

FY 2009 FINAL RESCISSION PLAN

Sec. 2.001. Secretary of administration - secretary's office

This reduction will have no negative impact upon the Secretary's office or the services it provides to the public. \$16,114 of the savings will be achieved through the reduced payroll costs of the incoming Secretary.

The reduction in the FY09 competitive grants program for Regional Marketing Programs will result in smaller or fewer grants awarded.

Sec. 2.002. Information and innovation - communications and information technology

A \$5,710 reduction will come from general operating funds, most likely reducing training and/or travel, and as such it is not expected to have any unduly disproportionate effect on any single function, program, service, or benefit.

Sec. 2.003 Information and innovation - Vermont information

Grants are reduced by 4.96% for the GF funding, including GF imbedded in Global Commitment. \$14,864 GF plus \$6,845 Global Commitment GF equals \$21,709 total GF reduction. It is likely that VITL will have to request more from the Health IT Fund than originally planned. The Health IT Fund is estimated to have about \$3 million for FY 2009, so this additional amount should have no discernable impact.

Sec. 2.004. Finance and management - budget and management

The reduction in conferences and travel should have no impact at this time given that Finance & Management now has fewer staff holding professional licenses. Extending the computer replacement schedule for a year should not cause undue risk because the department has always followed good life cycle practices.

The plan calls for electronic publishing of department documents. This is less costly to the public and provides more convenient access. There are no disproportionate effects.

Sec. 2.006. Human resources - operations

Extending the computer replacement schedule for a year should not cause undue risk because the department has always followed good life cycle practices. The vacancy savings are the result of staff turnover and savings from 3rd party consulting that the department does not anticipate needing during FY09. The .5FTE reduction in employee hours will be spread throughout three divisions and should have minimal effect on the department's ability to fulfill its mission.

Sec. 2.009. Libraries

Delaying the hiring of an Assistant State Librarian will not impair the department's current operations or services to the public as it is currently operating without one. In FY 2010 the position will be filled and another staff position will be reduced, along with any

necessary operating expenses, to maintain the reduction. Dependent upon which position is eliminated services to the public could be affected.

In FY2009, the Law & Documents division will sustain a disproportional reduction as \$54,825 will be removed from their print subscriptions purchases. This will not impact the department operations but services to public will be reduced as alternative sources must be located for legal materials. The amount of the rescission cannot be increased without incurring the loss of federal funding next fiscal year.

Sec. 2.010. Tax - administration/collection

The elimination of one position along with the reduction of carry forward for technological initiatives may reduce the department's internal productivity but its services to the public should not be negatively impacted. A portion of the reduction is a change in funding sources having no impact on the department or the services it provides.

The GIS mapping program, along with its income stream, will be transferred to the University of Vermont. This will reduce the services the department offers to the public but it will not eliminate the service altogether. The program has been increasingly dependent upon general funds as demand for the services, and hence its income stream, is inconsistent.

Sec. 2.012. Buildings and general services - engineering

Engineering staff will charge the time they spend on capital projects to capital funds up to the rescission amount. This change in funding source ensures no negative or disproportionate impact to the program or public.

Sec. 2.013. Buildings and general services - information centers

Reducing information center hours from 7am – 11pm to 7am – 9pm mitigates the negative effect to the public by ensuring that all services currently being provided continue and unnecessary expenses are avoided during times with little or no visitation.

Information center employees will be disproportionately impacted as several or all will be converted to part-time.

Sec. 2.014. Buildings and general services - purchasing

The required savings will be accomplished through increased vacancy savings. The program will still provide the same services to the public, however, productivity may be reduced as positions are filled in a less timely manner. Acquisition of products and services for departments statewide will not be as timely as when the department is fully staffed.

Sec. 2.015. Buildings and general services - postal services

The rescission amount can be managed without impacting public services. The department will reduce various operating expenses to meet the target. No disproportionate effects exist.

Sec. 2.025. Geographic information system

Grant will be reduced \$21,510. This reduction is 3.3% of the GIS total budget. The effect of this reduction can be absorbed with no program impact for FY 2009, however, the continuation of this reduction into FY 2010 is likely to effect staffing level.

Sec. 2.026. Executive office - governor's office

Personal services will be reduced \$24,962 through additional vacancy savings. Operating expenses will be reduced by \$50,769 for dues.

Sec. 2.027. Executive office - national and community service

Personal services will be reduced by \$2,803. Since the general fund in this appropriation is used as match for the administrative federal grant, this amount will need to be replaced with in-kind donations, or there will be a dollar-for-dollar reduction in federal funds as well.

Sec. 2.028. Legislative council

Reduction will delay hiring a deputy director and impact will be minimized by spreading duties across staff.

Sec. 2.029. Legislature

Reduction will delay operational review planned for FY 2009.

Sec. 2.030. Legislative information technology

Reduction will delay equipment replacement planned for FY 2009.

Sec. 2.031. Joint fiscal committee

Reduction will come from vacancy savings and by reducing contracted services.

Sec. 2.032. Sergeant at arms

Staffing schedule changes will be made to accommodate budget reduction.

Sec. 2.033. Lieutenant governor

Finance and Management recommends a rescission of \$2,000. This will reduce operating expenses and will not have an undue effect on the office.

Sec. 2.034. Auditor of accounts

Personal services: A 6-month delay in filling an open Staff Auditor II position, currently funded at \$51,875 in FY 2009, meets the immediate rescission requirement.

In the event that there are further funding reductions, and/or these reductions continue into FY 2010, outside audit resources will be reduced to meet the new funding levels. This may result in a reduction in the number and scope of special audits and reviews the SAO can perform.

Sec. 2.035. State treasurer

No impact on Treasury function or programs after annual reallocation of the cost of non-general fund work to the retirement systems (state employee, state teacher and municipal). The FY 2009 annual grant to the Armed Services Scholarship Fund (ASSF) through the Treasurer's Office will be adjusted since the cash balance of \$50,000 in the fund is sufficient to meet the greatest demand for scholarships that has been experienced in any previous year.

Sec. 2.039. State labor relations board

This slight reduction in staff hours will have no programmatic impact.

Sec. 2.101. Attorney general

The staff reduction, funding shift and operating expense reductions will have some impact on the Attorney General's Office. Some of the staff responsibilities can be assumed by other staff, however, there may be some impact on prosecutions.

Sec. 2.105. Judiciary

The Judiciary has submitted a 2.6% reduction plan in response to the rescission request. It will hold open most of the positions for which it received additional funding in the FY09 budget and reduce added funding for attorneys for kids, forensic evaluations of family situations, and use of retired judges to FY08 levels. The plan will close District and Family courts to the public ½ day a week resulting in a reduction in security expenditures but will allow court staff uninterrupted work time to mitigate the impact of leaving positions vacant. The plan eliminates the remaining funds for the Sentencing Commission, reduce various operating expenses by 2.6% such as lowering budgets for jurors, mediation, supplies, and travel by 2.6%.

Sec. 2.109. Public safety - administration

There will be no noticeable program impact since duties will be assigned across staff if personal service issues arise.

Sec. 2.111. Public safety - criminal justice services

There will be no noticeable program impact since reduction will be assigned across all operating expenses.

Sec. 2.113. Public safety - fire safety

There will be no noticeable program impact since reduction will be assigned across all operating expenses.

Sec. 2.114. Public safety - homeland security

Program impact will be moderated by assigning duties across staff.

Sec. 2.121. Center for crime victims services

The Center is taking its rescission in operating expenses. This reduction will not impact the Center's programs and services.

Sec. 2.123. Agriculture, food and markets - administration

The impact of eliminating positions will include some reduction in administrative support, although much of the workload will be performed by other staff. The \$6,550 reduction from the \$130,991 budgeted for grants to conservation districts will have minor impact on this program.

Sec. 2.124. Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and

The small reduction in operating expenses should have no impact on services.

Sec. 2.125. Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural

The \$31,127 reduction in overall operating expenses is mostly from reductions in budget for equipment (\$15K) and printing (\$5K) and should not impact programs. The elimination of the small grants added in FY 2009 for the Ag in the Classroom program will have minor impact on the program. Agriculture will still have staff support available for Ag in the Classroom activities.

Sec. 2.126. Agriculture, food and markets - laboratories,

Most of the workload of the position eliminated here will be performed by the remaining staff. The small reduction in Nutrient Management, Basin Planning, Agronomic Practices, Watershed Alliance and Agriculture Resource Specialist Technical Assistance grants will have minor impact on these programs.

Sec. 2.135. Secretary of state

The Secretary of State's Office rescission will be in the Vermont State Archives & Records Administration (VSARA) program. The Public Records portion of this program has just been transferred from BGS and the Secretary of State's Office does not yet know how to most effectively make the rescissions. The Secretary of State expects to reduce staff and might reduce operating expenses to meet the target. There may be funds available from the Public Records Fund to offset the General Fund reductions if needed. It is early in the restructuring process and the amount to be raised from this funding source is not fully known at this time.

Sec. 2.141. Human rights commission

There will be minimal program impact as the reductions will be accomplished by reducing printing and mailing costs and a delay in replacing workplace furniture and equipment.

Sec. 2.201. Agency of human services – secretary's office

Regional Partnerships; \$87,500

The State of Vermont will no longer fund the Regional Partnerships Grants. The Regional Partnerships have convened community groups for planning and coordination and produced reports on selected community outcomes. This work will be assumed by the Agency of Human Services Field Services Directors.

Vermont Legal Aid; \$25,000

The State of Vermont will fund Vermont Legal Aid at the fiscal year 2008 appropriation level. This represents a 2.04% reduction of total state funding to Vermont Legal Aid.

Sec. 2.202. Secretary's office - Global Commitment

Global Commitment; \$3,701,605

Global Commitment funds flow through the Secretary's Office of the Agency of Human Services. The source of fund changes in this appropriation reflects the Global Commitment adjustments in other departments.

Sec. 2.206. Office of Vermont health access - administration

APS contract; \$872,720

APS Healthcare provides contracted services for the Office of Vermont Health Access's Care Coordination/Chronic Care Management Program. The contract will be reduced by \$872,720 which represents 20.57% of the annual costs of the contract. This program involves the integration of state staff and two contractors: (1) the Center for Health Policy and Research (CHPR) at the University of Massachusetts Medical School to provide population selection and program monitoring services, and (2) APS Healthcare Services, Inc., to provide Health Risk Assessments (HRA) and Intervention Services (IVS) to eligible beneficiaries. Services begin at the high end with face to face assessments and direct interactions with primary care providers, and move to a less intense level of services as goals are achieved. To accommodate this reduction, individuals with the highest acuity levels will receive priority for services. Individuals receiving care coordination services will not be affected.

Maximus contract; \$100,000

The Office of Health Access contracts with Maximus to maintain a call center for health insurance program beneficiaries. This contract reduction represents a 3.14% reduction in the contract and it will be taken in the manner least likely to impact beneficiaries. The state will be narrowing the scope of the contract which may result in longer wait times when beneficiaries call Member Services.

MedMetrics Health Partners contract; \$50,000

The Office of Health Access contracts with MedMetrics Health Partners for pharmacy benefit management services. This represents a 1.62% reduction in the contract. The scope of work will be reduced by requiring less work in audit and clinical detailing.

Pacific Health Policy Group; \$100,000

Pacific Health Policy Group advises the Agency of Human Services on a myriad of Medicaid and/or other federally driven policies, regulations, and/or proposals. This contract will be reduced by 22.22%. As a result, more state employees will be conducting Medicaid policy research in house.

Sovereign State Drug Consortium; \$250,000

OVHA developed a multi-state agreement whereby national information is pooled on drug utilization in order to maximize supplemental drug rebates. OVHA will recoup some of the costs of the contract from other states.

Sec. 2.207. Office of Vermont health access – Medicaid program
– Global Commitment

Vermont Hospitals; \$2,000,000

Vermont hospitals will receive a \$14 million inpatient rate increase which represents a 11.65% increase of their 2007 BISCHA reported state revenues.

Home Health Agencies; \$250,000

Vermont's home health agencies will receive a \$750,000 increase, which will be spread across a variety Medicaid reimbursement rates. This represents 9.78% of their total state revenues.

Dartmouth; \$375,000

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center will receive a \$925,000 increase to their reimbursement rates which represents a 5.39% increase of their total revenues received from the State of Vermont.

~~Assistive Community Care Services; \$165,000~~

~~Assistive Community Care Services, (ACCS), which provides services to eligible Vermonters who reside in participating Residential Care Homes or Assisted Living Residences, will receive a \$495,000 rate increase which is a 4.36% increase in their total state funding. Emergency rules will be needed to make this change. Revised 8/27/08~~

Sec. 2.208. Office of Vermont health access – Medicaid program
– long term care waiver

Choices for Care; \$500,000

The Choices for Care program will receive an increase of \$1,500,000 in their total budget funding. This represents a 0.76% increase in total state funding. The program will reduce services for Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL), including housekeeping, food preparation, money management, and shopping by 1 hr/week for all participants (5.5 to 4.5). The Choices for Care program will not reduce services for Activities of Daily Living (ADL) which include assistance with essential services like bathing, toileting, eating, transferring, and dressing.

Sec. OVHA Office of Vermont health access – Miscellaneous

Catamount; \$1,800,000

The Catamount Fund balance for fiscal year 2009 is sufficient to allow for the GF transfer of \$1,800,000 to be foregone in fiscal year 2009.

OVHA General Fund FY08 Carryforward; \$2,029,705

The Office of Health Access did not need the full monetary appropriation they were given in fiscal year 2008. This money is considered carryforward money because it was appropriated in fiscal year 2008, but not used in fiscal year 2008. Therefore, these funds are available for the General Fund in fiscal year 2009.

Sec. 2.211. Health - administration and support

REAL ID; \$20,000

The state is required by federal law (passed in 12/04) to implement an electronic birth and death registrations system with real time verification for DMV and other agencies. The state originally estimated that the electronic registration could be created and implemented for \$350,000. Upon further review, the state decided that it can build the electronic registration for \$20,000 less. There will be no program impact and this will not have any effects on services to the general public.

Cy Pres Funding; \$256,594

This is one-time, new money coming into the state system. There was a court settlement from two pharmaceutical companies. Since the state of Vermont has not received this money in the past, this money is not supporting an existing program. As such, there will be no impacts to existing programs or services. This money will be used according to the stipulations of the legal settlement which include, but are not limited to, assisting low income, disabled, or elderly consumers of prescription medications. Use of these funds will require approval of the Attorney Generals Office.

Blueprint: \$81,243

The Blueprint for Health Program will reduce the funding available to develop health information tools for primary care practices. There will be no program impact in fiscal year 2009. This reduction represents a 1.55% reduction in overall Blueprint funds.

Emergency Medical Services; \$250,000

There will be no reduction of funds to Emergency Medical Services. The state will be paying a portion of EMS funding with Global Commitment funds rather than state general funds. Since this is simply a switch to the funding source, there will be no program impact to this change.

Immunizations; \$750,000

The state of Vermont spends approximately \$15.6 million annually on immunizations needs for Vermonters. Of this \$15.6 million, \$4,000,000 was set aside in the Catamount Fund to address immunization. These funds will not be reduced. Through our Managed Care Investment mechanism, the state will use excess capitated revenue to cover \$750,000 of the immunization funds within the Catamount Fund. There will be no impact to the Immunization program or the Catamount program.

Sec. 2.217. Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs

ADAP COLA; \$115,873

Reduce ADAP provider COLA increase from 2.5% to 1.25%; \$115,873

Grant awards would be reduced proportionately for substance abuse programs with the State. This will reduce services purchased and limit the funds available to support COLA's. Unlike Mental Health and Developmental Services, the Designated Agencies' are not mandated to serve ADAP consumers and not all designated agencies participate in the ADAP network. A small reduction in services statewide is possible.

Substance Abuse Treatment providers; \$100,000

Caseloads for some of the substance abuse treatment providers have decreased. We do not anticipate significant program impacts due to this reduction, as it is based upon documented underutilization in FY08.

Sec. 2.219. Mental health - mental health

Reduce Designated Agency Provider COLA from 2.5% to 1.25% COLA; \$1,150,037
The Designated Agency providers are mandated to serve populations designated in statute as the most vulnerable. This reduction represents half of the appropriated COLA increase (2.5%) for the Designated Agencies. This reduction will be spread proportionally throughout the Designated Agencies. For some agencies COLA's and other increases are unavoidable and will need to be absorbed by the agencies and may result in decreases in services across the state.

Provider Case Load Increase for Children's Mental Health Services; \$600,000
The Children's Mental Health program will be level funded at the fiscal year 2008 allocation. Overall the population of young people in this age group is declining in Vermont. As a result, these services were underutilized in fiscal year 2008 and there were extra resources. Since the entire fiscal year 2008 appropriation was not used in 2008, the program can be funded at same level it was funded in 2008 without any program impact to beneficiaries.

CRT Inpatient; \$200,000

CRT inpatient services were underutilized in fiscal year 2008, partly due to declining claims and bills for CRT inpatient hospital services and as a result, there were extra resources. Since the entire fiscal year 2008 appropriation was not used in 2008, the program can be funded at same level it was funded in 2008 without any program impact to beneficiaries.

Services Partners Pilots; \$350,000

This funding was earmarked for a new, pilot program targeted at individuals who had high mental health, substance abuse or other support needs but did not meet the funding or clinical criteria for other AHS programs. It was not intended to support existing services or programs. As such, this will have no effect on an existing program.

Children's Residential Services and Wrap-Around Services; \$200,000

This program was underutilized last year. The State and Local Interagency Team reviews all proposals for individual children to be placed in residential care. There is considerable episodic demand for these services. During FY 08, the expenditures for residential services decreased, indicating it may be possible to manage demand and minimize any program impacts.

Sec. 2.223. Department for children and families – child development

~~Do not Implement CDD Income Eligibility until 4/1/09; \$426,329~~
~~Delay implementation of using the 2000 Federal poverty and state median income standards as the basis for determining family's eligibility for child care subsidy~~

~~assistance. Switching to the 2000 Federal poverty and state median income standards would have reduced child care co-payments for families thereby increasing the state's funding requirements; maintaining the 1999 base year will maintain child care co-payments at their current levels. Revised 8/27/08~~

Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund; \$850,000

Rather than using General Fund for part of the child development program, the state of Vermont will use \$850,000 of the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund. This is a change in program funding and it will have no program impact on beneficiaries.

Sec. 2.236. Disabilities, aging and independent living – advocacy and independent living

Attendant Services Program; \$100,000

The Attendant Services Program serves people with severe and persistent physical disabilities. There are three sources of funds for these services with different eligibility requirements; General Fund Personal Services, General Fund Participant Directed Attendant Care, and Medicaid Participant Directed Attendant Care. The Division of Disability and Aging Services estimates that approximately 10-12 beneficiaries currently enrolled in the State General Fund program are also eligible for the Medicaid Participant Directed Attendant Care program or the Choices for Care program. If these beneficiaries are assisted with switching programs and enrolling in the Medicaid Participant Directed Attendant Care program or the Choices for Care program, it will save the State general fund dollars and also increase the menu of Attendant services offered to these beneficiaries. Emergency rules will be needed to make this change.

Sec. 2.239. Disabilities, aging and independent living – developmental services

Designated Agency Providers (Developmental Services); 1.25% COLA \$2,037 General Fund and \$1,632,399 Global Commitment funds

This reduction could potentially impact the ability of the providers to provide services as described in the State's System of Care Plan.

Sec. 2.301. Labor - administration

The department will reduce its administrative costs for the Workforce Education and Training program by \$10,000. Public services will not be impacted by an administrative reduction.

Sec. 2.302. Labor - programs

Grants to each of the Workforce Development Councils will be reduced \$700. These grants support part-time staff and as such services may be impacted in the future.

Grants from the Workforce Education and Training program will be reduced \$96,031. It should be noted that this program was drastically expanded with the Next Generation initiative and even after the rescission will be operating with significantly more funding than it was 3 years ago.

Sec. 2.305. Education - finance and administration

The reduction of operating expenses by 5% may diminish productivity and public services. A reduction for consulting contracts will mean that several of the legislative studies mandated by law will need to be undertaken by department staff. This will divert them from their ordinary duties and diminish productivity. Shifting the cost of the VISION charges onto the Medicaid administration special fund means less of that money is available for grants administration or transfer to the education fund. The service will still be provided but possibly in not as timely a manner.

Act 62 allows the Early Education grants to be reduced and as such a portion of the rescission target can be met through these means. This offsets some of the impact to internal operations and public services.

Sec. 2.306. Education - education services

The reduction of operating expenses by 5% may diminish productivity and public services. A reduction for hearing officers will mean home school appeals will be delayed and take more time to achieve resolution.

Act 62 allows the Early Education grants to be reduced and as such a portion of the rescission target can be met through these means. This offsets some of the impact to internal operations and public services.

Sec. 2.321. University of Vermont

The University will implement a rescission across all its administrative departments to recoup the state's elimination of settlement funds. All academic programs will be held harmless. Internal productivity may be marginally impacted but no services to the public should be affected.

Sec. 2.323. Vermont public television

A hiring freeze will be implemented except for the positions of director of engineering and grant writer. Travel expenses will be reduced by 50%. Overtime is to be eliminated to the extent possible. A position may need to be eliminated. These decisions could effect the programming available to the public.

Sec. 2.324. Vermont state colleges

VSC is requiring each of its campuses to reduce operating expenses by \$100,000 to meet the elimination of settlement funds. Staff reductions will be implemented in the future to ensure sustainability. Dependent upon how campuses choose to meet these reductions public services may be affected or future tuition costs increased. \$100,000 of the settlement funds was dedicated to the Endowment Challenge so the colleges would lose the future interest earned on these funds.

Sec. 2.326. Vermont interactive television

The rescission will require all system maintenance to be deferred, the reduction of a position and possibly closing one of the VIT sites.

Sec. 2.327. Vermont student assistance corporation

VSAC will reduce the number of grants it issues to VT students by approximately 300 – 350 if the settlement funds are eliminated.

Sec. 2.401. Agency of natural resources - administration

The personal services reduction relies on one-time savings by delaying a contract and using a fraction of carryforward. The operating expense reduction is a \$22,140 base reduction to postage enabled by a change to internet distribution. Additional GF is saved by a funding switch of IT staff time to a one-time federal program that has potential for extension.

Sec. 2.402. Connecticut river watershed advisory commission

This appropriation was increased in FY 2008 from \$38K to \$60K. The reduction of \$10K leaves \$12K of the FY 2008 increase. The commission can apply for a watershed grant from Fish and Wildlife out of the approximately \$200K that is available.

Sec. 2.404. Natural resources - state land local property tax

This reduction relies on one-time use of carryforward. The carryforward was a contingency against assessment changes and PILOT due on new land acquisitions.

Sec. 2.406. Fish and wildlife - support and field services

The Department will not fill an existing vacant State Game Warden position. A State Game Warden position has been held open for the past five years.

The Department will reduce contracts related to shipping of Department publications (including Department Calendar, and law digests).

The Department will receive a one-time waiver of payment for services for Facilities Engineering costs from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC will use a one-time interdepartmental fund balance).

The plan to continue this level of reduction for FY 2010 is to reduce vehicle purchases by \$100,000.

Operating Expenses will be reduced by a total of \$33,607 in a variety of expense codes, with negligible impact (less than a 1% reduction.).

Reduced Infrastructure Costs: The Department will receive funding from the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation from an existing fund balance to offset a \$10,000 reduction in general fund to complete the Kehoe Education Center. This is a one-time need since project will be completed in FY 2009.

Sec. 2.408. Forests, parks and recreation - administration

Reductions to operating expense accounts (\$4,000) include conferences, out-of-state travel, lodging and info tech purchases. Total budgeted is \$417K; this is a 1% reduction with no program impact.

Use balances in the Vermont Recreation Trail Fund (\$10,000) –administrative funds that were unspent in FY 2007. Some of these funds have historically been used for staff time spent on recreational trails work. The annual budget is \$370K.

Use balances in the Timber Bond Fund Interest (\$15,000) – interest accrued from performance bonds on timber sales over many years.

Sec. 2.409. Forests, parks and recreation - forestry

FPR plans to perform the Vermont Woodlands Association Grant landowner outreach work using in-house personnel, saving \$22,000 GF. These federal funds are available on a one-time basis.

Natural Resources Management Fund (\$43,000) – This fund is the statutorily allocated portion of the gas tax to FPR for land management. This one-time use represents an accumulated balance in the fund.

Albert C Lord Trust Fund (\$19,000) – These funds are the interest earned on a bequest from Albert C Lord. The funds can be used “in forestry extension, by practical demonstrations, lectures, pamphlets, etc. in instruction of farmers and landowners as to the proper care of their woodlots, with special reference to the growth of young trees.” This one-time use of the interest will fully expend the available funds.

Clean & Clear General Fund Carryforward – This is 11% of the Agency total Clean and Clear carryforward.

Sec. 2.410. Forests, parks and recreation - state parks

Parks Equipment and Temporary Staff Reduction (\$62,135) The FY09 budget targeted an \$88,000 reduction in Parks equipment and vehicles. The total budgeted is \$2.9 million; this is a 2% reduction. This rescission will target both temporary staffing and equipment at the discretion of each park’s regional management team. These are expenditure items largely under control of the local management who are best able to responsibly balance the needs in the parks in their areas.

Although a full workforce of temporary seasonal operation, interpretive and maintenance staff is important for the operation of the park system, there can be opportunities to delay hiring some positions if necessary. All front line park staff are seasonal workers. Out of financial necessity, the workforce has been kept to a minimum in size and pay scale. Reductions will result in a decrease of service level in approximate proportion to the total funding (2%).

Reductions to the vehicle budget and equipment purchasing will result in increased maintenance and repair costs as the average age increases.

In addition to the above base reductions, FPR Parks will use the balance in the Parks – Surplus Property Fund (\$14,662) – This balance is the result of the sale of Parks vehicles to surplus property.

Sec. 2.411. Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration

Lands Administration will reduce operating expenses in several accounts to achieve savings of \$4,750. Total budgeted for these accounts is \$42K; this is an 11% reduction.

In addition to this base reduction, this appropriation will use balances in the FPR – Land Acquisition Fund (\$15,225) – These funds are normally used to cover costs related to land transactions.

Lands & Facilities Trust Fund to Cover Survey Section Work (\$34,436) – The Commissioner of FPR is allowed under statute to use the Lands & Facilities Trust fund for “contract survey and mapping”. FPR will use these funds in-house to carry out a backlog of needed land surveys, thereby saving \$34,436 in GF. This is one-time with no program impact.

Sec. 2.413. Forests, parks and recreation - forest highway

This base reduction (\$31,815) will limit the amount of work performed on the maintenance of forest highways on state lands. There is a backlog of projects that this reduction will increase. The total budget is \$324K; this is a 10% reduction to this program.

Sec. 2.414. Environmental conservation - management and

No reduction in expenses is planned for this appropriation. \$317,178 GF expenses can be charged to other funds (Federal, Permit and SWMAF) by the reallocation and reassignment of duties and functions for three positions within this appropriation.

Sec. 2.415. Environmental conservation - air and waste

No reduction in expenses is planned for this appropriation. \$75,000 GF expenses for the Brownfield Response Program can be charged to other funds (Federal).

Sec. 2.416. Environmental conservation - office of water

No reduction in expenses is planned for this appropriation. \$170,000 GF is saved by charging expenses to Federal (\$20,000 for partial funding of a DEC attorney available through shifting of duties) and to a one-time balance in the interdepartmental transfer fund (\$150,000). DEC will continue their reorganization to access permanent sources for this non-GF funding by FY 2010.

Sec. 2.418. Natural resources board

Personal services: One assistant district coordinator will take a four month maternity leave of absence under the Family Leave Act which will result in savings of \$20,000 in FY 2009. Contracts are reduced \$21,348 due to completion of the overhaul of the

Board's Act 250 tracking system. The Board's per diem account will be reduced by \$3,000 (a 10% decrease).

Operating expenses: eliminate \$1,541 from the Board's communication – telephone account and \$2,000 from the equipment account.

The Board does not anticipate any reduction in ability to serve the development community and the general public.

Sec. 2.502. Housing and community affairs

The Municipal Planning and Regional Planning grants will be reduced by 5 percent.

Sec. 2.511. Vermont council on the arts

Will reduce operating expenses across programs and grants. – Primary impact will be the increase in the existing shortfall of match for federal funding.

Sec. 2.512. Vermont symphony orchestra

The show will go on with one less musician at certain series performances, a reduced subsidy for the statewide Musicians-in-the-Schools program and reduced marketing, development and administrative spending.

Sec. 2.513. Vermont historical society

The reduction will be accommodated through development and administrative position vacancies.

Sec. 2.515. Vermont humanities council

Certain programs will be reduced but not significantly to accommodate the reduction.

Sec. 2.601 Transportation – finance and administration

Personal services are reduced by \$140K budgeted for the Peoplesoft project contract. Project will proceed using internal resources.

Agency-wide reductions to overtime, temps, travel, equipment, etc. affect this appropriation by \$28,373 Personal Services and \$175,732 Operating Expenses.

Sec. 2.602 Transportation - aviation

Operating expenses are reduced by \$177,500 TF and \$47,000 Federal. The Bennington snow removal equipment storage will be deferred to FY 2011, the Rutland Glide Slope Antennae will shift from 90% Federal to 100% Federal, and provision for any emergency repairs, will shift to carry forward funds.

Agency-wide reductions to overtime, temps, travel, equipment, etc. affect this appropriation by \$2,524 Personal Services and \$13,230 Operating Expenses.

Sec. 2.603 Transportation - buildings

Operating expenses are reduced by \$200,000 by delaying the Middlesex mechanics' bay addition to FY 2010.

Sec. 2.604 Transportation – program development

Recently approved toll credits allow replacement of \$240,000 state funds with federal. A \$500,000 reduction results from 3 projects shifting from Fall 2008 start to Spring 2009 start.

Agency-wide reductions to overtime, temps, travel, equipment, etc. affect this appropriation by \$145,409 Personal Services and \$194,325 Operating Expenses.

Sec. 2.605 Transportation – rest areas

\$50,000 is available due to Hartford bids being under estimate, and partial project slippage into FY 2010.

Sec. 2.606 Transportation - maintenance

Agency-wide reductions to overtime, temps, travel, equipment, etc. affect this appropriation by \$358,352 Personal Services and \$483,808 Operating Expenses.

Sec. 2.607 Transportation – policy and planning

Agency-wide reductions to overtime, temps, travel, equipment, etc. affect this appropriation by \$10,383 Personal Services and \$88,551 Operating Expenses.

Sec. 2.608 Transportation - rail

Agency-wide reductions to overtime, temps, travel, equipment, etc. affect this appropriation by \$2,550 Personal Services and \$13,150 Operating Expenses.

Sec. 2.609 Transportation – bridge maintenance

State funds are reduced by \$500,000 not needed for matching federal funds.

Sec. 2.610 Transportation – public transit

This reduction of \$50,000 is funding added to the Elderly and Disabled program and not yet granted out.

Agency-wide reductions to overtime, temps, travel, equipment, etc. affect this appropriation by \$1,768 Personal Services and \$4,650 Operating Expenses.

Sec. 2.611 Transportation – central garage

Equipment purchases are reduced by \$53,900, less than a 1% reduction to the original equipment budget of \$5.7 million.

Sec. 2.612 Transportation - DMV

Agency-wide reductions to overtime, temps, travel, equipment, etc. affect this appropriation by \$66,712 Personal Services and \$199,225 Operating Expenses.

Sec. 2.616 Transportation – town highway bridge

\$316,266 is available from funds carried forward from FY 2008. The FY 2009 budget will be reconfigured, potentially shifting some projects to FY 2010.

Sec. 2.801 Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations

(b)(1) Removed \$400,000 from the appropriation for the Next Generation Initiative fund.

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