Health - Mississippi Medical Cannabis

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026
	Actual	Estimated	Requested	Recommended
Expenditure By Object				
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	1,574,087	2,910,715	2,410,715	2,410,715
Travel	12,495	25,000	25,000	25,000
Contractual Services	4,271,010	4,385,130	4,885,130	4,885,130
Commodities	23,711	20,000	20,000	20,000
Capital Outlay - Equipment	87,022	15,000	15,000	15,000
Subsidies, Loans & Grants	447,193	432,000	432,000	432,000
Totals	6,415,518	7,787,845	7,787,845	7,787,845
To Be Funded As Follows:				
State Appropriations	6,415,518	7,787,845	7,787,845	7,787,845
Totals	6,415,518	7,787,845	7,787,845	7,787,845
General Fund Lapse	1,427,908	0	0	0
Summary Of Headcounts				
Permanent	0	0	0	0
Time-Limited	34	34	34	34
Totals	34	34	34	34
Summary Of Funding				
General Funds	6,415,518	7,787,845	7,787,845	7,787,845
State Support Funds	0	0	0	0
Special Funds	0	0	0	0
Totals	6,415,518	7,787,845	7,787,845	7,787,845

Agency Description and Programs

The Mississippi Medical Cannabis program was authorized in the 2022 Regular Legislative Session under Section 41-137-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, to treat individuals with qualifying medical conditions. The Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH) is the lead agency overseeing the Mississippi Medical Cannabis program. MSDH, under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, is responsible for registering patients, practitioners, and all medical cannabis establishments, except for medical cannabis dispensaries. They will also issue work permits to parties interested in employment in the new medical cannabis industry in Mississippi.

1. Medical Cannabis

This program provides a safe and accessible program that meets the needs of qualified patients and the public health and safety of all Mississippi residents. MSDH will oversee 1) licensing, oversight, and inspection of cannabis testing facilities and cannabis research facilities; 2) licensing of cannabis cultivation facilities, cannabis processing facilities, cannabis transportation entities, and cannabis disposal entities; 3) issuing of registry identification cards for qualifying patients and designated caregivers; 4) registering of practitioners; and 5) selection, certification, and oversight of the statewide seed-to-sale tracking system.

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Summary By Program 1. Medical Cannabis				
Total Funds	6,415,518	7,787,845	7,787,845	7,787,845