



# Departmentwide Programs

## Overview

Departmentwide programs support the U.S. Department of the Interior (Department, Interior) bureaus and offices through the execution of activities broad in scope and effect. These programs complement the many diverse activities of the Department and help to achieve key strategic goals.

## Payments in Lieu of Taxes

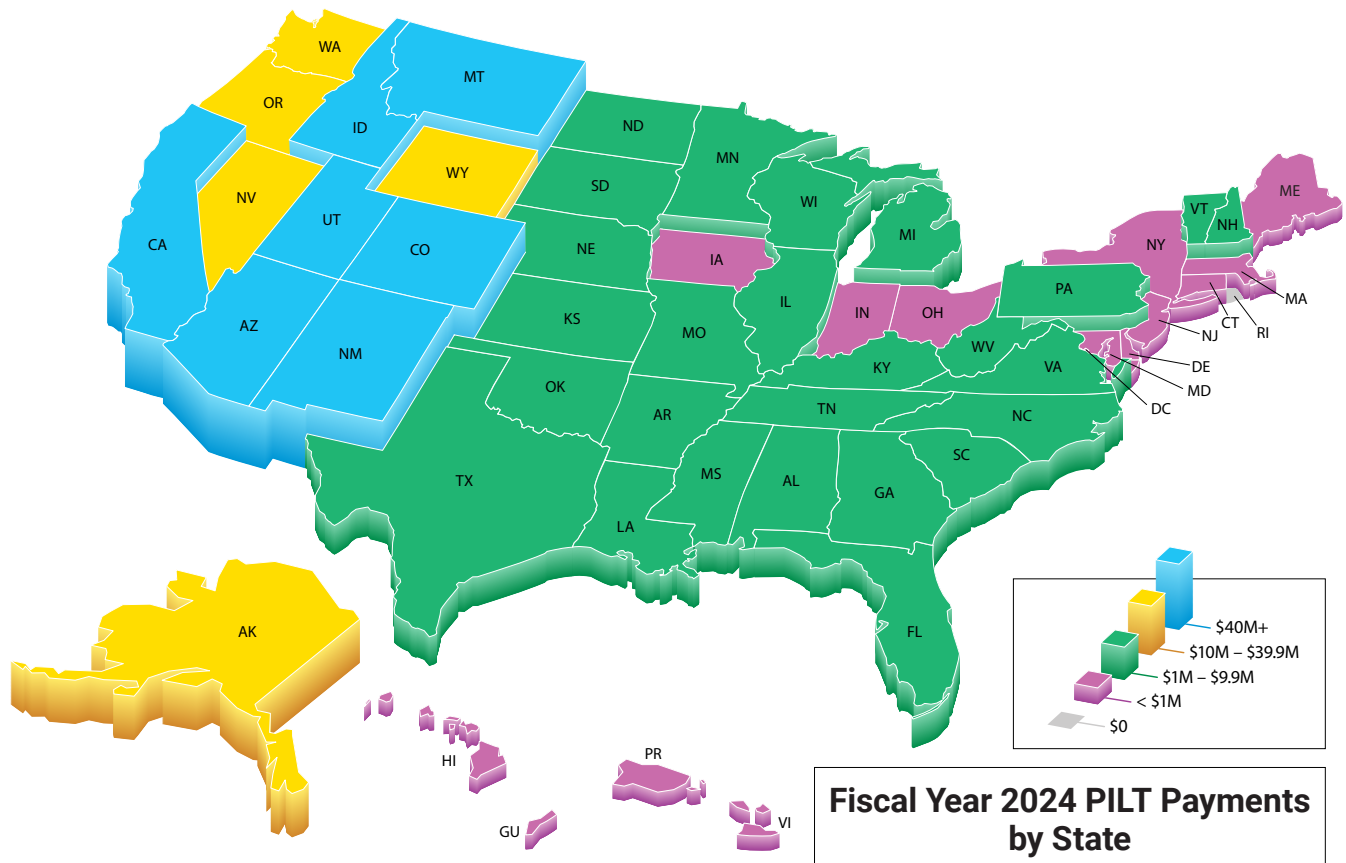
### Mission

The Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program provides payments to more than 1,900 local government units in

49 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to help offset the costs of services and infrastructure incurred by local jurisdictions with certain Federal lands within their districts which cannot be taxed. PILT payments help local governments carry out vital services, such as firefighting and police protection, constructing public schools and roads, and conducting search-and-rescue operations. In recent years, PILT monies have also been used to fund projects to build county buildings, purchase new police cruisers, and upgrade 911 emergency services.

### Budget Overview

The 2026 Budget requests \$635.0 million in current funding for PILT. The amount proposed supports this important program while balancing Departmental funding priorities.



## Office of Natural Resources Revenue

### Mission

The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) ensures revenue from Federal and Indian mineral leases is effectively, efficiently, and accurately collected, accounted for, analyzed, audited, and disbursed in a timely fashion to recipients. Revenue distributions benefit States, Tribes, individual Indian mineral royalty owners, and U.S. Treasury accounts.

### Budget Overview

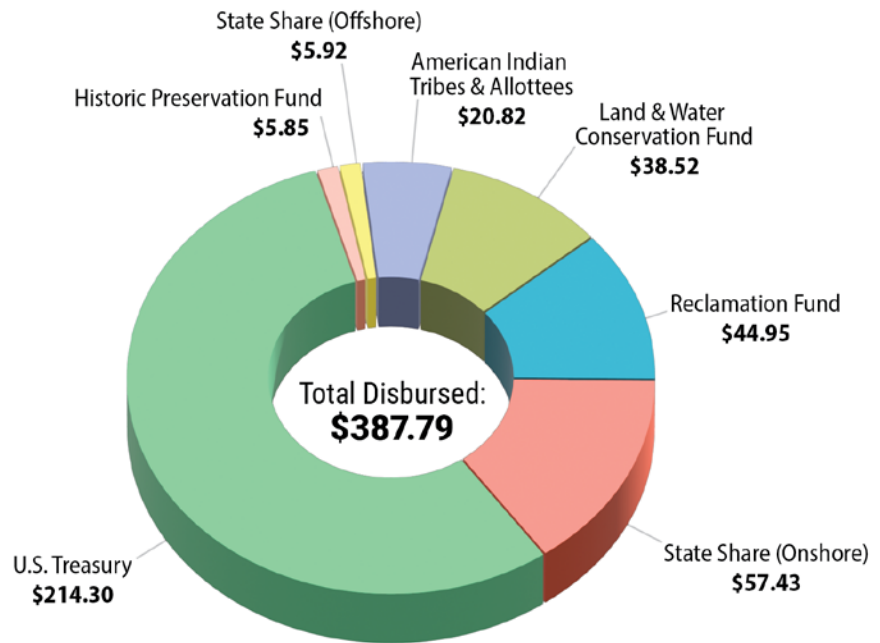
The 2026 Budget requests \$147.2 million for ONRR's receipts management programs. The Budget focuses funding on ONRR's essential revenue management functions—which ensure the accurate collection, accounting and disbursement of revenue from Federal and Indian leases—and realigns available resources to support the highest priority efforts.

### Workforce Restructure

The 2026 Budget supports the Administration's priority to streamline government and will continue efforts to unify and optimize administrative

services across the Department to increase effectiveness and efficiency for the benefit of American taxpayers.

### Cumulative Mineral Lease Revenue Disbursement, Fiscal Year 1982–2024 (dollars in billions)



## Central Hazardous Materials Fund

### Mission

The mission of the Central Hazardous Materials Fund (CHF) is to protect public health and the environment by addressing the most contaminated sites within national parks, in national wildlife refuges, and on other Department-managed public lands. CHF funds remediation projects using the authorities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The program provides Interior bureaus with legal, technical, and project management expertise to address their highest priority cleanup problems. CHF is funded through

two revenue sources: annual appropriations and recoveries from potentially responsible parties (PRPs). The program is authorized to receive, retain, and use recoveries from PRPs to fund cleanup projects. Since 1995, CHF recovered or avoided nearly \$1 billion in cleanup costs, \$138 million of which were funds recovered from third parties that allowed the program to support many more projects than would have been possible solely with appropriated funds.

## Budget Overview

The 2026 Budget request is \$6.3 million. The CHF program continues to focus on sites that pose the highest risks to employees, public health and welfare, and the environment. The program will continue to seek the participation of current or previous owners to minimize the cleanup cost borne by the American taxpayer.

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## Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration

### Mission

The mission of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Program is to restore natural resources that have been injured because of oil spills or hazardous substances released into the environment. Damage assessments—conducted in partnership with affected State, Tribal, and Federal cotrustees—provide the basis for determining the injuries to natural resources and the restoration needed to compensate for the public's loss of those natural resources.

### Budget Overview

The 2026 request for NRDAR is \$4.7 million. The Interior NRDAR Fund supports natural resource

damage assessment, restoration planning, and implementation at hundreds of sites nationwide in partnership with Federal, State, and Tribal cotrustees. In 2026, NRDAR anticipates that \$684 million will flow into the fund from gross receipts recovered through settled damage assessment cases, advanced cooperative assessment funds, and earned interest. By statute, those receipts can be used by trustees only to restore injured lands and resources or to reimburse for past assessment costs. Directly appropriated funding in the 2026 Budget will enable the NRDAR Program to optimize the restoration of injured lands and resources by using monies from the fund.



Kalamazoo River NRDAR restoration project in Michigan.

Kalamazoo River Trustees Photos.



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## Working Capital Fund

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### Mission

The Department's Working Capital Fund provides centralized services and systems to Interior bureaus and offices and to other customers.

### Budget Overview

For the appropriated portion of the Department's Working Capital Fund, the 2026 Budget includes \$75.4 million. The Budget focuses on core mission requirements and realigns available resources to support the highest priority efforts.

#### *Modernizing Financial and Business Operations*

Operation and maintenance of the Financial and Business Management System (FBMS) is funded in the 2026 Budget at \$40.8 million.

#### *Strengthening Interior's Cybersecurity Posture*

The 2026 Budget includes \$33.2 million to fund cybersecurity efforts and continues to fund high-priority, recurring operations and maintenance costs for incident remediation activities.

#### *Evidence, Evaluation, and Open Data Management*

To build data management practices and promote the use of evidence-based information to improve Interior programs, the 2026 Budget includes \$885,000.

#### *Information Technology Modernization*

The 2026 Budget includes \$527,000 for radio modernization, an initiative to deploy remote broadband connectivity and provide employees in the field with voice, video, and data capabilities for all missions.

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### Non-Appropriated Working Capital Fund

Interior has taken steps to unify many of the Department's functions as directed in Secretary's Order 3429, *Consolidation, Unification and Optimization of Administrative Functions*. The Department carried out the first phase of this effort for the following functions in the Office of the Secretary: communications, training and development, Federal financial assistance (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements), procurement and charge cards, civil rights and equal employment opportunities, information resources and technology management, human resources, personnel security, congressional and legislative affairs, external affairs, and finance. Interior will continue to advance optimization, innovation, collaboration, and solutions that address the pressing challenges of our time.

## Interior Franchise Fund

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### Mission

The Interior Franchise Fund provides business support services to Federal agencies on a competitive basis at customer discretion.

### Budget Overview

The Government Management Reform Act of 1994 authorized the creation of six executive agency pilot franchise funds. The Director of

Office of Management and Budget approved DOI's application for a pilot program in May 1996, and the Interior Franchise Fund was established in the 1997 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act provided permanent franchise fund authority. Interior Franchise Fund activities, such as acquisition services, are executed for a variety of Federal agency customers on a reimbursable basis.

## Wildland Fire Management

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The 2026 Budget reforms the Federal approach to wildland fire management by creating the United States Wildland Fire Service (USWFS). USWFS is a new DOI bureau that unifies and consolidates

wildland fire resources and programs from across Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. Please see the USWFS section for more information.



Fallen trees are collected as part of the Alaska Peak Timber Sale, which is thinning the Tahoe National Forest to reduce the risk of future catastrophic wildfires.

DOI Photo.

## SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

### Comparison of 2026 Request with 2025 CR

	2025 CR <sup>1/</sup>	2026 Request <sup>2/</sup>
Current		
Central Hazardous Materials Fund .....	9,661	6,280
Energy Community Revitalization Program .....	4,800	0
Natural Resource Damage Assessment Fund .....	7,715	4,709
Working Capital Fund .....	107,710	75,397
Payment in Lieu of Taxes .....	643,000	635,000
Office of Natural Resources Revenue .....	167,937	147,248
Total, Current .....	940,823	868,634
Permanent, 2026 Legacy Restoration Fund		
National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund .....		1,813,686
Total, Permanent, 2026 Legacy Restoration Fund .....		1,813,686

<sup>1/</sup> Resource levels included are estimates. The President reserves his authority under the "Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025" (P.L. 119-4) to revise spending within the amounts provided by Congress. Excludes Wildland Fire funding, which is reflected in the U.S. Wildland Fire Service chapter.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity

### APPROPRIATION: Payments in Lieu of Taxes

	2024 Actual	2025 Notional <sup>1/</sup>	2026 Request
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	621,635	643,000	635,000

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### APPROPRIATION: Office of Natural Resources Revenue

	2024 Actual	2025 Notional <sup>1/</sup>	2026 Request
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	167,937	167,937	147,248

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**APPROPRIATION: Central Hazardous Materials Fund**

	2024 Actual	2025 Notional <sup>1/</sup>	2026 Request
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	9,661	9,661	6,280

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**APPROPRIATION: Energy Community Revitalization Program**

	2024 Actual	2025 Notional <sup>1/</sup>	2026 Request
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	4,800	4,800	0

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**APPROPRIATION: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Fund**

	2024 Actual	2025 Notional <sup>1/</sup>	2026 Request
Damage Assessments .....	1,800	1,500	1,000
Restoration Support .....	2,847	3,000	2,000
Oil Spill Preparedness .....	780	715	500
Program Management .....	2,288	2,500	1,209
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	7,715	7,715	4,709

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**APPROPRIATION: Working Capital Fund**

	2024 Actual	2025 Notional <sup>1/</sup>	2026 Request
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	107,710	107,710	75,397

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