

H. 951 – Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations Act As Introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations

Source: JFO Fiscal Year 2027 Budget¹

Appropriations (\$ millions)	General Fund	Federal Funds	Transportation Fund	Education Fund	All other funds	Unduplicated Appropriations
FY 2026 (As adjusted by Act 74)	\$2,498.05	\$3,201.77	\$359.15	\$2,429.44	\$699.88	\$9,188.29
FY 2027	\$2,550.33	\$3,243.95	\$358.26	\$2,534.23	\$647.38	\$9,334.15
FY 2027 change over FY 2026	\$52.28	\$42.17	\$(0.89)	\$104.79	\$(52.51)	\$145.86

Note: amounts reflect unduplicated appropriations, including other bills with anticipated fiscal impacts. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE OVERVIEW

This budget is built upon the January 2026 official consensus revenue forecast, adjusted for anticipated changes in tax policy, of \$2,539.76 million in addition to other General Fund revenue sources of \$128.91 million. This budget also relies on carryforward funds from fiscal year 2026 in the amount of \$70.95 million, bringing total General Fund sources to \$2,739.62 million.

BUDGET CONTEXT

This budget fills all statutorily-required reserves, meets all pension obligations, and makes essential investments in health care, human services, housing and economic development, education, public safety, and the environment.

To develop this budget, the House Committee on Appropriations worked with administration officials, standing committees, and many interested stakeholders, including members of the public and legislators who testified at public hearings or submitted written testimony. General Fund appropriations total \$2.55 billion. \$219.18 million is transferred to other funds and reserves, including a one-time \$104.90 million transfer to the Education Fund.

FY 2027 General Fund Budget Construct (\$ millions)	
Sources	House
January 2026 Forecasted Revenue Net	2,539.76
Changes in Misc. Tax Bill	
Transfers to the GF	118.08
Reversions	10.83
Prior Year Carryforward	70.95
Total Sources (a)	2,739.62
Uses	
Base Appropriations	2,481.13
Estimated Pay Act	28.63
One-time Appropriations	38.95
Other Bills	1.62
Total Uses (b)	2,550.33
Transfers out of GF(c)	203.57
Net Reserves Uses (d)	14.41
Unallocated Surplus (a-b-c+d)	0.13

Total appropriations from all funds (unduplicated) are \$9.33 billion.

The following two pages outline some of the major base (appropriations in the “number” sections of the bill that are expected to be ongoing) and one-time investments (appropriations made for particular purposes in fiscal year 2027) in H.951.

¹ The full Big Bill web report is available at: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2026/Docs/BILLS/H-0493/H-0493%20As%20Introduced.pdf>



HIGHLIGHTS OF FISCAL YEAR 2027 BASE APPROPRIATIONS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Provides \$61.12 million for caseload and utilization pressures at the Agency of Human Services (AHS)
- Provides \$6.81 million for Designated Agencies, Specialized Service Agencies, and Home and Community Based Service providers, including Medicaid skilled home health services
- Appropriates \$500,000 to the Bridges to Health Program
- Appropriates additional funding for the Area Health Education Centers program (AHEC) to continue offering medical professional primary care loan repayment and primary care provider placement services
- Provides \$924,000 Global Commitment to Vermont's Free and Referral Clinics to support healthcare services to Vermonters without health insurance
- Maintains level funding for 2-1-1 through the Department for Children and Families (DCF) to ensure adequate resources for peak demand
- Increases the Global Commitment appropriation to the Office of the Health Care Advocate by \$450,000

HOUSING

- Establishes the Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP) as a \$4.00 million General Fund base appropriation within the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
- Fully funds the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) at statutory level of \$37.65 million
- Provides \$61.45 million in base funding to DCF for homelessness response initiatives in H.938, including the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum, Housing Opportunity Grant Program operations, temporary emergency housing, and shelter development (in addition to a \$21.18 million one-time appropriation to DCF for this purpose)
- Provides \$1.68 million to the base budget for the Land Access and Opportunity Board
- Establishes a new permanent classified Disabilities Housing Coordinator position within the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL)

OTHER

- Sets aside \$28.63 million in anticipation of the fiscal year 2027 Pay Act
- Provides a new \$9.08 million appropriation to the Agency of Digital Services (ADS) and adopts proposed changes to service level agreement billing practices to establish fiscal sustainability
- Appropriates \$1.80 million to the Office of the Secretary of State to support the Vermont Access Network
- Establishes two new permanent classified positions within the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) to implement the Flood Safety Act (Act 121 of 2024)
- Establishes several other new positions, including a mediator at the State Labor Relations Board, an attorney at the State Ethics Commission to focus on municipal ethics referrals and trainings, and an attorney at the Human Rights Commission
- Provides additional funding to the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs to reduce vacancy savings
- Includes \$350,000 for the Defender General for additional public defense contracting and training needs
- Provides a 3% increase to the University of Vermont (UVM), Vermont State Colleges (VSC), and the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC)
- Accounts for separate bills that contain their own appropriations



HIGHLIGHTS OF FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY

- Appropriates \$110,000 to the Agency of Administration (AoA) for the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership initiative (IDEAL)
- Appropriates \$900,000 to AoA to complete the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- Appropriates \$590,000 to the Office of the Secretary of State for Local Civic Journalism Awards (\$50,000), community radio station support (\$90,000), and election administration (\$450,000)
- Appropriates \$225,000 to the Office of the State Treasurer for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (\$150,000) and the Pension and Benefits Funding Task Force in H.567 (\$75,000)

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Appropriates \$21.18 million to DCF for homelessness response initiatives in H.938 (in addition to \$61.45 million in base funding to DCF for this purpose)
- Appropriates \$2.00 million to the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) for provider stabilization grants
- Appropriates \$1.19 million Global Commitment to DAIL for Meals on Wheels
- Appropriates \$300,000 to DVHA to make information technology updates due to federal Medicaid changes
- Appropriates \$180,000 to DCF for a grant to the Parent Child Center Network for concrete supports programs
- Appropriates \$300,000 to Vermont Legal Aid for an immigration attorney to support the Immigrant Minor Guardianship Project (\$200,000) and the Vermont Legal Aid Helpline (\$100,000 Global Commitment)
- Appropriates \$195,000 Global Commitment to DCF to grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for nurturing parenting programs
- Appropriates \$150,000 for school cardiac response plans required by Act 72 of 2025

HOUSING

- Appropriates \$1.00 million to DHCD to grant to the Vermont State Housing Authority for the Rent Arrears Assistance Fund created by Act 47 of 2023
- Appropriates \$800,000 to DHCD for the Manufactured Home Improvement and Repair Program (MHIR)
- Appropriates \$235,000 to DAIL for a grant to HomeShare Vermont

OTHER

- Appropriates \$500,000 to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) for Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) grants
- Appropriates \$900,000 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM) for the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont's Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share programs (\$500,000) and the Vermont Foodbank's Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program (\$400,000)
- Appropriates \$300,000 to AAFM for Vermont's Natural Resource Conservation Districts
- Appropriates \$182,000 to the Agency of Education (AOE) for the Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Appropriates \$2.32 million to VSAC for Freedom and Unity Scholarships and to raise the family income eligibility threshold for these scholarships from \$65,000 to \$80,000
- Appropriates \$1.34 million Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Fund to AoA for disaster relief assistance to communities impacted by severe flooding in calendar year 2025

