

2025 Legislative Session Outlook

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Recent State Appropriation Success

- **2017**

- \$600,000 – Lakeshore Drainage – Sen. Powell

- **2019**

- \$29,000 – Road Stripping Improvement Project - Sen. Powell & Rep. Jacquet

- **2022**

- \$700,000 – Lake Shore Drive Drainage Improvements - Sen. Powell & Rep. Caruso

- **2023**

- \$1,000,000 – Septic to Sewer Conversion Project – Sen. Powell & Rep. Edmonds

- **2024**

- \$1,000,000 - Palm Beach Shores - Lake Worth Inlet/Singer Island Channel Dredging Project – Sen. Harrell & Rep. Caruso

\$3.3 Million!

2025 Legislative Session Information

The Florida State Constitution requires the Florida Legislature to meet in Tallahassee for regular session for 60 days every year:

- The regular session begins on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March for odd-numbered years, and on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in January for even-numbered years.
- “The seat of government shall be the City of Tallahassee, in Leon County, where the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, cabinet members and the supreme court shall be maintained and the sessions of the legislature shall be held...”
- March 4, 2025 - Regular Session convenes
- May 2, 2025 - Last day of Regular Session
- There are six interim committee weeks between now and the start of the 2025 Legislative Session

The Florida Legislature is constitutionally required to pass a balanced state budget, officially titled the General Appropriations Act, during the annual regular session.

- This is the only piece of legislation legislators are required to pass each year.

Budget Outlook

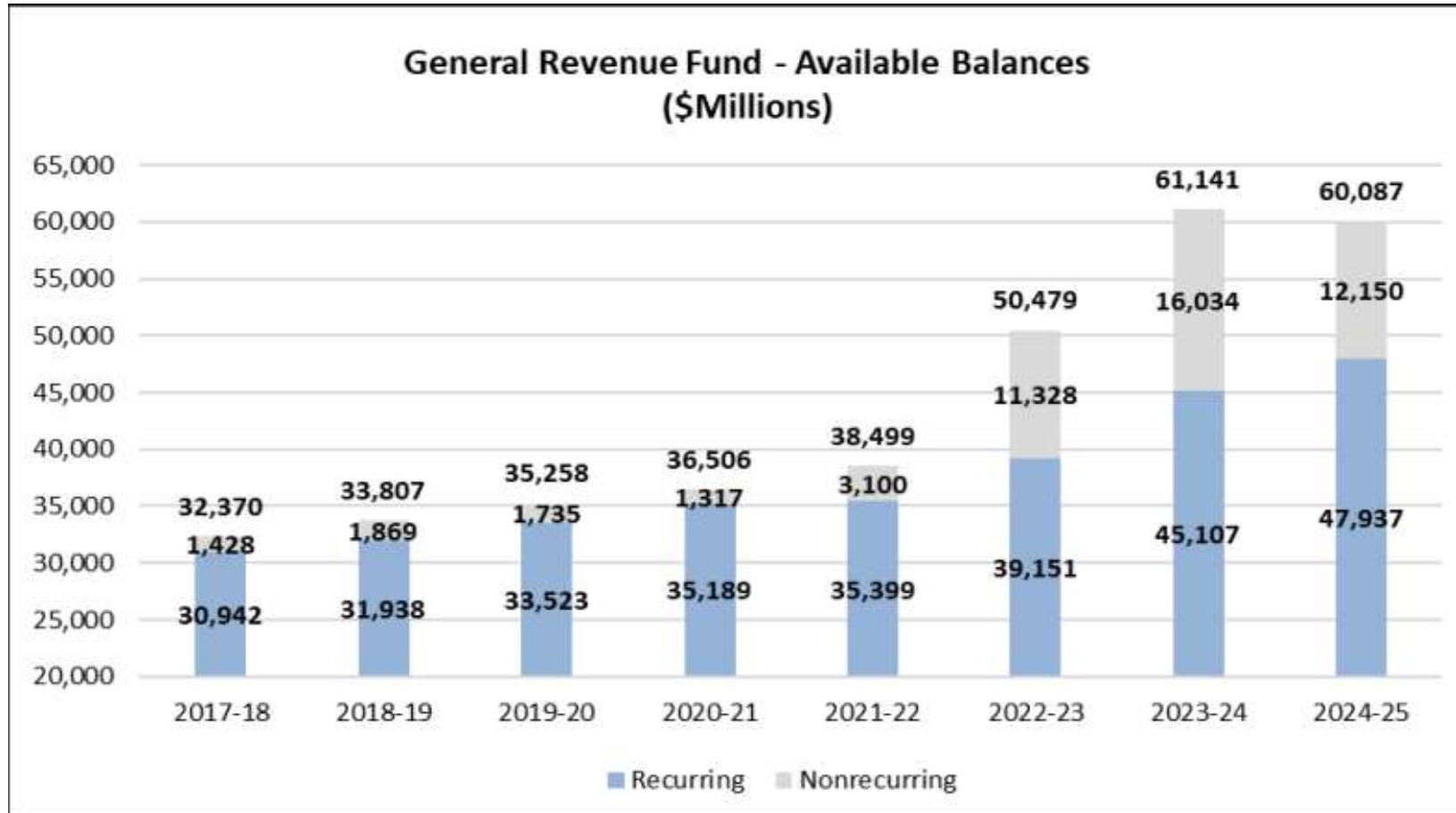
- On September 6th, the Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research presented an updated Long-Range Financial Outlook to the Legislative Budget Commission.
- “The Outlook projects future expenditures based on recent history, resulting in expenditure projections that outpace the General Revenue funds expected to be available beginning in Year 2 of the Outlook.”
- **The budget is projected to go into a deficit** in two years unless lawmakers make changes. It predicts a:
 - \$2 billion budget surplus for 2025
 - \$2.82 billion deficit for 2026
 - \$6.94 billion deficit for 2027

Budget Outlook

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- The forecasts assume the legislature will continue spending on the priorities of the recent years like:
 - Popular tax cuts
 - Investment in affordable housing
 - Increases for health care workers and providers
 - Florida's universal school voucher program
 - Medicaid growth and a shortfall in the employee health insurance program.
- The outlook also demonstrates the fact that pandemic era federal aid dollars are coming to a close.
- The FY 24/25 Budget was \$116.5 billion.

General Revenue Fund Overview



THANK YOU!