

# Ecology's budget

## 2023-25 overview

### 2023-25 budget: a few highlights

Our work is incredibly complex and diverse, and that is reflected in our budget. We use up to 73 separate accounts and are the administrator of 65 of those accounts. We carry out our mission through 11 environmental programs, plus agency administration. Our combined operating and capital budget is distributed among these programs and includes money we pass through to other entities (more about pass-through money below).

- Biennial operating budget: \$862.6 million
- Biennial capital budget: \$1.37 billion (new appropriations)
- Total operating budget FTEs: 2,136.5
- Number of fund sources: 73, and we are the administrator for 65 of those accounts.
- Largest environmental program: Water Quality, with 41% of our total budget, and 51% of the capital budget.
- Largest operating budget fund source: Model Toxics Control Operating Account, which funds 39.8% of our operating budget.
- General Fund-State only accounts for 8.9% of our operating budget.

### We pass most of our budget through to others

Ecology passes through most of the money we manage—approximately 70% each biennium—to



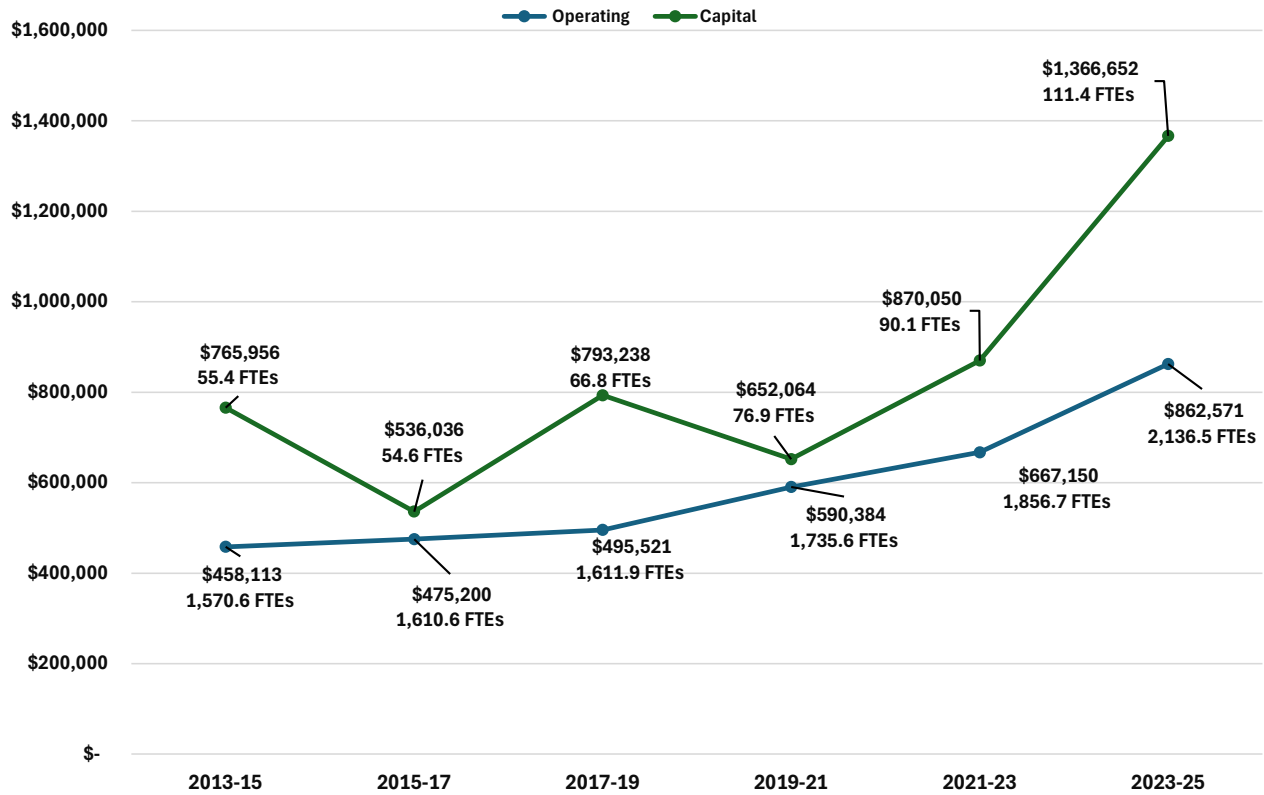
*Figure 1: Contractor working on cleaning up lead and arsenic contamination left behind by the Everett Smelter*

local governments and communities to do environmental and public health work. This money is awarded as grants or loans and is also contracted directly for various activities, such as:

- Floodplain management and habitat improvement.
- Water supply development and instream flow protection.
- Local solid waste management and air toxics prevention.
- Building water pollution control facilities.
- Cleaning up publicly owned and orphaned or abandoned contaminated sites.
- Supporting community awareness and involvement in hazardous waste management and pollution prevention.

## Ecology Operating and Capital Budget 2013-15 to 2023-25

(\$ in thousands)



Source: Ecology control totals after enacted budget each biennium - 2007-09 through 2023-25.

Note: 2017-19 capital budget data after 2018 supplemental, due to no enacted 2017-19 capital budget.

### More Information

- [Our budget - Washington State Department of Ecology](https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/budget-legislative-priorities/our-budget)<sup>1</sup>
- [2023-25 Budget - Washington State Department of Ecology](https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Budget-legislative-priorities/Our-budget/2023-25-Budget)<sup>2</sup>
- [Department of Ecology Budget and Program Overview 2023-25](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2301004.html)<sup>3</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/budget-legislative-priorities/our-budget>

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