

	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimated	FY 2026 Requested	FY 2026 Recommended
<u>Expenditure By Object</u>				
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	926,957	1,126,169	1,160,208	1,065,033
Travel	52,282	50,000	60,000	50,000
Contractual Services	9,444,062	32,943,986	39,724,000	32,851,986
Commodities	137,212	128,000	83,800	83,800
Capital Outlay - Other Than Equipment	57,732	0	0	0
Capital Outlay - Equipment	0	15,000	0	0
Subsidies, Loans & Grants	4,099,061	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
Totals	14,717,306	38,263,155	45,028,008	38,050,819
<u>To Be Funded As Follows:</u>				
Cash Balance - Unencumbered	557,568	557,568	557,568	557,568
State Appropriations	595,251	588,548	622,587	566,298
State Support Special Funds	45,754	92,000	0	0
Federal Funds	13,335,239	36,772,986	43,574,000	36,701,986
Natl Resources Conservation Edu	19,882	11,000	20,000	20,000
Soil & Water Conservation Fund	721,180	798,621	811,421	762,535
Less: Est Cash Available	-557,568	-557,568	-557,568	-557,568
Totals	14,717,306	38,263,155	45,028,008	38,050,819
General Fund Lapse	260	0	0	0
State Support Fund Lapse	1,423	0	0	0
<u>Summary Of Headcounts</u>				
Permanent	9	9	9	9
Time-Limited	6	6	6	6
Totals	15	15	15	15
<u>Summary Of Funding</u>				
General Funds	595,251	588,548	622,587	566,298
State Support Funds	45,754	92,000	0	0
Special Funds	14,076,301	37,582,607	44,405,421	37,484,521
Totals	14,717,306	38,263,155	45,028,008	38,050,819

Agency Description and Programs

The Soil and Water Conservation Commission was established under Section 69-27-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, to ensure that current and future generations have access to the state's abundant natural resources through protection, conservation, and wise development. The Commission assists soil and water districts within the state, serving as the liaison between the federal government, state agencies, and local soil and water districts. The Commission ensures that all local communities comply with local, state, and federal regulations. The Commission also reviews surface mining permits and inspects mine sites. The Commission provides overall management and oversight of the statewide water quality plan concerning agricultural and non-point sources. They provide appraisal and recommendations to the United States Department of Agriculture concerning the expansion and/or reduction of the present conservation services. They also provide administrative, technical, and financial assistance to all conservation districts to meet the requirements of the Resource Conservation Act. Additionally, the Commission provides all administrative services relating to the Conservation Aid Training Program and provides supplemental workforce and funding to the local districts.

1. District Assistance

This program assists the eighty-two (82) soil and water conservation districts, district officials, and district employees by providing technical expertise in soil and water conservation planning, securing financial support from local governments, and acting as a liaison with other state and federal agencies.

2. Water Quality

This program educates agricultural landowners and users concerning water quality issues as they pertain to agricultural lands and makes recommendations as to practices or equipment that can assist in reducing agricultural pollution of water sources by reducing cropland erosion.

3. Surface Mining Permits

This program reviews applications for Surface Mining Permits about soil conservation practices and makes recommendations on the reclamation portions of these applications to reduce sediment pollution from surface mining activities.

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<u>Summary By Program</u>				
1. District Assistance				
Total Funds	12,424,749	19,153,078	19,197,117	19,063,461
2. Water Quality				
Total Funds	2,284,295	19,102,077	25,822,891	18,979,358
3. Surface Mining Permits				
Total Funds	8,262	8,000	8,000	8,000