



**OKLAHOMA**  
**Commerce**

# Oklahoma Department of Commerce

**FY 2025 Budget Hearing Presentation**

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## Interim Executive Director



The **Oklahoma Department of Commerce** serves as the primary economic development entity in the state. The mission is to help create an environment where economic growth can occur. The mission is accomplished by bringing jobs, investment, and economic prosperity to the state of Oklahoma.

Through dynamic partnerships and innovative collaborations with companies, communities, universities, not-for-profit organizations, and government leaders, we are building a business environment that supports economic growth and shared community prosperity.

Founded as Commerce in **1987** this agency, now encompasses the following divisions: **Business Development, Research & Economic Analysis, Workforce Development, Community Development, Main Street, Marketing & Communication, Financial Services and Human Resources & Organizational Development.**

The **Oklahoma Department of Commerce** also oversees **various community development grants, business incentives, and industry specific target initiatives such as Aerospace Commerce Economic Services (ACES) and automotive.**

# Agency Vision, Mission and Core Values

**Vision:** We are a team of high-performing servant-leaders committed to excellence, achieving desired results, and moving Oklahoma's economy forward to becoming a top ten state.

**Statutory Mission:** "The mission of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce is to support firms', farms' and local communities' growth, diversification, expansion and ability to compete in export markets in order to create new and better jobs for Oklahomans throughout the state."

**Governor's Implied Intent:** Create and reinforce an environment for economic growth to achieve substantial improvement toward our vision of becoming a top ten state as measured by Oklahoma's per capita gross domestic product.

**Core Values:** Responsiveness, Integrity, Service to Others, Accountability, Quality, Innovation, Teamwork, Personal Development & Leadership.



# Accomplishments

## Top accomplishments for FY 2023 – FY 2024

- 1) In 2023, ODOC assisted **380 businesses** with their retention/expansion and attraction projects, creating **6,945 jobs** and realizing **\$3.15B in capital expenditures**.
  - The **Oklahoma Innovation Expansion Program (OIEP)** grew from assisting **125** companies in 2022 to **166** companies in 2023. Amount awarded: **\$12.42 million**. Companies will create **902** new jobs and contribute **\$42.7 million** of their funds toward a **\$57.09 million** total project budget.
  - In 2023, **42 Oklahoma businesses** received assistance through **Business Expansion Investment Program (BEIP)**, adding **\$471.25 million** in investment and **1,477 new jobs** to date.
- 2) ODOC assisted **22 projects** in 2022 and **13 projects** in 2023 in choosing Oklahoma as their new location.
- 3) Successful closure of **largest economic development project in state history**. Enel Green Power, a multinational manufacturer and distributor of electricity/gas with an established presence in Oklahoma, will establish a new manufacturing plant to produce photovoltaic modules and solar cells at the Tulsa Port of Inola. The company will invest close to **\$1.8 billion** and create **1,500+ jobs**.
  - Other projects of note:
    - **The Boeing Company**. Expansion project creating more than **800 new jobs** and investing **\$7 million**.
    - **AAR Aircraft Services**. Expansion project creating **200 new jobs** and **\$80 million** investment.
    - **Raytheon Technologies Corporation**. Expansion project creating **70 new jobs** and **\$255 million** in investment.
    - **Centrillum Proteins**. Attraction project for a new agribusiness in Midwest City adding **125 jobs** and investing **\$70 million**.
    - **Blue Whale Materials**. Manufacturing rare earth materials from spent lithium batteries. Creating **90 new jobs** and investing **\$40 million** in Bartlesville.
- 4) Assisting more rural communities than any time over the past 10 years of **38%**; as of October 2023, project wins in rural areas is **43%**.
- 5) Expansion of the Oklahoma Film+Music industry. In FY23, 14 awarded projects resulted in **\$160,684,747 in rebates spent**; in FY24, 13 awarded projects resulted in **\$35,384,297 spent**. The Filmed in Oklahoma incentive program, which was created through legislation in 2021, provides a rebate on certain qualifying Oklahoma expenditures for projects filmed in the State.
- 6) Trade assistance made to **30 Oklahoma businesses** resulting in export sales of **\$18.89 million** and **638 jobs created or retained**.
- 7) Launch of the Supporting Industrial Transformation and Economic Success (SITES) program. In February 2023, Commerce launched the SITES program in response to a demand for industrial sites. Allocated expenditures: **\$250 million awarded to 37 communities** to assist in developing infrastructure for industrial site improvements.
- 8) Increased the number of Main Street Communities from 39 to **45**, including two county programs. Reinvestment in Main Street Communities totaled **\$52,664,375** in FY 2023.
- 9) Distributed over \$16.5 million to Oklahoma nonprofit organizations through the American Rescue Plan Act Nonprofit Relief Program.



# Challenges

## Top Challenges (current & upcoming years)

- 1) Talent recruitment to the State of Oklahoma. Oklahoma does not have a sufficient talent pipeline to support Oklahoma businesses expanding. [Continue outreach and coordination to K-12 / Career Tech / University education institutions and programs that meet market demands. Also, support recruitment for out-of-state talent (e.g. interstate Talent Recruitment Campaign and Lt Gov's marketing expansion).]
- 2) Building up the infrastructure to increase and enhance industrial sites around the state. [Funding for SITES program for infrastructure development].
- 3) Uncertain worldwide economic and political factors including trade. With inflation increasing, capital is expensive, making it challenging for business to make investment. [Connecting business development needs to investors in state (e.g. venture capitalists); also, restore Governor's Quick-action Closing Fund].
- 4) Outreach to local/regional economic developers and local civic leaders regarding economic incentives/programs available through OK Commerce and other state agencies. [Restore Rural Development Services to better implement effective strategic planning in local communities consistent with the state's strategic development plan].
- 5) Agency employee retention: Some of our positions become very valuable with 1 or 2 years of experience and are poached by more competitive employment offers. [Appropriate compensation to maintain employee stability in a competitive environment].



# Savings & Efficiencies (Current or Planned)

Savings or Efficiency Name	Brief description of how savings were achieved	Savings in Unit of Measurement*	FY 2023 (Actual \$ Savings)	FY 2024 (Projected \$ Savings)	FY 2025 (Projected \$ Savings)
<b>Reduction of OMES IT Costs</b>	Reduced personnel costs provided by OMES staff and the number of servers used by Commerce	Hours and Servers	\$58,565	\$82,795	\$82,795
<b>Reduced Office Space</b>	Moved the Workforce Division (19 FTE) from OSU-OKC where we paid rent to our main building at 900 N. Stiles Ave in October 2022. Consolidated Workforce Division into OESC in late 2023 (16 FTE).	3,448 square feet in office space	\$51,720	\$51,720	\$51,720
<b>Consolidation of IT Services</b>	By moving the Workforce Division to the main building, we were able to consolidate IT services and connections to the state network.	1 site connection, 22 network connections, 2 wireless access points, and ethernet service	\$6,104	\$11,607	\$11,607
<b>Main Street Portal</b>	The Main Street Portal allows local ED's to input reinvestment information themselves instead of a team member inputting the information into a spreadsheet. The portal also contains commonly requested documents and information.	Hours	\$8,794	\$8,803	\$9,032
<b>Electronic Main Street Submissions</b>	Converted paper processes to electronic processes using Adobe Sign and Jotform. All Main Street applications and award submissions are now submitted electronically.	Hours and resources	\$7,715	\$7,900	\$8,000



\* Hours, FTE, square feet, etc.

# Agency Goals and Key Performance Metrics

	Goal	Metric	FY 22 Actuals	FY 23 Actuals	FY 24 Target	FY 29 Target
1	Direct New Jobs	We will continue to increase the number of direct new jobs we facilitate.	8,117	5,763	7,500	8,000
2	Average Annual Wage	We will work to increase the average annual wage of the direct new jobs we facilitate.	\$62,010	\$55,028	\$57,000	\$58,000
3	New Private Investment	We will work to increase the amount of total new private investment within our Business Development, Workforce, Community Development and Main Street divisions.	\$4.5 Billion	\$2.13 Billion	\$2.5 Billion	\$2.6 Billion
4	New Business Projects	We will continue to pursue new business projects to be added to the pipeline for the division.	185	210	160	170
5	Community Capacity Improvement Projects	We will continue the completion of our community capacity improvement projects in addition to the additional relief funds awarded to Oklahoma communities.	253	539	255	255



# Projects for FY 2024 - 2025

## Projects

- 1) Working approximately 100 business expansion and relocation projects across Oklahoma through Business Development Division.
- 2) Improving Oklahoma's Workforce Development and Attraction Efforts
  - Building a workforce to support Oklahoma's businesses
- 3) Administer and distribute over \$397 million in American Rescue Plan Act, Progressing Rural Economic Prosperity, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds. These programs include funding for infrastructure projects, international trade, Weatherization of low- and moderate-income homes, and energy efficiency projects.
- 4) Promote Route 66 in advance of the highway's centennial in 2026 through the Oklahoma Main Street Program and the Route 66 Revitalization Grant Program.
- 5) Implementation of the Oklahoma Rural Jobs Act.
  - The program promotes greater access to capital for qualifying small businesses located in rural areas of the state through a tax credit on the amount of equity invested in a Rural fund.



# Historic Actual Expenditures (FY 2019-23) and Current Year Budget (FY 2024)

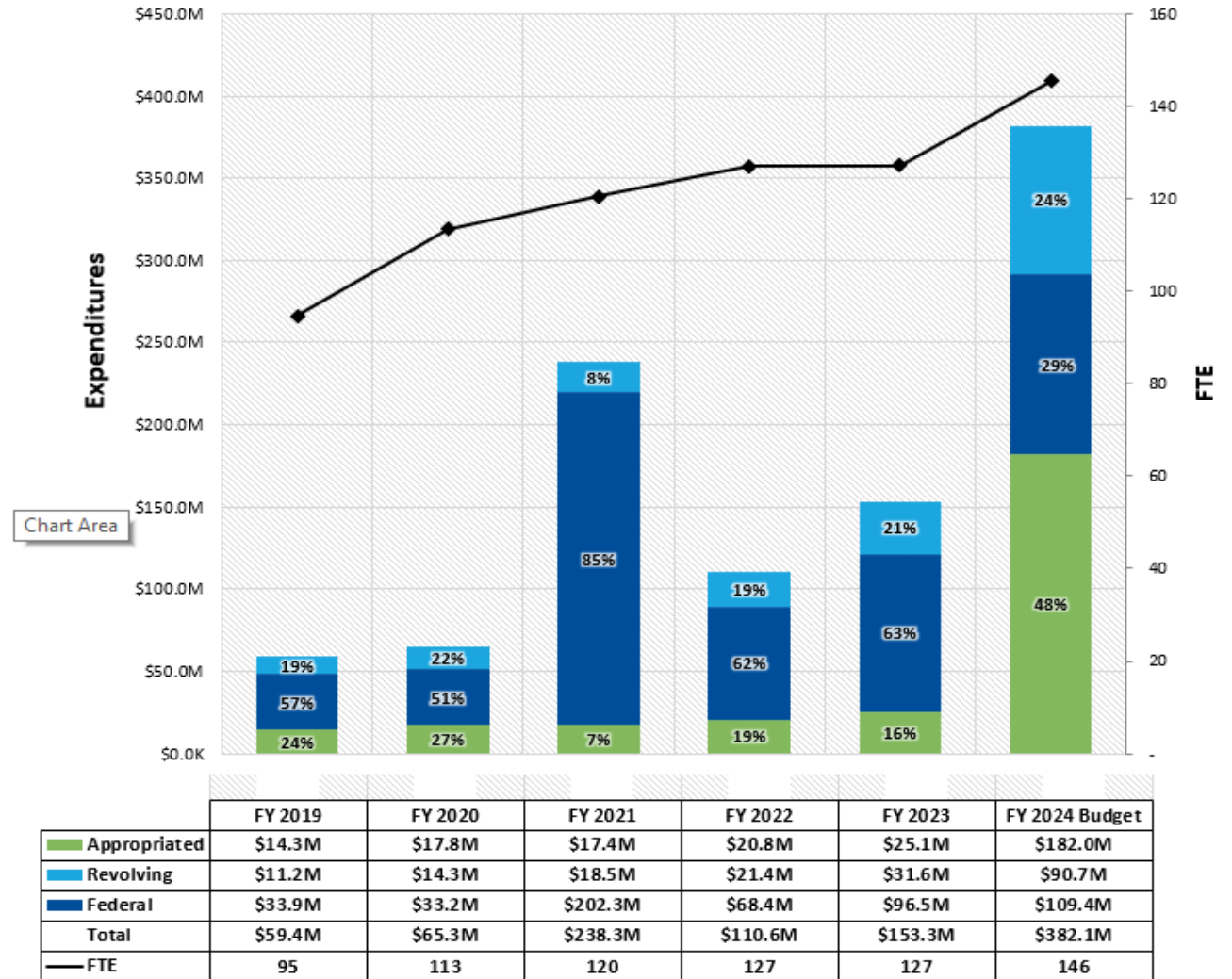
## Explanation of Significant Changes and Trends

FY 21 increase in federal funding is due to \$143 million in CARES spending for the Oklahoma Business Relief Program.

FY 23 increase in funding is due to a \$15 million increase in Rural Economic Action Plan funding; a \$5 million appropriation to the Oklahoma Disaster Mitigation & Recovery Matching Fund; a \$25 million appropriation for the ARPA Nonprofit Relief Grant Program; & an increase in federal funding related to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

FY 24 increase is due to anticipated expenditures related to the ARPA Infrastructure grants, ARPA workforce coordination, Progressing Rural Economic Prosperity grants, a \$145 million appropriation for industrial park site improvements, & increases to other grant programs.

**Historic Actual Expenditures and Current Year Budget**



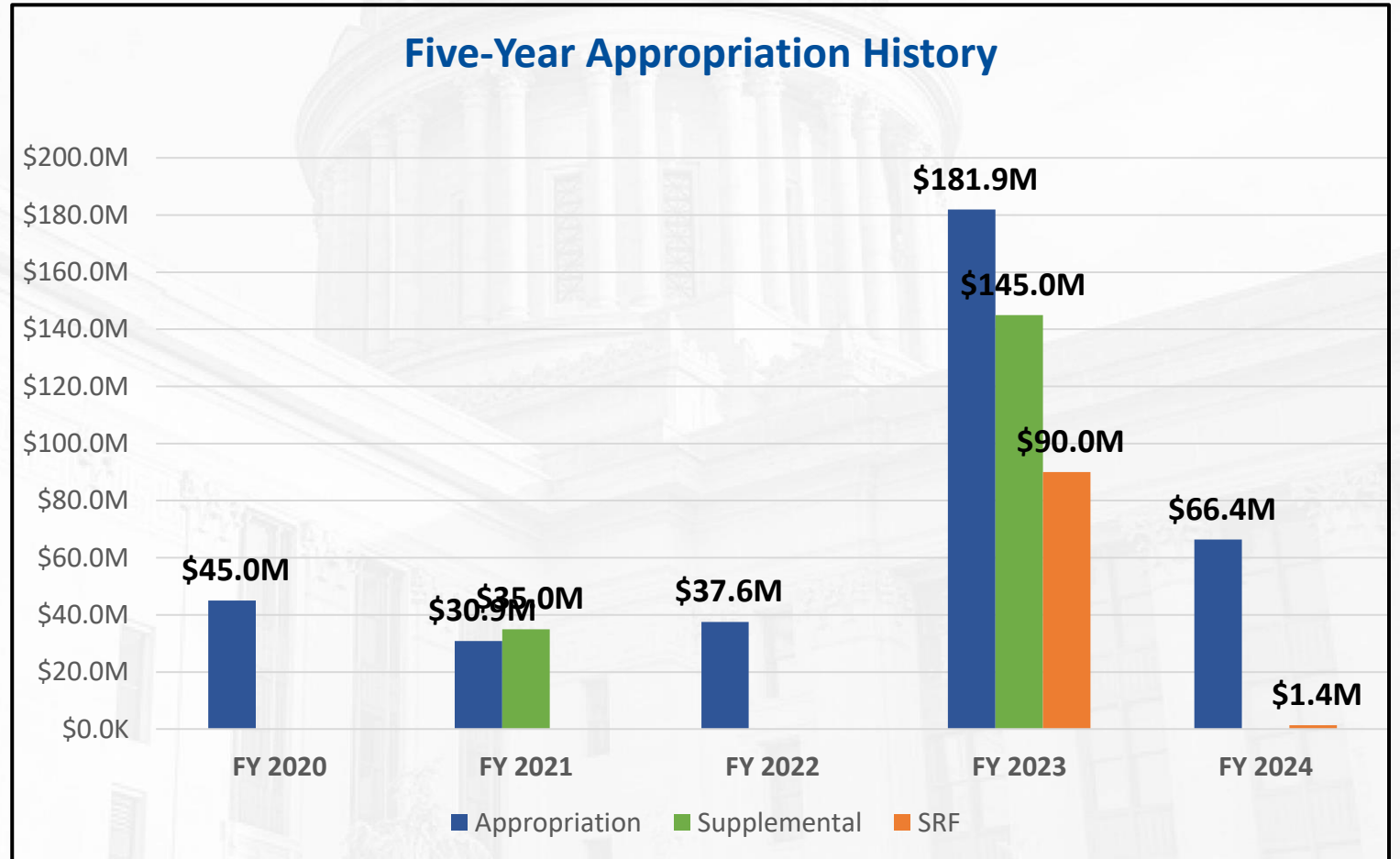


# FY 2024 Budgeted Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

	FY 2024 Budgeted FTE
<b>Total FTE</b>	145.5
<b>Supervisor FTE</b>	29
<b>Supervisors to Total FTE Ratio (%)</b>	20%

# Appropriation History

Fiscal Year	Legislated Appropriation (\$) (Includes supplementals and SRF/ARPA.)
FY 2020	\$45,005,295
FY 2021	\$65,866,497
FY 2022	\$37,552,680
FY 2023	\$416,879,323
FY 2024	\$67,746,002



\*Includes Supplemental and Statewide Recovery Fund (ARPA) appropriations.



# Financial Resource Analysis

Carryover	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total appropriated carryover amount expended (\$)	\$3,772,345	\$3,807,338	\$3,523,221	\$6,343,924

Historical Cash Balances	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Year End Revolving Fund Cash Balances <i>(All Revolving Funds)</i>	\$26,002,442	\$45,607,930	\$41,118,675	\$46,411,097

Class Fund # <i>(Unrestricted only)</i>	Class Fund Name <i>(Unrestricted only)</i>	Current cash balance (\$)
20500	Oklahoma Commerce Revolving Fund	\$499,705
#		\$
#		\$
#		\$
#		\$
#		\$
	<b>Total Current Unrestricted Fund Cash balance:</b>	\$

Fiscal Year	Agency's plan to deploy unrestricted cash (including amounts):
<b>FY 2024</b>	Any available cash will continue to be utilized for economic development projects, such as business recruitment and retention, talent attraction, and the attraction of foreign investment. The agency will be converting to bi-weekly payroll in January 2024 and will be using carryover funds for the required leave payout. Due to timing of pass-through projects, it is anticipated that some funds will be carried over for these projects as well. Revolving funds are used for federal programs where the agency is reimbursed as opposed to the federal funds being provided in advance.
<b>FY 2025</b>	Revolving funds will be used for federal programs where the agency is reimbursed for costs.
<b>FY 2026</b>	Revolving funds will be used for federal programs where the agency is reimbursed for costs.



*Unrestricted funds are those that are not limited by state or federal law, rule, regulation, other legally binding method, or donor restriction.*

# FY 2022 Incremental Appropriation Review

<i>Purpose of appropriation increase / decrease</i>	<i>Amount of increase or decrease (\$)</i>	<i>Included in FY24 appropriation? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>If yes, included in appropriation for same purpose? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>If not included for same purpose, please explain.</i>
<b>FY 2022</b>				
Five State Recruitment Strategy	\$1,000,000	Yes	Yes	
E-Commerce Business Assistance	\$250,000	Yes	No	After the funds were appropriated, the National Main Street Center debuted an e-commerce system for communities. The funds were repurposed for promotion of Route 66 and the Rt. 66 Centennial.
Innovation Initiative	\$250,000	Yes	Yes	
Seminole State Rural Business Resource Center	\$838,000	Yes	Yes	
Aerospace Commerce Economic Services	\$500,000	Yes	Yes	
Rural Water District Renovation	\$1,500,000	Yes	No	These funds were redistributed to operating expenses, such as research tools, marketing, and economic development.
Quick Action Closing Fund	\$20,000,000	No		
Accelerator Program	\$15,000,000	No		
<b>Total adjustment</b>	<b>\$39,338,000</b>			



*\*Do not include SRF / ARPA appropriation increases.*

# FY 2023 Incremental Appropriation Review

<i>Purpose of appropriation increase / decrease</i>	<i>Amount of increase or decrease (\$)</i>	<i>Included in FY24 appropriation? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>If yes, included in appropriation for same purpose? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>If not included for same purpose, please explain.</i>
<b>FY 2023</b>				
ACES Program	\$100,000	Yes	Yes	
Automotive Initiative	\$300,000	Yes	Yes	
Community Action Agency Partners	\$437,919	Yes	Yes	
Disaster Mitigation and Recovery Matching Fund	\$5,000,000	No		
Oklahoma Film and Music Office	\$712,279	Yes	Yes	
Oklahoma Community Enhancement of Nutrition Assistance (CENA)	\$188,187	Yes	Yes	
Oklahoma Sub-State Planning/COGs	\$60,000	Yes	Yes	
Rural Economic Action Plan	\$14,525,000	Yes	Yes	
Rogers State University Distance Learning TV	\$350,000	Yes	Yes	
Seminole State Rural Business Resource Center	\$503,258	Yes	Yes	
<b>Total adjustment</b>	<b>\$22,176,643</b>			



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# FY 2024 Incremental Appropriation Review

<i>Purpose of appropriation increase / decrease</i>	<i>Amount of increase or decrease (\$)</i>	<i>Does this need to be included in your FY 2025 appropriation? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>If yes, included in appropriation for same purpose? (Yes/No)</i>	<i>If not included for same purpose, please explain.</i>
<b>FY 2024</b>				
Oklahoma Small Business Development Center Network Pass-Through	\$150,000	Yes	Yes	
Oklahoma Community Enhancement of Nutrition Assistance (CENA)	\$200,000	Yes	Yes	
Murray State University for Four-Year Gunsmithing Program	\$10,000,000	No		
Research Mapping/GIS	\$300,000	Yes	Yes	
Agriculture Initiative	\$200,000	Yes	No	In order to continue expanding our international reach, these funds would be repurposed to the International Relations and Global Commerce team within Commerce.
International Protocol Office	\$148,650	Yes	Yes	
Seminole State Rural Business Development Center	\$400,000	Yes	Yes	
Northeastern State College Rodeo Program	\$250,000	Yes		
<b>Total adjustment</b>	<b>\$11,648,650</b>			



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# Budget & Supplemental Request Summary

	Request Name	FY 2025 Appropriated Request Amount (\$) {or FY 2024 for Supplementals}	Type of Request: Operating, One-time, or Supplemental
1	Quick Action Closing Fund	\$20,000,000	Operating
2	Workforce Recruitment Marketing	\$10,000,000	One-time
3	ACES Partnership with Consulting Firm	\$260,000	Operating
4	Industrial Site Infrastructure Program	\$250,000	One-time
5	Automotive Initiative	\$109,135	One-time



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Request Name		FY 2025 Appropriated Request Amount (\$) {or FY 2024 for Supplementals}	Type of Request: Operating, One-time, or Supplemental
6	Energy Initiative	\$200,000	One-time
7	Bioscience Initiative	\$200,000	One-time
8	Rural Community Support	\$300,000	One-time
9	Strategic Planning Reports for Product Development and Regional Districts	\$250,000	One-time
10	Support of CENA OK Program	\$229,946	One-time



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	Request Name	FY 2025 Appropriated Request Amount (\$) {or FY 2024 for Supplementals}	Type of Request: Operating, One-time, or Supplemental
11	Support of OK Substate Planning to Councils of Government	\$150,000	One-time
12	Support of OK Community Action Agency Partners	\$36,221	One-time
13	Support of CAA Head Start	\$183,874	One-time
14	Support of RX for Oklahoma Program	\$64,217	One-time
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# (1) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Quick Action Closing Fund</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) Operating	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$20,000,000
Describe why these funds are needed. This appropriation would allow for additional incentive funds to secure high impact business projects which pay quality wages and provide quality benefits to Oklahomans. Any project which receives funds is required to project as a benefit to the State. Projects awarded funds should increase revenue to the State of Oklahoma in an amount higher than the expenditure of funds.	



# (2) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Workforce Recruitment Campaign</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) One-Time	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$10,000,000
Describe why these funds are needed. These funds will be used to implement a large-scale marketing campaign to recruit talent that will support existing employment and ongoing business recruitment needs. The campaign will bring in more projects due to increased brand awareness; thus, creating jobs, investment and economic prosperity.	



# (3) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>ACES Partnership with Consulting Firm</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) Operating	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$260,000
Describe why these funds are needed. These funds will be used for a partnership with a consulting firm to develop the ongoing commercial space market sector in Oklahoma. The commercial space will exceed \$1 trillion by 2030. Oklahoma is uniquely postured to develop this market sector for businesses in Oklahoma. The FAA Monroney Center in Oklahoma City will be the regulatory agency over future commercial space travel. Proximity to Oklahoma City will be a key consideration for companies seeking FAA approval of products, equipment, or processes.	



# (4) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Industrial Site Infrastructure Program</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) One-Time	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$250,000
Describe why these funds are needed. This is a program to assist rural communities and help them evaluate industrial sites for competitiveness. The Business Development Team is looking to address one of the biggest bottlenecks in the industry. In 2022, 327 projects came to Oklahoma to evaluate sites. A key component is data collection and analysis of existing sites. Understanding the deficiencies or opportunities will help design programs that will make Oklahoma more competitive.	



# (5) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Automotive Initiative</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) One-Time	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$109,135
Describe why these funds are needed. To further diversify the Oklahoma economy, ODOC is targeting the automotive industry as a key industry sector in the state. Oklahoma is ideally situated to meet the needs of OEMs and auto parts manufacturers, both in terms of its central location, low costs (both operating costs and wages), right to work status and availability of workers with required technical skillsets.	



# (6) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Energy Initiative</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) One-Time	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$200,000
Describe why these funds are needed. To further diversify the Oklahoma economy, ODOC is targeting the energy sector as a key industry sector in the state. Funds will be used to target and market the state to site location consultants, companies, and other decision-makers outside the state; strengthen the supply chain for existing energy companies and pair asset with companies looking to expand to further grow the industry.	



# (7) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Bioscience Initiative</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) One-Time	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$200,000
Describe why these funds are needed. Oklahoma was awarded the Build Back Better grant. The grant proposal was designed to catalyze the bioscience sector in the Oklahoma City region, taking advantage of groundwork laid in the industry by Oklahoma City leaders over the last 25 years, the growth of new private investment in the region.	



# (8) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Rural Community Support</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) One-Time	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$300,000
Describe why these funds are needed. With the substantial increase in the number of economic development projects the division is working, additional resources are needed to support rural communities that want to be considered as a potential site.	



# (9) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Strategic Planning Reports for Product Development and Regional Districts</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) One-Time	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$250,000
Describe why these funds are needed. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce has statutory authority to support Product Development and to support the development of Regional Districts, but to support these initiatives, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce needs to hire a consultant to develop a strategic plan to get started. After a plan is implemented, we plan to use existing tools to achieve the goals of the Act.	
74 O.S. §5066, et seq 62 O.S. §821, et seq	



# (10) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Support of Community Expansion of Nutrition Assistance Program</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) One-Time	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$229,946
Describe why these funds are needed. An increase of \$229,946 will increase the number of meals served to vulnerable senior citizens, especially in rural Oklahoma. There are \$500,000 in unfunded reimbursement requests in Oklahoma senior centers. Any increase in funding for this program will enhance the quality of life for seniors in the state. As the population shifts from rural to urban, the local resources available in rural Oklahoma continue to diminish. Maintaining a baseline level of service in nutrition programs has become more difficult and expensive. There are almost 500 Senior Centers in the state, with a continually increasing aging population, therefore, an increase of funding is necessary.	



# (11) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Support of Oklahoma Substate Planning to Councils of Government</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) One-Time	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$150,000
Describe why these funds are needed. An increase of \$150,000 to ODOC's allocation will allow for greater impact in economic development via an increase in funds for substate planning districts. An increase in funding helps address a rural equity issues by assisting towns that have no access to economic planning services of their own. Historically, the substate planning funds have helped COGs access hundreds of federally funded projects with an economic impact of more than \$120 million. Restoring funding for the substate planning districts to previous levels will allow for greater capacity to support more projects in the future.	



# (12) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Support of OK Community Action Agency Partners</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) One-Time	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$36,221
Describe why these funds are needed. An increase to ODOC's general community development allocation will allow Community Action Agencies to serve approximately 10% more clients in programs such as early childhood education, prescription assistance, and other anti-poverty programs. Community Action Agencies provide these programs in response to specific, local need in all 77 counties.	



# (13) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Support of CAA Head Start</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) One-Time	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$183,874
Describe why these funds are needed. An increase to ODOC's general community development allocation will allow Community Action Agencies to serve approximately 10% more clients in programs such as early childhood education, prescription assistance, and other anti-poverty programs. Community Action Agencies provide these programs in response to specific, local need in all 77 counties.	



# (14) Budget Request

<b>Name of Request</b> <b>Support of RX for Oklahoma Program</b>	
Type: (Operating, One-Time, Supplemental) One-Time	\$ Amount Requested for FY 2025 (Or FY 2024, if supplemental) \$64,217
Describe why these funds are needed. An increase to ODOC's general community development allocation will allow Community Action Agencies to serve approximately 10% more clients in programs such as early childhood education, prescription assistance, and other anti-poverty programs. Community Action Agencies provide these programs in response to specific, local need in all 77 counties.	

