



Wyoming Game and Fish Commission  
FY 2026 Budget  
Joint Appropriations Committee  
2026 Legislative Budget Hearing



# FY26 OPERATING FUND BALANCE PROJECTIONS

Projected Revenue - FY26	\$106,759,820
FY26 Estimated Standard Budget & Expenditures	
Budget	<u>\$100,117,860</u>
Estimated expenditures @ 98% of budget	\$ 98,115,503
Estimated One-time Project Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,221,625</u>
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$ 100,337,128
WGFC Operating Fund Projections	
Fund Balance July 1, 2025	\$ 87,586,366
Less: Reserve	<u>\$ 49,502,794</u>
Funds Available for Distribution	\$ 38,083,572
FY26 Estimated Revenue over Expenditures	\$ 6,422,692
Less: Prior committed funds	\$ 16,399,980
Less: Anticipated one-time projects	<u>\$ 16,740,000</u>
Estimated Funds Available for Distribution	\$ 11,366,284



# FY26 Commission Budget - \$100,117,860

## Mandatory Expenses

Payroll	\$ 50,731,217	50.7%
Legislated Expenses		
• Damage Claims	\$ 2,000,000	2.0%
• State Cost Allocation	\$ 2,200,000	2.2%
• Salecs	\$ 264,000	0.3%
• Landowner Coupon	\$ 300,000	0.3%
• Game Warden Retirement	\$ 12,792	0.0%
Utilities	\$ 3,134,951	3.1%
Taxes	\$ 1,148,947	1.1%
Insurance	\$ 156,518	0.2%
<b>Total Mandatory Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 59,948,425</b>	<b>59.9%</b>

## Total Other Expenses

**\$ 40,169,435 40.1%**

### Includes:

- Wildlife and Habitat surveys & enhancement
- Maintenance & acquisition of facilities, vehicles, equip.
- AWEC employees
- Access Yes
- Travel
- Communication & Education programs
- Payable grants/Research
- Wildlife rearing and stocking



# FY26 COMMISSION STANDARD BUDGET OVERVIEW

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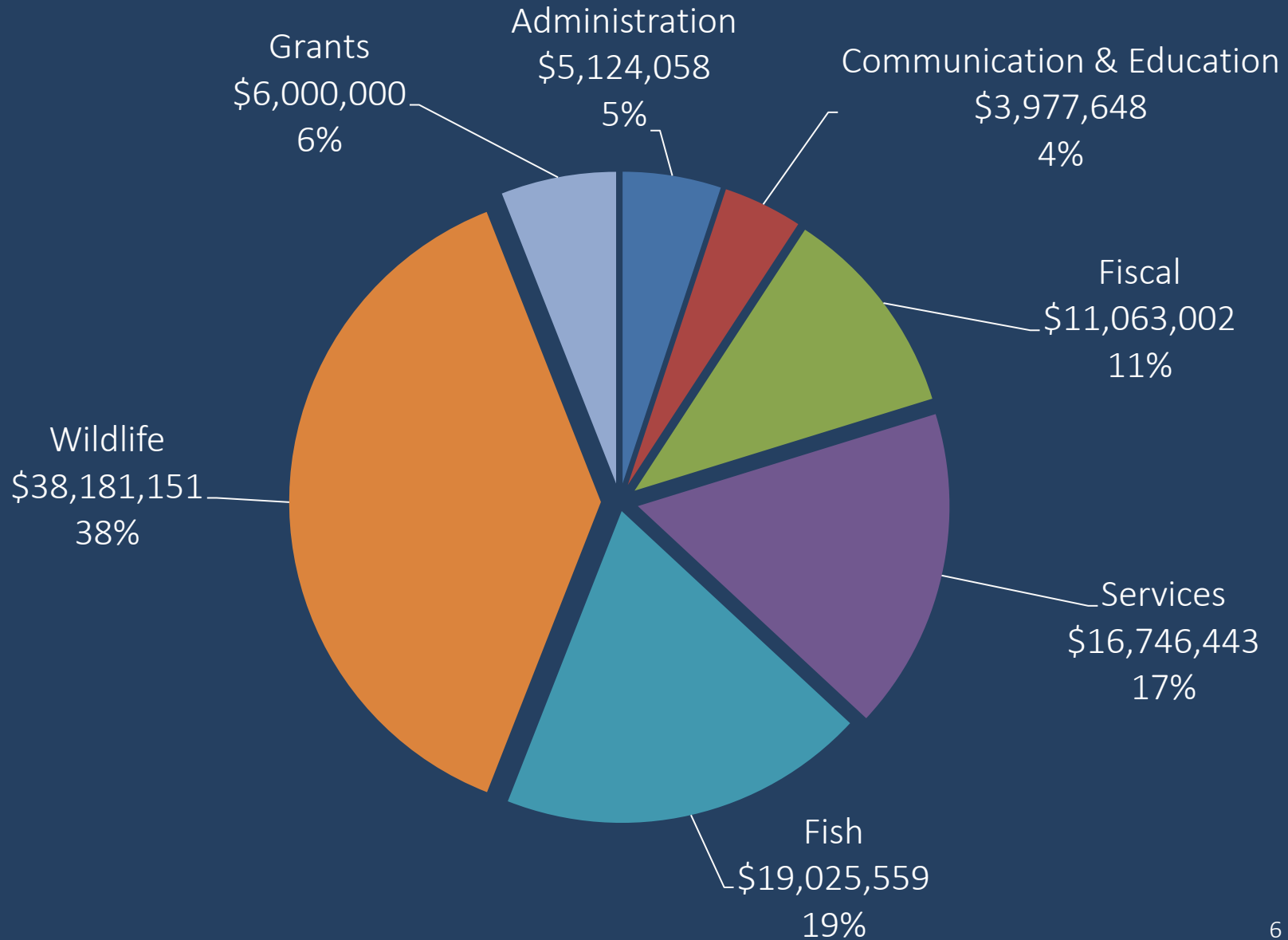
<b>FY26 Standard Budget Requested</b>	<b>\$100,117,860</b>
<b>FY25 Standard Budget Approved as of 1/31/2025</b>	<b>\$103,797,242</b>
Change in Requested Standard Budget = - 3.5%	(3,679,982)

## Significant Changes from FY25 to FY26

+ Inflation - Property Taxes	42,000
+ Statewide Cost Allocation	1,050,000
+ Salaries – State pay increase	1,100,000
- Feedgrounds & Feed	(557,000)
- Vehicles purchases	(2,151,000)
- Cap Con and Def. Maintenance Projects	(1,306,000)
- Payable Grants	(961,000)
- Landowner Coupons	(100,000)
- Contractual Services	(365,000)



# FY26 COMMISSION BUDGET - \$100,117,860






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## DISTRIBUTION BY DIVISION

	Wildlife	Fish	Services	Fiscal	Comms & Education	Admin	Total
M&O Budget	35,762,870	17,822,427	16,573,443	11,063,002	3,896,048	5,124,058	90,241,847
Access Fund	1,700,000						1,700,000
Trust Fund	205,000	744,500	173,000		81,600		1,204,100
State Wildlife Grants	513,281	458,632					971,913
Reimbursable Grants							6,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,181,151</b>	<b>19,025,559</b>	<b>16,746,443</b>	<b>11,063,002</b>	<b>3,977,648</b>	<b>5,124,058</b>	<b>100,117,860</b>



# ADMINISTRATION - \$5,124,058

Budget	Budget Name	Requested FY 2026 Budget	Approved FY 2025 Budget	Budget \$\$ change	overall % change
0A10	Director Office Admin	<b>1,254,695</b>	1,250,660	4,035	0.3%
0A12	Director Office-Contingency	<b>200,000</b>	250,000	-50,000	-20.0%
0A20	WGFC Vehicle Fleet 	<b>2,154,441</b>	4,305,467	-2,151,026	-50.0%
0A30	Commission	<b>79,714</b>	79,714	0	0%
0P10	Personnel	<b>253,000</b>	272,720	-19,720	-7.2%
0U10	Cooperative Research	<b>440,000</b>	440,000	0	0.0%
0W10	Statewide Habitat Protection	<b>742,208</b>	707,628	34,580	4.9%
	<b>Administration Total</b>	<b>5,124,058</b>	<b>7,306,189</b>	<b>-2,182,131</b>	<b>-29.9%</b>



# COMMUNICATION / EDUCATION - \$3,896,048

Budget	Budget Name	Requested FY 2026 Budget	Approved FY 2025 Budget	Budget \$\$ change	overall % change
1E40	Conservation Education	<b>1,272,638</b>	1,425,856	-153,218	-10.7%
1J40	Publications	<b>649,445</b>	654,462	-5,017	-0.8%
1J50	Media/Customer Outreach	<b>868,690</b>	863,171	5,519	0.6%
1J60	Information & Education	<b>1,105,275</b>	1,209,195	-103,920	-8.6%
	<b>Administration/Education Total</b>	<b>3,896,048</b>	<b>4,152,684</b>	<b>-256,636</b>	<b>-6.2%</b>



# FISCAL DIVISION - \$11,063,002

Budget	Budget Name	Requested FY 2026 Budget	Approved FY 2025 Budget	Budget \$\$ change	overall % change
2A10	Fiscal Administration	<b>675,150</b>	585,953	89,197	15.2%
2F12	Licensing	<b>1,320,796</b>	1,348,933	-28,137	-2.1%
2F31	General Accounting	<b>1,963,232</b>	1,961,866	1,366	0.1%
2J50	Mailroom	<b>370,751</b>	503,424	-132,673	-26.4%
2V10	Customer Service	<b>226,277</b>	260,438	-34,161	-13.1%
2Z1X	Regional Office Management	<b>1,730,004</b>	1,758,432	-28,428	-1.6%
2X10	Legislated Expenses	<b>4,776,792</b>	3,782,792	994,000	26.3%
	<b>Fiscal Division Total</b>	<b>11,063,002</b>	<b>10,201,837</b>	<b>861,165</b>	<b>8.4%</b>



# SERVICES DIVISION - \$16,573,443

Budget	Budget Name	Requested FY 2026 Budget	Approved FY 2025 Budget	Budget \$\$ change	overall % change
4A11	Services Administration	<b>495,249</b>	543,920	-48,671	-8.9%
4D10	Feedground Maintenance	<b>108,687</b>	109,704	-1,016	-0.9%
4D19	Feedground Def'd Maint & Cap Con	<b>0</b>	206,000	-206,000	-100.0%
4H10	Habitat Access/Maintenance	<b>5,732,331</b>	5,777,282	-44,952	-0.8%
4H19	Habitat Def'd Maint & Cap Con	<b>65,000</b>	150,000	-85,000	-56.7%
4K10	Conservation Engineering	<b>828,251</b>	860,684	-32,432	-3.8%
4L20	Game and Fish Lab	<b>1,037,592</b>	1,003,356	34,236	3.4%
4R01	Property Rights-Administration	<b>892,764</b>	858,791	33,973	4.0%
4R1A	Property Rights-Acquisition	<b>20,000</b>	20,000	0	0.0%
4Y10	Information Technology	<b>3,913,460</b>	3,683,215	230,245	6.3%
4Y11	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	<b>815,044</b>	794,958	20,086	2.5%
4ZXX	Support Facilities	<b>2,665,065</b>	2,901,824	-236,759	-8.2%
	<b>Services Division Total</b>	<b>16,573,443</b>	<b>16,909,733</b>	<b>-336,291</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>



# FISH DIVISION - \$17,822,427

Budget	Budget Name	Requested FY 2026 Budget	Approved FY 2025 Budget	Budget \$\$ change	overall % change
5A10	Fish Administration	522,760	625,275	-102,515	-16.4%
5C10	Hatchery & Rearing Stations	6,015,844	5,805,451	210,393	3.6%
5C19	Fish Culture Def'd Maint & Cap Con	554,000	1,054,045	-500,045	-47.4%
5C20	Fish Spawning	194,226	206,059	-11,832	-5.7%
5C30	Fish Distribution	192,003	191,917	86	0%
5H10	Regional Aquatic Habitat	1,250,606	1,228,129	22,477	1.8%
5H20	Water Management	301,110	307,124	-6,015	-2.0%
5H30	Fish Passage	492,446	484,351	8,095	1.7%
5H40	Habitat Coordinator (WLCI)	137,974	133,259	4,715	3.5%
5Q10	Regional Aquatic Management	4,193,601	4,150,771	42,830	1.0%
5Q1B	Aquatic Invasive Species	1,763,725	2,093,680	-329,955	-15.8%
5Q30	Statewide Aquatic Management	777,585	887,058	-109,473	-12.3%
5Q40	Boating Access	1,426,547	1,328,742	97,805	7.4%
	<b>Fish Division Total</b>	<b>17,822,427</b>	<b>18,495,861</b>	<b>-673,435</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>



# WILDLIFE DIVISION - \$37,462,870

Budget	Budget Name	Requested FY 2026 Budget	Approved FY 2025 Budget	Budget \$\$ change	overall % change
6A10	Wildlife Administration	<b>1,247,568</b>	2,184,632	-937,064	-42.9%
6B1X	Bird Farms (Rollup)	<b>802,778</b>	822,648	-19,870	-2.4%
6B19	Bird Farm Def'd Maint & Cap Con	<b>1,397,100</b>	2,037,500	-640,400	-31.4%
6D10	Feedgrounds	<b>2,735,408</b>	2,947,072	-211,664	-7.2%
6H30	Terrestrial Regional Habitat	<b>1,382,643</b>	1,351,193	31,450	2.3%
6L19	Vet Services Def'd Maint & Cap Con	<b>30,000</b>	20,000	10,000	50.0%
6L1B	Veterinary Services Program	<b>1,838,339</b>	1,753,624	84,715	4.8%
6N1X	Special Enforcement (Rollup)	<b>1,608,331</b>	1,989,955	-381,624	-19.2%
6O1B	Terrestrial Sensitive Species	<b>986,098</b>	1,042,147	-56,049	-5.4%
6R30	Property Rights-Regional PLPW	<b>859,363</b>	990,823	-131,460	-13.3%



# WILDLIFE DIVISION CONT. - \$37,462,870

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4R2X	Property Rights-PLPW Access (F06)	<b>1,700,000</b>	1,700,000	0	0.0%
6T1X	Wildlife Biologists	<b>5,617,073</b>	5,514,808	102,265	1.9%
6T2X	Wildlife Supervisors/Wardens	<b>11,992,521</b>	11,353,889	638,632	5.6%
6T40	Law Enforce Recruit, Retain & Train	<b>1,074,808</b>	1,132,439	-57,631	-5.1%
6T4B	Sage Grouse Planning & Protection	<b>481,808</b>	734,666	-252,858	-34.4%
6T50	State Wildlife & Habitat Management	<b>1,361,104</b>	1,071,543	289,561	27.0%
6T71	Trophy Game and Conflict Resolution	<b>1,958,758</b>	1,905,463	53,295	2.8%
6T80	Waterfowl	<b>189,171</b>	208,226	-19,055	-9.2%
6T90	Predator Management	<b>200,000</b>	200,000	0	0.0%
	<b>Wildlife Division Total</b>	<b>37,462,870</b>	<b>38,960,628</b>	<b>-1,497,758</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>



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# FY26 COMMISSION ONE-TIME PROJECTS

## PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY COMMISSION

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<b>Total FY 2026 Previously Approved One-Time Project Request</b>	<b>2,221,625</b>
<b>Total FY 2025 One-Time Project Budget</b>	<b>4,005,784</b>
<b>Change in One-Time Budget – 44.5%</b>	<b>(1,784,159)</b>

### FY26 One-time Projects

WY Mule Deer Herds Five Year Study - year 4 of 5	1,571,625
Invasive Grasses - year 4	250,000
Bear River Divide long term easement – year 4 of 5	400,000
<b>Total FY26 One-Time Project Budget</b>	<b>2,221,625</b>