

	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimated	FY 2024 Requested	FY 2024 Recommended
<u>Expenditure By Object</u>				
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	1,958,244	2,244,789	2,244,789	2,218,492
Travel	23,748	45,000	45,000	45,000
Contractual Services	126,462	91,900	91,900	91,900
Commodities	20,274	21,000	21,000	21,000
Subsidies, Loans & Grants	215,742	0	0	0
Totals	2,344,470	2,402,689	2,402,689	2,376,392
<u>To Be Funded As Follows:</u>				
Cash Balance - Unencumbered	249,236	0	0	0
State Appropriations	2,095,234	2,402,689	2,402,689	2,376,392
Totals	2,344,470	2,402,689	2,402,689	2,376,392
General Fund Lapse	127,114	0	0	0
<u>Summary Of Headcounts</u>				
Permanent Full-Time	27	25	25	25
Part-Time	0			
Time-Limited Full-Time	0	0	0	0
Part-Time	0			
Totals	27	25	25	25
<u>Summary Of Funding</u>				
General Funds	2,095,234	2,402,689	2,402,689	2,376,392
State Support Funds	0	0	0	0
Special Funds	249,236	0	0	0
Totals	2,344,470	2,402,689	2,402,689	2,376,392

Agency Description and Programs

The Public Utilities Staff was reorganized under Section 77-2-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, and became separate and independent from the Public Service Commission (PSC). The Utilities Staff functions are outlined in Section 77-2-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, to provide investigative and advisory services to the PSC by conducting audits, reviewing filings, investigating public utilities, and making recommendations regarding cases before the Commission. In the 2016 Regular Legislative Session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 2362, the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act of 2016, which changed the support for the Public Utilities Staff to be provided by the General Fund.

Senate Bill 3054, 2020 Regular Legislative Session, amended Senate Bill 3046, 2020 Regular Legislative Session for the COVID-19 Broadband Provider Grant Program Fund. The amendment created a special fund designated as the Public Utilities Application Fund. Monies in the Fund shall be used for administrative expenses related to the processing of grants by the Public Utilities Staff.

Senate Bill 2780, 2022 Regular Legislative Session, Section 14 legislates, "Any application fee collected under the grant programs and deposited to the Public Utilities Staff Regulation Fund before September 1, 2020, shall be transferred to the Department of Finance and Administration - Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) Fund created by House Bill 1029, 2022 Regular Legislative Session." This legislation transferred \$215,807.00 (including interest) to the Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM).

1. Utility Investigative Services

This program administers all duties and procedures concerning the execution and enforcement of the laws, rules, orders, directives, duties, and obligations imposed for the control and government of the utility industry within the State of Mississippi.

	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimated	FY 2024 Requested	FY 2024 Recommended
<u>Summary By Program</u>				
1. Utility Investigative Services				
Total Funds	2,344,470	2,402,689	2,402,689	2,376,392