



Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Webster Hall (212 Knott)**

Meeting Packet

Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

Start Date and Time: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 11:00 am
End Date and Time: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 12:30 pm
Location: Webster Hall (212 Knott)
Duration: 1.50 hrs

Presentations by agencies on FY 2024-25 Legislative Budget Requests:

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Department of Citrus

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**Department of Agriculture
& Consumer Services**

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 2024 - 2025 Legislative and Budget Priorities

WILTON SIMPSON, COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE



SUPPORTING PRODUCERS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE IDALIA

- Funding to support timber landowners with grants for the initial cost of site preparation, seedlings, and the planting of seedlings.
- Funding to support cost-share assistance for producers repairing or replacing damaged irrigation systems, while simultaneously promoting agricultural water and nutrient efficiency.



PRESERVING WORKING AGRICULTURAL LANDS

\$300 million in funding for the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program, which partners with willing farmers to preserve from development working agricultural lands and their immense economic and environmental benefits.



SUPPORTING FIRST RESPONDERS

- Funding to increase critical law enforcement capabilities and acquire needed equipment for the Office of Agricultural Law enforcement.
- Funding to replace aging wildfire suppression equipment to support Florida Forest Services' wildland firefighters in their mission to protect communities and resources from wildfire.



SUPPORTING FLORIDA'S FUTURE FARMERS

Providing Florida school districts the ability to approve 4-H and FFA related activities as excused absences.



DEFENDING SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

- Removing prohibition on exercising Second Amendment rights while performing certain regulated services.
- Making it more convenient for Floridians to renew and replace their concealed weapon licenses if they choose to receive one.



PROTECTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

- Funding to continue efforts to mitigate damages from pests, diseases, and natural disasters.
- Protecting Florida's food and fiber production by providing criminal penalties for trespassing on commercial agricultural property with the intent to commit a crime.
- Combatting saw palmetto berry theft by prohibiting the harvest, transport, processing or purchase of saw palmetto berries without a valid permit and permission from landowners.



SUPPORTING FLORIDA CONSUMERS

Providing increased transparency into Florida's charitable organizations, safeguarding consumers' household goods while being transported by interstate movers, requiring pest control companies to provide customers with documentation for all wood-destroying organism inspection/treatments.



MODERNIZING DEPARTMENT'S PROCESSES, PROCEDURES

- Funding to continue design and construction of new facility at FDACS Conner Complex to consolidate owned and leased space in Tallahassee.
- Streamlining and modernizing the department's customer service, operations, procedures, practices, and processes to better serve customers, businesses, and stakeholders.



**Department of
Environmental Protection**

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PROTECTING FLORIDA TOGETHER

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST



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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25



\$1.2 billion



**EVERGLADES
RESTORATION &
PROTECTION OF
WATER RESOURCES**

\$206 million



**RESILIENCE &
COASTAL
PROTECTION**

\$175 million



**PRIZED
PROPERTIES**






\$211 million



**CLEANUP
PROGRAMS**

EVERGLADES & WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION **\$1.2 BILLION**



	\$740.5 million EVERGLADES RESTORATION
	\$305 million TARGETED WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS
	\$50 million SPRINGS RESTORATION
	\$80 million ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY
	\$50.8 million COMBAT HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS & RED TIDE

RESILIENCE & COASTAL PROTECTION

\$206 MILLION



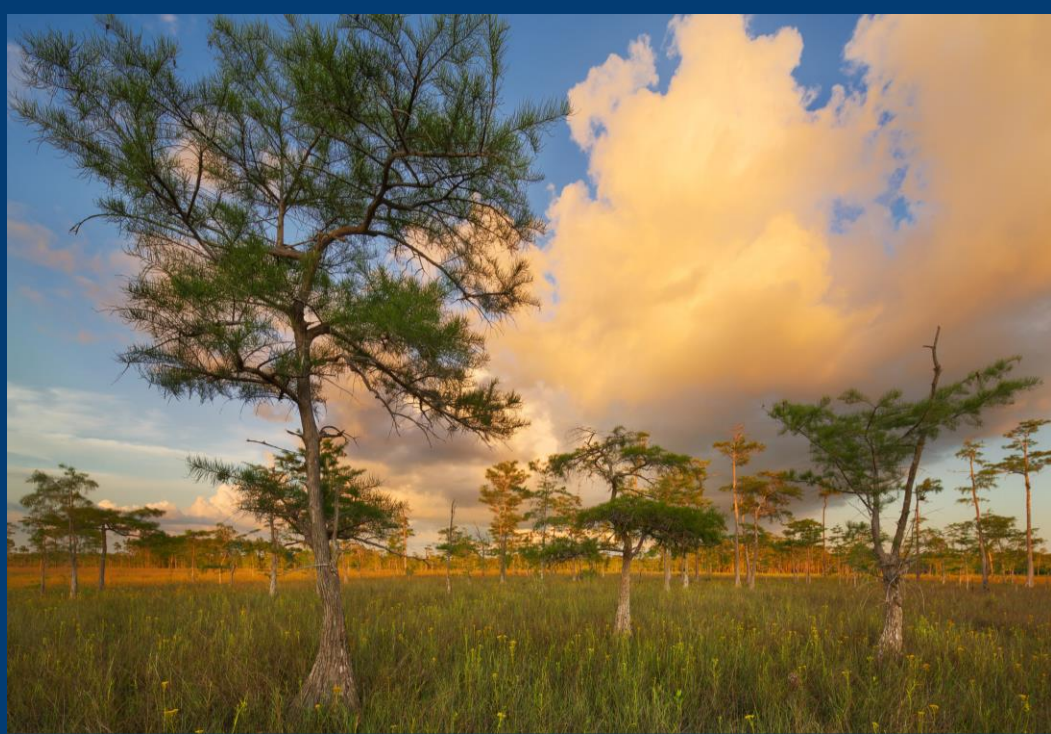
Resilience
\$156 million



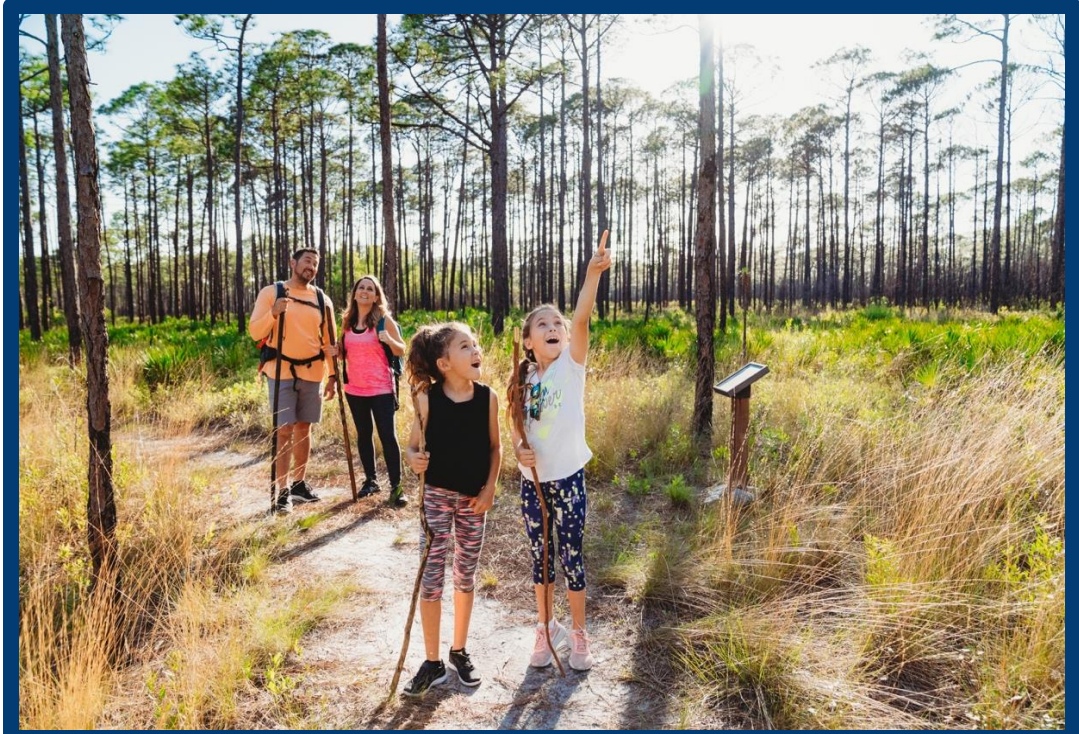
Beach Nourishment
\$50 million

PRIZED PROPERTIES

\$175 MILLION



Florida Forever
\$125 million



Florida State Parks
\$50 million

CLEAN-UP PROGRAMS

\$211 MILLION



\$200 MILLION

**Petroleum
Restoration**



\$7 MILLION

**Dry Cleaning
Site Clean-up**



\$4 MILLION

**Hazardous Waste
Site Clean-up**



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**Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission**

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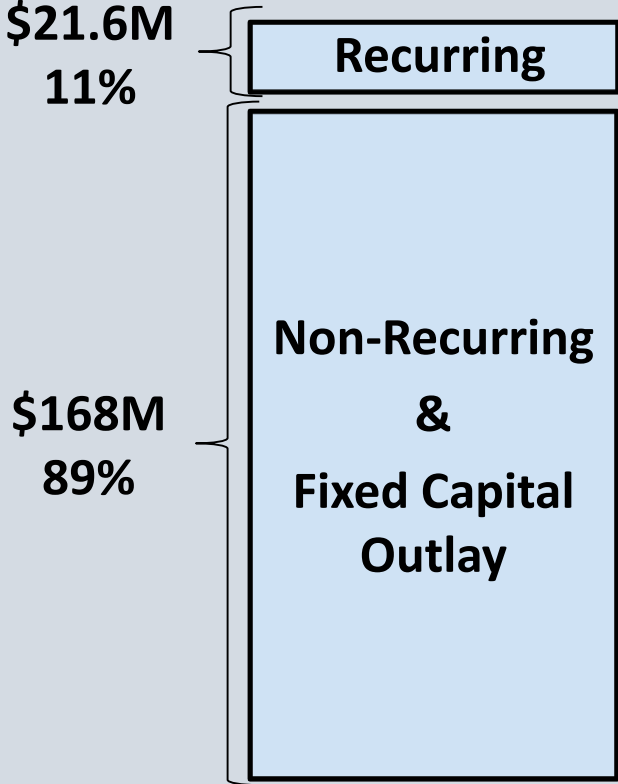
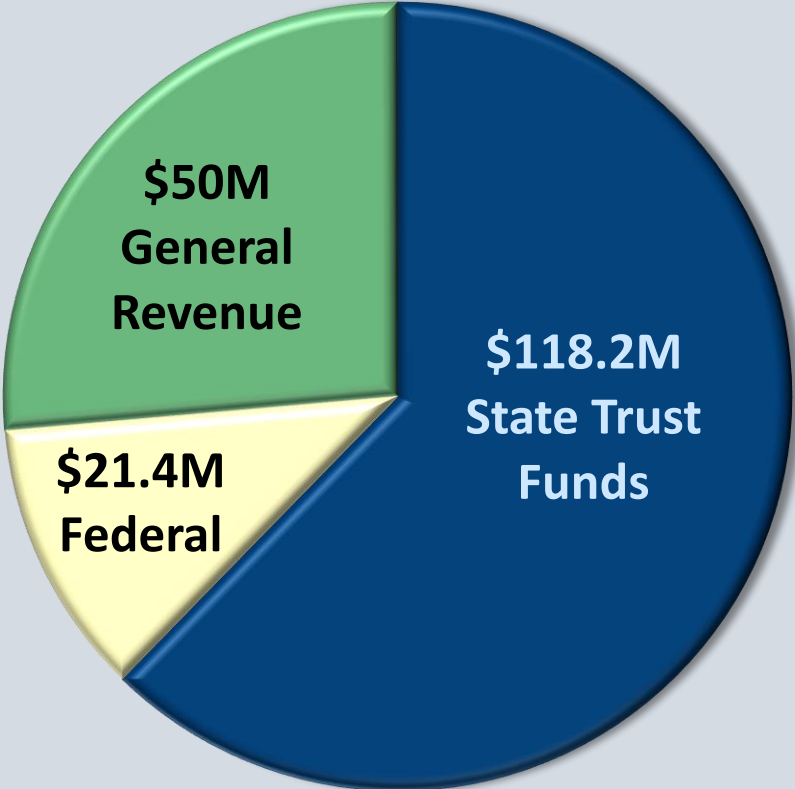
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Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Legislative Budget Request

Total: \$189.6 Million

54 FTE Positions



Legislative Budget Request Themes



**Go
Outdoors,
Florida**



**Florida
Wildlife
Corridor**



Resilience



**Public Safety
and
Resource
Protection**



**Operational
Support**



Go Outdoors, Florida

- Getting Kids Outdoors - 3 FTE; \$743,000 TF
- Fishing Pier Replacement for Safe and Sustainable Fishing Access - \$3M TF
- Wildlife Restoration Hunter Safety Program Projects - \$11.1M TF
- Enhanced Public Access, Facility Improvements, and ADA Compliance - \$4M TF
- Florida Boating Improvement Program - \$3M TF



Florida Wildlife Corridor

- Management on WMA Additions - 4 FTE; \$8.4M TF
- New and Replacement Heavy-Duty Equipment - \$4.4M TF
- Land Acquisition - \$733,000 TF
- Wildlife Restoration Grant Projects - \$3.3M TF



Resilience

- Statewide Oyster and Habitat Resiliency Enhancement - 5 FTE; \$1.3M GR
- Coral Reef Restoration and Recovery - 7 FTE; \$1.3M TF
- Habitat Restoration - 1 FTE; \$26.2M TF
- Regional Management for Resilient Saltwater Fisheries - 3 FTE; \$364,000 TF
- Artificial Reef Construction and Monitoring Program - \$600,000 TF



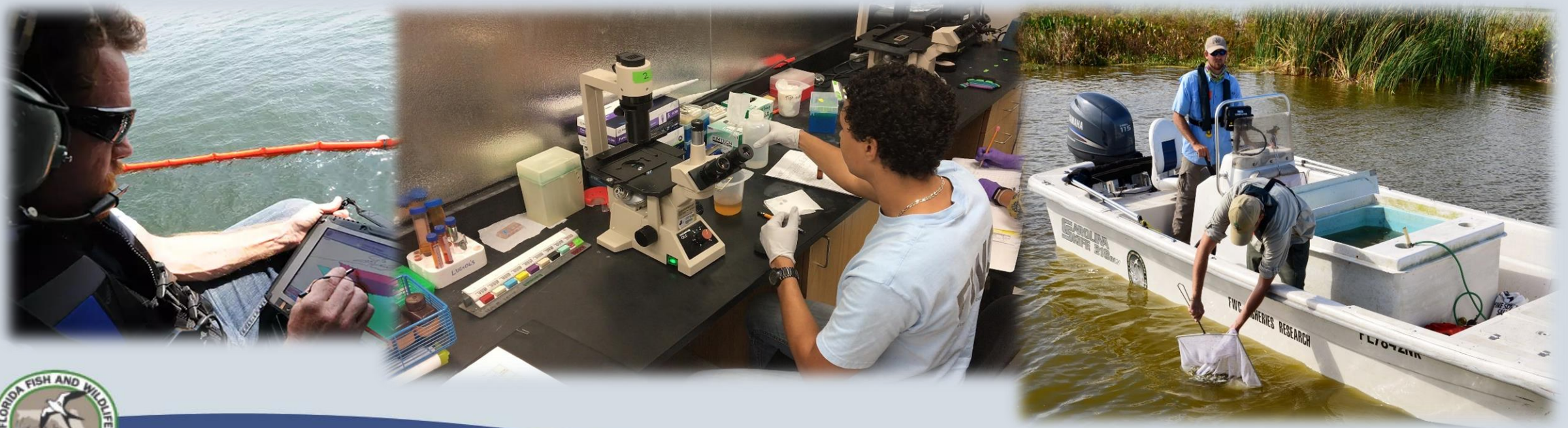
Public Safety and Resource Protection

- Enhanced Patrol and Support - 12 FTE; \$5.7M GR/TF
- Retention of Officers and Dispatchers in Critical Markets - \$1.9M GR
- Derelict Vessel Removal Program - \$7.6M GR/TF
- Wildlife Disease and Mortality Response - 4 FTE; \$2.4M GR/TF
- Acquisition/Replacement of Law Enforcement Equipment - \$24.8M GR/TF
- Enhanced Harmful Algal Bloom Response – 4 FTE; \$519,000 GR

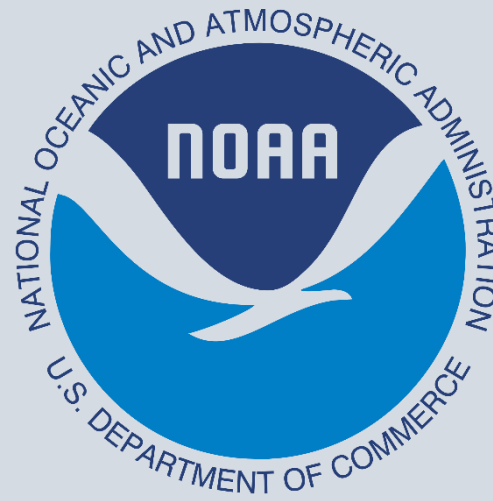


Operational Support

- Additional Administrative Services and Support Personnel - 9 FTE; \$789,000 TF
- Information Technology Enhancement Projects - \$1.5M GR/TF
- Acquisition and Replacement of Non-Sworn Equipment - \$4.6M TF
- Research Facility Repairs and Lab Safety Upgrades - \$4.2M GR



Optimization of Grant Funding



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Florida Department of Citrus

*FY2024-25 Legislative
Budget Request
Presentation*

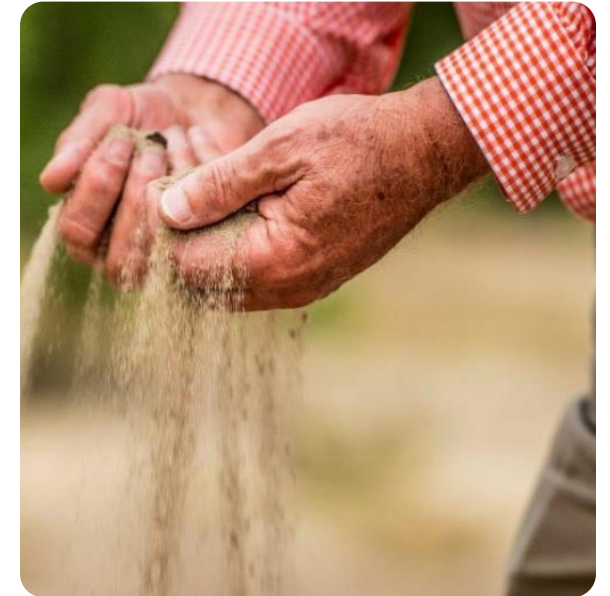
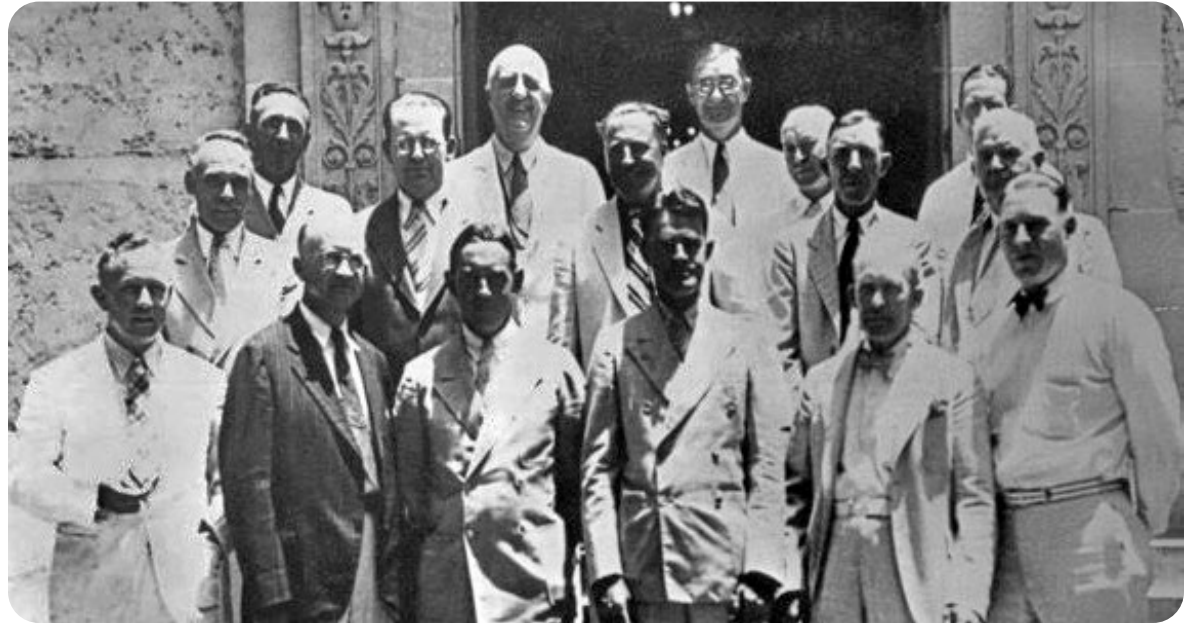
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The Florida Department of Citrus (FDOC)

- Established by Legislature in 1935 at request of Industry to:
 - Protect health and welfare of citrus industry
 - Protect and enhance the quality and reputation of Florida citrus fruit and Florida citrus products
- 11-member Florida Citrus Commission appointed by Governor
- Chapter 601 “Florida Citrus Code” ratified in 1949
- Funded by growers through an assessment on each box of fruit that enters the primary channels of trade in the state



FDOC Mission Statement

Maximize consumer demand for Florida citrus products to ensure the sustainability and economic well-being of the Florida citrus grower, the citrus industry and the State of Florida.

*Established September 2012,
Florida Citrus Commission*



FDOC – What We Do

- **Marketing & Public Relations**
 - Promote Florida citrus through marketing and public relations campaigns both Domestic and International
- **Research**
 - Scientific research with emphasis on health and wellness benefits, and HLB resistant trees
 - Economic and Market Research related to production trends and outlook as well as consumer behavior
- **Executive Direction**
 - Administrative duties of the department, as well as serving as liaison to Commission, Governor's Office, the Legislature and Congress



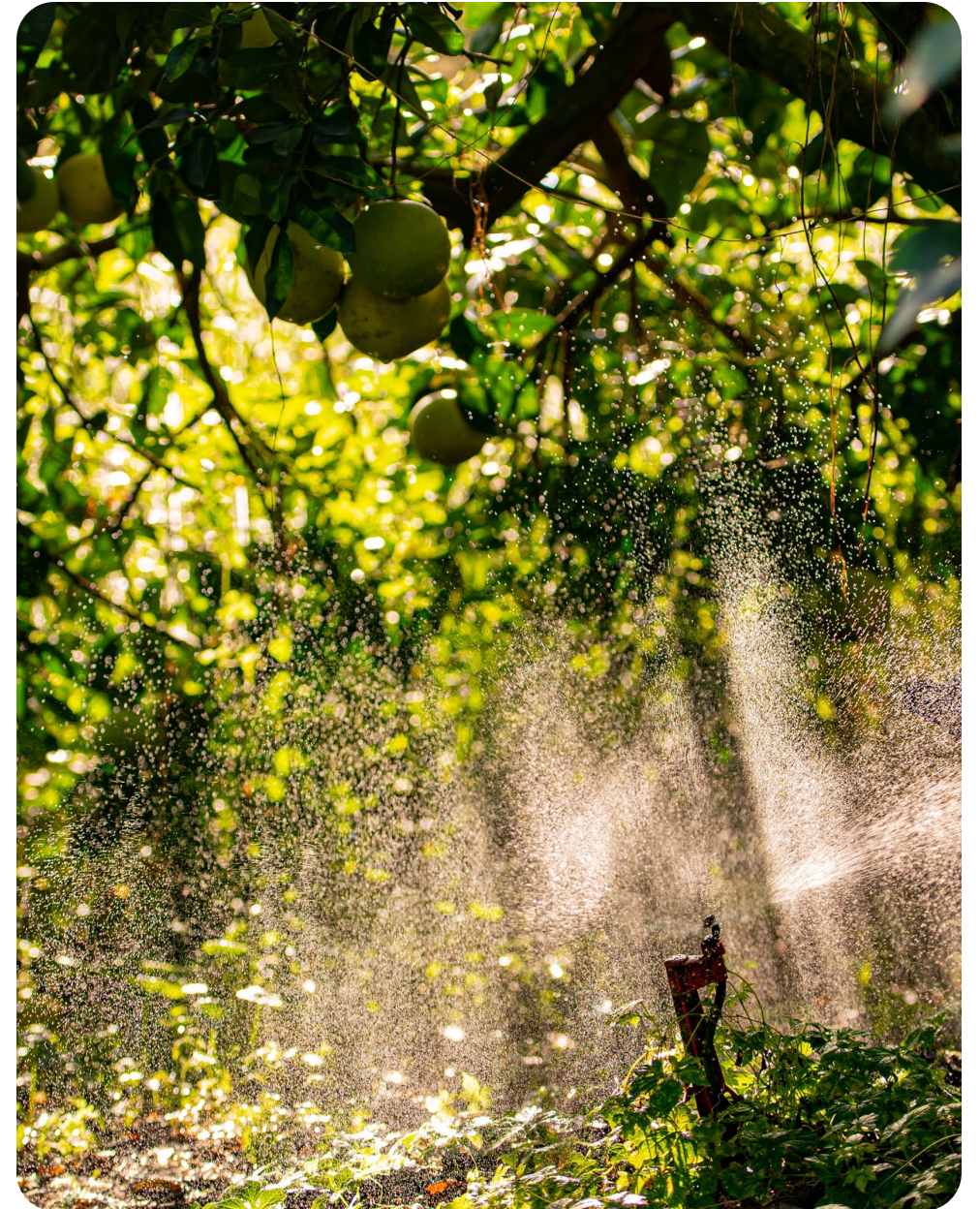
FY2023-24 vs. FY2024-25 Legislative Budget Request

(in thousands)

	Actual Appropriations		Legislative Budget Request	
	FY2023-24	FTE	FY2024-25	FTE
Citrus Advertising Trust Fund:				
Research	\$ 3,456	6	\$ 3,518	7
Executive Direction	3,446	15	3,446	15
Agricultural Products Marketing	14,732	7	14,670	6
Total CATF	21,634	28	21,634	28
General Revenue:				
New Varieties Development	1,650		650	
Agricultural Products Marketing	10,000		10,000	
Citrus Recovery Program	2,000		-	
Total Gen Rev	13,650		10,650	
Total Request	\$ 35,284		\$ 32,284	

FDOC Budget Issues

- Position Transfer from Marketing to Research – approved budget amendment in FY2023-24
- Nonrecurring Marketing, \$5.0 million – continuation and expansion of eCommerce and digital marketing programs

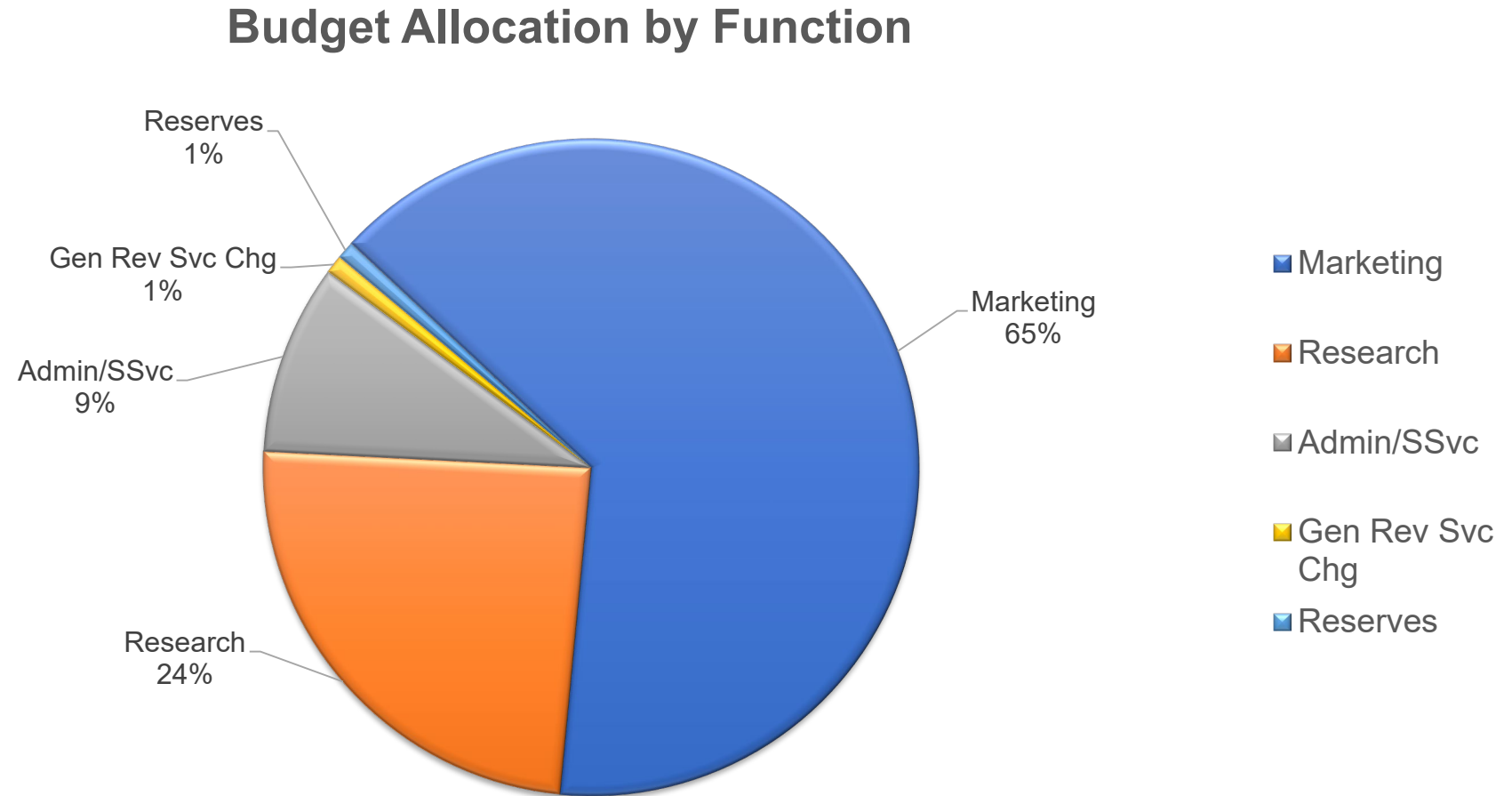


FY2023-24 Preliminary Operating Budget

(in thousands)

		Actual Expenditures 2022-23	Preliminary 2023-24
Revenue	-Assessments	\$ 5,445	\$ 5,119
	-FAS Program	3,719	3,799
	-General Revenue	18,785	13,650
	-Interest & Other	152	100
Total Revenue		<u>\$ 28,101</u>	<u>\$ 22,668</u>
Expenditures	-Domestic Marketing	\$ 17,577	\$ 10,618
	-International Marketing	4,147	4,149
	-Scientific Research	2,446	4,527
	-Econ/Market Research	950	1,024
	-Admin & GRSC	2,179	2,350
Total Expenditures		<u>\$ 27,299</u>	<u>\$ 22,668</u>

Operating Budget-Allocation by Function



The Path Forward

- Positive remedies against greening
- Expanding tree propagation program
- Demand exceeds supply and consumers seek nutritious and healthy options
- Resilient growers and industry support



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Thank You!

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