, and personnel costs for FTE and seasonal employees. DCR retains 80% of revenues collected, 20% goes to the general fund. FY21 budget was \$21 million and FY22 budget is \$25.08 million. Requiring \$31.35M in revenues be collected.



Operating Account Descriptions

- 2820-0101 **State House Park Rangers** Funds in this item can only be spent on costs of security and at the state house for ranger staffing.
- 2820-2000 **Parkway Street Lighting** Funds the costs associated with maintaining the parkways street lighting within the division of urban parks.



Operating Budget FY20 - FY22(H1)

- GAA process for authorizing FY22 budget is currently being reviewed by the House Ways and Means Committee
- Governor's published H1 Budget \$102.4M over 10 Accounts

Operating Account #	Account Name	FY20	FY21	FY22 House 1
2800-0100	Conservation and Recreation	4,751,146	4,607,205	4,482,205
2800-0101	Watershed Management	1,523,447	1,524,408	1,524,408
2800-0401	Stormwater Management	454,549	466,947	466,948
2800-0500	Metropolitan Beaches	1,215,799	1,229,660	939,661
2800-0501	DCR Seasonal	16,096,912	16,524,419	16,524,419
2800-0700	Dam Regulatory Office	639,588	641,043	641,043
2810-0100	DCR Parks Operations	47,250,000	51,535,000	47,385,283
2810-0122	State Parks - Special Projects	8,866,000	555,000	
2810-2042	DCR Retained Revenue	21,000,000	21,279,999	25,080,000
2820-0101	State House Park Rangers	2,268,788	2,268,788	2,293,057
2820-2000	Parkway Street Lighting	3,150,000	3,150,000	3,150,000
	Total	107,216,229	103,782,469	102,487,024



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