



Montana FWP Budget 101:

A simple-to-understand chart of FWP's complex fish and wildlife management funding.

Program type:	General License Funded Programs	Federally Funded Programs	Statutorily Earmarked Programs
Funding source:	State money from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses that is NOT earmarked to a specific purpose	Federal excise taxes paid by Montanans on purchase of firearms, ammunition, and fishing equipment as well as funds received from Coast Guard and other federal agencies	Earmarked license \$, vehicle registration, and all other state special revenue funds
Explanation:	These dollars fund the general operation of FWP. By state and federal law, they can only be spent on fish and wildlife management (MCA 87-1-701 & 87-1-708). They also are the primary source of required state match needed to receive federal monies	Montana receives an annual apportionment of this funding. The federal government reimburses FWP for eligible expenditures. FWP must typically match the federal funds with non-federal funds at a ratio of 3 to 1. General License funding is FWP's primary source of match for federal monies	Programs are earmarked by Montana statute for a special purpose and can only be spent on that purpose
Examples:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ^ Game wardens/enforcement ^ Shooting range grants ^ Game damage program ^ Administration of hunting and fishing sales ^ Matching money for federal fund ^ Public information and outreach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ^ Fish and wildlife biologists ^ Fish hatcheries ^ Fish and wildlife population survey and inventory ^ Block management/access ^ Hunter and aquatic education ^ Operations and maintenance of sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ^ Land acquisition and conservation easements ^ Block management ^ Upland game bird habitat ^ Future fisheries habitat ^ Fishing access site maintenance
Funding amount annually: (FY 21)	\$58.5 million <i>(base budget + capital budget)</i>	\$28.4 million Pittman-Robertson, Dingell-Johnson, State Wildlife Grants, Coast Guard and other federal sources <i>(base budget + capital budget)</i>	\$21.7 million Over 30 earmarked programs <i>(base budget + capital budget)</i>
% of Fish and Wildlife budget:	54%	26%	20%

FWP received \$398,625 in General Fund for FY21 for the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program. This equates to .37% of the annual budget.

