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A vertical photograph on the left side of the page shows a person from the back, wearing a bright orange beanie, a dark jacket, and khaki pants. They are holding a rifle, looking out over a field of tall, golden grass under a clear blue sky.

USERS FUND OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Funding for KDWP's fish and wildlife programs comes from two sources: The sale of hunting, fishing and furharvesting licenses and permits which supply the **Wildlife Fee Fund** and federal dollars returned to Kansas from the **federal excise taxes** hunters and anglers pay on equipment purchases.

The amount of money returned to Kansas is based primarily on the numbers of licenses and permits the agency sells. These federal funds require a 25 percent state match which comes from sales of hunting, fishing and furharvesting licenses and permits - not the State General Fund. By law, fee funds and federal funding cannot be diverted for other uses.

Sport Fish Restoration funds are used for fisheries projects, boating access, and aquatic education. **Wildlife Restoration** funds help restore, conserve, manage and enhance wildlife and habitats; provide public use and access to wildlife resources; hunter education, and developing and managing shooting ranges.

USERS FUND OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

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These federal dollars stem from the **Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration (WSFR) Programs** which are administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They were enacted under the **Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts**. This approach to funding wildlife conservation is used by all of North America and was endorsed by hunters, anglers and industry.

KDWP leverages license and permit revenues and WSFR funding to benefit wildlife, anglers, hunters and boaters. WSFR funds are usually specific to game animals and sport fish, but habitat enhancement efforts benefit all fish and wildlife. Popular programs such as Walk-In Hunting Access (WIHA), Walk-in Fishing Access (WIFA), and the Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP) are possible because of the WSFR program.

Other programs funded with a combination of federal funds and license revenues include aquatic nuisance species monitoring and education.





BOATING, BOATING SAFETY FUNDED BY REGISTRATIONS, COAST GUARD

KDWP's boating programs serve the needs of recreational boaters for access, education, registration and safety. Funding for these programs are derived from state boating registration revenues (**Boating Fee Fund**) and **Recreational Boating Safety Program funds** administered by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

Since these federal monies are paid by boaters and anglers from federal excise taxes from motorboat/small engine fuel use, it's described best by the USCG as being as a "User pays/user benefits" system.

KDWP uses boat registration revenues along with matching federal funds – an amount determined by the number of registered watercrafts each year – to support boating-related programs such as:

- Developing, improving, maintaining docks, boat ramps, toilet facilities
- Inspecting marinas
- Enforcing vessel operation, sanitation, sound muffling, boating under the influence laws
- Investigating boating accidents, thefts, officer training, and search and rescue operations
- Administering boating education and water safety programs
- Publishing pertinent boating-related information for free



STATE PARKS SUPPORTED LARGELY BY FEES, RENTALS

Park operations, programs and staff are funded primarily through the sale of park entrance permits and campsite fees (**Park Fee Fund**) and cabin rental fees (**Cabin Fee Fund**). Kansas state parks also receive monies from the Economic **Development Incentive Fund (EDIF)**. Funds are used to operate and maintain each park, fund state park law enforcement and provide safe, enjoyable outdoor recreation experiences for more than 7 million visitors.

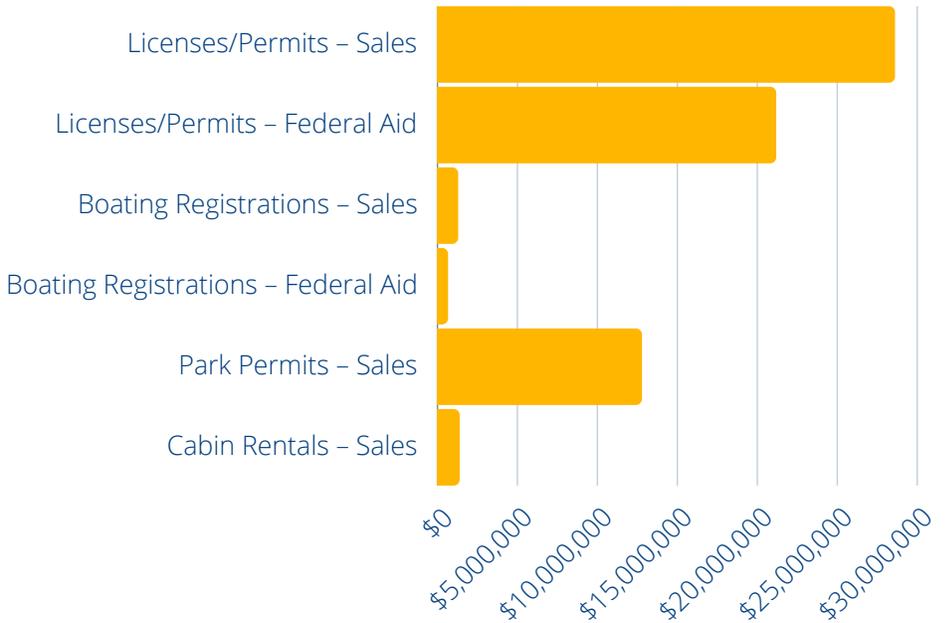
Where possible, federal funding is used to enhance state park trails and facilities. Grants from the National Park Service's **Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF)** have been used for planning, acquisition, and development of state and local outdoor recreation facilities. L&WCF provides 50 percent matching funds for eligible recreational trail and trail-related projects. KDWP is authorized to administer the L&WCF program in Kansas and may transfer some of the funds to local jurisdictions to acquire land or develop outdoor recreation facilities. Traditionally, 75 percent is awarded to local sponsors and 25 percent is invested in state projects.

Lastly, funding for select trail development and improvements may come from the federal **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** administered by KDWP and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Funds for this program are appropriated by the FHWA to KDWP for recreational trail development. Projects must fall into one or more of three categories: Motorized, non-motorized, or diversified recreational trail/trail-related projects. Projects that provide for improved ADA-accessibility and environmental impacts are a top priority.

FISCAL YEAR 2023: OVERVIEW

PRINCIPAL FUNDS RECEIPTS

KDWP received \$65.9 million in principal funds.



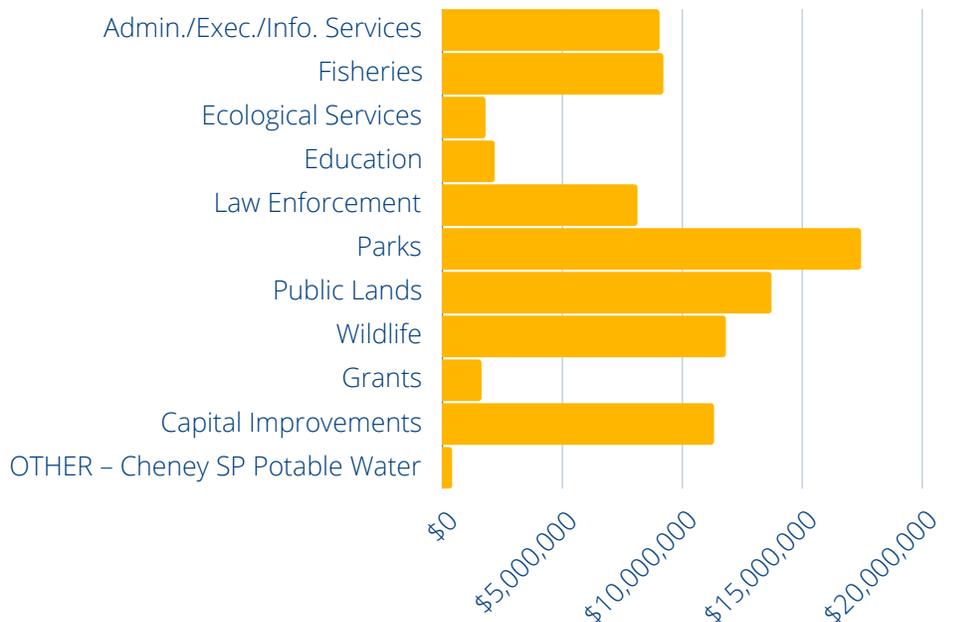
OTHER MAJOR RECEIPTS

KDWP received \$5.5 million from the Economic Development Incentive Fund (Kansas Lottery) and other federal funds.



PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Expenses throughout the agency totaled \$86.7 million.



FISCAL YEAR 2023: DETAILS

PRINCIPAL FUNDS RECEIPTS

Wildlife Fee Fund – <i>Non-Federal Aid, Licenses/Permits</i>	\$28,612,008
Wildlife Fee Fund – <i>Federal Aid</i>	\$21,184,660
Boat Fee Fund – <i>Non-Federal Aid, Boat Registrations</i>	\$1,298,047
Boat Fee Fund – <i>Federal Aid</i>	\$664,355
Park Fee Fund – <i>Park Permits</i>	\$12,788,236
Cabin Fund – <i>Parks and Public Lands, Cabin Rentals</i>	\$1,390,204
TOTAL	\$ 65,937,510

OTHER MAJOR RECEIPTS

Economic Development Incentives Fund – <i>Kansas Lottery</i>	\$3,596,920
Other Federal Funds	\$1,968,628
TOTAL	\$ 5,565,548

PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Administration, Executive and Information Services	\$9,049,191
Fisheries	\$9,210,227
Ecological Services	\$1,795,380
Education	\$2,180,876
Law Enforcement	\$8,130,525
Parks	\$17,452,074
Public Lands	\$13,716,762
Wildlife	\$11,815,684
Grants	\$1,629,681
OTHER – Cheney SP Potable Water	\$403,224
Capital Improvements	\$11,321,766
TOTAL	\$86,705,390