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RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended General Fund Operating Budget is \$6,938.3 million, including \$29.0 million in one-time appropriations budgeted within the Office of Management and Budget. In addition, Governor Meyer has allocated \$85.5 million for Grants-in-Aid and \$221.2 million in dedicated cash to the Bond and Capital Improvements Act. Total recommended Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund appropriations are \$7,245.0 million. The Governor has also maintained the Budget Stabilization Fund balance at \$469.3 million, over and above the constitutionally mandated two percent set aside to remain unappropriated. Total appropriations represent 98.0 percent of projected Fiscal Year 2027 revenue (net of refunds and including tax policy) plus projected carryover funds, which is within the constitutionally mandated limitation on appropriations.

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Bond and Capital Improvements Act totals \$934.4 million. Of this amount, \$656.6 million is recommended for state capital projects and \$277.8 million is recommended for transportation projects. Of the \$656.6 million supporting state projects, \$354.9 million is General Obligation Bond Authorization, \$221.2 million is General Fund cash, \$78.9 million in Special Fund cash and \$1.6 million is reauthorization and reprogramming.

Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations are based on Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council (DEFAC) revenue and expenditure estimates as of December 15, 2025. The Governor's Recommended Budget includes tax policy adjustments that will result in an increase of \$149.9 million to the Fiscal Year 2027 DEFAC revenue estimates.

DEFAC GENERAL FUND REVENUE FORECASTS

DEFAC projects net General Fund revenue collections for Fiscal Year 2026 of \$6,856.9 million and \$6,948.5 million for Fiscal Year 2027. The highlights of the forecast include:

- **Personal Income Tax** - This tax, closely modeled after federal income tax law, is progressive in nature, with marginal rates from 0 to 6.6 percent. DEFAC estimates (net of refunds) are \$2,532.8 million for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$2,648.3 million for Fiscal Year 2027.
- **Franchise Tax and Limited Partnership/ Limited Liability Company Tax** - The Franchise Tax is imposed upon domestic corporations incorporated in Delaware and based on either the outstanding shares of stock of a corporation or on gross assets. In addition, every domestic Limited Partnership and Limited Liability Company formed in Delaware and every foreign Limited Partnership and Limited Liability Company registered to do business in Delaware is required to pay an annual tax of \$300. DEFAC estimates (net of refunds) for these categories are \$1,857.9 million for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$1,875.9 million for Fiscal Year 2027.
- **Business and Occupational Gross Receipts Tax** - This tax is imposed on the gross receipts of most businesses, with tax rates ranging from 0.0945 percent to 15.5 percent, depending upon the category of the business activity. DEFAC estimates are \$420.1 million for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$432.2 million for Fiscal Year 2027.

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- **Lottery** - This category includes video lottery operations, table games and sports betting, as well as traditional lottery sales. DEFAC estimates are \$248.4 million for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$252.6 million for Fiscal Year 2027.
- **Corporation Income Tax** - This tax is imposed on every domestic and foreign corporation doing business in Delaware, depending upon the amount of a corporation's taxable income that is apportioned and allocated to Delaware. DEFAC estimates (net of refunds) are \$333.3 million for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$255.2 million for Fiscal Year 2027.
- **Bank Franchise Tax** - This tax is imposed on the net income of banks, trust companies and savings/building and loan associations and their subsidiaries. DEFAC estimates are \$96.5 million for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$105.5 million for Fiscal Year 2027.
- **Unclaimed Property** - Any debt obligation that has gone unclaimed or undelivered, or security that has remained undelivered for three or more years after the date the owner should have received it, or was entitled to claim it, must be reported to the State as unclaimed property. DEFAC estimates (net of refunds) are \$404.0 million for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$424.0 million for Fiscal Year 2027.
- **Realty Transfer Tax** - The State imposes a tax of 3.0 percent of the fair market value of the property divided equally between the grantor and the grantee. Local governments are permitted to levy up to a 1.5 percent tax. In cases where the local levy exceeds 1.0 percent, the State rate decreases to 2.5 percent. DEFAC estimates are \$247.9 million for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$267.5 million for Fiscal Year 2027.

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Budget also contemplates a revenue package of \$149.9 million above DEFAC's Fiscal Year 2027 net General Fund revenue projection. This revenue package includes:

- **Franchise Tax and Limited Partnership/ Limited Liability Company Tax** - Modernizing corporate fees is estimated to yield an additional \$81.0 million for Fiscal Year 2027.
- **Unclaimed Property** - Raising the cap on Escheat funds deposited into the General Fund from \$554.0 million to \$614.0 million is estimated to yield an additional \$60.0 million for Fiscal Year 2027.
- **Corporate Income Tax** - Establishing Delaware's first tax credit for film production in the State of Delaware is estimated to reduce revenues by \$10.0 million for Fiscal Year 2027.
- **Tobacco Tax** - Increasing the tax on the sale of cigarettes, vapor products, moist snuff products, and other tobacco products is estimated to yield an additional \$18.9 million for Fiscal Year 2027.