



**H.494 – Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Act  
Senate Committee on Appropriations – Proposed Amendment**

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS PRINCIPLES APPLIED**

**Reserves – All Statutory Requirements Met Plus:**

Transportation – \$25m for IIJA FY25 and FY26 match need within Cash Fund  
ANR – Water Programs – \$14.5m for IIJA FY25 and FY26 match need within Cash Fund  
FEMA denied claims reserve – \$15m

**Prioritize Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure:**

**Housing – \$188m see housing funding summary document**

Funds housing assistance and support programs  
Funds continued development of affordable housing units

**Child Care and Parental Leave – S.56**

Assures \$88.2m in appropriations and services in S.56 are within overall FY24 balance

**Provider Rate Increases – \$97m total – see provider rate increase document**

Dental rates increased and cap raised for adult dental services  
Primary care, specialty rates, FQHCs and free clinics  
Home health provider tax eliminated; rates increase  
Assistive Community Care Services, Enhanced Residential Care, Nursing Homes  
Adult Day and Senior Nutrition  
Designated, Specialized, Substance Use and TBI provider rates 5% increase  
PNMI, subsidized adoption and foster care  
EMS – Ambulance rates increase

**State IT Networks - maintain and update critical infrastructure**

ADS – \$10m for statewide network modernization  
Judiciary – \$4.8m for new IT network and security modernization

**Transportation – fee increases effective Jan. 1, 2024**

Set to lowest inflation target  
FY24 new TF fee revenue is \$8m; \$21m annualized

**Base Commitments Honored:**

Moves \$18m of pension plus required funding from one-time to base

**Fully Funds Pilot or Multi-Year Initiatives (does not start then potentially strand work):**

Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke pilot – \$20m; two years  
Language Access plan – \$2.3m; two years  
Reach Ahead pilot – \$2m; two years  
Criminal Justice Training Accreditation Process – \$1.2m; three years  
Community Violence Prevention Grants – \$5m; multi-year  
Bennington youth inpatient residential facility – \$9.2m; multi-year

**Apply Circumspection and Rigor When Requesting Reports and Studies:**

Adult Basic Education funding report  
Healthcare and Social Service Workforce Incentives report

**Modest Reliance on Contingent Funding through Cash Fund**



## OTHER BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

### **BIPOC – New Americans:**

Truth and Reconciliation and Land Access and Opportunity Boards both funded  
New Americans and Refugee programs and a language access plan funded

### **Criminal Justice System:**

Adds a new superior court Judge and 6 additional staff in Judiciary; increases security rate  
Includes eight new permanent staff in State’s Attorneys Office  
Increases for capacity and ad hoc rates in Defender General Office  
Fully funds Corrections out-of-state beds, health care, and payroll cost rollouts

### **Justice Reinvestment II (JRII):**

Provides \$790k base increase, for Network, CJC, Women’s reentry and other JRII priorities  
BARJ grants increased by \$250k and Court Diversion fee gap closed

### **Emergency Communications – E-911 and Dispatch Services:**

Allows \$2m for continued data collection, expertise and to inform next steps for statewide system design  
Funds gap in baseline of E-911 USF revenue

### **Prevention and Recovery:**

\$3m funding continued for Prevention Coalitions (cannabis and one-time funds)  
\$6m EF from cannabis sales tax to new afterschool grant program  
\$1.85m for Recovery Centers; \$100k one-time to Jenna’s Promise; Recovery Residence funding report  
\$1m one-time for Mentor VT and \$200k for Youth Service providers

### **Climate and Environment:**

Environmental Justice and Water Quality positions; Climate Action Office tools and analysis funded.  
PFAS remediation; Brownfield’s assessment and remediation; Emissions repair 3-years funded.  
Outdoor recreation grants; State parks staff housing updates; crop damage funded.

### **Higher Education, Workforce, Economic and Agriculture Development – \$74.2m:**

State Colleges base and bridge funding provided; new 3D and Restorative Justice Programs funded  
802 Opportunity funded in base; critical occupations and CCV targeted tuition reductions funded  
UVM 3% base increase and Upskill scholarships funded; trades certificate funding in VSAC base  
Nursing, Dental Hygienist, Psych MH Nurse forgivable loans; DA and EMS training funded  
New and underrepresented K-12 Educators forgivable loan programs funded  
Vermont Serve, Earn and Learn program funded  
CHIPS Act State commitment requirement met through VT Training Program funding  
RDCs granted funds for small business technical assistance; Rural Industry Development (contingent)  
Reach Up work supports and Relocating Worker grants funded  
Organic Dairy, Other Agriculture Producers, and Small Farm Diversification grants funded  
Working Lands and Sustainable Jobs Fund program funded

**New Positions** – a total of 168 new positions created – see position detail document

(\$ millions)	GF	FF (including ARPA)	TF	EF	All Other Fds	UnDup Total
<b>FY23 BAA</b>	2,099.99	3,756.16	341.68	1,961.21	489.74	8,648.77
<b>Change - Senate</b>	294.32	(606.99)	15.62	114.80	41.43	(140.82)
<b>FY24 Total</b>	2,394.31	3,149.17	357.30	2,076.01	531.16	8,507.95