

FREE STATE PROVINCE

APPROPRIATION BILL

(MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCE)

[B2-2024]

PROVENSE YA FREISTATA

BILI YA DITEKANYETSO

(LETONA LE IKARABELLANG DITJHELETENG)

[B2-2024]

PROVINSIE VRYSTAAT

BEGROTINGSWETSONTWERP

(LID VAN DIE UITVOERENDE RAAD VERANTWOORDELIK VIR FINANSIES)

[W2-2024]

BILL

To provide for the appropriation of money from the Provincial Revenue Fund for the requirements of the Free State Province in the 2024/25 financial year and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS section 226(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, provides that money may be withdrawn from the Provincial Revenue Fund only in terms of an appropriation by an Act of the Provincial Legislature;

AND WHEREAS section 26 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999) provides that the Provincial Legislature must appropriate money for each financial year for the requirements of the Province;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Provincial Legislature of the Free State Province, as follows:-

Definitions

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1. In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Public Finance Management Act has the meaning assigned to it in that Act and -

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“**Act**” includes the Schedules;

“**conditional grants**” means allocations to provinces, local government or municipalities from the national government’s share of revenue raised nationally, provided for in section 214(1)(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996;

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“**current payments**” means any payments made by a provincial department classified as or deemed to be a current payment in terms of the instructions issued in the *Guidelines for Implementing the Economic Reporting Format* (September 2009), in terms of section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act;

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“**earmarked funds**” means allocations to provincial departments for a specific purpose, subject to section 7A of the Free State Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 1 of 2003);

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"payments for capital assets" means any payments made by a provincial department classified as or deemed to be a payment for capital assets in terms of the instructions issued in the *Guidelines for Implementing the Economic Reporting Format* (September 2009) and the *Asset Management Framework* (April 2004, Version 3.3), in terms of section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act; 5

"payments for financial assets" means any payments made by a provincial department classified as or deemed to be a payment for financial assets in terms of the instructions issued in the *Guidelines for Implementing the Economic Reporting Format* (September 2009), in terms of section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act; 10

"Public Finance Management Act" means the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999); and 15

"transfers and subsidies" means any payments made by a provincial department classified as or deemed to be a transfer or subsidy payment in terms of the instructions issued in the *Guidelines for Implementing the Economic Reporting Format* (September 2009), in terms of section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act. 20

Appropriation of money for the requirements of the Province

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, there are hereby appropriated out of the Provincial Revenue Fund for the requirements of the Province in respect of the financial year 2024/25, the amounts of money contemplated in subsection (2). 25
 - (2) Appropriations by the Provincial Legislature of money from the Provincial Revenue Fund for the requirements of the Province in the 2024/25 financial year, to votes and main divisions within a vote, and for the specific listed purposes, are set out in the Schedules. 30
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Short title

3. This Act is called the Appropriation Act, 2024.

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SCHEDULE

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
1	Office of the Premier	632 629	367 945	104 874		156 716	3 094	
2	Free State Legislature	284 911	196 141	54 000		33 609	1 161	
3	Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	666 654	344 440	127 897		180 308	14 009	
4	Free State Provincial Treasury	367 937	278 783	84 500		41	4 613	
5	Health	13 717 509	9 516 387	3 200 604	159	140 059	860 300	
6	Education	17 895 390	13 529 358	1 183 414	56	2 413 017	769 545	
7	Social Development	1 305 194	862 013	126 263		309 029	7 889	
8	Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	416 985	306 660	85 204		14 348	10 773	
9	Public Works and Infrastructure	2 107 386	513 894	895 757		585 642	112 093	
10	Community Safety, Roads and Transport	3 606 448	891 879	1 930 868		360 916	422 785	
11	Agriculture and Rural Development	829 092	470 656	316 738		2 110	39 588	
12	Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	641 789	393 296	167 935		31 858	48 700	
13	Human Settlements	1 268 835	216 301	42 862		1 007 811	1 861	
Total		43 740 759	27 887 753	8 320 916	215	5 235 464	2 296 411	

Schedule on Office of the Premier
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		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
1	Office of the Premier <i>Aim: To enable the Premier to fulfill constitutional obligations and other related functions through the effective and efficient utilisation of resources of the Free State Provincial Government.</i>	632 629	367 945	104 874	0	156 716	3 094	0
1	Administration <i>To provide executive support to the Premier, Provincial Executive Council and the Director General in respect of strategic and operational management in fulfilling their legislative and oversight functions and in promoting good corporate governance.</i> <i>Of which</i> <i>Transfers to Households</i> <i>Earmarked funds</i> <i>– Service Delivery Integrated Centres/ Task teams</i>	108 244	70 963	36 315		227	739	
2	Institutional Development <i>To guide and coordinate Provincial Departments with regard to transverse corporate support functions and to attend to Departmental-specific matters.</i> <i>Of which</i> <i>Transfers to Households</i> <i>Earmarked funds</i> <i>– Provincial Bursaries</i>	288 303	96 206	36 103		153 989	2 005	
3	Policy and Governance <i>The provision of provincial strategic management services is achieved through integrated planning and research, cluster and provincial government programme coordination and integration as well as the monitoring and evaluation of government performance.</i> <i>Of which</i> <i>Transfers to Households</i> <i>Transfers to Higher education institutions</i> <i>Earmarked funds</i> <i>– Youth Affairs</i> <i>– Innovation Hub</i> <i>– Gender Based Violence</i>	76 813	50 384	24 079		2 200	150	
						200		
						2 000		
				5 000				
						2 000		
			3 000	7 000				

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		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
4	Provincial Monitoring and Evaluation Branch	159 269	150 392	8 377		300	200	
	<i>To give effect to the vision of the department to lead the Free State Province towards Service Excellence and the mission of the Department to provide strategic direction and coordinate integrated service delivery within government in the Free State. To drive Free State government performance through M&E and manage and coordinate the Free State Integrated Service Delivery through Operation Hlasela.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					300		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Community Development Workers		97 724	1 000		100	100	

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Schedule on Free State Legislature (As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
2	Free State Legislature							
	<i>Aim: To provide funding for the legislative and institutional support services required by the Legislature to fulfill its constitutional functions.</i>	284 911	196 141	54 000	0	33 609	1 161	0
1	Administration	196 556	146 321	48 382		692	1 161	
	<i>To provide administrative and financial management support to the Legislature.</i>							
	<i>of which</i>							
	<i>– Statutory Amount</i>		27 507					
2	Facilities for Members and Political Parties	35 934		3 017		32 917		
	<i>To facilitate the necessary arrangements for members.</i>							
3	Parliamentary Services	52 421	49 820	2 601				
	<i>To provide quality legal and procedural support, house proceedings, committee services, research, translation and interpretation to the Legislature.</i>							

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Schedule on Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs

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Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
3	Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs							
	<i>Aim: A prosperous Free State through sustainable economic growth and a healthy environment for all.</i>	666 654	344 440	127 897	0	180 308	14 009	0
1	Administration	190 788	139 216	48 382		171	3 019	
	<i>To provide leadership and strategic management in accordance with Policy and Legislation and to provide appropriate support service to other programmes.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts</i>					4		
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>					62		
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					105		
2	Environmental Affairs	219 829	147 363	61 248		498	10 720	
	<i>To implement and monitor legislation and policies in the areas of Air Quality, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Compliance Monitoring, Environmental Impact, Protected Areas, Pollution Control, Protected Areas and Waste Management.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts</i>					248		
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>					250		
	<i>Conditional grant</i>							
	– Expanded Public Works Programme			2 256				
	Integrated Grant for Provinces							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			40 113			10 000	
	– Waste Management			4 000				
3	Economic and Small Business Development	242 016	47 940	14 267		179 539	270	
	<i>To enhance economic development, small business development and growth in the province.</i>							

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			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers</i>							
	– Free State Development Corporation					46 000		
	<i>of which earmarked for</i>							
	– Maluti SEZ					40 000		
	– Free State Gambling, Liquor and Tourism Authority (FSGLTA)					103 755		
	<i>Other Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Enterprise Support			10 000		29 779		
4	Tourism	14 021	9 921	4 000		100		
	<i>To ensure adequate planning, growth, development and transformation of the Tourism industry.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					100		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Eco-Tourism Growth and Development			2 000				

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Schedule on Free State Provincial Treasury

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		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
4	Free State Provincial Treasury							
	<i>Aim: To promote prudent financial management of provincial resources.</i>	367 937	278 783	84 500	0	41	4 613	0
	1 Administration	128 262	99 392	25 039		41	3 790	
	<i>To provide leadership and strategic management in accordance with legislation, regulations and policies as well as to ensure there is appropriate support service to all other programmes.</i>							
	2 Sustainable Resource Management	62 238	57 665	4 573				
	<i>To provide professional advice and support to the MEC on provincial economic analysis, fiscal policy, public finance development and management of the annual budget process.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Development Improvement		4 839	872				
	3 Asset and Liability Management	69 095	49 241	19 581			273	
	<i>To provide policy direction, by facilitating the effective and efficient management of physical and financial assets, PPP's and liabilities.</i>							
	4 Financial Governance	32 920	29 284	3 396			240	
	<i>To promote accountability through substantive reflection of financial activities of the Province as well as compliance with financial norms and standards.</i>							
	5 Municipal Finance Management	75 422	43 201	31 911			310	
	<i>To improve the state of financial governance and management at local government level.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Municipal Support Programme			10 000				
	– Operation Clean Audit			26 560				
	– Municipal Finance Recovery Services/ MSP (NT-S 139 intervention)		4 286	2 731			70	

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Schedule on Health

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		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
5	Health							
	<i>Aim: To provide comprehensive health services, which include the prevention of disease, promotion of health, curative and rehabilitation services.</i>	13 717 509	9 516 387	3 200 604	159	140 059	860 300	0
1	Administration	348 084	268 783	62 957	118	11 000	5 226	
	<i>To conduct the strategic management and overall administration of the Department of Health.</i>							
2	District Health Services	6 034 807	4 446 809	1 507 958	34	14 429	65 577	
	<i>To render primary health care services and district hospital services.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– District Health Programmes Grant: Comprehensive HIV, Aids component		848 724	805 081		7 140	14 415	
	– Social Sector Expanded Public Works Programme Incentive Grant		7 783	527				
	– National Health Insurance Grant		24 735	2 231			2 188	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Covid-19 Support		262 146					
3	Emergency Medical Services	974 852	684 624	262 847		640	26 741	
	<i>The rendering of pre-hospital emergency medical services including inter-hospital transfers and planned patient transport.</i>							
4	Provincial Hospital Services	1 892 153	1 485 658	391 040	1	5 604	9 850	
	<i>Delivery of hospital services, which are accessible, appropriate, effective and provide general specialist services, including a specialized rehabilitation service, as well as a platform for training health professionals and research.</i>							
4.1	General (Regional) Hospitals		1 128 603	341 851		2 000	8 500	
4.2	Public-Private Partnerships							
4.3	Psychiatric/Mental Hospitals		357 055	49 189	1	3 604	1 350	
5	Central Hospital Services	3 178 752	2 306 905	698 350		7 497	166 000	
	<i>To provide tertiary health services and create a platform for the training of health workers.</i>							
5.1	Central Hospital Services		1 456 826	431 114		4 646	121 000	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Human Resources and Training Grant: Training Component		161 208					
	– National Tertiary Services Grant		411 600	275 142		1 000	121 000	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Funding for Cuban doctors		58 668					
5.2	Public-Private Partnerships			12 783				
5.3	Provincial Tertiary Hospital Services		850 079	254 453		2 851	45 000	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– National Tertiary Services Grant		237 058	191 919		1 000	45 000	
	– Human Resources and Training Grant: Statutory Human Resources Component		123 063					

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6	Health Sciences and Training	342 604	187 050	88 543	6	60 705	6 300	
	<i>Rendering of training and development opportunities for actual and potential employees of the Department of Health.</i>							
6.1	Nurse Training College		128 000	19 562	6	600	2 500	
6.2	EMS Training Colleges		23 777	7 765		100	3 800	
6.4	Primary Health Care Training		27 420	6 567		908		
6.5	Other Training		7 853	54 649		59 097		
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Bursaries for international students			31 000		35 879		
7	Health Care Support Services	174 747	98 658	34 559		40 184	1 346	
	<i>To render support services required by the Department to realise its aims.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Medical Depot					40 000		
8	Health Facilities Management	771 510	37 900	154 350			579 260	
	<i>Provision of new health facilities and the refurbishment, upgrading and maintenance of existing facilities.</i>							
8.1	Community Health Facility			41 000			133 771	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grant</i>							
	– Health Facility Revitalisation Grant			25 153			133 771	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			15 847				
8.2	District Hospital Services		37 900	20 086			191 575	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grant</i>							
	– Health Facility Revitalisation Grant		37 900	20 086			189 242	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation						2 333	
8.3	Provincial Health Services			21 000			106 840	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grant</i>							
	– Health Facility Revitalisation Grant			21 000			106 840	
8.4	Emergency Medical Rescue Services			2 952			3 000	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grant</i>							
	– Health Facility Revitalisation Grant			2 952			3 000	
8.5	Central Hospital Services			11 000			77 280	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grant</i>							
	– Health Facility Revitalisation Grant			11 000			77 280	
8.6	Other Facilities			58 312			66 794	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grant</i>							
	– Health Facility Revitalisation Grant			5 000			61 127	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation						5 667	

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Schedule on Education

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			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
6	Education							
	<i>Aim: To be a department that strives to ensure progressive realisation of universal schooling, improving quality of education and eliminating disparities amongst Free State Citizens.</i>	17 895 390	13 529 358	1 183 414	56	2 413 017	769 545	0
	1 Administration	1 398 333	1 058 138	277 489	29	11 988	50 689	
	<i>To provide overall management of the education system in accordance with the National Education Policy Act, the Public Finance Management Act and other policies.</i>							
	2 Public Ordinary School Education	13 023 627	11 202 604	191 241	27	1 620 395	9 360	
	<i>To provide public ordinary education from Grades 1 to 12 in accordance with the South African Schools Act and White Paper 6 on inclusive education (E-learning is also included).</i>							
	2.1 Public Primary Level		6 273 502	8 198	19	624 755	431	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– School Transfers					14 000		
	2.2 Public Secondary Level		4 894 916	72 576	8	432 171	296	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– School Connectivity			17 700		3 300		
	– Learning and Teaching Support Material			20 000				
	2.3 Human Resource Development			44 746			7 306	
	2.4 School Sport, Culture and Media Services		33 806	2 185		826	97	
	2.5 Conditional Grants		380	63 536		562 643	1 230	
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grant</i>							
	– National School Nutrition Programme Grant			14 596		562 643	1 054	
	– Maths, Science & Technology Grant		380	48 940			176	
	3 Independent School Subsidies	124 852				124 852		
	<i>To support independent schools in accordance with the South African Schools Act.</i>							
	4 Public Special School Education	726 756	604 989	17 475		102 962	1 330	
	<i>To provide compulsory public education in special schools in accordance with the South African Schools Act and White Paper 6 on inclusive education (Including E-Learning and inclusive education).</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Learners with Profound Intellectual Disabilities Grant		21 135	9 875			1 330	

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		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
5	Early Childhood Development	695 180	322 365	22 698		349 847	270	
	<i>To provide Early Childhood Education (ECD) at the Grade R and Pre-Grade R in accordance with White Paper 5. (E-learning is also included)</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Social Sector Expanded Public Works Programme Incentive Grant for Provinces		216	45		4 313	100	
	– Early Childhood Development Grant		4 712	1 288		62 084		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Early Childhood Development					244 420		
6	Infrastructure Development	1 035 801	53 000	274 543		3 329	704 929	
	<i>To provide and maintain infrastructure facilities for schools and non-schools.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Education Infrastructure Grant		53 000	264 875		1	689 429	
	– Early Childhood Development Grant			5 952			3 000	
	– Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces					3 328		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			3 716			12 500	
7	Examination and Education Related Services	890 841	288 262	399 968		199 644	2 967	
	<i>To provide the education institutions as a whole with examination and education related services.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– HIV and AIDS (Life Skills Education) Grant		3 980	7 127				
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Secondary School Support					10 000		
	– Maths and Science Programme			19 000				
	– Sanitary Towels / Dignity Packs			16 101				
	– Learner Transport			102 400				

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Schedule on Social Development (As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
7	Social Development							
	<i>Aim: To meet the human and social needs of the poor and vulnerable communities through an inter-sectoral and integrated developmental social service.</i>	1 305 194	862 013	126 263	0	309 029	7 889	0
	1 Administration	329 435	239 778	79 195		3 277	7 185	
	<i>To provide strategic management and support services at all levels in the Department.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts</i>					2 677		
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					600		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			2 000				
	2 Social Welfare Services	263 920	144 646	12 223		107 051		
	<i>To provide integrated developmental social welfare services to the poor and vulnerable in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					150		
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>							
	2.1 Services to Older Persons					59 368		
	2.2 Services to Persons with Disabilities					26 461		
	2.3 HIV/AIDS					21 072		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Social Worker Employment		6 760	500				
	– HIV Prevention Programmes					6 165		
	– NPO Court Judgement					53 776		
	– Covid-19 Response		6 935	150				
	3 Children and Families	333 808	166 180	16 416		151 108	104	
	<i>To provide comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organizations.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					150		
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>							
	3.1 Care and Services to Families					6 003		
	3.2 Child Care and Protection					51 344		
	3.3 ECD and Partial Care					10 700		
	3.4 Child and Youth Care Centres					69 392		
	3.5 Community Based Care Services to Children					13 519		

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Schedule on Social Development (As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Violence Against Women and Children			1 200		7 690		
	– NPO Court Judgement					56 675		
4	Restorative Services	225 066	185 627	13 517		25 922		
	<i>To provide integrated developmental social crime prevention and anti-substance abuse services to the most vulnerable in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organizations.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					150		
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>							
4.1	Crime Prevention and Support					3 471		
4.2	Victim Empowerment					13 856		
4.3	Substance Abuse, Prevention and Rehabilitation					8 445		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Substance Abuse Treatment		26 834	1 945				
	– Violence Against Women and Children		5 181	150		4 279		
	– Social Worker Employment		10 181	200				
5	Development and Research	152 965	125 782	4 912		21 671	600	
	<i>To provide sustainable development programmes which facilitate empowerment of communities, based on empirical research and demographic information at provincial and district</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					150		
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>							
5.1	Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihood					16 386		
5.2	Youth Development					3 593		
5.3	Women Development					1 542		
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Social Sector Expanded Public Works Programme Incentive Grant for Provinces		873			2 243		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Food Relief					8 078		

Social Development

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Schedule on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
8	Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs							
	<i>Aim: Integrated, responsive and developmental local governance.</i>	416 985	306 660	85 204	0	14 348	10 773	0
1	Administration	169 375	117 878	44 847		290	6 360	
	<i>To provide leadership and support to the Department in accordance with all applicable Acts and policies.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Departmental Agencies and Accounts</i>					10		
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					280		
2	Local Governance	110 935	84 530	13 080		12 656	669	
	<i>To facilitate the creation of accountable and sustainable local governance through effective collaboration with all stakeholders.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Municipalities</i>					12 656		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Municipal Support Programme		14 000	1 000		5 000		
	– Municipal Support Programme (NT-S 139 intervention)		4 216	500				
3	Development and Planning	67 922	45 837	18 734			3 351	
	<i>To promote and facilitate integrated development and planning on local government level.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Water laboratory municipal support			2 500				
	– Disaster			5 000				
4	Traditional Institutional Management	54 955	49 239	3 975		1 402	339	
	<i>To promote and facilitate viable and sustainable traditional</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Transfers to Households</i>					382		
	<i>Transfers to NPO's</i>					1 020		
5	House of Traditional Leaders	13 798	9 176	4 568			54	
	<i>To promote and enhance the effective and efficient functioning of the FS House of Traditional Leaders.</i>							

Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs

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Schedule on Public Works and Infrastructure

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
9	Public Works and Infrastructure							
	<i>Aim: To ensure the provision, promotion and sound management of assets and infrastructure systems which are safe, affordable, reliable, accessible and sustainable.</i>	2 107 386	513 894	895 757	0	585 642	112 093	0
1	Administration <i>To provide the Department with administrative, strategic, financial and corporate support services in order to ensure that it delivers on its mandate in an integrated, efficient, effective and sustainable manner.</i>	175 004	114 063	52 512		1 247	7 182	
2	Public Works Infrastructure <i>To provide a balanced and equitable provincial government building infrastructure by promoting accessibility that is sustainable, integrated and environmentally sensitive which supports economic development and social empowerment.</i> <i>Of which</i> <i>Earmarked funds</i> – Property Rates and Taxes Allocation – Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation	1 875 521	379 505	806 710		584 395	104 911	
				12 000		580 600	42 309	
3	Expanded Public Works Programme <i>To manage the implementation of programmes and strategies that lead to the development and empowerment of communities and contractors. This includes the provincial management and co-ordination of the Expanded Public Works Programme.</i> <i>Of which</i> <i>Conditional grants</i> – Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces	56 861	20 326	36 535	4 204			

Public Works and Infrastructure

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Schedule on Community Safety, Roads and Transport

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
10	Community Safety, Roads and Transport							
	<i>Aim: To contribute towards the creation of a prosperous Free State through the facilitation of the provision of sustainable community safety, mobility and road infrastructure.</i>	3 606 448	891 879	1 930 868	0	360 916	422 785	0
	1 Administration	325 768	228 952	82 995		3 685	10 136	
	<i>To provide administrative and financial support to the executing authority, the Head of Department and line functions.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Cash in Transit			14 068				
	2 Provincial Secretariat for Police Services	27 816	23 073	4 139		334	270	
	<i>To monitor the performance of the service delivery by the South African Police Services (SAPS) and to mobilise and ensure active community and sector participation in crime prevention in the Province.</i>							
	3 Transport Operation	388 010	28 167	13 994		345 849		
	<i>To plan, regulate and facilitate the provision of transport services and infrastructure.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Public Transport Operations Grant					340 849		
	4 Transport Regulation	512 261	432 741	78 282		1 238		
	<i>To establish, manage, and maintain a safe and efficient road traffic system.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Post Office (SAPO)			8 627				
	– Fire Fighting Equipment			5 000				
	5 Transport Infrastructure	2 352 593	178 946	1 751 458		9 810	412 379	
	<i>To promote accessibility and the safe, affordable movement of people, goods and services through the delivery and maintenance of transport infrastructure that is sustainable, integrated and environmentally sensitive, and which supports and facilitates social empowerment and economic growth.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces			3 536				
	– Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant			1 649 976			319 815	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation		160 607	97 946		9 810	92 564	

Community Safety, Roads and Transport

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Schedule on Agriculture and Rural Development

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
11	Agriculture and Rural Development <i>Aim: Prosperous agriculture, farming our future.</i>	829 092	470 656	316 738	0	2 110	39 588	0
1	Administration <i>To provide strategic direction and leadership within the Department of Agriculture and Rural</i>	196 962	153 929	41 627		1 000	406	
2	Sustainable Resource Use & Management <i>To ensure implementation of Sustainable Resource Management by providing Engineering Services, Land Care, Land Use Management Services and Disaster Risk Management Support.</i> <i>Of which</i> <i>Conditional grants</i> – Land Care Programme Grant: Poverty Relief and Infrastructure Development – Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces <i>Earmarked funds</i> – Disaster – Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation	66 712	36 599	29 973			140	
3	Agricultural Producer Support and Development <i>To provide support to all farmers through agricultural development programmes.</i> <i>Of which</i> <i>Conditional grants</i> – Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant – Ilima/Letsema Projects Grant <i>Earmarked funds</i> – Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation	348 657	132 457	214 740		1 110	350	
			15 391	148 729		1 110	300	
				53 740				
				20 000				

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Schedule on Agriculture and Rural Development

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
4	Veterinary Services	76 633	61 315	12 348			2 970	
	<i>To provide veterinary services.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant			12 000				
5	Research and Technology Development Services	80 255	42 948	11 020			26 287	
	<i>To render needs based research, development and technology transfer services.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation						26 262	
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant			9 180				
6	Agricultural Economic Services	15 516	14 693	808			15	
	<i>To provide timely and relevant agricultural economic services to the sector in support of sustainable agricultural and agri-business development to increase economic growth.</i>							
7	Agricultural Education and Training	32 619	17 633	5 666			9 320	
	<i>To facilitate and provide agricultural education and training in line with the Agricultural Education and Training Strategy to all participants in the agricultural sector in order to establish a knowledgeable, prosperous and competitive sector.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant			1 986			9 200	
8	Rural Development	11 738	11 082	556			100	
	<i>To plan, facilitate development and social cohesion through participatory approaches in partnership with all stakeholders.</i>							

Agriculture and Rural Development

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Schedule on Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
12	Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation							
	<i>Aim: The promotion, development and transformation of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation in order to contribute to sustainable economic growth and opportunities, nation building, good governance and social and human capital development.</i>	641 789	393 296	167 935	0	31 858	48 700	0
1	Administration	116 372	95 743	17 268		800	2 561	
	<i>To conduct the overall management and administrative support of the Department.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation		1 560	3 440				
2	Cultural Affairs	134 956	68 095	53 439		8 800	4 622	
	<i>To promote culture, conservation and management of cultural, historical assets and resources of the province by rendering various services.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grant</i>							
	– Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces			2 000				
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			4 000			4 000	
	– MACUFE			18 000				
	– Artists			4 000				
	– Community Media			3 000				
	– Sport and Creative Arts			13 000		2 000		
3	Library and Archives Services	259 053	174 477	48 897		8 000	27 679	
	<i>Assist local library authorities in rendering of public library services and providing of an archive service in the province.</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Community Library Services Grant		130 981	34 347		6 000	11 715	
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			7 000			15 800	

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Schedule on Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
4	Sport and Recreation	131 408	54 981	48 331		14 258	13 838	
	<i>To provide assistance to provincial sport associations and other relevant bodies to stimulate the development of sport. Formulate inputs regarding sport policy and promote sport programmes. Control, promote and develop the provincial sport academy. Develop and contribute towards sport marketing strategies. Facilitate development of facilities with a view to improving life of the disadvantaged. Promote and develop sport</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Mass Participation and Sport Development Grant		3 070	36 321		4 852		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Infrastructure Enhancement Allocation			3 000			13 500	
	– Sport and Creative Arts			5 000				
	– COSAFA					5 700		

Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation

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Schedule on Human Settlements (As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Vote	Description of votes and main divisions	Total per vote and main divisions	Current Payments			Transfers and Subsidies	Payments for Capital Assets	Payments for Financial Assets
			Compensation of Employees	Goods and Services	Other			
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
13	Human Settlements							
	<i>Aim: To manage housing delivery, development of integrated human settlements.</i>	1 268 835	216 301	42 862	0	1 007 811	1 861	0
	1 Administration	131 087	109 514	20 267		245	1 061	
	<i>To provide overall management in the Department in accordance with all applicable acts and policies.</i>							
	2 Housing Needs, Research and Planning	24 371	20 562	3 732			77	
	<i>To facilitate housing delivery.</i>							
	3 Housing Development	1 111 122	84 237	18 596		1 007 566	723	
	<i>To provide individual subsidies and housing opportunities to beneficiaries in accordance with</i>							
	<i>Of which</i>							
	<i>Conditional grants</i>							
	– Human Settlements Development Grant			16 309		784 121		
	– Informal Settlements Upgrading Partnership Grant for Provinces					190 561		
	– Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant for Provinces					2 055		
	<i>Earmarked funds</i>							
	– Demolition and Construction of two roomed houses					30 000		
	4 Housing Asset Management and Property Management	2 255	1 988	267				
	<i>To provide for the effective management of housing.</i>							

Human Settlements

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Schedule on Transfers and Subsidies

(As a charge to the Provincial Revenue Fund)

Descriptions	Vote and main division	Forward estimates	
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
	R'000	R'000	R'000
Transfers to Municipalities:	600 256	623 786	648 495
Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	12 656	6 186	6 471
Public Works and Infrastructure	580 600	610 600	635 024
Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	7 000	7 000	7 000
Transfers to Public Entities:	149 755	149 755	149 755
Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	149 755	149 755	149 755
Free State Development Corporation	46 000	46 000	46 000
Free State Gambling, Liquour and Tourism Authority	103 755	103 755	103 755
Transfers to other Departmental Agencies and Accounts:	144 761	138 352	135 856
Free State Legislature	32 917	27 656	22 771
Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	252	252	263
Health	68 082	63 218	63 218
Education	40 314	43 902	46 139
Social Development	2 677	2 805	2 946
Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	10	10	10
Public Works and Infrastructure	9	9	9
Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	500	500	500
Transfers to Non-Profit Institutions:	2 646 244	2 707 662	2 808 799
Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	317		
Health	4 000	4 411	4 411
Education	2 309 197	2 362 218	2 455 967
Social Development	305 152	311 451	318 792
Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	1 020	1 020	1 067
Community Safety, Roads and Transport	5 000	5 000	5 000
Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	21 558	23 562	23 562
Other transfers:	1 694 448	1 676 164	1 582 757
Office of the Premier	156 716	157 349	159 109
Free State Legislature	692	724	757
Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	29 984	29 779	31 149
Free State Provincial Treasury	41	430	450
Health	67 977	82 964	82 964
Education	63 506	5 506	5 506
Social Development	1 200	1 200	1 200
Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	662	662	693
Public Works and Infrastructure	5 033	5 033	5 264
Community Safety, Roads and Transport	355 916	365 924	366 103
Agriculture and Rural Development	2 110	1 000	1 046
Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	2 800	2 800	2 800
Human Settlements	1 007 811	1 022 793	925 716
Total transfers and subsidies:	5 235 464	5 295 719	5 325 662

Transfers and Subsidies

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. PURPOSE

The Appropriation Bill, 2024 regulates the appropriation of money for the needs of the Province in respect of the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

The memorandum highlights estimates of revenue expected to be received and raised for each year of the 2024 Medium Term Expenditure Framework ("MTEF") period as well as the expenditures to be incurred by the Province.

2. SUMMARY

The 2024 MTEF budget appropriation includes the amounts that are already in the baseline of the Departments, as well as new allocations and reprioritization of funds. These allocations include national allocations relating to conditional grants, policy adjustments, funding of nationally agreed priorities and funding from the provincially own sourced revenue.

The total estimate of expenditure for the Province for the 2024/25 financial year amounts to **R43.740 billion**. This provides for funding of priorities identified in The National Development Plan, the 2019-2024 Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF), Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) and the 2024 MTEF.

The Free State Provincial Government's projected revenue for the 2024/25 financial year is **R43.871 billion**, which consists of equitable share transfers of **R33.090 billion**, conditional grants of **R9.547 billion** and the Province's projected own revenue amounting to **R1.232 billion**.

TABLE 1: NET PROVINCIAL POSITION

R'000	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Equitable Share	33 090 807	34 582 024	36 187 895
Conditional Grants	9 547 797	9 158 565	9 229 669
Total Transfers from National	42 638 604	43 740 589	45 417 564
Own Revenue	1 232 861	1 219 555	1 233 580
Total Revenue	43 871 465	44 960 144	46 651 144

3. PURPOSE OF ALLOCATIONS

The total provincial budget amounts to **R43.740 billion** for the 2024/25 financial year as indicated in Table 2 below.

The purpose of the allocations is to provide for and enable the implementation of the provincial government's programme of action, with specific emphasis on the following:

- *Enhancement of the quality of education* through improvement of access to educational opportunities;

*figures in the Bill and Memorandum identified with R' 000 as well as the words thousand, million or billion were rounded off.

- *Improving the provision of health care*, particularly for the poor, to reduce infant, child and maternal mortality rates;
- *Reducing the levels of crime and enhancing citizen safety* is one of provincial government priorities through which it intends to increase the number of policing personnel specializing in various key areas of crime prevention;
- *Creating sustainable growth through maintaining high levels of public investment in infrastructure to intensify and improve* various infrastructure delivery and imperatives of the provincial government, is also one of the priorities. Among the infrastructure related investment initiatives are School Hostels, Roads Construction programme and many others;
- *Intensifying the Province's public sector employment programmes* by increasing employment in areas where there is a clear need to do so especially in the police, education and health sectors;
- *Implementing of the Expanded Public Works Programme ("EPWP")* in areas such as health services, construction, maintenance and environmental protection projects;
- *Scaling up social interventions* to address the job challenges and ensuring social protection.

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ALLOCATION TO DEPARTMENTS

R'000	2024/25 Budget Allocation
Office of the Premier	632 629
Free State Legislature	284 911
Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	666 654
Free State Provincial Treasury	367 937
Health	13 717 509
Education	17 895 390
Social Development	1 305 194
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	416 985
Public Works and Infrastructure	2 107 386
Community Safety, Roads and Transport	3 606 448
Agriculture and Rural Development	829 092
Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation	641 789
Human Settlements	1 268 835
Total	43 740 759

4. DISCUSSION

4.1 Provincial Fiscal Envelope

A summary of the total provincial revenue envelope is contained in Table 3 below and reflects the total revenue of **R43.871 billion**, **R44.960 billion** and **R46.651 billion** for the financial years 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27, respectively.

*figures in the Bill and Memorandum identified with R' 000 as well as the words thousand, million or billion were rounded off.

TABLE 3: PROVINCIAL REVENUE ENVELOPE

R' 000	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Total Revenue	43 871 465	44 960 144	46 651 144
Total Allocated Expenditure	43 740 759	44 841 047	46 443 560
Net Surplus (Incentive funding)	130 706	119 097	207 584

4.2.1 Social Sector allocations

(a) Health

Department of Health is allocated an amount of **R13.717 billion** in 2024/25, **R14.079 billion** in 2025/26 and **R14.665 billion** in 2026/27. The allocation of the Department covers, amongst others, the following health care priorities over the 2024 MTEF:

- Medicine and Medical Supplies
- Laboratory Services (NHLS) and Blood Supply and Services
- Food Services and Relevant Supplies
- Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure Maintenance
- Support for Covid-19 measures
- ARV'S
- Medical Depot

(b) Education

The Department of Education is allocated an amount of **R17.895 billion** in 2024/25, **R18.578 billion** in 2025/26 and **R19.483 billion** in 2026/27. The funding to this Department addresses, amongst others, the following sector priorities over the 2024 MTEF:

- Early Childhood Development
- Learning and Teaching Support Material
- Grade R programme
- School Hostel Support
- Secondary School Support
- School Connectivity
- Sanitary dignity project
- School infrastructure which includes maintenance
- Learner Transport Programme

(c) Social Development

The Department of Social Development is allocated **R1.305 billion** in 2024/25, **R1.354 billion** in 2025/26 and **R1.412 billion** in 2026/27. The following priorities, amongst others, are funded:

- Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Partial Care
- Victim Empowerment

*figures in the Bill and Memorandum identified with R' 000 as well as the words thousand, million or billion were rounded off.

- Violence Against Women and Children
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Social Worker employment
- NPO court judgement
- Food Relief
- Gender Based Violence

4.2.2 Non-Social Sector allocations

(a) Office of the Premier

The Office of the Premier receives **R632.629 million** in 2024/25, **R643.525 million** in 2025/26 and **R656.364 million** in 2026/27. The funding mainly provides for,

- Community Development Workers
- Free State Training and Development Institution
- Provincial Communication Strategy
- Gender Based Violence
- Provincial Bursaries and
- Youth affairs

(b) Free State Legislature

The Free State Legislature is allocated **R284.911 million** in 2024/25, **R295.149 million** in 2025/26 and **R306.720 million** in 2026/27. The allocations provide for, amongst others, public participation.

(c) Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs

An amount of **R666.654 million** for 2024/25, **R684.427 million** for 2025/26 and **R707.282 million** for 2026/27. The allocation caters for, amongst others, the following priorities:

- Environment programmes
- Enterprise Support
- Waste Management
- Revitalisation of resorts
- MAP-SEZ
- Tourism marketing

(d) Free State Provincial Treasury

Provincial Treasury is allocated **R367.937 million** in 2024/25, **R380.462 million** in 2025/26 and **R395.270 million** in 2026/27. The allocation for this Department will cover, amongst others, State Information Technology Agency (SITA), Operation Clean Audit programme, municipal support programme and strengthening of oversight role.

(e) Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

The allocation to this Department amounts to **R416.985 million** in 2024/25, **R430.226 million** in 2025/26 and **R445.363 million** in 2026/27. The proposed budget is expected to address priorities, amongst others, disaster management, municipal support programme and support for water laboratories for municipalities.

(f) Public Works and Infrastructure

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure is allocated an amount of **R2.107 billion** in 2024/25, **R2.293 billion** in 2025/26 and **R2.374 billion** in 2026/27. The proposed allocation addresses some of the key pressures of the Department such as property payments, municipal services as well as rates and taxes. The budget also makes provision for infrastructure investment.

(g) Community Safety, Roads and Transport

The allocation to the Department of Community Safety, Roads and Transport amounts to **R3.606 billion** in 2024/25, **R3.291 billion** in 2025/26 and **R3.214 billion** in 2026/27. The allocation mainly provides for

- Infrastructure investments
- Support to public transport operators
- Revenue collection (SAPO and Cash-in-Transit)
- Implementation of the Township Revitalization programme

(h) Agriculture and Rural Development

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development receives **R829.092 million** in 2024/25, **R879.287 million** in 2025/26 and **R915.606 million** in 2026/27. The budget makes provision for Land Care programme, support and training of farmers, veterinary services, Mohoma Mobung programme, infrastructure investments, disaster response and implementation of agricultural projects.

*figures in the Bill and Memorandum identified with R' 000 as well as the words thousand, million or billion were rounded off.

(i) Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation

The Department receives a total allocation of **R641.789 million** in 2024/25, **R654.419 million** in 2025/26 and **R676.705 million** in 2026/27. The budget provides, amongst others, for infrastructure development, arts and culture, EPWP programme, artists, provincial library and archives services as well as recreation and heritage.

(j) Human Settlements

The Department of Human Settlements receives an allocation of **R1.268 billion** in 2024/25, **R1.276 billion** in 2025/26 and **R1.190 billion** in 2026/27. The allocation mainly emanates from conditional grants and thus provides for human settlements needs, upgrading of informal settlements and EPWP.