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State Water Plan Fund

The 2024 Legislature has concurred with the Governor’s Budget Recommendations for FY 2025 State Water Plan Fund expenditures. The Governor’s Budget Recommendations reflected the Kansas Water Authority’s recommendations for FY 2025 expenditures. The chart below includes the expenditures for each State Water Plan Fund line item for FY 2025.

EXPENDITURES	FY2025 KWA/Agency Recommendations	FY2025 GOV Recommendations
Department of Health and Environment		
Contamination Remediation - (1802)	\$ 1,605,578	\$ 1,605,578
LEPP - (1803)	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000
Nonpoint Source Program - (1804)	\$ 430,587	\$ 430,587
TMDL Initiatives - (1805)	\$ 1,451,378	\$ 1,451,378
Drinking Water Protection Program - (1806)	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000
Watershed Restoration/Protection (WRAPS) - (1808)	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000
Aquifer Recharge Basin (1809)	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Harmful Algae Bloom Pilot - (1810)	\$ 150,937	\$ 150,937
Surface Water Trash Removal - (1816)	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Small Town Infrastructure Support (1817)		
SUBTOTAL- KDHE	\$ 7,838,480	\$ 7,838,480
Department of Agriculture		
Interstate Water Issues - (0070)	\$ 527,927	\$ 527,927
Water Use Database Modernization - (0075)	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Subbasin Water Resources Management - (0080)	\$ 673,847	\$ 673,847
Irrigation Technology - (0088)	\$ 2,550,000	\$ 2,550,000
Crop and Livestock Research - (0089)	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
Soil Health - (0090)	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Water Resources Cost Share - (1205)	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Nonpoint Source Pollution Asst. - (1210)	\$ 1,866,598	\$ 1,866,598
Aid to Conservation Districts - (1220)	\$ 3,502,706	\$ 3,502,706
Water Transition Assistance Program/CREP - (1225)	\$ 1,554,142	\$ 1,554,142
Dam Construction Rehabilitation - (1240)	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
Water Quality Buffer Initiative - (1250)	\$ -	\$ -
Riparian and Wetland Program - (1260)	\$ 154,024	\$ 154,024
Streambank Stabilization - (1290)	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Transfer for KRPI - (1300)		
SUBTOTAL- KDA	\$ 21,429,244	\$ 21,429,244
Kansas Water Office		
Assessment and Evaluation - (1110)	\$ 2,231,255	\$ 2,231,255
MOU - Storage Operations & Maintenance - (1150)	\$ 719,824	\$ 719,824
Stream Gaging - (1190)	\$ 448,708	\$ 448,708
Conservation Assistance for Water Users - (1200)	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Reservoir and Water Quality Research - (1275)	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000
Water Quality Partnerships - (1280)	\$ 1,464,890	\$ 1,464,890
KS Water Plan Education & Outreach Strategy - (1281)	\$ 750,000	\$ 400,000
High Plains Aquifer Partnerships - (1282)	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Kansas Reservoir Protection Initiative (KRPI) - (1286)	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Equus Beds Chloride Plume Remediation Project - (1287)	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Flood Response Study - (1288)	\$ -	\$ -
Arbuckle Study - (1289)	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Water Injection Dredging (WID) - (1290)	\$ -	\$ -
HB 2302 - (1300)	\$ 500,000	\$ 850,000
SUBTOTAL- KWO	\$ 11,039,677	\$ 11,039,677
Department of Wildlife & Parks		
Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Program - (1801)	\$ 224,457	\$ 224,457
University of Kansas - Geological Survey - (1810)		
	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Total State Water Plan Expenditures	\$ 40,571,858	\$ 40,571,858

HB 2302 Grant Programs

Senate Sub for HB 2302 established two new water-related grant funds within the Kansas Water Office: the Technical Assistance Grant Fund (\$5 million) and the Water Projects Grant Fund (\$12 million). The two grant funds serve to help identified Kansas entities to obtain the up-front technical assistance and the on-the-ground actions needed to address various water quantity and quality needs. The two funds are generally directed to supporting water-related infrastructure activities.

The Kansas Water Office plans to make award announcements at the end of the first quarter. All applications have been reviewed for eligibility and evaluation criteria. The Kansas Water Office grants team is currently in the final review process.

Legislative Update: The Senate budget bill currently adds an additional \$1 million to the Water Projects Grant Fund, bringing the total to \$13 million for FY 2025.

*Program Totals**

- 309 applications were submitted.
- Requests total over \$380 million.

*Technical Assistance Grant**

- 122 applications were submitted.
- Requests total \$56 million.
- 67 of 100 TA grants submitted by municipalities have populations less than 2,000. Total of \$16 million.
- Average amount requested: \$250,000.

*Water Projects Grant**

- 187 applications were submitted.
- Requests total \$323 million.
- 96 out of 147 WP grants submitted by municipalities have populations less than 2,000. Total of \$145 million.
- 28 applications are requesting assistance with loan balances. Total of \$18.7 million.
- Average amount requested: \$1.5 million.

**The information below reflects unfiltered and unassessed application data. Final information will be available after application review is completed.*

Other Legislative Updates

For other water-related legislative updates, please see the Legislative News page on Kansas Water Office's website. <https://kwo.ks.gov/news-events/legislative-news>