

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FY 2023 – FY 2025 BUDGET ANALYSIS

FIGURE 1
BUDGET OVERVIEW, FY 2023 – FY 2025

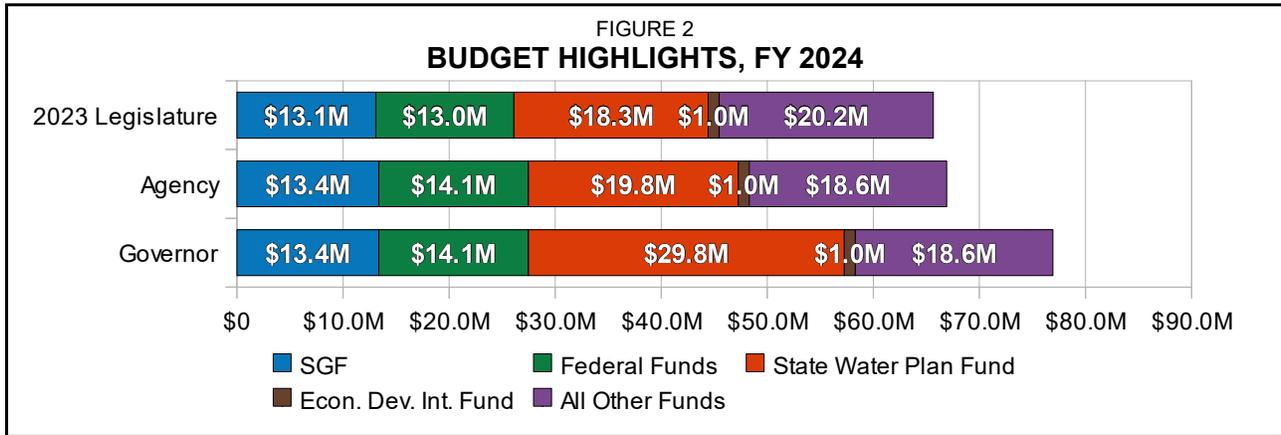
| | Actual FY 2023 | Agency FY 2024 | Governor FY 2024 | Agency FY 2025 | Governor FY 2025 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Operating Expenditures: | | | | | |
| State General Fund | \$ 11,161,149 | \$ 13,370,040 | \$ 13,370,040 | \$ 13,660,600 | \$ 14,610,600 |
| Federal Funds | 13,189,143 | 14,103,989 | 14,103,989 | 12,726,166 | 12,726,166 |
| All Other Funds | 28,120,431 | 39,446,938 | 49,446,938 | 42,812,878 | 42,812,878 |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | <u>\$ 52,470,723</u> | <u>\$ 66,920,967</u> | <u>\$ 76,920,967</u> | <u>\$ 69,199,644</u> | <u>\$ 70,149,644</u> |
| Capital Improvements: | | | | | |
| State General Fund | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Federal Funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| All Other Funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 52,470,723</u> | <u>\$ 66,920,967</u> | <u>\$ 76,920,967</u> | <u>\$ 69,199,644</u> | <u>\$ 70,149,644</u> |
| Percentage Change: | | | | | |
| State General Fund | 24.1 % | 19.8 % | 19.8 % | 2.2 % | 9.3 % |
| All Funds | 13.4 % | 27.5 % | 46.6 % | 3.4 % | (8.8) % |
| FTE Positions | 353.0 | 352.8 | 352.8 | 352.8 | 352.8 |

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is responsible for implementing food safety, consumer and environmental protection, and water resource allocation programs. This includes the assurance of safe meat, milk, and egg supplies; safety of the food supply through inspection at food processing and retail establishments; the responsible and judicious use of pesticides and nutrients; the protection of Kansas' natural and cultivated plants; the integrity of weighing and measuring devices in commerce; and that the waters of Kansas are put to beneficial use.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023 Legislature approved a budget of \$59.2 million, including \$13.0 million from the State General Fund (SGF), for the Kansas Department of Agriculture for FY 2024. Several adjustments have been made subsequently to that amount, which changes the current year approved amount without any legislative action required.

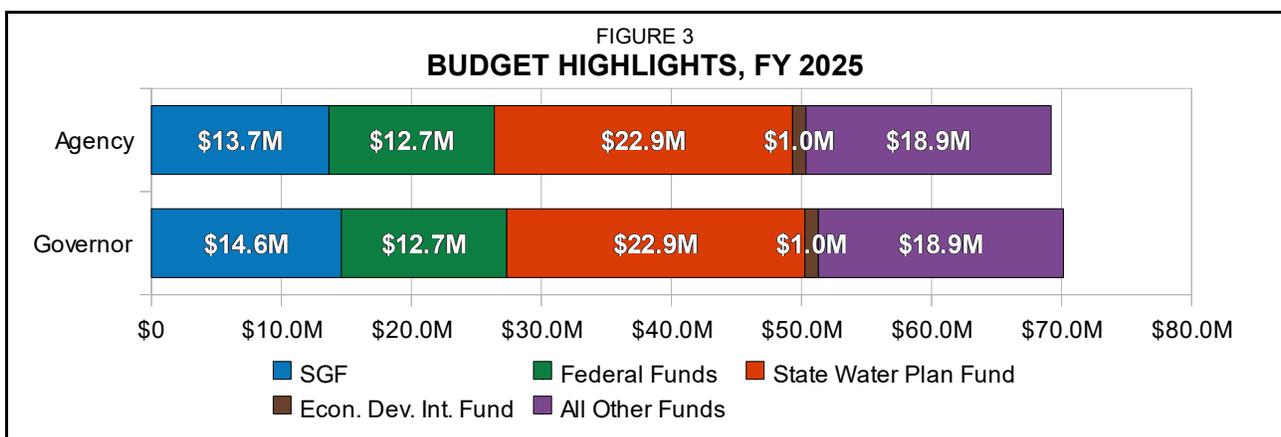
1. **SGF REAPPROPRIATION.** A total of \$19,473 in unspent FY 2023 SGF moneys reappropriated into the approved amount in FY 2024.
2. **SWPF REAPPROPRIATION.** The agency also reappropriated \$6.4 million in unspent FY 2023 State Water Plan Fund (SWPF) moneys into FY 2024.
3. **2022 HOUSE SUB. FOR SUB. FOR SB 267.** The 2022 Legislature appropriated \$60,000 SGF for FY 2024 for the agency's Grain Warehouse program. The funding was added to allow the agency to decrease the proposed fee increase on licensed public grain warehouses.



The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$66.9 million, including \$13.4 million SGF, in expenditures and 352.8 FTE positions in FY 2024. The estimate is an all funds increase of \$1.3 million, or 1.9 percent, including an increase of \$285,977 SGF, or 2.2 percent, above the FY 2024 approved amount. The all funds increase is primarily attributable to the agency requesting a transfer of \$1.5 million from the SWPF at the Kansas Water Office in FY 2024. Expenditures associated with this transfer support water reservoir protection efforts. The SGF increase is attributable to three agency supplemental requests totaling \$285,977. Those supplemental requests include laboratory supplies (\$150,000 SGF), livestock brand investigators (\$50,000 SGF), and funding for the pay plan shortfall (\$85,977 SGF).

The **Governor** recommends expenditures totaling \$76.9 million, including \$13.4 million SGF and \$29.8 million SWPF, in FY 2024. This is an increase of \$10.0 million, all SWPF, or 14.9 percent, above the agency's FY 2024 revised estimate. The recommendation includes three agency supplemental requests totaling \$285,977 SGF, including \$150,000 SGF for laboratory supplies, \$50,000 SGF for livestock investigators, and \$85,977 SGF for the pay plan shortfall.

The Governor recommends additional SWPF transfers from the Kansas Water Office to the Kansas Department of Agriculture totaling \$10.0 million in FY 2024. This adjustment aligns with action taken by the State Finance Council on November 13, 2023.



The **agency** requests \$69.2 million, including \$13.7 million SGF, in expenditures and 352.8 FTE positions for FY 2025. This is an all funds increase of \$2.3 million, or 3.4 percent, and an increase of \$290,560 SGF, or 2.2 percent, above the FY 2024 revised estimate. The all funds increase is primarily attributable to the agency requesting transfer increases totaling \$9.5 million from the SWPF at the Kansas Water Office for FY 2025. Expenditures associated with these transfers support water reservoir protection efforts, water use database modernization, irrigation

technology, crop and livestock research, water resources cost share, aid to conservation districts, water transition assistance, dam construction rehabilitation, and stream bank stabilization.

The SGF increase is attributable to six agency enhancement requests totaling \$525,000. Those enhancement requests include laboratory supplies (\$150,000 SGF), emergency animal facilities investigation (AFI) shelters (\$50,000 SGF), disease outbreak planning in the Emergency Management program (\$200,000 SGF), agency litigation (\$50,000 SGF), livestock investigators (\$50,000 SGF), and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) feral swine removal (\$25,000). Four of the agency's enhancement requests are new for FY 2025 and two continue funding requested in the agency's FY 2024 revised estimate.

The **Governor** recommends expenditures totaling \$70.1 million, including \$14.6 million SGF and \$22.9 million SWPF, for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$950,000, all SGF, or 1.4 percent, above the agency's FY 2025 request. The recommendation includes five agency enhancement requests totaling \$475,000 SGF, including \$150,000 SGF for laboratory supplies, \$50,000 SGF for emergency AFI shelters, \$200,000 SGF for the Emergency Management program, \$50,000 SGF for agency litigation, and \$25,000 SGF for feral swine removal.

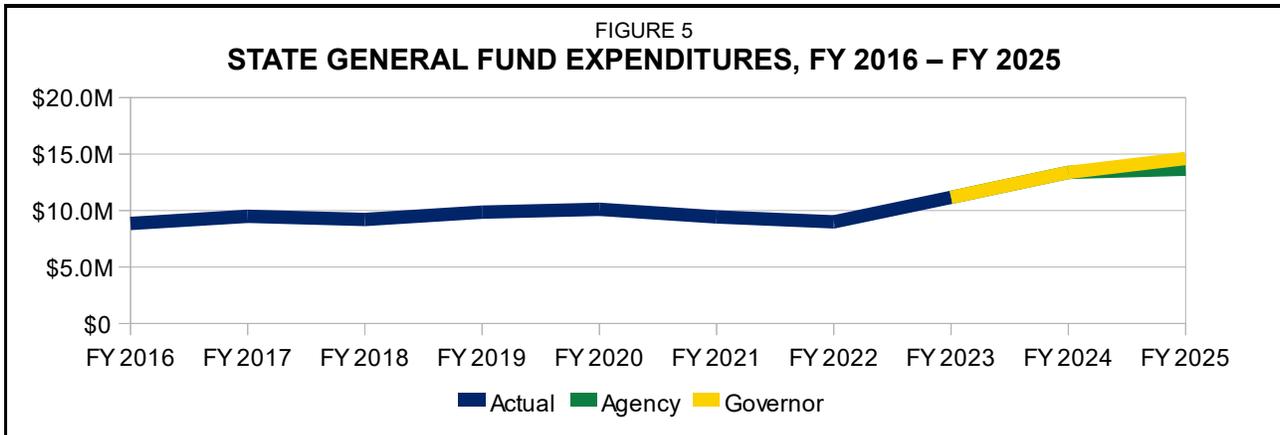
The Governor does not recommend the agency's enhancement request totaling \$50,000 SGF for livestock investigators for FY 2025, but does recommend the addition of \$1.0 million SGF for the agency's Local Farm to Food initiative to offset decreased federal funding for the initiative for FY 2025.

EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING

FIGURE 4
BUDGET SUMMARY BY CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE, FY 2023 – FY 2025

| Category of Expenditure: | Actual FY 2023 | Agency FY 2024 | Governor FY 2024 | Agency FY 2025 | Governor FY 2025 |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Salaries and Wages | \$ 23,261,402 | \$ 28,827,919 | \$ 28,827,919 | \$ 28,732,951 | \$ 28,732,951 |
| Contractual Services | 19,257,812 | 19,262,716 | 22,262,716 | 18,889,901 | 18,839,901 |
| Commodities | 988,492 | 1,078,613 | 1,078,613 | 1,052,721 | 1,052,721 |
| Capital Outlay | 1,610,157 | 1,556,517 | 1,556,517 | 1,251,129 | 1,251,129 |
| Debt Service Interest | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | <i>\$ 45,117,863</i> | <i>\$ 50,725,765</i> | <i>\$ 53,725,765</i> | <i>\$ 49,926,702</i> | <i>\$ 49,876,702</i> |
| Aid to Local Units | 2,473,373 | 2,502,706 | 2,502,706 | 3,502,706 | 3,502,706 |
| Other Assistance | 4,879,487 | 13,692,496 | 20,692,496 | 15,770,236 | 16,770,236 |
| <i>Subtotal—Operating</i> | <i>\$ 52,470,723</i> | <i>\$ 66,920,967</i> | <i>\$ 76,920,967</i> | <i>\$ 69,199,644</i> | <i>\$ 70,149,644</i> |
| Capital Improvements | - | - | - | - | - |
| Debt Service Principal | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | \$ 52,470,723 | \$ 66,920,967 | \$ 76,920,967 | \$ 69,199,644 | \$ 70,149,644 |
| Financing: | | | | | |
| State General Fund | \$ 11,161,149 | \$ 13,370,040 | \$ 13,370,040 | \$ 13,660,600 | \$ 14,610,600 |
| State Water Plan Fund | 9,233,284 | 19,789,755 | 29,789,755 | 22,929,244 | 22,929,244 |
| Eco. Dev. In. Fund | 1,013,273 | 1,030,744 | 1,030,744 | 1,030,744 | 1,030,744 |
| Federal Funds | 13,189,143 | 14,103,989 | 14,103,989 | 12,726,166 | 12,726,166 |
| All Other Funds | 17,873,874 | 18,626,439 | 18,626,439 | 18,852,890 | 18,852,890 |
| TOTAL | \$ 52,470,723 | \$ 66,920,967 | \$ 76,920,967 | \$ 69,199,644 | \$ 70,149,644 |
| FTE Positions | 353.0 | 352.8 | 352.8 | 352.8 | 352.8 |

STATE GENERAL FUND

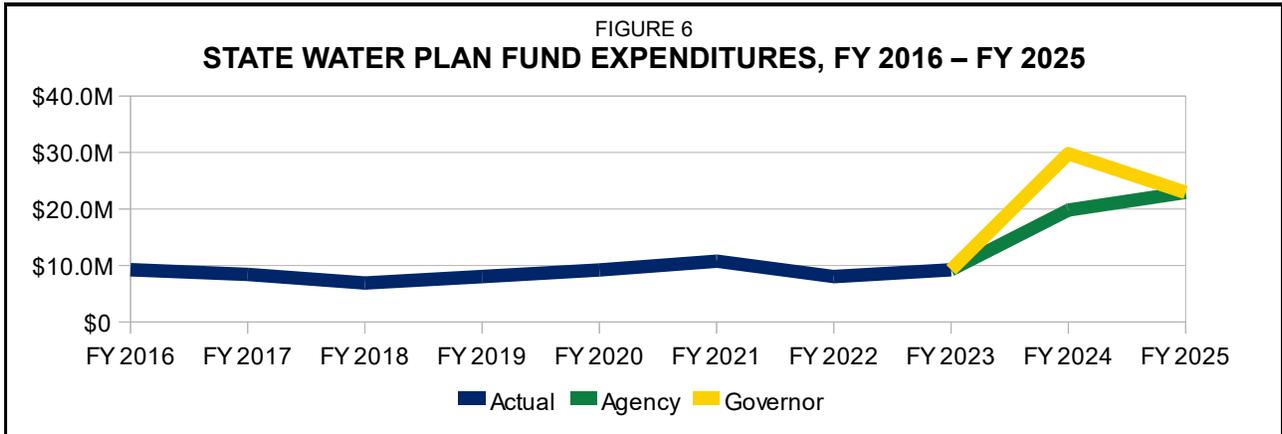


For the Kansas Department of Agriculture, actual SGF expenditures averaged \$9.4 million from FY 2016 to FY 2022. FY 2023 actual SGF expenditures totaled \$11.2 million. This increase is the result of the 2022 Legislature approving additional positions and filling vacant positions for the agency's Animal Health, Meat and Poultry, and Dam Safety programs, along with salary increases approved for most state employees in FY 2023. Additionally, the 2023 Legislature approved additional SGF expenditures for the agency's Soil Health initiative and Water Resource Cost Share program.

In FY 2024, the agency requests a revised estimate with SGF expenditures totaling \$13.4 million. The request includes SGF reappropriations totaling \$19,473 and \$60,000 SGF approved by the 2022 Legislature in FY 2024 for the Grain Warehouse program to allow the agency to decrease its proposed fee increase on licensed public grain warehouses. Additionally, the agency submits

three supplemental requests totaling \$285,977 SGF in FY 2024 for laboratory supplies, livestock brand investigators, and funding for the pay plan shortfall.

STATE WATER PLAN FUND



The State Water Plan Fund (SWPF) is used by the Department of Agriculture for more than a dozen different initiatives, ranging from aid to conservation districts to soil health. Expenditures from the SWPF have remained relatively flat from FY 2016 through FY 2023. From FY 2016 to FY 2023, actual expenditures from the SWPF averaged \$8.7 million. For FY 2024, the agency requests SWPF expenditures totaling \$19.8 million and includes \$6.4 million in reappropriated SWPF moneys along with a transfer of \$1.5 million SWPF from the Kansas Water Office. Expenditures associated with this transfer would go to support water reservoir protection efforts.

The Governor recommends additional SWPF transfers from the Kansas Water Office totaling \$10.0 million in FY 2024, which aligns with action taken by the State Finance Council in November 2023. The transfers result in increased expenditures for the Rattlesnake Creek and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge Impairment, as well as dam construction and rehabilitation.

FY 2024 ANALYSIS

FIGURE 7

SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUEST, FY 2024

| | SGF | All Funds | FTE |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Legislative Approved: | | | |
| Amount Approved by 2023 Legislature | \$ 13,004,590 | \$ 59,167,335 | 353.0 |
| 1. SGF Reappropriation | 19,473 | 19,473 | -- |
| 2. SWPF Reappropriation | - | 6,408,002 | -- |
| 3. 2022 House Sub. for Sub. for SB 267 | 60,000 | 60,000 | -- |
| <i>Subtotal—Legislative Approved</i> | \$ 13,084,063 | \$ 65,654,810 | 353.0 |
| Agency Revised Estimate: | | | |
| Supplemental Requests: | | | |
| 4. Laboratory Supplies | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | -- |
| 5. Livestock Investigators | 50,000 | 50,000 | -- |
| 6. Pay Plan Shortfall | 85,977 | 85,977 | -- |
| <i>Subtotal—Supplemental Requests Only</i> | \$ 285,977 | \$ 285,977 | -- |
| 7. SWPF Transfers | \$ - | \$ 1,467,795 | -- |
| 8. All Other Adjustments | - | (487,615) | (0.2) |
| <i>Subtotal—Agency Revised Estimate</i> | \$ 13,370,040 | \$ 66,920,967 | 352.8 |
| Governor's Recommendation: | | | |
| 9. Additional SWPF Transfers | \$ - | \$ 10,000,000 | -- |
| TOTAL | \$ 13,370,040 | \$ 76,920,967 | 352.8 |

LEGISLATIVE APPROVED

Subsequent to the 2023 Session, several adjustments were made to the \$59.2 million appropriated to the Kansas Department of Agriculture for FY 2024. These adjustments change the current year approved amount without any legislative action required and include the following:

1. **SGF REAPPROPRIATION.** A total of \$19,473 in unspent FY 2023 SGF moneys reappropriated into the approved amount in FY 2024.
2. **SWPF REAPPROPRIATION.** The agency also reappropriated \$6.4 million in unspent FY 2023 SWPF moneys into FY 2024.
3. **2022 HOUSE SUB. FOR SUB. FOR SB 267.** The 2022 Legislature appropriated \$60,000 SGF for FY 2024 for the agency's Grain Warehouse program. The funding was added to allow the agency to decrease the proposed fee increase on licensed public grain warehouses.

AGENCY ESTIMATE

The **agency** submits a revised estimate of \$66.9 million, including \$13.4 million SGF and \$19.8 million SWPF, in FY 2024. The revised estimate is an increase of \$1.3 million, or 1.9 percent, above the FY 2024 approved budget. The majority of the expenditure increase is attributable to a transfer of \$1.5 million from the SWPF in FY 2024. The increase is partially offset by all other adjustments made by the agency.

The revised estimate includes \$285,977 SGF for the following supplemental requests:

4. **LABORATORY SUPPLIES.** The agency requests \$150,000 SGF in FY 2024 for rising costs and inflation relating to expenditures for professional scientific supplies and lab consumables.

5. **LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATORS.** The agency requests \$50,000 SGF in FY 2024 for livestock investigators. These expenditures are included in contractual services expenditures, not salary and wage expenditures. The agency indicates these are payments made to the Office of the Attorney General for two livestock brand investigators.
6. **PAY PLAN SHORTFALL.** The revised estimate includes \$85,977 SGF in FY 2024 to account for a shortfall in appropriations for the Legislative Pay Plan in 2023 SB 25. The 2023 Legislature appropriated \$120.0 million, including \$46.0 million SGF, across all state agencies to provide salary adjustments for FY 2024 based on the Department of Administration Market Survey. This total amount was short by approximately \$11.8 million, including \$11.4 million SGF, statewide in FY 2024. To account for this, the State Finance Council prorated agency distribution of the available appropriations by approximately 20.0 percent. For the Department of Agriculture, a supplemental appropriation of \$85,977 SGF in FY 2024 is required to achieve the intended effect of the Legislative Pay Plan in 2023 SB 25.

Absent the supplemental requests, the revised estimate includes an increase of \$980,180 in base budget expenditures. Significant adjustments are as follows:

7. **SWPF TRANSFERS.** The revised estimate includes increased expenditures of \$1.5 million SWPF for Kansas water reservoir protection efforts in FY 2024. This increase is derived from a transfer made in addition to the appropriations from the SWPF approved by the 2023 Legislature. The transfer would come from the Kansas Water Office, and show as reduced expenditures in that agency and increased expenditures for the Kansas Department of Agriculture. These expenditures are assistance payments for agricultural conservation programs.
8. **ALL OTHER ADJUSTMENTS.** All other adjustments made by the agency total a decrease of \$487,615, all from special revenue funds. The decrease is primarily attributable to decreased expenditures for classified employees pay and changes to fringe benefit rates. These decreases are partially offset by increases in expenditures for capital outlay, including software and trucks, and commodities, including gas and other supplies and materials. The agency's request also includes a decrease of 0.2 FTE position, mainly from the Agri-Business Services program.

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The **Governor** recommends expenditures totaling \$76.9 million, including \$13.4 million SGF and \$29.8 million SWPF, in FY 2024. The Governor's recommendation is an increase of \$10.0 million, all SWPF, or 14.9 percent, above the agency's FY 2024 revised estimate. The recommendation includes three agency supplemental requests totaling \$285,977 SGF, including \$150,000 SGF for laboratory supplies, \$50,000 SGF for livestock investigators, and \$85,977 SGF for the pay plan shortfall.

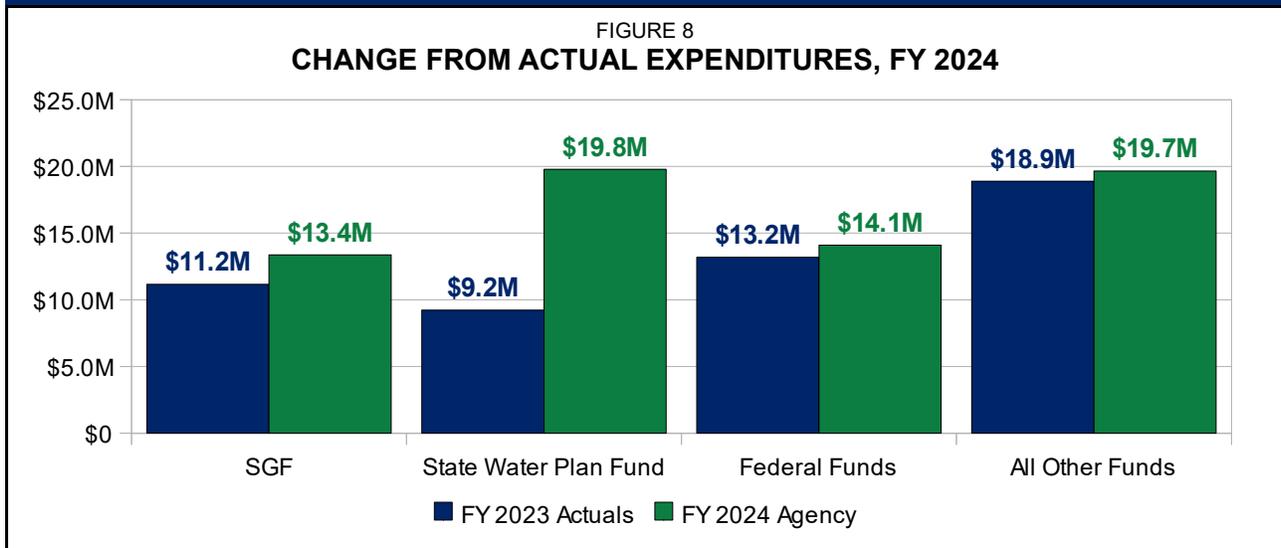
The **Governor's** recommendation also includes the following adjustment:

9. **ADDITIONAL STATE WATER PLAN FUND TRANSFERS.** The Governor recommends additional SWPF transfers from the Kansas Water Office to the Kansas Department of Agriculture totaling \$10.0 million in FY 2024. This adjustment aligns with action taken by the State Finance Council on November 13, 2023.

The recommendation transfers \$7.0 million SWPF for the Rattlesnake Creek and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge Impairment, including sub-basin water resources management and water transition assistance programs, and \$3.0 million for dam construction and rehabilitation.

This recommendation results in decreased expenditures for the Kansas Water Office totaling \$10.0 million, while increasing expenditures for the Kansas Department of Agriculture by \$10.0 million in FY 2024.

FY 2024 CHANGE FROM ACTUAL EXPENDITURES



The **agency** estimates revised expenditures of \$66.9 million, including \$13.4 million SGF and \$19.8 million SWPF, in FY 2024. This is an increase of \$14.5 million, or 27.5 percent, from all funding sources, including \$2.2 million SGF, or 19.8 percent, above the FY 2023 actual expenditures. The all funds increase is mostly attributable to the agency reappropriating \$6.4 million SWPF from FY 2023 into FY 2024 and the agency requesting additional expenditures totaling \$1.5 million from an SWPF transfer in FY 2024.

The SGF increase is attributable to action taken by the 2023 Legislature. The 2023 Legislature added \$2.0 million SGF and 8.0 FTE positions to hire additional personnel and give existing personnel in certain program areas salary increases for FY 2024. The program areas include water, conservation, and agricultural marketing.

The 2023 Legislature also approved \$1.1 million, including \$354,177 SGF, for FY 2024 for salary increases for employees of the Department of Agriculture as a part of the FY 2024 pay plan.

FY 2025 ANALYSIS

FIGURE 9

SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUEST, FY 2025

| | SGF | All Funds | FTE |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Agency Request: | | | |
| Request without Major Changes | \$ 13,155,073 | \$ 66,205,118 | 352.8 |
| Enhancement Requests: | | | |
| 1. Laboratory Supplies | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | -- |
| 2. Livestock Investigators | 50,000 | 50,000 | -- |
| 3. Emergency AFI Shelters | 50,000 | 50,000 | -- |
| 4. Emergency Management Program | 200,000 | 200,000 | -- |
| 5. KDA Agency Litigation | 50,000 | 50,000 | -- |
| 6. USDA Feral Swine | 25,000 | 25,000 | -- |
| <i>Subtotal—Enhancement Requests Only</i> | <i>\$ 525,000</i> | <i>\$ 525,000</i> | <i>--</i> |
| 7. SGF Reappropriations | \$ (19,473) | \$ (19,473) | -- |
| 8. SWPF Reappropriations | - | (6,408,002) | -- |
| 9. SWPF Transfers | - | 9,547,491 | -- |
| 10. Local Food Purchase Grant | - | (2,565,128) | -- |
| 11. Federal Cooperating Technical Partners | - | 1,914,638 | -- |
| <i>Subtotal—Agency Request</i> | <i>\$ 13,660,600</i> | <i>\$ 69,199,644</i> | <i>352.8</i> |
| Governor's Recommendation: | | | |
| 12. Livestock Investigators - Not Recommended | \$ (50,000) | \$ (50,000) | -- |
| 13. Local Farm to Food | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | -- |
| TOTAL | \$ 14,610,600 | \$ 70,149,644 | 352.8 |

AGENCY REQUEST

The **agency** requests \$69.2 million, including \$13.7 million SGF and \$22.9 million SWPF, for FY 2025. This is an all funds increase of \$2.3 million, or 3.4 percent, including an SGF increase of \$290,560, or 2.2 percent, above the FY 2024 revised estimate. The all funds increase is attributable to the agency requesting additional expenditures from the SWPF in FY 2025. The SGF increase is attributable to agency enhancement requests.

The request includes \$525,000 SGF for the following enhancement requests:

- LABORATORY SUPPLIES.** The agency requests \$150,000 SGF for FY 2025 for rising costs and inflation relating to expenditures for professional scientific supplies and lab consumables.
- LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATORS.** The agency requests \$50,000 SGF for FY 2025 for livestock investigators. These expenditures are included in contractual services expenditures, not salary and wage expenditures. The agency indicates these are payments made to the Office of the Attorney General for two livestock brand investigators.
- EMERGENCY AFI SHELTERS.** The agency requests \$50,000 SGF for FY 2025 for the AFI program. The agency indicates the funding will be used for payments to emergency shelters housing seized animals.
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.** The agency requests \$200,000 SGF for FY 2025 for the Emergency Management program. The agency indicates the funding will be used to continue preparing and planning for the threat of animal disease outbreaks.

5. **KDA AGENCY LITIGATION.** The agency requests \$50,000 SGF for FY 2025 for contract attorneys to handle litigation across the agency.
6. **USDA FERAL SWINE.** The agency requests \$25,000 SGF for FY 2025 for the USDA feral swine removal program.

Absent the enhancement requests, the request includes an increase of \$3.1 million in base budget expenditures. Significant adjustments are as follows:

7. **SGF REAPPROPRIATIONS.** The agency's FY 2024 revised estimate includes reappropriations from the SGF totaling \$19,473. The agency estimates spending those dollars in FY 2024 and does not anticipate carrying any money into FY 2025.
8. **SWPF REAPPROPRIATIONS.** The agency's FY 2024 revised estimate includes reappropriations from the SWPF totaling \$6.4 million. The agency estimates spending those dollars in FY 2024 and does not anticipate carrying any money into FY 2025.
9. **SWPF TRANSFERS.** The agency requests increased expenditures of \$9.5 million to align with transfers from the SWPF totaling \$11.0 million in FY 2025. The transfers would come from the Kansas Water Office, and they would show as reduced expenditures in that agency and increased expenditures for the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Similar to the agency's FY 2024 revised estimate, one transfer would support Kansas water reservoir protection efforts for FY 2025. Other transfers support water use database modernization, irrigation technology, crop and livestock research, water resources cost share, aid to conservation districts, water transition assistance, dam construction rehabilitation, and stream bank stabilization.

These items are discussed in more detail in the *Special Topics* section of this budget analysis.

10. **LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE GRANT.** The agency's FY 2025 request includes reduced expenditures from the Local Food Purchase Grant Fund totaling \$2.6 million when compared with the FY 2024 revised estimate. The agency estimates expenditures relating to the federal local food purchase grant to be mostly expended in FY 2024 and will not carry forward to FY 2025. These funds are designed to maintain and improve food and agriculture supply chain resiliency. KDA accomplishes this through assisting in procuring and distributing local and regional foods in collaboration with food banks.
11. **FEDERAL COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNERS.** The agency's FY 2025 request includes increased expenditures from the Federal Cooperating Technical Partners Fund totaling \$1.9 million when compared with the FY 2024 revised estimate. These funds are designed to strengthen and enhance the effectiveness of the National Flood Insurance Program.

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The **Governor** recommends expenditures totaling \$70.1 million, including \$14.6 million SGF and \$22.9 million SWPF, for FY 2025. The Governor's recommendation is an increase of \$950,000, all SGF, or 1.4 percent, above the agency's FY 2025 request. The recommendation includes five agency enhancement requests totaling \$475,000 SGF, which includes \$150,000 SGF for laboratory supplies, \$50,000 SGF for emergency AFI shelters, \$200,000 SGF for the emergency

management program, \$50,000 SGF for agency litigation, and \$25,000 SGF for feral swine removal.

The **Governor's** recommendation includes the following adjustments:

12. **LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATORS - NOT RECOMMENDED.** The Governor does not recommend \$50,000 SGF for the agency's enhancement request concerning livestock investigators for FY 2025. The Governor recommends funding for this purpose in FY 2024 but not for FY 2025.
13. **LOCAL FARM TO FOOD.** The Governor recommends \$1.0 million SGF for the Local Farm to Food Program for FY 2025. The agency estimates most federal funds to be expended on the initiative in FY 2024 and will not carry over to FY 2025. The Governor's recommendation applies state funding to this initiative.

The initiative makes local foods available for local consumption by partnering with food banks and producers.

SUPPLEMENTAL AND ENHANCEMENT REQUESTS

FIGURE 10
SUPPLEMENTAL AND ENHANCEMENT REQUESTS, FY 2024 – FY 2025

| Request | Agency | | | Governor | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| | SGF | All Funds | FTE | SGF | All Funds | FTE |
| FY 2024 Supplementals: | | | | | | |
| 1. Laboratory Supplies | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | - | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | - |
| 2. Livestock Investigators | 50,000 | 50,000 | - | 50,000 | 50,000 | - |
| 3. Pay Plan Shortfall | 85,977 | 85,977 | - | 85,977 | 85,977 | - |
| TOTAL | \$ 285,977 | \$ 285,977 | - | \$ 285,977 | \$ 285,977 | - |
| FY 2025 Enhancements: | | | | | | |
| 4. Laboratory Supplies | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | - | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | - |
| 5. Livestock Investigators | 50,000 | 50,000 | - | - | - | - |
| 6. Emergency AFI Shelters | 50,000 | 50,000 | - | 50,000 | 50,000 | - |
| 7. Emergency Management Program | 200,000 | 200,000 | - | 200,000 | 200,000 | - |
| 8. KDA Agency Litigation | 50,000 | 50,000 | - | 50,000 | 50,000 | - |
| 9. USDA Feral Swine | 25,000 | 25,000 | - | 25,000 | 25,000 | - |
| 10. Local Farm to Food | - | - | - | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | - |
| TOTAL | \$ 525,000 | \$ 525,000 | - | \$ 1,475,000 | \$ 1,475,000 | - |

- LABORATORY SUPPLIES.** The agency requests \$150,000 SGF in FY 2024 for rising costs and inflation relating to expenditures for professional scientific supplies and lab consumables.

The Governor recommends adoption of this request.

- LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATORS.** The agency requests \$50,000 SGF in FY 2024 for livestock investigators. These expenditures are included in contractual services expenditures, not salary and wage expenditures. The agency indicates these are payments made to the Office of the Attorney General for two livestock brand investigators.

The Governor recommends adoption of this request.

- PAY PLAN SHORTFALL.** The revised estimate includes \$85,977 SGF in FY 2024 to account for a shortfall in appropriations for the Legislative Pay Plan in 2023 SB 25. The 2023 Legislature appropriated \$120.0 million, including \$46.0 million SGF, across all state agencies to provide salary adjustments for FY 2024 based on the Department of Administration Market Survey. This total amount was short by approximately \$11.8 million, including \$11.4 million SGF, statewide in FY 2024. To account for this, the State Finance Council prorated agency distribution of the available appropriations by approximately 20.0 percent. For the Department of Agriculture, a supplemental appropriation of \$85,977 SGF in FY 2024 is required to achieve the intended effect of the Legislative Pay Plan in 2023 SB 25.

The Governor recommends adoption of this request.

- LABORATORY SUPPLIES.** The agency requests \$150,000 SGF for FY 2025 for rising costs and inflation relating to expenditures for professional scientific supplies and lab consumables.

The Governor recommends adoption of this request.

5. **LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATORS.** The agency requests \$50,000 SGF for FY 2025 for livestock investigators. These expenditures are included in contractual services expenditures, not in salary and wage expenditures. The agency indicates these are payments made to the Office of the Attorney General for two livestock brand investigators.

The Governor does not recommend adoption of this request.

6. **EMERGENCY AFI SHELTERS.** The agency requests \$50,000 SGF for FY 2025 for the AFI program. The agency indicates the funding will be used for payments for emergency shelters to house seized animals.

The Governor recommends adoption of this request.

7. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.** The agency requests \$200,000 SGF for FY 2025 for the Emergency Management program. The agency indicates the funding will be used to continue preparing and planning for the threat of animal disease outbreaks.

The Governor recommends adoption of this request.

8. **KDA AGENCY LITIGATION.** The agency requests \$50,000 SGF for FY 2025 for contract attorneys to handle litigation across the agency. The agency indicates litigation costs are not regularly budgeted for and notes that the number of lawsuits the agency is engaged in at any given time has recently increased. The agency indicates there are no excess funds available to fund additional outside counsel if necessary.

The Governor recommends adoption of this request.

9. **USDA FERAL SWINE.** The agency requests \$25,000 SGF for FY 2025 for the USDA feral swine removal program. The agency indicates that the USDA has recently informed the agency that federal funds made available for feral swine removal will be reduced as a result of budget cuts. The agency notes that with federal funds being reduced, state funds will be necessary to assist in feral swine removal efforts.

The Governor recommends adoption of this request.

10. **LOCAL FARM TO FOOD.** The Governor recommends \$1.0 million SGF for the Local Farm to Food initiative for FY 2025. The initiative works to make local foods available for local consumption by partnering with food banks and producers. The agency previously used moneys from a federal Local Food Purchase Grant, which is mostly expended in FY 2024. The Governor's recommendation would use SGF in the absence of federal funding for the initiative for FY 2025.

The Governor recommends adoption of this request.

SPECIAL TOPICS
2023 SENATE SUB. FOR HB 2302

The 2023 Legislature passed and the Governor signed Senate Sub. for HB 2302, which authorizes a transfer of \$35.0 million SGF to the SWPF in FY 2024 and intends a transfer of the same amount each year through FY 2027. This amount is in addition to the \$6.0 million SGF transfer already authorized in statute (KSA 82a-953a), resulting in authorized transfers from the SGF to the SWPF totaling \$41.0 million in FY 2024.

The bill also transfers \$5.0 million SWPF to a newly created Water Technical Assistance Fund and \$12.0 million SWPF to a newly created Water Projects Grant Fund in FY 2024. If the Legislature approves the appropriation of \$35.0 million SGF to the SWPF in future years, the \$5.0 million SWPF transfer to the Water Technical Assistance Fund and \$12.0 million SWPF transfer to the Water Projects Grant Fund would occur. Both funds are administered by the Kansas Water Office.

The 2022 Legislature appropriated an additional \$18.0 million SWPF to the Kansas Water Office in 2024. That increased funding is estimated to be expended by the Kansas Water Office in FY 2024. For FY 2025, the Kansas Water Office requests to maintain those appropriations and to transfer most of those monies to other state agencies rather than expend them. This will show decreased expenditures for the Kansas Water Office and increased expenditures for other state agencies in FY 2025.

For the Kansas Department of Agriculture, the agency's FY 2025 request includes transfers totaling \$11.0 million from the SWPF at the Kansas Water Office. The table below shows requested appropriations, transfers, and net expenditures by program area for FY 2025.

| STATE WATER PLAN FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS, FY 2025 | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Program Area</u> | <u>Gov. Rec. Appropriation</u> | <u>Gov. Rec. Transfers In</u> | <u>Gov. Rec. Expenditures</u> |
| Interstate Water Issues | \$ 527,927 | \$ - | \$ 527,927 |
| Water Use Database Modernization | 100,000 | 150,000 | 250,000 |
| Subbasin Water Resources Management | 673,847 | - | 673,847 |
| Irrigation Technology | 550,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,550,000 |
| Crop and Livestock Research | 350,000 | 100,000 | 450,000 |
| Soil Health | 400,000 | - | 400,000 |
| Water Resources Cost Share | 2,834,714 | 2,165,286 | 5,000,000 |
| Nonpoint Source Pollution Assistance | 1,866,598 | - | 1,866,598 |
| Aid to Conservation Districts | 2,502,706 | 1,000,000 | 3,502,706 |
| Water Transition Assistance Program | 554,142 | 1,000,000 | 1,554,142 |
| Dam Construction | 650,000 | 2,350,000 | 3,000,000 |

STATE WATER PLAN FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS, FY 2025

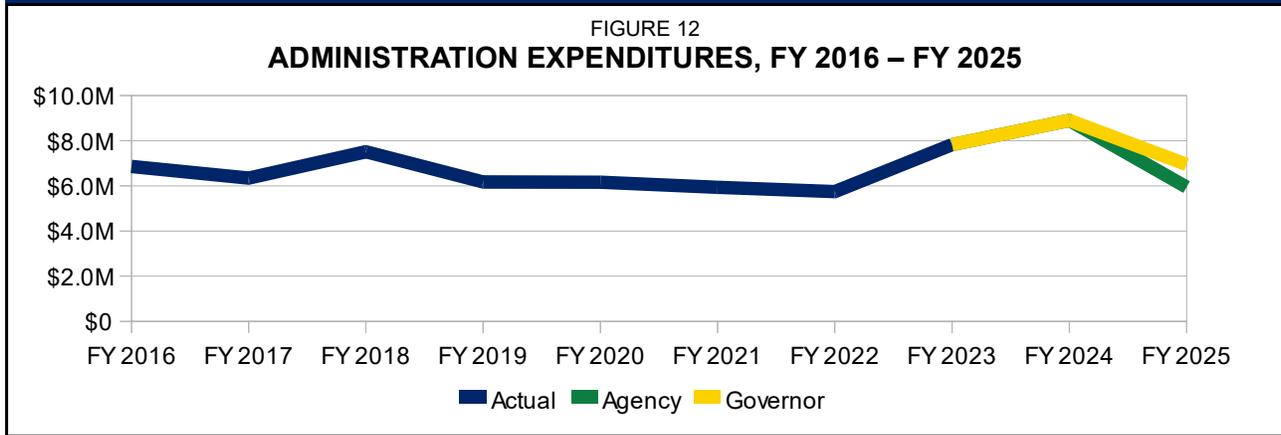
| <u>Program Area</u> | <u>Gov. Rec. Appropriation</u> | <u>Gov. Rec. Transfers In</u> | <u>Gov. Rec. Expenditures</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rehabilitation Riparian and Wetland Program | 154,024 | - | 154,024 |
| Stream Bank Stabilization | 750,000 | 750,000 | 1,500,000 |
| Kansas Reservoir Protection Initiative | - | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 |
| TOTAL | <u>11,913,958</u> | <u>11,015,286</u> | <u>22,929,244</u> |

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FIGURE 11
EXPENDITURES AND FTE POSITIONS BY PROGRAM, FY 2023 – FY 2025

| Programs | Actual FY 2023 | Agency FY 2024 | Governor FY 2024 | Agency FY 2025 | Governor FY 2025 |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Expenditures: | | | | | |
| Administration | \$ 7,819,669 | \$ 8,893,422 | \$ 8,893,422 | \$ 5,943,561 | \$ 6,943,561 |
| Agri-Business Services | 16,595,241 | 18,586,589 | 18,586,589 | 18,568,173 | 18,568,173 |
| Agriculture Marketing | 2,061,121 | 2,683,124 | 2,683,124 | 2,496,524 | 2,496,524 |
| Animal Health | 3,903,705 | 3,615,954 | 3,615,954 | 3,954,208 | 3,904,208 |
| Conservation | 10,319,935 | 19,908,012 | 26,908,012 | 23,522,811 | 23,522,811 |
| Water Resources | 11,771,052 | 13,233,866 | 16,233,866 | 14,714,367 | 14,714,367 |
| TOTAL | \$ 52,470,723 | \$ 66,920,967 | \$ 76,920,967 | \$ 69,199,644 | \$ 70,149,644 |
| FTE Positions: | | | | | |
| Administration | 33.9 | 34.0 | 34.0 | 34.0 | 34.0 |
| Agri-Business Services | 194.2 | 193.0 | 193.0 | 193.0 | 193.0 |
| Agriculture Marketing | 10.7 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| Animal Health | 22.9 | 21.8 | 21.8 | 21.8 | 21.8 |
| Conservation | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| Water Resources | 81.3 | 84.1 | 84.1 | 84.1 | 84.1 |
| TOTAL | 353.0 | 352.8 | 352.8 | 352.8 | 352.8 |

ADMINISTRATION



- STATUTORY BASIS:** • KSA Chapter 74, Article 5; KSA 74-569; KSA 74-576
- PROGRAM GOALS:**
- Provide timely, accurate, and efficient fiscal services.
 - Provide comprehensive human resources services to Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) employees and future KDA employees.
 - Assist programs with the modernization of legacy information technology services and continue to improve existing services.
 - Provide timely, accurate, and efficient legal services.
 - Advocate for agriculture and KDA programs through traditional and other media.
 - Provide open records to the public in a timely manner.

The Administration program provides the general policy, outreach, coordination, and management functions for the agency.

FIGURE 13
ADMINISTRATION FINANCING, FY 2023 – FY 2025

| Fund | Actual FY 2023 | Agency FY 2024 | Governor FY 2024 | Agency FY 2025 | Governor FY 2025 |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| SGF | \$ 829,950 | \$ 1,050,246 | \$ 1,050,246 | \$ 941,750 | \$ 1,941,750 |
| Federal Funds | 2,602,936 | 3,070,766 | 3,070,766 | 162,167 | 162,167 |
| All Other Funds | 4,386,783 | 4,772,410 | 4,772,410 | 4,839,644 | 4,839,644 |
| TOTAL | \$ 7,819,669 | \$ 8,893,422 | \$ 8,893,422 | \$ 5,943,561 | \$ 6,943,561 |
| Percent Change: | | | | | |
| SGF | (3.2) % | 26.5 % | -- % | (10.3) % | 106.2 % |
| All Funds | 36.2 % | 13.7 % | -- % | (33.2) % | 16.8 % |
| FTE Positions | 33.9 | 34.0 | 34.0 | 34.0 | 34.0 |

BUDGET ANALYSIS

The **agency** requests FY 2025 Administration program expenditures of \$5.9 million, including \$941,750 SGF. This is an all funds decrease of \$2.9 million, or 33.2 percent, including an SGF decrease of \$108,496, or 10.3 percent, below the agency’s FY 2024 revised estimate. The all funds decrease is mostly attributable to the agency estimating lower expenditures for contractual services in FY 2025. Specifically,

the agency is estimating lower expenditures from the federal Local Food Purchase Grant. The SGF decrease is partially offset by the agency’s enhancement request of \$50,000 SGF for additional contracted attorney services supporting agency litigation for FY 2025.

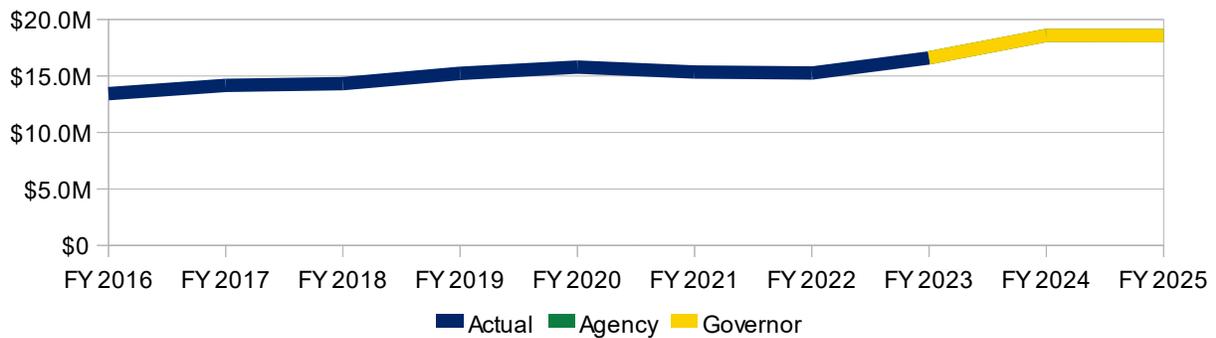
The **Governor** recommends \$6.9 million, including \$1.9 million SGF, for the

Administration program for FY 2025. The recommendation concurs with the agency's request, which includes one agency enhancement request totaling \$50,000 SGF for contracted attorney services supporting agency

litigation, and adds \$1.0 million SGF for the Local Farm to Food initiative for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$1.1 million SGF above the agency's FY 2025 request.

AGRI-BUSINESS SERVICES

FIGURE 14
AGRI-BUSINESS SERVICES EXPENDITURES, FY 2016 – FY 2025



STATUTORY BASIS: • Dairy Law KSA 65-771 through 65-791; 65-643 *et seq.*; 36-501 *et seq.*; 31-101 *et seq.*; 21-3711, 31-3736, 27-3737; 83-201 through 224; 2-1001 *et seq.*; 2-1201 *et seq.*; 2-2901 *et seq.*; 65-6a18; 65-771 through 791; 50-901 *et seq.*; 2-2201 *et seq.*; 2-2801 *et seq.*; 2-2438 *et seq.*; 2-3301 *et seq.*; 2-1415 *et seq.*; 2-2712 *et seq.*; 2-1314 *et seq.*; 2-3901 *et seq.*; 83-201 through 224; 55-422 through 427; 83-143 through 149

- PROGRAM GOALS:**
- Provide a fair-minded regulatory environment for the Kansas dairy and commercial feed industry, which results in safe, clean, unadulterated milk, dairy, and commercial feed products for both animal and human feed consumers.
 - Gain program efficiencies by continuing to automate and streamline inspection, sampling, and record-keeping processes.
 - Achieve and maintain compliance with FDA guidelines and national standards.
 - Provide uniform, effective, and efficient food safety inspections in order to protect public health and maintain the public's confidence in Kansas establishments.
 - Maintain outreach to customers through training and educational meetings.
 - Protect grain depositors by performing subsequent exams of all licensed public grain warehouses once a year to ensure there are no losses due to fraud or mismanagement of records and that grain quality is kept to the standards set forth by the State of Kansas.
 - Protect consumer and animal health through multiple chemical and microbiological analysis of various food products sold in Kansas.
 - Provide fair-minded regulatory environment to the Kansas meat and poultry inspection industry to ensure "equal to" status with Food Safety and Inspection Service.
 - Maintain Kansas primacy under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to facilitate Kansas agriculture and restrict federal enforcement for noncompliance by Kansas pesticide business.
 - Provide a system to safeguard Kansas' native and cultivated resources by excluding and/or early detection of high-profile exotic pests of regulatory significance that also allows the continued export of Kansas-produced plants and plant products.
 - Provide export commodity assurance for Kansas-produced commodities so that the pest freedom requirement by other states and foreign countries are maintained to allow expeditious movement of those commodities in foreign and domestic trade.

The Agri-Business Services program consists of the Meat and Poultry Inspection, Food Safety, Dairy and Feed Safety, Weights and Measures, Grain Warehouses, Agricultural Laboratories, Plant Protection and Seed, and Pesticide and Fertilizer programs.

FIGURE 15
AGRI-BUSINESS SERVICES FINANCING, FY 2023 – FY 2025

| Fund | Actual FY 2023 | Agency FY 2024 | Governor FY 2024 | Agency FY 2025 | Governor FY 2025 |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| SGF | \$ 3,419,078 | \$ 3,493,151 | \$ 3,493,151 | \$ 3,509,780 | \$ 3,509,780 |
| Federal Funds | 3,557,962 | 4,147,860 | 4,147,860 | 4,117,092 | 4,117,092 |
| All Other Funds | 9,618,201 | 10,945,578 | 10,945,578 | 10,941,301 | 10,941,301 |
| TOTAL | \$ 16,595,241 | \$ 18,586,589 | \$ 18,586,589 | \$ 18,568,173 | \$ 18,568,173 |
| Percent Change: | | | | | |
| SGF | 28.3 % | 2.2 % | -- % | 0.5 % | -- % |
| All Funds | 8.8 % | 12.0 % | -- % | (0.1) % | -- % |
| FTE Positions | 194.2 | 193.0 | 193.0 | 193.0 | 193.0 |

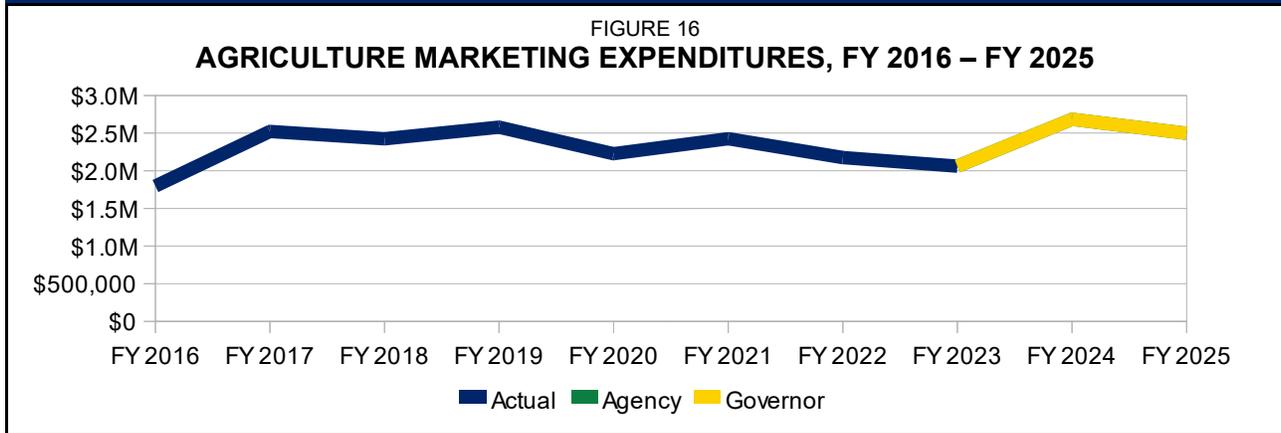
BUDGET ANALYSIS

The **agency** requests FY 2025 Agri-Business Services program expenditures of \$18.6 million, including \$3.5 million SGF. This is an all funds decrease of \$18,416, or 0.1 percent, and an SGF increase of \$16,629, or 0.5 percent, from the FY 2024 revised estimate. The all funds decrease is primarily attributable to decreased estimates for fringe benefits for FY 2025. The decreased estimates for fringe benefits is partially offset by increased estimates for certain contractual services, including subsistence relating to travel. Further offsetting

decreases is an agency enhancement request for FY 2025 totaling \$150,000 SGF for laboratory supplies.

The **Governor** recommends \$18.6 million, including \$3.5 million SGF, for the Agri-Business Services program for FY 2025. The recommendation concurs with the agency's request, which includes one agency enhancement request totaling \$150,000 SGF for laboratory supplies for FY 2025.

AGRICULTURE MARKETING



STATUTORY BASIS: • KSA 74-5, 112-5, 118; 74-50; 156-50; 2-3801-3804; 74-576; 74-504

PROGRAM GOALS:

- Serve all Kansans through innovate programming and delivering solutions designed to create an environment that facilitates growth and expansion in agriculture while increasing pride in and awareness of the state's largest industry—agriculture.
- Increase the awareness of making Kansas a potential state for the relocation or expansion of agriculture business.
- Increase and enhance export opportunities for Kansas farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses.

The Agriculture Marketing program focuses through loan programs, marketing, and on growing the agricultural industry in Kansas agricultural initiatives.

FIGURE 17
AGRICULTURE MARKETING FINANCING, FY 2023 – FY 2025

| Fund | Actual FY 2023 | Agency FY 2024 | Governor FY 2024 | Agency FY 2025 | Governor FY 2025 |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| SGF | \$ 417,049 | \$ 772,063 | \$ 772,063 | \$ 772,407 | \$ 772,407 |
| Federal Funds | 342,622 | 201,116 | 201,116 | 37,603 | 37,603 |
| All Other Funds | 1,301,450 | 1,709,945 | 1,709,945 | 1,686,514 | 1,686,514 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,061,121 | \$ 2,683,124 | \$ 2,683,124 | \$ 2,496,524 | \$ 2,496,524 |
| Percent Change: | | | | | |
| SGF | (10.8) % | 85.1 % | -- % | 0.0 % | -- % |
| All Funds | (5.2) % | 30.2 % | -- % | (7.0) % | -- % |
| FTE Positions | 10.7 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |

BUDGET ANALYSIS

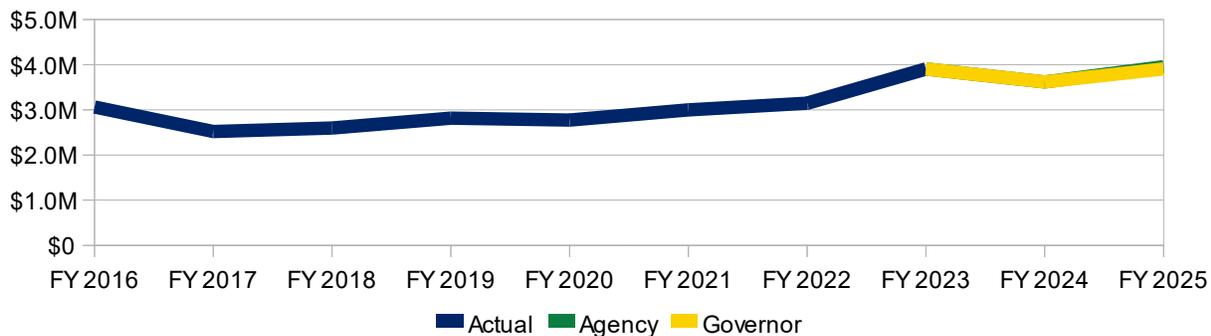
The **agency** requests FY 2025 Agriculture Marketing program expenditures of \$2.5 million, including \$772,407 SGF. This is an all funds decrease of \$186,600, or 7.0 percent, below the FY 2024 revised estimate. The request is also an SGF increase of \$344, or less than 0.1 percent, from the FY 2024 revised estimate. The all funds decrease is primarily attributable to reduced estimates for other assistance

payments from federal funds in the form of aid to qualified non-state organizations in FY 2025.

The **Governor** recommends \$2.5 million, including \$772,407 SGF, for the Agriculture Marketing program for FY 2025. The recommendation concurs with the agency's request.

ANIMAL HEALTH

FIGURE 18
ANIMAL HEALTH EXPENDITURES, FY 2016 – FY 2025



STATUTORY BASIS: • KSA 47-104 through 47-2306

PROGRAM GOALS:

- Support division responsibilities, including disease investigation and response, and maintain interaction with regulated industries and stakeholders.
- Enhance internal communication and professional development.
- Enhance animal disease emergency response capabilities.

The Animal Health program ensures the public health, safety, and welfare of Kansas citizens and enhances the economic viability of the state's livestock production through livestock identification, animal health planning and preparedness, disease prevention, and control and eradication of infectious and contagious livestock and domestic animal disease in Kansas. The program also regulates

facilities that produce, sell, board, train, rescue, offer for adoption, or harbor companion animals and enforces the laws governing such facilities. The program directs a Brand Registration and Inspection program, identifies ownership of lost or stolen livestock, informs the public of the status of the health of livestock in the state, and promotes understanding and gains public assistance in achieving this mission.

FIGURE 19
ANIMAL HEALTH FINANCING, FY 2023 – FY 2025

| Fund | Actual FY 2023 | Agency FY 2024 | Governor FY 2024 | Agency FY 2025 | Governor FY 2025 |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| SGF | \$ 1,094,606 | \$ 1,204,820 | \$ 1,204,820 | \$ 1,486,856 | \$ 1,436,856 |
| Federal Funds | 848,348 | 714,042 | 714,042 | 709,967 | 709,967 |
| All Other Funds | 1,960,751 | 1,697,092 | 1,697,092 | 1,757,385 | 1,757,385 |
| TOTAL | \$ 3,903,705 | \$ 3,615,954 | \$ 3,615,954 | \$ 3,954,208 | \$ 3,904,208 |
| Percent Change: | | | | | |
| SGF | 58.7 % | 10.1 % | -- % | 23.4 % | (3.4) % |
| All Funds | 24.0 % | (7.4) % | -- % | 9.4 % | (1.3) % |
| FTE Positions | 22.9 | 21.8 | 21.8 | 21.8 | 21.8 |

BUDGET ANALYSIS

The **agency** requests FY 2025 Animal Health program expenditures of \$4.0 million, including \$1.5 million SGF. This is an all funds increase of \$338,254, or 9.4 percent, and an SGF increase of \$282,036, or 23.4 percent, above the FY 2024 revised estimate. The increase is primarily attributable to agency enhancement requests

totaling \$325,000 SGF for FY 2025. These enhancement requests include funding for emergency AFI shelters (\$50,000 SGF), disease outbreak planning in Emergency Management (\$200,000 SGF), livestock brand investigators (\$50,000 SGF), and USDA feral swine removal (\$25,000 SGF). These increases

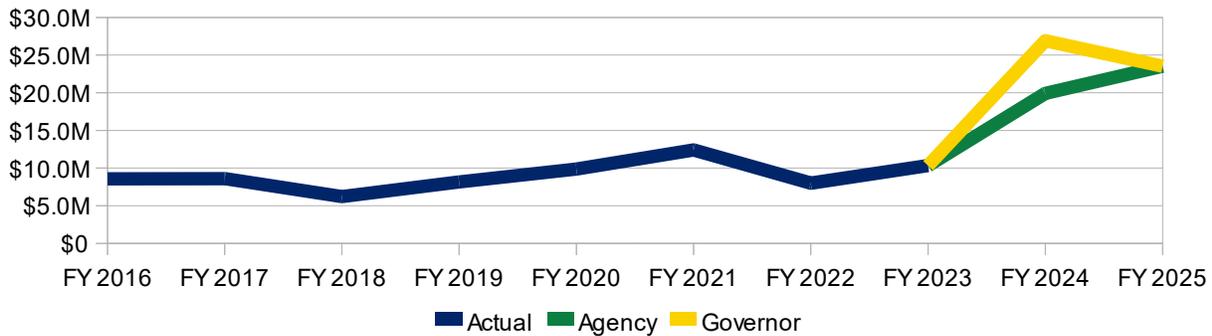
are partially offset by decreased estimates for certain commodities, including gasoline.

The **Governor** recommends \$3.9 million, including \$1.4 million SGF, for the Animal Health program for FY 2025. This is a decrease of \$50,000 SGF, or 1.3 percent, below the agency's request. The recommendation

includes three agency enhancement requests for emergency AFI shelters (\$50,000 SGF), disease outbreak planning in Emergency Management (\$200,000 SGF), and USDA feral swine removal (\$25,000 SGF). The Governor's recommendation does not include the agency's request of \$50,000 SGF for livestock brand investigators.

CONSERVATION

FIGURE 20
CONSERVATION EXPENDITURES, FY 2016 – FY 2025



STATUTORY BASIS: • KSA 2-1901 to 2-1918

- PROGRAM GOALS:**
- Provide support for conservation districts.
 - Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the State Water Plan program implementation and administration.
 - Implement the State Water Plan and 50-Year Water Vision by addressing priority resource concerns through increased local technical assistance and targeted conservation practices with special initiatives and partnerships, cooperative grants, and agreements.

The Conservation program operates eight subprograms, including: Aid to Conservation Districts, Watershed Dam Construction, Water Resource Cost-Share, Water Supply Restoration, Nonpoint Source Pollution Riparian and Wetland Protection, Land Reclamation, and Water Quality Buffer Initiatives.

FIGURE 21
CONSERVATION FINANCING, FY 2023 – FY 2025

| Fund | Actual FY 2023 | Agency FY 2024 | Governor FY 2024 | Agency FY 2025 | Governor FY 2025 |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| SGF | \$ 767,913 | \$ 620,859 | \$ 620,859 | \$ 624,345 | \$ 624,345 |
| Federal Funds | 812,179 | 1,931,424 | 1,931,424 | 1,669,518 | 1,669,518 |
| All Other Funds | 8,739,843 | 17,355,729 | 24,355,729 | 21,228,948 | 21,228,948 |
| TOTAL | \$ 10,319,935 | \$ 19,908,012 | \$ 26,908,012 | \$ 23,522,811 | \$ 23,522,811 |
| Percent Change: | | | | | |
| SGF | 63.5 % | (19.1) % | -- % | 0.6 % | -- % |
| All Funds | 29.0 % | 92.9 % | 35.2 % | 18.2 % | -- % |
| FTE Positions | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |

BUDGET ANALYSIS

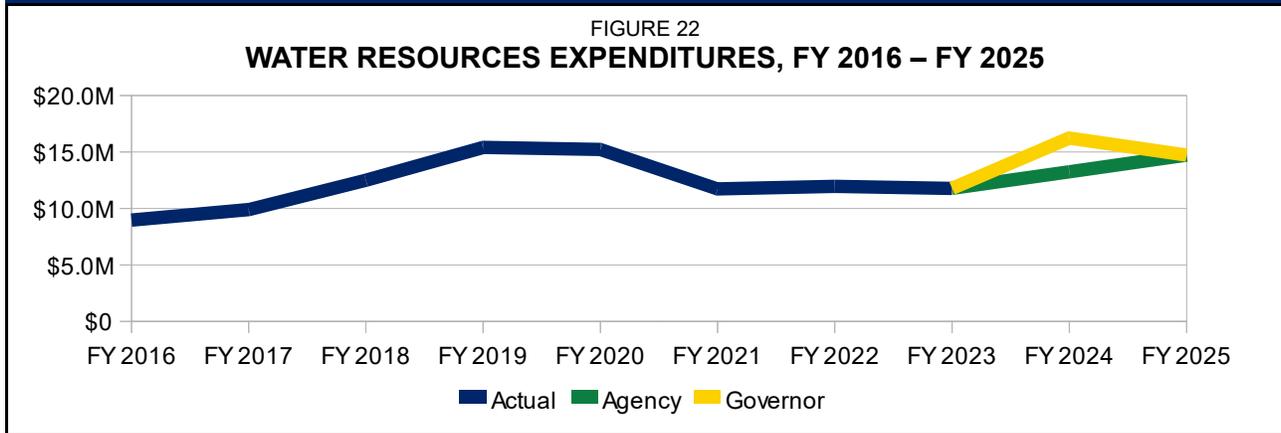
The **agency** requests FY 2025 Conservation program expenditures of \$23.5 million, including \$624,345 SGF. This is an all funds increase of \$3.6 million, or 18.2 percent, and an SGF increase of \$3,486, or 0.6 percent, above the FY 2024 revised estimate.

The all funds increase is primarily attributable to increasing estimates for other assistance and aid to local units in FY 2025. These increases in aid to locals and other assistance expenditures

are related to agricultural conservation program payments from the SWPF and are primarily related to dam construction, rehabilitation, and irrigation technology, as well as conservation district aid.

The **Governor** recommends \$23.5 million, including \$624,345 SGF, for the Conservation program for FY 2025. The recommendation concurs with the agency's request.

WATER RESOURCES



STATUTORY BASIS: • KSA 47-104 through 47-2306

- PROGRAM GOALS:**
- Process applications to appropriate water and changes to existing water rights in Kansas.
 - Ensure water rights and the resources are protected.
 - Conduct field work, public outreach, and transparent rule development.
 - Protect Kansas water supplies through administering the Kansas-Colorado Arkansas River Compact.
 - Protect Kansas water supplies through administering the Kansas-Colorado-Nebraska Republican River Compact.
 - Continue to encourage the development and use of sound science to inform water management decisions.
 - Regulate dams, stream modifications, levees, and flood plain fills for the protection of life, property, and public safety.
 - Ensure effective community engagement and risk communication.
 - Increase public awareness of flood plain management, stream obstructions, and channel changes.

The Water Resources program includes Water Management Services, Water Appropriations, and Water Structures. The Water Management Services program is responsible for administrative, fiscal, legal, and legislative functions, in addition to supervising water conservation issues, data entry for the Water Rights Information System, management of the Geographic Information System, hydrologic studies, coordination with other

water-related agencies, and facilitating the stakeholder process in the state. The Water Appropriations program administers the Kansas Water Appropriations Act and rules and regulations pertaining to the management of water resources. The Water Structures program regulates human activities that affect the flow of rivers and streams to ensure such activities are properly planned, constructed, operated, and maintained.

FIGURE 23
WATER RESOURCES FINANCING, FY 2023 – FY 2025

| Fund | Actual FY 2023 | Agency FY 2024 | Governor FY 2024 | Agency FY 2025 | Governor FY 2025 |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| SGF | \$ 4,632,553 | \$ 6,228,901 | \$ 6,228,901 | \$ 6,325,462 | \$ 6,325,462 |
| Federal Funds | 5,025,096 | 4,038,781 | 4,038,781 | 6,029,819 | 6,029,819 |
| All Other Funds | 2,113,403 | 2,966,184 | 5,966,184 | 2,359,086 | 2,359,086 |
| TOTAL | \$ 11,771,052 | \$ 13,233,866 | \$ 16,233,866 | \$ 14,714,367 | \$ 14,714,367 |
| Percent Change: | | | | | |
| SGF | 20.6 % | 34.5 % | -- % | 1.6 % | -- % |
| All Funds | (1.5) % | 12.4 % | 22.7 % | 11.2 % | -- % |
| FTE Positions | 81.3 | 84.1 | 84.1 | 84.1 | 84.1 |

BUDGET ANALYSIS

The **agency** requests FY 2025 Water Resources expenditures of \$14.7 million, including \$6.3 million SGF. This is an all funds increase of \$1.5 million, or 11.2 percent, including an SGF increase of \$96,561, or 1.6 percent, above the FY 2024 revised estimate.

The all funds increase is due to the agency increasing estimates for expenditures relating to

architects and engineers in FY 2025. The increased expenditures are financed with federal funding sources.

The **Governor** recommends \$14.7 million, including \$6.3 million SGF, for the Water Resources program for FY 2025. The recommendation concurs with the agency's request.