School and Public Lands

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Brief Detail

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Major Items Summary - School and Public Lands

	Agency Request					Governor's Recommendation				
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2026 Base Budget	\$889,773	\$0	\$340,920	\$1,230,693	7.0	\$889,773	\$0	\$340,920	\$1,230,693	7.0
1. Administrative Assistant Salary Backfill	\$18,937	\$0	\$0	\$18,937	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
2. Computer Upgrade	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
3. Rangeland Maintenance Supplies	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
FY 2026 Total Budget	\$966,710	\$0	\$340,920	\$1,307,630	7.0	\$889,773	\$0	\$340,920	\$1,230,693	7.0
Change from Base Budget	\$76,937	\$0	\$0	\$76,937	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
% Change from Base Budget	8.6%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

School and Publi	ic Lands Budget	t Request					
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General	\$741,248	\$865,619	\$865,627	\$889,773	\$966,710	\$889,773	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$281,790	\$336,742	\$336,743	\$340,920	\$340,920	\$340,920	\$0
Total	\$1,023,038	\$1,202,362	\$1,202,370	\$1,230,693	\$1,307,630	\$1,230,693	\$0
By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Administration	\$1,023,038	\$1,202,362	\$1,202,370	\$1,230,693	\$1,307,630	\$1,230,693	\$0
Administration - Info	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Benefits	\$116,843	\$109,663	\$109,667	\$166,283	\$167,220	\$166,283	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$462,758	\$647,475	\$651,175	\$465,794	\$523,794	\$465,794	\$0
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Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$0
Supplies	\$168,094	\$149,611	\$167,727	\$137,391	\$187,391	\$137,391	\$0
Contractual Services	\$279,723	\$487,975	\$433,665	\$277,965	\$277,965	\$277,965	\$0
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Reversions and Unutilized FTE (30)

	General	Federal	Other
Original Appropriation FY2024	\$788,226	\$0	\$332,208
Pool Distributions	\$62,233	\$0	\$4,535
Supplemental Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agency Adjustments	\$15,168	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reorganizations	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjusted Appropriation FY2024	\$865,627	\$0	\$336,743
FY2024 Expenditures	\$865,619	\$0	\$336,742
Reversion of Authority	\$8	\$0	\$1
Unutilized FTE			2.3

Administration of School and Public Lands (3001)

The mission is to ensure efficient management of school and endowment lands and trust funds owned and administered by the state of South Dakota for the support and maintenance of the public schools and the various state institutions for which the lands have been granted.

Major Items Summary: Administration of School and Public Lands (3001)												
	Agency Request						Governor's	Recommendatio	on			
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE		
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1. Administrative Assistant Salary Backfill

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Agency Request	\$18,937	\$0	\$0	\$18,937	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The agency requests an increase of **\$18,937** in **general funds** for the administrative assistant salary. In the beginning of FY24, the SPL office had three vacancies. To attract candidates, the commissioner took the recently vacated administrative assistant position salary and used it to increase the other two vacancies, opting to not hire an administrative assistant. This would essentially backfill the salary for the administrative assistant position.

The governor does not recommend this request.

2. Computer Upgrade					
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The agency requests an increase of **\$8,000** in **general funds** for computer upgrades. Computers were last purchased in FY24 to replace the laptops purchased with COVID-19 dollars in FY20/FY21.

The governor does not recommend this request.

3. Rangeland Maintenance Supplies

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The agency requests an increase of **\$50,000** in **general funds** for rangeland maintenance supplies. These are mostly supplies for fencing, however, can also include roof repair supplies, as SPL has land with building structures such as a house or shed. Land supplies were requested in FY24 and FY25 and approved in FY24 for \$50,000 in general funds. Below is a chart detailing how much has been spent on supplies the past five fiscal years.

Rangeland Maintenance Supplies						
FY	Total					
2020	\$	22,123				
2021	\$	34,963				
2022	\$	55,527				
2023	\$	34,290				
2024	\$	36,124				

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Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)								
	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%		
SCHOOL & PUBLIC LANDS-OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$340,920	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%		
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$889,773	\$0	\$0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		

Revenues	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Estimated FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026
Surface Leasing	\$7,800,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	
Mineral Monies (Permanent Trust Fund)	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	
Performance Indicators	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Estimated FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026
Apportion Common School Interest Fund	10,000,000	10,000,000	12,000,000	
and Income to School Districts				
Apportion Endowed Income and Interest	2,900,000	2,900,000	3,500,000	
Fund to Ten Endowed Institutions				
Grazing Land Lease Holders/Acres Leased	1243/760,422	1243/760,422	1243/760,422	
Held By Production (HBP) Oil and Gas	85	85	85	
Mining Leases	20	20	21	
Dam Repair Schedule	10	10	10	
Dam Inspections	25	25	25	
Easements and Plats Issued	15	15	28	
Land Sales Completed (For Other Agencies)	1	1	1	

Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
			No data	available			
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$(
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Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1
General	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
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Funding Sources (Governor's Recomme	nded)					
	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%

No data available

Budget History

FY 2025 Budget		General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
-						0.00
Constitutional Office Salary Adjustment		\$1,871	\$0	\$1,871	\$3,742	
Totals		\$1,871	\$0	\$1,871	\$3,742	0.00
Session 2024 Supplemental and Special Appropriations	Bill	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Richmond lake dam and spillway replacement	SB 70	\$13,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$13,800,000	0.00
Totals		\$13,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$13,800,000	0.00
FY 2024 Budget		General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Land Development Supplies		\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	0.00
Totals		\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	0.00
Session 2023 Supplemental and Special Appropriations	Bill	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
		No Chang	es			
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Totals		\$0	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	0.00
FY 2023 Budget				\$0 Other	\$0 Total	0.00 FTE
		\$0	\$0			
FY 2023 Budget		\$0 General	\$0 Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2023 Budget New Land Agent	Bill	\$0 General \$99,497	\$0 Federal \$0	Other \$0	Total \$99,497	FTE 1.00
FY 2023 Budget New Land Agent Totals Session 2022 Supplemental and	Bill SB 52	\$0 General \$99,497 \$99,497	\$0 Federal \$0 \$0	Other \$0 \$0	Total \$99,497 \$99,497	FTE 1.00 1.00