



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 2027 budget requests \$635.0 million in current funding for PILT and supports two full-time equivalents (FTE). 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.

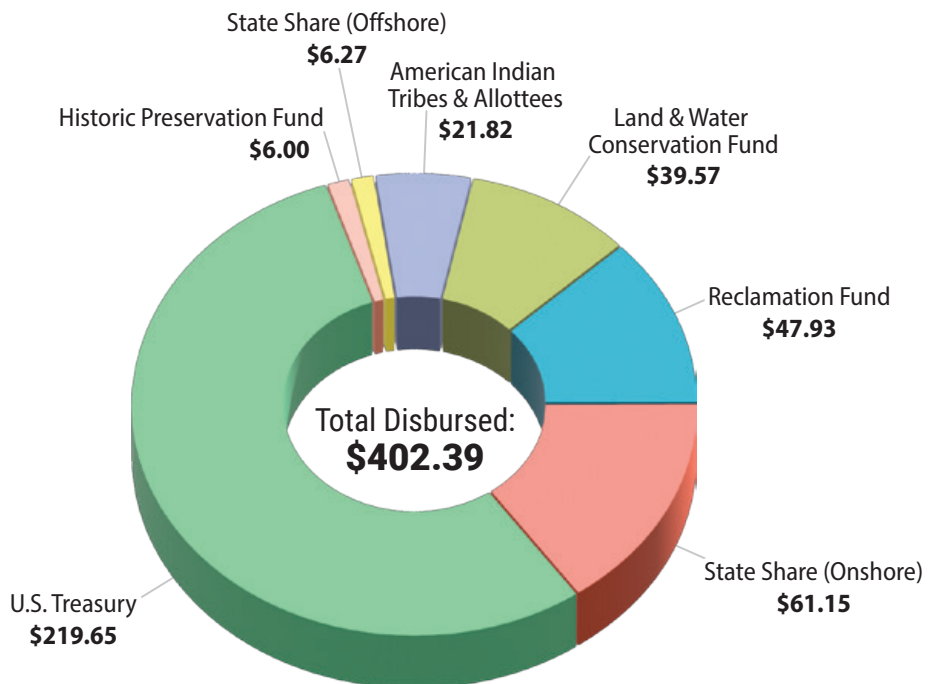
### Budget Overview

The 2027 budget requests \$134.1 million for ONRR's receipts management programs and supports 434 FTEs. 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.

### Fixed Costs

Fixed costs are fully funded.

### Cumulative Mineral Lease Revenue Disbursement, Fiscal Years 1982–2025 (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 on Department-managed public lands. CHF funds remediation projects using the authorities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response,

Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA; Public Law 96–510). The program provides Interior bureaus with legal, technical, and project management expertise to address their highest priority public health and environmental cleanup problems. CHF projects are funded through two revenue sources:

annual appropriations and cost recoveries from potentially responsible parties (PRPs). The program is authorized to receive, retain, and use recoveries from PRPs to fund cleanup projects. Since CHF was established in 1995, the program has received more than \$177 million in recoveries from PRPs and has avoided an estimated \$1.3 billion in government spending through work performed by PRPs and other parties on Interior lands.

### **Budget Overview**

The 2027 budget request is \$6.3 million and supports four FTEs. 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.

## **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 2027 budget request for NRDAR is \$4.7 million. The Department of 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 2027, NRDAR anticipates \$654 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



Door County Land Trust (DCLT) acquired the 119-acre Oak Bluff Natural Area along the Green Bay shoreline with the supporting match of Knowles Nelson Stewardship Grant, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative-Joint Venture, and DCLT private funds, WI.

*Door County Land Trust Photo.*

the 2027 budget will enable the NRDAR Program to optimize the restoration of injured lands and resources using monies from the fund.

### **Fixed Costs**

Fixed costs of \$32,000 are fully funded.

## **Great Salt Lake Watershed Recovery Program**

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### **Mission**

The mission of the Great Salt Lake Watershed Recovery Program (GSLWRP) is to restore and protect Utah's Great Salt Lake. The Department will work with cooperating Federal agencies and the State of Utah to ensure the long-term sustainability of Great Salt Lake, which is a critical ecological and economic asset to Utah, the region, and the country. Interior and Federal partners will take action to improve water flows into and within the lake, restore ecosystems, remove invasive species, and address toxins in the lakebed outside any active environmental remediation sites.

### **Budget Overview**

The 2027 budget request is \$1.0 billion and supports eight FTEs. Interior will use its significant water management, mapping and science, invasive species management, and land management expertise and capacity to carry out activities that support the Great Salt Lake watershed and ecosystems. The GSLWRP will transfer funding to bureaus across the Department, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation and transfer funds to cooperating Federal agencies. Interior will collaborate with Federal and State-level stakeholders to ensure effective distribution of funds and measurable improvements to water flows into and within Great Salt Lake.



Blue heron flying over Great Salt Lake in Utah.

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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 2027 budget includes \$75.8 million and supports 98 FTEs. The budget focuses on core mission requirements and realigns available resources to support the highest priority efforts.

*Modernizing Financial and Business Operations*  
Operations and maintenance of the Financial and Business Management System (FBMS) is funded in the 2027 budget at \$40.9 million.

*Strengthening Interior's Cybersecurity Posture*  
The 2027 budget includes \$31.5 million to fund cybersecurity efforts and continues to fund high-priority, recurring operations and maintenance costs for incident remediation activities.

*Supporting Evidence, Evaluation, and Open Data Management*

To build data management practices and promote the use of evidence-based information to improve Interior programs, the 2027 budget includes \$2.9 million.

*Modernizing IT*

The 2027 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.

### Fixed Costs

Fixed costs of \$6,000 are fully funded.

### Non-Appropriated Working Capital Fund

The Department's Non-Appropriated Working Capital Fund was established pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1467 to provide common administrative and support services efficiently and economically on a reimbursable basis to Interior's bureaus and offices as well as other Federal agencies.

## 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 (Public Law 103-356) authorized the creation of six executive agency pilot franchise funds. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget approved Interior's application for a pilot program

in May 1996, and the Interior Franchise Fund was established in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997 (Public Law 105-83). The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110-161), provided permanent franchise fund authority. The Department executes Interior Franchise Fund activities, such as acquisition services, for a variety of Federal agency customers on a reimbursable basis.

## Wildland Fire Management

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The 2027 budget continues the proposal to reform the Federal approach to wildland fire management by unifying wildland fire resources and programs from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest

Service within Interior's U.S. Wildland Fire Service (USWFS). Please see the USWFS section for more information.

## SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

### Comparison of 2027 Request with 2026 Enacted

	2026 Enacted		2027 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
<b>Current</b>						
Central Hazardous Materials Fund .....	4	9,031	4	6,280	0	-2,751
Energy Community Revitalization Program .....	24	4,700	22	0	-2	-4,700
Natural Resource Damage Assessment Fund .....	19	6,500	18	4,709	-1	-1,791
Working Capital Fund .....	98	90,775	98	75,764	0	-15,011
Payment in Lieu of Taxes .....	2	635,000	2	635,000	0	0
Great Salt Lake Watershed Recovery Program .....	0	0	8	1,000,000	+8	+1,000,000
Office of Natural Resources Revenue .....	440	159,850	433	134,073	-7	-25,777
Subtotal, Current .....	587	905,856	585	1,855,826	-2	949,970
<b>Permanent and Other</b>						
Natural Resource Damage Assessment Fund .....	1	644,000	0	644,000	-1	0
National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund <sup>iv</sup> .....	0	342,185	0	1,763,230	0	+1,421,045
Subtotal, Permanent .....	1	986,185	0	2,407,230	-1	1,421,045
<b>Reimbursable, Allocation, and Other</b>						
Working Capital Fund .....	6,828	0	6,828	0	0	0
Office of Natural Resources Revenue .....	1	0	1	0	0	0
Interior Franchise Fund .....	243	0	243	0	0	0
Subtotal, Reimbursable, Allocation, and Other .....	7,072	0	7,072	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL, DEPARTMENTWIDE PROGRAMS .....</b>	<b>7,660</b>	<b>1,892,041</b>	<b>7,657</b>	<b>4,263,056</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>2,371,015</b>

<sup>iv</sup> The 2027 budget includes a legislative proposal of \$1.9 billion and associated transfer of -\$285.0 million for reauthorization of the Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity  
(dollar amounts in thousands)

### APPROPRIATION: Payments in Lieu of Taxes

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	645,169	635,000	635,000	0

### APPROPRIATION: Office of Natural Resources Revenue

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	167,937	159,850	134,073	-25,777

**APPROPRIATION: Central Hazardous Materials Fund**

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	9,661	9,031	6,280	-2,751

**APPROPRIATION: Energy Community Revitalization Program**

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Abandoned Hardrock Mine Reclamation				
State Grants.....	1,700	2,250	0	-2,250
Tribal Grants.....	400	400	0	-400
Federal Program.....	1,900	1,250	0	-1,250
Program Management.....	800	800	0	-800
Subtotal, Abandoned Hardrock Mine Reclamation.....	4,800	4,700	0	-4,700
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	4,800	4,700	0	-4,700

**APPROPRIATION: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Fund**

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	7,715	6,500	4,709	-1,791

**APPROPRIATION: Great Salt Lake Watershed Recovery Program**

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	0	0	1,000,000	+1,000,000

**APPROPRIATION: Working Capital Fund**

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	107,710	90,775	75,764	-15,011

