

	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimated	FY 2027 Requested	FY 2027 Recommended
<u>Expenditure By Object</u>				
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	963,583	1,065,580	1,065,580	982,492
Travel	59,703	50,000	50,000	50,000
Contractual Services	9,001,848	36,997,419	36,997,419	36,997,419
Commodities	52,661	139,799	99,800	139,799
Capital Outlay - Other Than Equipment	5,907	6,000	6,000	6,000
Capital Outlay - Equipment	6,333	6,000	6,000	6,000
Subsidies, Loans & Grants	3,699,470	6,576,582	6,576,582	6,576,582
Totals	13,789,505	44,841,380	44,801,381	44,758,292
<u>To Be Funded As Follows:</u>				
Cash Balance - Unencumbered	840,311	840,311	840,311	840,311
State Appropriations	588,548	566,583	566,583	519,567
State Support Special Funds	92,000	0	50,000	0
Federal Funds	12,417,101	43,434,797	43,504,801	43,434,797
Soil & Water Conservation Fund	676,856	800,000	599,997	599,997
Nat'l Resources Conservation Edu	15,000	40,000	80,000	80,000
Less: Est Cash Available	-840,311	-840,311	-840,311	-716,380
Totals	13,789,505	44,841,380	44,801,381	44,758,292
<u>Summary Of Headcounts</u>				
Permanent	9	9	9	8
Time-Limited	6	6	6	6
Totals	15	15	15	14
<u>Summary Of Funding</u>				
General Funds	588,548	566,583	566,583	519,567
State Support Funds	92,000	0	50,000	0
Special Funds	13,108,957	44,274,797	44,184,798	44,238,725
Totals	13,789,505	44,841,380	44,801,381	44,758,292

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	3,727,005	2,112,090	2,112,090	2,070,546
2. Water Quality				
Total Funds	10,062,500	42,729,290	42,689,291	42,687,746
3. Surface Mining Permits				
Total Funds	0	0	0	0