

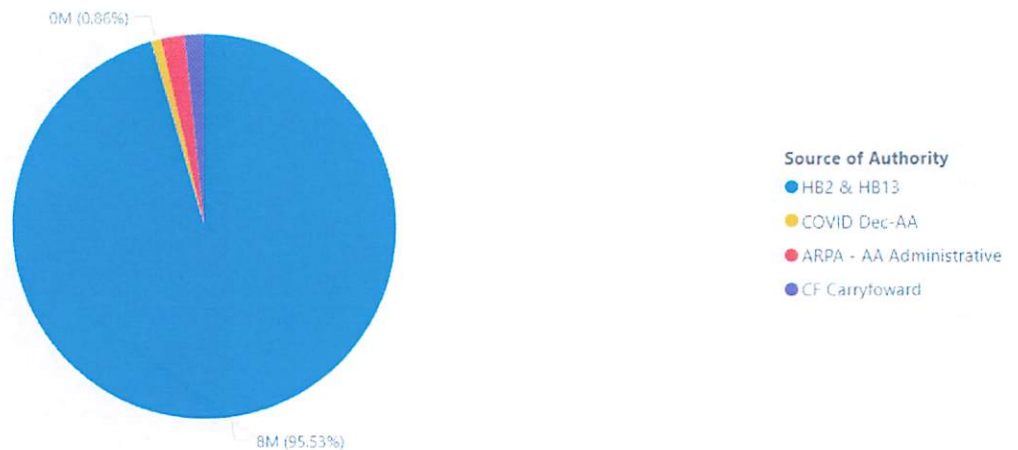
Sept 14, 2022

MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF & BLIND

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

The total appropriation authority for the agency is shown in the pie chart below. HB 2 and HB 13 provide 95.5% of the total authority for this agency.

Total Modified Budget by Source of Authority



Source of Authority	FYE22 Modified Budget	FYE22 Expended Budget	Percent Expended
HB2 & HB13	8,483,579	7,815,743	92.1%
CF Carryforward	146,878	100,682	68.5%
CARES II	76,560	35,560	46.4%
ARPA	173,291	110,806	63.9%
Total	8,880,308	8,062,790	90.8%

Report Period

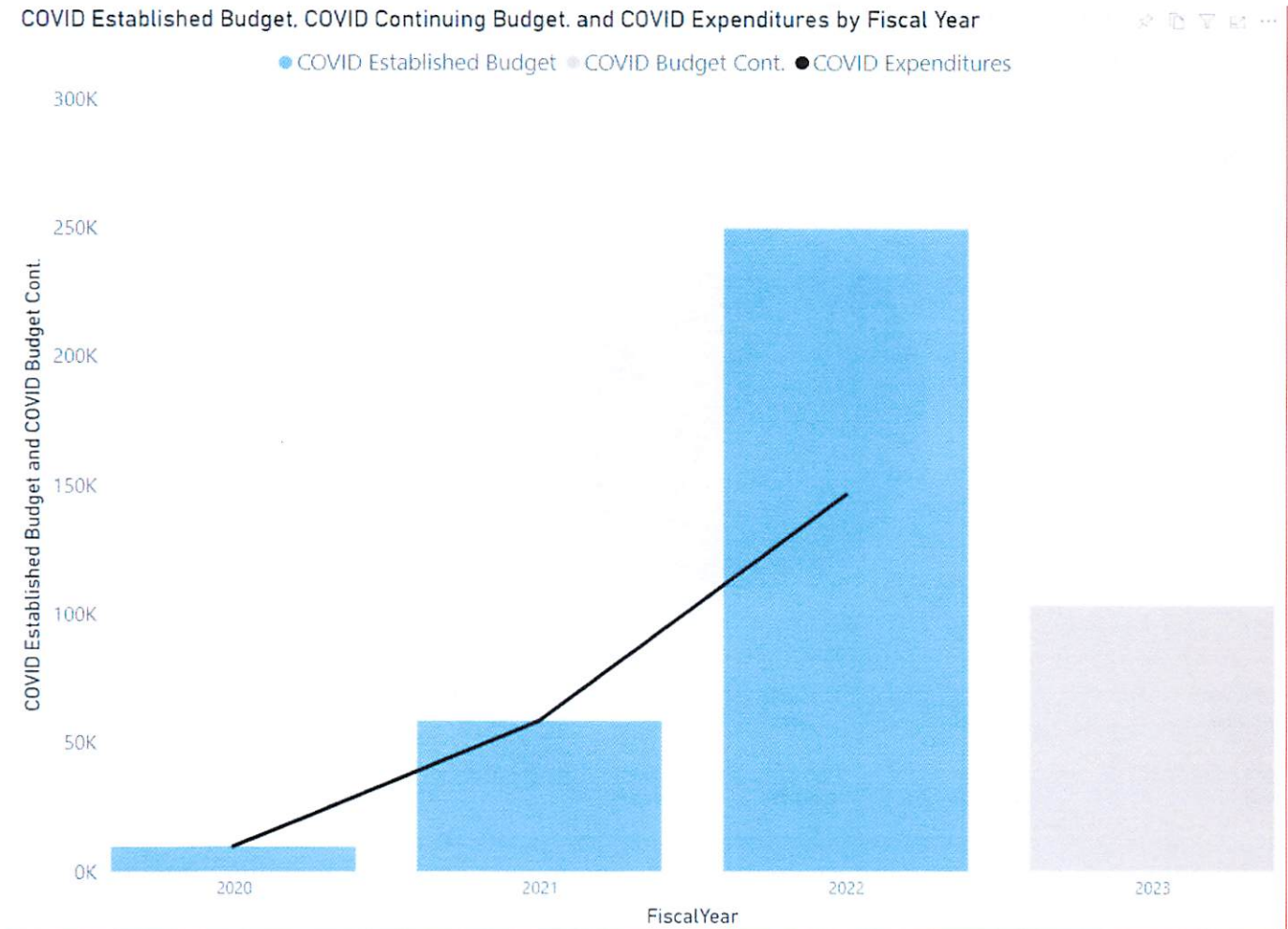
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Carryforward and/or Continuing Authority

The Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB) has \$146,878 in carryforward authority, of which \$100,682 or 68.5% has been expended, primarily to replace all conventional light fixtures with LED fixtures. The agency plans to use the remaining carryforward authority to complete a phone system project, which is detailed later in this report.

COVID-19 Authority

The following chart is provided to allow the legislature to examine the funding that is available to the agency for COVID-19 impacts.



In FY 2020, MSDB was allocated \$9,677 in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) I funds, which were spent on a 360-degree camera, COVID screening for guests, swamp coolers for air circulation in the cottages, and sanitizing supplies. This appropriation was fully expended in FY 2020. The MSDB was allocated \$58,500 in FY 2021 through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund. These funds were for equipment upgrades to support remote learning during the school year, including new laptops, webcams, iPads, wireless keyboards, and software. The MSDB fully expended the allocation. In FY 2022, HB 632 appropriated American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding to the Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) school reopening grant. This funding of \$95,000, was allocated to the MSDB, of which 100.0% has been expended. This grant funds nurse salaries and personal protective equipment (PPE). The school received a \$1,731 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) part B grant in March that has been fully expended on personal services.

The school received two grants for \$76,560, from ESSER II and ESSER III. This will be spent on staff stipends, a sick leave bank for those who test positive for COVID, professional learning, summer school for students, social

emotional learning (SEL) training for teachers, and the purchase of a SEL program. As of FYE, \$49,635 was expended from the two grants combined total of \$153,120.

HB 2 Budget Modifications

The following chart shows the HB 2 budget as passed by the legislature, including the pay plan, and the ending FYE modified budget. Net modifications to the budget include operating plan changes from one expenditure account to another, program transfers, reorganizations, and agency transfers of authority. The **positive modifications** and **negative modifications** are shown by program, expenditure account, and fund type.

Legislative Budget Compared to Modified Budget - HB 2 Only

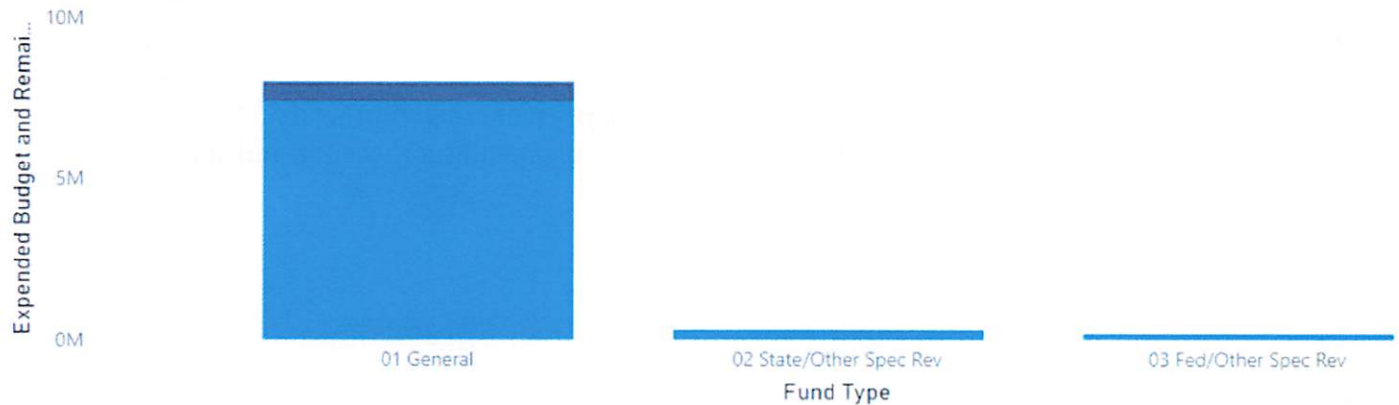
Agency Name	June Modified Budget	FYE22 Modified Budget	Net Modifications
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School for the Deaf & Blind	8,483,579	8,483,579	0
ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM	630,999	634,499	3,500
EDUCATION	5,426,743	5,357,243	-69,500
GENERAL SERVICES	622,010	682,010	60,000
STUDENT SERVICES	1,803,827	1,809,827	6,000
Total	8,483,579	8,483,579	0
Acct & Lvl 1 DESC	June Modified Budget	FYE22 Modified Budget	Net Modifications
61000 Personal Services	7,479,878	7,382,278	-97,600
62000 Operating Expenses	924,250	1,021,850	97,600
63000 Equipment & Intangible Assets	50,000	50,000	
68000 Transfers-out	1,000	1,000	
69000 Debt Service	28,451	28,451	
Fund Type	June Modified Budget	FYE22 Modified Budget	Net Modifications
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 01 General	8,009,635	8,009,635	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 02 State/Other Spec Rev	290,927	290,927	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 03 Fed/Other Spec Rev	183,017	183,017	

The MSDB had a net of \$0.0 budget modifications in the final month of FY 2022. The school had many unexpected repairs to make around the campus which exhausted certain expenditure accounts. The agency made several changes to adjust for this at the end of the fiscal year through a single program transfer that moved personal services from the education program to each of the other programs.

HB 2 APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

Expended Budget and Remaining Budget by Fund Type - HB 2 Only

● Expended Budget ● Remaining Budget



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Personal Services	7,382,278	6,798,841	92.1%
Operating Expenses	1,021,850	938,451	91.8%
Equipment & Intangible Assets	50,000	50,000	100.0%
Transfers-out	1,000		
Debt Service	28,451	28,450	100.0%

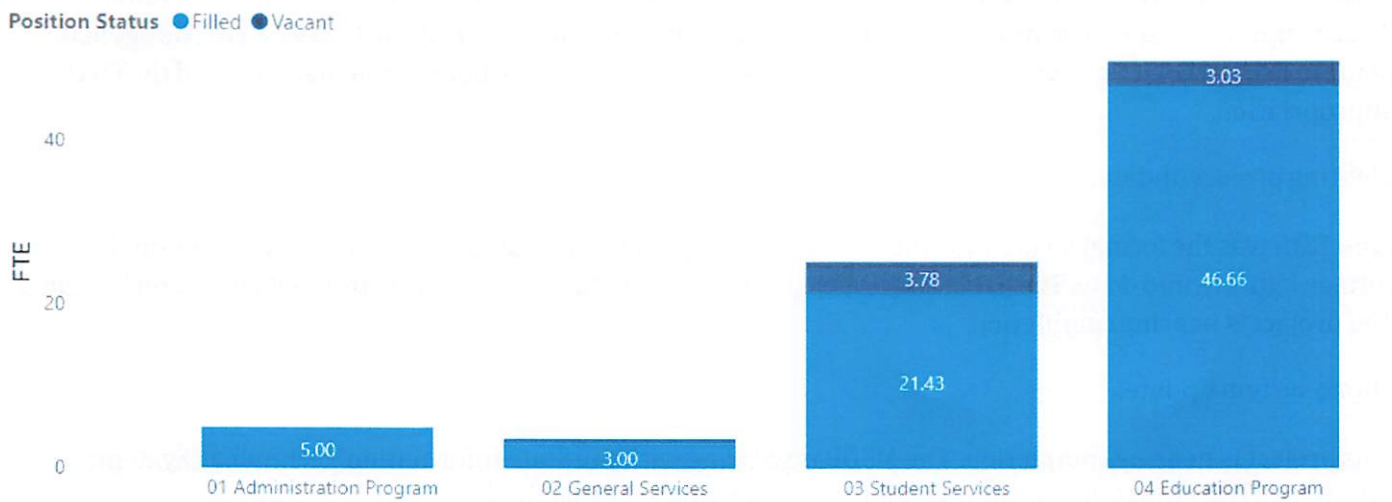
Program Name	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	Percent Expended
STUDENT SERVICES	1,809,827	1,602,226	88.5%
GENERAL SERVICES	682,010	649,349	95.2%
EDUCATION	5,357,243	4,964,175	92.7%
ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM	634,499	599,993	94.6%
Total	8,483,579	7,815,743	92.1%

In total, the MSDB's HB 2 authority with all funds is \$8.5 million, of which the agency had expended \$7.8 million or 92.1% through fiscal year-end.

By fund type, the MSDB's modified HB 2 budget consists of \$8.0 million general fund authority, \$290,927 state special revenue authority, and \$183,017 federal special revenue authority. The MSDB expended approximately \$7.4 million or 92.1% of its general fund authority, with approximately \$630,000 remaining. Of the remaining authority, \$583,437 was in personal services due to unfilled positions. For state special revenue authority, the MSDB expended about \$253,000 or 87.1%, with approximately \$37,000 remaining. For federal special revenue authority, about \$183,000 or 100.0% was expended.

Personal Services

The following chart shows the filled and vacant FTE within the agency as of August 1, 2022.

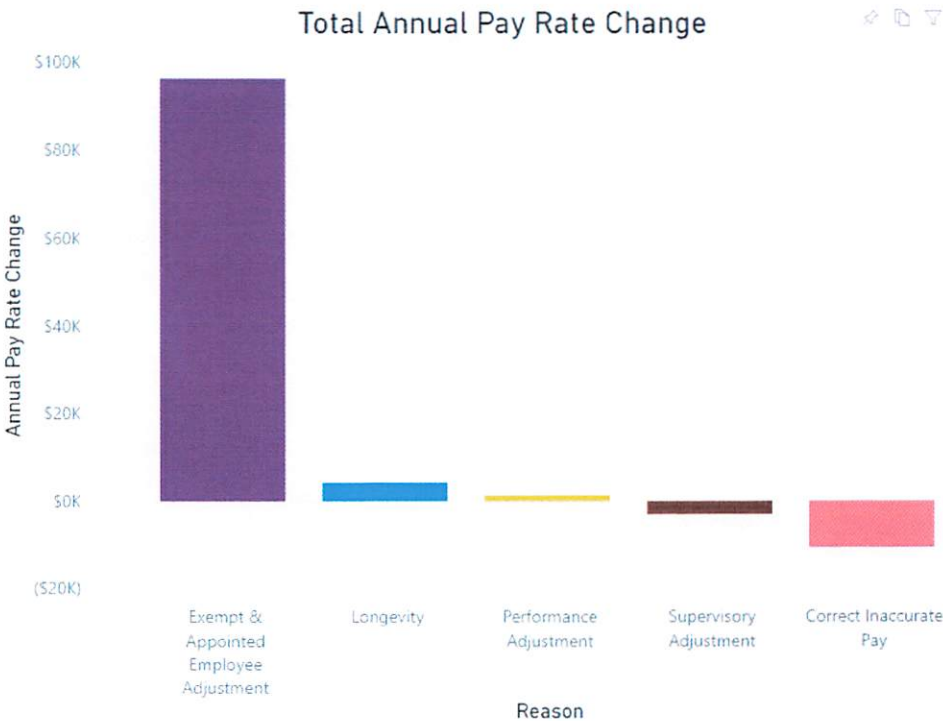


The MSDB expended \$6.8 million or 92.1% of its \$7.4 million personal services authority in FY 2022. The agency had a total of 7.38 FTE vacant. Most positions at MSDB are 0.77 FTE due to the school year. The student services program had 3.78 FTE vacant including two positions for licensed practical nurses, two positions for residential advisors, 0.62 FTE for a teacher’s aide, and an additional 0.08 FTE for a board of education position.

The school had 3.03 vacancies in the education program including protective services, an administrative position, a teaching position, and a para-professional position. There is a 0.57 FTE custodian position vacant in general services.

The majority of pay changes were for exempt and appointed employee adjustments. Many of the staff at MSDB have contracts for the school year, rather than the regular hourly wages that other state employees have. The agency had the following pay adjustments:

- 9 longevity raises totaling \$4,201
- 1 performance adjustment totaling \$1,286
- 1 supervisory adjustment totaling negative \$3,111
- 7 adjustments to correct inaccurate pay totaling negative \$10,717



OTHER ISSUES

Additional Information

In HB 2, the MSDB received a restricted, one-time-only (OTO) appropriation of \$50,000 of general fund in FY 2022 to update outdated campus phone infrastructure. The estimate for the project is \$97,626. The agency plans to use part of its carryforward authority to make up the difference between actual costs and the OTO appropriation.

Lighting project update:

June 13th was the formal kick-off for the project, although the electrical contractor began working on the cottage lights in mid-May. The project includes the abatement of asbestos in the Bitterroot education building. The project is nearing completion.

Phone system update:

This project is nearing completion. The MSDB is working with the State Information Technology Systems Division (SITSD) to set up information for the new phones to be installed.