

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2013 EXPENDITURE	FY 2014 APPROPRIATION	FY 2015 REQUEST	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2015
Department Operations	\$ 4,141,385	\$ 5,616,694	\$ 5,532,801	\$ 5,586,896
Division of Energy	10,088,963	21,601,685	0	0
Environmental Programs	238,103,393	265,843,606	470,820,912	267,166,919
Missouri Geological Survey	3,301,524	4,521,966	3,275,414	3,310,409
Missouri State Parks	33,092,151	42,248,905	41,522,265	41,816,659
Historic Preservation	1,181,457	3,907,426	3,911,739	4,221,259
Agency-Wide Implementation	18,464,558	26,934,438	27,982,188	27,834,198
Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority	0	1	1	1
DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL	\$ 308,373,431	\$ 370,674,721 *	\$ 553,045,320	\$ 349,936,341
General Revenue Fund	10,327,663	12,853,989	12,282,326	10,480,341
Federal Funds	36,093,131	59,868,876	49,858,465	50,479,592
Other Funds	261,952,637	297,951,856	490,904,529	288,976,408
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	1,626.75	1,756.80	1,705.12	1,705.12
General Revenue Fund	131.74	132.20	136.20	136.20
Federal Funds	363.60	386.88	392.27	392.27
Other Funds	1,131.41	1,237.72	1,176.65	1,176.65

* Does not include \$60,126,024 recommended in the Fiscal Year 2014 Supplemental Appropriations. See the Supplemental section of the Missouri Budget for details regarding the Department of Natural Resources supplemental appropriations.

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2015 budget provides \$349.9 million for the Department of Natural Resources. The department preserves, protects, and enhances Missouri's natural and cultural resources. The core functions provided by the Department of Natural Resources include:

- Managing Missouri's state parks and cultural and historical resources.
- Protecting Missouri's water resources by enforcing state and federal environmental laws.
- Overseeing environmental programs that improve air quality and safely manage hazardous and solid waste.
- Helping landowners conserve fertile topsoil.
- Investigating the state's geology to determine the character and availability of the state's natural resources.
- Providing centralized assistance on environmental regulation for farmers, builders, and local governments.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2013 EXPENDITURE	FY 2014 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2015
Department Operations TOTAL	\$ 4,141,385	\$ 5,616,694	\$ 5,586,896
PERSONAL SERVICE			
General Revenue Fund	182,543	191,744	196,801
Federal Funds	809,875	1,123,481	1,404,433
Other Funds	2,314,931	2,688,516	2,387,319
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
General Revenue Fund	62,172	124,095	109,485
Federal Funds	148,153	413,142	413,142
Other Funds	623,711	1,075,716	1,075,716
TOTAL			
General Revenue Fund	244,715	315,839	306,286
Federal Funds	958,028	1,536,623	1,817,575
Other Funds	2,938,642	3,764,232	3,463,035
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	67.47	87.19	85.19
General Revenue Fund	3.83	9.50	9.50
Federal Funds	16.19	24.02	29.10
Other Funds	47.45	53.67	46.59

Department Operations is responsible for developing statewide environmental and natural resource policies. Under its leadership, the department works to protect water, air, land, recreational, and cultural resources. Department Operations staff represent Missouri before several regional and national organizations and agencies, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and a regional river basin association. Department Operations partners with the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority and Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund Board to achieve shared objectives. Responsible for the management of all department organizational units, Department Operations implements policies to provide direction, and to improve efficiencies and coordination. Department Operations provides the department legal counsel as well as administrative support, including budget development, financial resource allocations, internal auditing, accounting, human resources management, procurement, grants management, and other general services. Also included in Department Operations, communications staff convey the department's commitment to Missouri's resources and ways the public can protect and enjoy those resources.

Fiscal Year 2015 Governor's Recommendations

- \$54,095 for pay plan, including \$2,668 general revenue.
- \$21,835 for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2014 approved pay plan, including \$2,389 general revenue.
- (\$91,118) Department of Natural Resources Cost Allocation Fund and (two) staff reallocated to the Hazardous Waste Program.
- (\$14,610) transferred to the Department of Economic Development for activities related to the Division of Energy per Executive Order 13-03.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENERGY**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2013 EXPENDITURE	FY 2014 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2015
Division of Energy Operations	\$ 1,223,591	\$ 2,474,685	\$ 0
Division of Energy Services	8,865,372	19,127,000	0
TOTAL	\$ 10,088,963	\$ 21,601,685	\$ 0
PERSONAL SERVICE			
Federal Funds	568,966	1,202,045	0
Other Funds	527,889	660,495	0
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
Federal Funds	248,200	511,326	0
Other Funds	161,396	2,289,520	0
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
Federal Funds	6,421,659	9,978,799	0
Other Funds	2,160,853	6,959,500	0
TOTAL			
Federal Funds	7,238,825	11,692,170	0
Other Funds	2,850,138	9,909,515	0
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	23.01	37.00	0.00
Federal Funds	12.13	22.42	0.00
Other Funds	10.88	14.58	0.00

The Division of Energy is a non-regulatory entity that works to protect the environment and stimulate the economy by supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy resources and technologies. The Division of Energy was transferred to the Department of Economic Development.

Fiscal Year 2015 Governor's Recommendations

- (\$21,601,685) federal and other funds and (37) staff transferred to the Department of Economic Development per Executive Order 13-03.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2013 EXPENDITURE	FY 2014 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2015
Environmental Quality	\$ 37,723,356	\$ 45,358,619	\$ 46,130,292
Water Resources	3,040,109	3,551,800	3,584,829
Soil and Water Conservation	42,404,843	44,663,176	46,940,103
Environmental Financial Support	<u>154,935,085</u>	<u>172,270,011</u>	<u>170,511,695</u>
TOTAL	\$ 238,103,393	\$ 265,843,606	\$ 267,166,919
PERSONAL SERVICE			
General Revenue Fund	4,910,944	5,144,567	5,242,784
Federal Funds	13,084,271	13,348,960	14,685,845
Other Funds	16,268,411	19,434,022	18,836,563
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
General Revenue Fund	3,478,664	2,266,078	2,266,078
Federal Funds	6,695,342	10,777,496	11,011,934
Other Funds	5,148,264	12,468,419	13,167,594
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
General Revenue Fund	0	2,746,453	23,510
Federal Funds	4,582,935	16,320,917	16,345,917
Other Funds	183,934,562	183,336,694	185,586,694
TOTAL			
General Revenue Fund	8,389,608	10,157,098	7,532,372
Federal Funds	24,362,548	40,447,373	42,043,696
Other Funds	205,351,237	215,239,135	217,590,851
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees			
General Revenue Fund	799.15	859.90	861.90
Federal Funds	114.62	108.40	108.40
Other Funds	305.58	308.71	329.73
	378.95	442.79	423.77

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Water Protection Program – The Water Protection Program (WPP) includes three functional areas of responsibility: water pollution control, public drinking water, and financial assistance. The program protects the quality of Missouri’s groundwater, streams, and lakes, safeguarding these vital resources, enhancing agricultural production, forestry, fisheries, water-intensive manufacturing, water recreation, tourism, hunting, and fishing and ensuring that water is safe for human and animal consumption. The WPP ensures that all public drinking water systems provide clean and healthy drinking water for Missouri’s citizens by ensuring that public water system construction and operation comply with the requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The program also trains and certifies operators at Missouri’s water supply and wastewater treatment plants. The program’s Financial Assistance Center administers the federal Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs that provide low-interest loans and grants to Missouri communities for the construction of new, and the improvement of existing drinking water supply, wastewater treatment, and stormwater management systems.

Air Pollution Control Program – The Air Pollution Control Program (APCP) staff support the Air Conservation Commission, which develops policies to maintain and enhance the state’s air quality for the protection of the public’s health. Operating under the Clean Air Act’s State Implementation Plans and Rules, the APCP reviews facility construction and operation permits to help ensure ambient air quality. Working with the department’s regional office staff, the APCP identifies facilities that are not in compliance prior to pursuing any enforcement action. Collecting air quality and emission inventory data, the APCP provides benchmark data for Missouri air quality monitoring and planning. Through the state’s vehicle emission inspection program, the APCP helps ensure that pollutant levels in the St. Louis area improve and meet federal health-based air standards. Staff also coordinate air pollution control activities with other programs in the division.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Hazardous Waste Program – The Hazardous Waste Program (HWP) provides technical assistance and ensures compliance with state and federal law regulating hazardous waste practices from the point of generation through transportation and final disposal to ensure the safe and legal handling of such materials. The HWP is responsible for permitting and inspecting facilities that treat, store, and dispose of hazardous waste. Together with permitting, the registration and reporting requirements for hazardous waste generators enable the program to identify the amount and types of waste generated, stored, containerized, transported off-site, and treated or otherwise disposed. The HWP also has several regulatory programs that oversee the cleanup of sites contaminated with hazardous substances. The clean up at these sites are addressed through assessments, site investigations, feasibility studies, and remedial actions. The HWP registers and regulates petroleum underground storage tanks; provides general and technical information concerning the installation, use, and closure of such systems; encourages compliance with underground storage tank law, regulations, and performance standards; and oversees corrective actions taken in response to leaks and other dangerously improper releases. In addition, the program provides oversight services for those who wish to voluntarily clean up contaminated properties, reviving them for productive use. To ensure safe and productive reuse of properties for future generations, the HWP implements long-term stewardship measures for remedial properties.

Solid Waste Management Program – The Solid Waste Management Program ensures solid waste facilities (e.g. landfills, transfer stations including infectious waste and material recovery facilities, and scrap tire facilities) are designed and operated in a manner protective of neighbors and property through permitting, inspecting, and technical assistance activities. The program encourages management of waste materials through improved processing, reduced generation, beneficial reuse, recycling, energy recovery, and proper disposal.

Land Reclamation Program – The Land Reclamation Program provides technical support for the Land Reclamation Commission. The commission regulates the surface mining of coal and other mineral commodities (such as lead, barite, tar sands, clay, limestone, sand, and gravel). Staff's regulatory duties include developing regulations, permitting, inspection, complaint investigation, bonding, and enforcement. Staff's reclamation duties include human health and environmental hazard assessment, reclamation plan designs, contracting, budgeting, public relations, landowner education, construction oversight, and maintenance of reclaimed abandoned mine lands and bond forfeiture coal mine lands until responsibility release is approved by the commission.

Regional Offices – Regional Office activities support the implementation of the department's environmental programs throughout the state of Missouri. Staff perform field inspections, provide compliance and technical assistance to regulated entities, respond to environmental emergencies for non-hazardous substances (i.e. fishkills), issue permits, investigate reports of environmental concerns from the public, and provide front-line troubleshooting, problem solving, and regulatory education and assistance on environmental issues.

Environmental Services Program – The Environmental Services Program supports department programs by providing accurate scientific data for their work. Staff perform field work, conduct monitoring, collect samples, and provide laboratory testing for environmental pollutants. The Environmental Emergency Response Section serves as the department's front line of defense to significant and imminent environmental emergencies and maintains a 24-hour hotline.

Fiscal Year 2015 Governor's Recommendations

- \$482,163 for pay plan, including \$51,828 general revenue.
- \$198,392 for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2014 approved pay plan, including \$20,861 general revenue.
- \$91,118 Hazardous Waste Fund and two staff reallocation from Department Operations.

WATER RESOURCES

To meet Missouri's comprehensive water needs, Water Resources hydrologists, geologists, and other staff investigate and monitor surface water and groundwater resource characteristics, availability, and use. Program responsibilities include (1) operating a statewide groundwater aquifer-monitoring network with real-time water quantity data; (2) collecting and analyzing surface-water flow data to safeguard against flood and drought; (3) providing guidance, data, and technical expertise in the preservation and development of sustainable regional water supplies throughout Missouri; (4) administering the provisions of the Missouri Dam and Reservoir Safety Law through registration, construction permits, and inspections; and (5) defending the state's vital water interests in the Missouri River, the Mississippi River, and other interstate water resources, before federal and interstate water resource management authorities.

Fiscal Year 2015 Governor's Recommendations

- \$24,828 for pay plan, including \$19,269 general revenue.
- \$8,201 for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2014 approved pay plan, including \$6,246 general revenue.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

The Soil and Water Conservation Program implements the policies of the Soil and Water Districts Commission to ensure the long-term productivity of Missouri's soil and protection of water resources. Program staff provide guidance and technical assistance to Missouri's local soil and water conservation districts and administer several soil conservation programs funded by one-half of the constitutionally authorized one-tenth of one percent dedicated sales tax. Soil and Water Sales Tax funded programs include: (1) cost-sharing assistance for landowners to implement approved soil conservation practices; (2) grants to local districts for administrative expenses and technical assistance; and (3) grants for research on soil and water conservation problems.

Fiscal Year 2015 Governor's Recommendations

- \$2,250,000 Soil and Water Sales Tax Fund to address erosion control and water quality needs.
- \$18,712 Soil and Water Sales Tax Fund for pay plan.
- \$8,215 Soil and Water Sales Tax Fund for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2014 approved pay plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The department administers a variety of funds for local governments and others to control air pollution, clean up abandoned and uncontrolled hazardous waste sites, reduce and reuse solid waste, reclaim abandoned mine lands, monitor and test drinking water supplies, and construct or improve water and wastewater facilities.

Fiscal Year 2015 Governor's Recommendations

- \$964,614 for post-closure activities at landfills and scrap tire sites, including \$1 general revenue.
- \$22,000 to pay the state's obligation for the Superfund cleanup of contaminated sites.
- \$14 for pay plan, including \$13 general revenue.
- (\$2,744,944) core reduction for one-time expenditures.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
MISSOURI GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2013 EXPENDITURE	FY 2014 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2015
Missouri Geological Survey TOTAL	\$ 3,301,524	\$ 4,521,966	\$ 3,310,409
PERSONAL SERVICE			
General Revenue Fund	580,408	781,648	796,024
Federal Funds	714,900	743,798	818,240
Other Funds	1,247,731	1,879,951	966,406
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
General Revenue Fund	180,983	253,280	223,280
Federal Funds	148,317	369,108	309,108
Other Funds	429,185	494,181	197,351
TOTAL			
General Revenue Fund	761,391	1,034,928	1,019,304
Federal Funds	863,217	1,112,906	1,127,348
Other Funds	1,676,916	2,374,132	1,163,757
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	63.07	76.05	61.37
General Revenue Fund	13.29	14.30	18.30
Federal Funds	17.46	16.85	18.26
Other Funds	32.32	44.90	24.81

Headquartered in Rolla, Missouri, the Missouri Geological Survey investigates the state's geology, providing geologic and hydrologic information and expertise to aid economic and environmental decision-making regarding mineral and other geological resources, site remediation, subsurface investigations, and geologic hazards. The division oversees the proper construction of all wells, including water, oil, gas, exploration, heat pumps, and monitoring. The division also determines the character and availability of the state's water and mineral resources. Division management represents the state through the Association of American State Geologists and the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium.

Fiscal Year 2015 Governor's Recommendations

- \$34,995 for pay plan, including \$10,794 general revenue.
- \$14,588 for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2014 approved pay plan, including \$3,582 general revenue.
- (\$1,261,140) and (14.68) staff transferred to the Department of Agriculture for the Land Survey Program pursuant to HB 28 and 650 (2013), including (\$30,000) general revenue.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
MISSOURI STATE PARKS**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2013 EXPENDITURE	FY 2014 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2015
Missouri State Parks Operation TOTAL	\$ 33,092,151	\$ 42,248,905	\$ 41,816,659
PERSONAL SERVICE			
Federal Funds	119,777	155,620	174,844
Other Funds	20,108,754	21,090,062	22,256,538
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
Federal Funds	185,928	281,306	281,306
Other Funds	10,936,903	17,001,917	15,383,971
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
Federal Funds	1,640,789	3,600,000	3,600,000
Other Funds	100,000	120,000	120,000
TOTAL			
Federal Funds	1,946,494	4,036,926	4,056,150
Other Funds	31,145,657	38,211,979	37,760,509
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	641.77	661.21	661.21
Federal Funds	2.82	4.77	5.07
Other Funds	638.95	656.44	656.14

Missouri's Division of State Parks manages the many recreational, cultural, and historical resources of the Missouri state parks system. The division also administers programs to promote outdoor recreation statewide.

Missouri's state parks system consists of 87 state parks and historic sites, as well as the Roger Pryor Pioneer Backcountry. The system is divided into five district offices, with each of the district headquarters reporting to the Central Office in Jefferson City. Administrative, maintenance, and service personnel manage the lands and improvements, provide recreational and educational programs for visitors, and provide necessary law enforcement. Funding provided by one-half of the constitutionally authorized one-tenth of one percent Parks, Soil and Water Sales Tax has been used for projects such as campground remodeling; the addition of shower houses and restrooms; paving of roads within campgrounds; restoration of landscapes; and additional personnel for maintenance, education, and site interpretation. The Parks Sales Tax provides continued restoration and improvement of the state parks system and allows division staff to better serve the millions of people who visit parks and historic sites each year.

Central Office administration directs and coordinates the management of the state parks system. Responsibilities include personnel management, budget and policy development, and the evaluation of management procedures and performance. Central Office staff provide logistical support to the individual state parks, and operate the central sign shop, central warehouse, and aerial device unit. Staff also identify unique natural areas which may require protection; conduct special studies related to parks operations and development; and prepare site, architectural, and engineering plans and maps.

The division also administers grants that finance outdoor recreation projects.

Fiscal Year 2015 Governor's Recommendations

- \$726,000 Parks Sales Tax Fund for increased operations costs.
- \$294,394 federal and other funds for pay plan.
- \$165,306 federal and other funds for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2014 approved pay plan.
- (\$1,617,946) other funds core reduction for one-time expenditures.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2013 EXPENDITURE	FY 2014 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2015
Historic Preservation TOTAL	\$ 1,181,457	\$ 3,907,426	\$ 4,221,259
PERSONAL SERVICE			
Federal Funds	370,081	392,852	400,817
Other Funds	246,217	295,138	301,006
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
Federal Funds	29,885	60,026	60,026
Other Funds	21,898	42,167	42,167
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
General Revenue Fund	97,000	720,000	1,020,000
Federal Funds	324,053	590,000	590,000
Other Funds	92,323	1,807,243	1,807,243
TOTAL			
General Revenue Fund	97,000	720,000	1,020,000
Federal Funds	724,019	1,042,878	1,050,843
Other Funds	360,438	2,144,548	2,150,416
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	15.67	17.25	17.25
Federal Funds	9.42	10.11	10.11
Other Funds	6.25	7.14	7.14

The State Historic Preservation Office helps identify and preserve historic properties and cultural resources throughout the state, administers grants and loans to support preservation efforts, and provides technical assistance to taxpayers in qualifying for historic preservation tax credits.

Fiscal Year 2015 Governor's Recommendations

- \$300,000 transferred to the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 143.183, RSMo.
- \$9,520 federal and other funds for pay plan.
- \$4,313 federal and other funds for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2014 approved pay plan.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AGENCY-WIDE IMPLEMENTATION**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2013 EXPENDITURE	FY 2014 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2015
Department of Natural Resources Revolving Services Fund	\$ 2,555,198	\$ 3,001,745	\$ 2,921,745
Sales Tax Reimbursement to General Revenue	41,817	250,000	250,000
Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund Board	1,494,246	2,288,297	2,291,456
Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund Claims	12,907,533	20,000,000	20,000,000
Petroleum Related Activities	630,815	768,272	782,002
Clarence Cannon Transfer	834,949	626,124	465,795
DNR Integrated Data System	0	0	1,123,200
TOTAL	\$ 18,464,558	\$ 26,934,438	\$ 27,834,198
PERSONAL SERVICE			
Other Funds	701,737	892,861	909,750
EXPENSE AND EQUIPMENT			
General Revenue Fund	0	0	136,584
Federal Funds	0	0	383,980
Other Funds	6,014,095	6,360,453	8,083,089
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
General Revenue Fund	834,949	626,124	465,795
Other Funds	10,913,777	19,055,000	17,855,000
TOTAL			
General Revenue Fund	834,949	626,124	602,379
Federal Funds	0	0	383,980
Other Funds	17,629,609	26,308,314	26,847,839
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	16.61	18.20	18.20
Other Funds	16.61	18.20	18.20

A number of projects and administrative issues are multi-faceted and require resources and expertise from several divisions within the Department of Natural Resources. To effectively deal with these issues, the department consolidated these operations agency wide.

Fiscal Year 2015 Governor's Recommendations

- \$1,123,200 to upgrade and integrate information technology systems department-wide, including \$136,584 general revenue.
- \$12,339 Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund for pay plan.
- \$4,550 Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund for the remaining pay periods of the Fiscal Year 2014 approved pay plan.
- (\$160,329) core reduction from the Fiscal Year 2014 appropriation level.
- (\$80,000) Department of Natural Resources Revolving Services Fund transferred to the Department of Agriculture for the Land Survey Program pursuant to HB 28 and 650 (2013).

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND ENERGY RESOURCES AUTHORITY**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2013 EXPENDITURE	FY 2014 APPROPRIATION	GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FY 2015
Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority TOTAL	\$ 0	\$ 1	\$ 1
PROGRAM SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION			
Other Funds	0	1	1
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	0.00	0.00	0.00

The Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority, under Chapter 260, RSMo, is an independent, self-supporting, quasi-governmental agency assigned to the Department of Natural Resources.

Due to its special independent status as “a body corporate and politic,” the authority is able to issue tax-exempt bonds and utilize fees charged for issuance of its bonds and notes. The authority is empowered to conduct environmental and energy research and development activities; develop alternative methods of financing environmental and energy projects; and assist Missouri communities, organizations, and businesses in obtaining low-cost funds and other financial assistance for projects related to the authority’s purpose. This appropriation allows authority employees to participate in the state employee retirement system.

Fiscal Year 2015 Governor’s Recommendations

Continue funding at the current level.