

The Cost of Hanford Cleanup

More than \$7 billion in funding is required to keep Hanford cleanup on track the next two years. This Ecology estimate includes a compliant budget of \$3.35 billion for FY23 and \$3.76 billion for FY24.

Consistently underfunded

Every year that Hanford is underfunded, cleanup work is delayed and the overall cost increases. By meeting or exceeding the compliant budget, Energy can ultimately spend less on Hanford.

Each president, historically, has proposed a much smaller appropriation for Hanford than what is needed. While Congress consistently and significantly increases the funding over the president's request, it is still hundreds of millions below what is needed to meet cleanup deadlines.

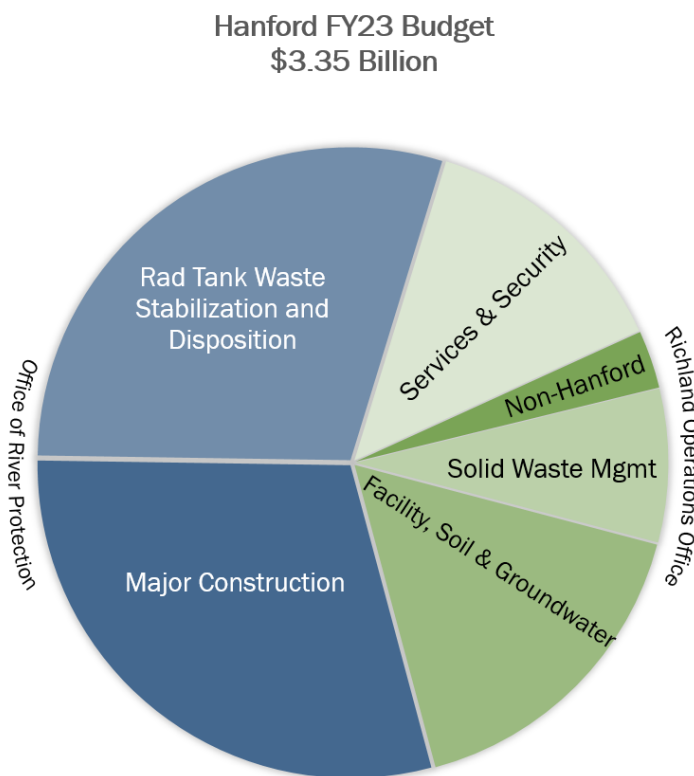
Underfunding – An expensive toll

The cheapest way to clean up Hanford is to do the work quickly. That will only happen with the required funding amount. The ever-increasing budget deficit continues to affect both the overall time needed to finish the job at Hanford, and increases the amount of money it will cost.

Missed deadlines and aging facilities snowball over time, pushing work into the future and delaying other projects. The longer cleanup takes, the greater chance additional infrastructure failure will happen, costing even more and putting the region at greater risk.

Keeping the lights on

Up to half of Hanford's budget goes to maintenance, such as security, fire, utilities, roads, and more. These expenses are increasing and don't contribute to actual cleanup. Every year Hanford is underfunded means another year where more money is spent keeping operations going and less goes to getting the job done.



\$ in billions	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
President's budget	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.19	\$2.11	\$1.91	\$2.46	\$2.71♦
Compliant request*	\$4.03	\$2.73	\$3.49	\$3.25	\$3.34	\$3.30	\$3.35
Appropriation	\$2.42	\$2.51	\$2.53	\$2.53	\$2.67	\$2.69	\$2.84**
Difference	-\$1.61	-\$0.22	-\$0.96	-\$0.72	-\$0.67	-\$0.61	-\$0.51

*Compliant request refers to amount needed to meet current milestones

** Awaiting final amounts ♦President's budget was updated in June 2022