

July 2025

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Financial Update

Wolf funding – The Blue Book

- Prepared in 2019
- Assumed three new positions plus temps
- Modeled depredation payments based on game damage and observed payments in other states
- Was described in the Blue Book as follows:
- State spending. Proposition 114 increases state spending by approximately \$300,000 in state budget year 2021-22 and \$500,000 in state budget year 2022-23 for public outreach and development of a gray wolf reintroduction plan. Beginning in state budget year 2023-24, spending will increase to about \$800,000 per year for the implementation of the wolf reintroduction plan. Implementation costs will only be incurred if federal approval is received, or gray wolves are no longer listed as endangered and the state is able to begin its reintroduction plan. Costs will be paid from hunting and fishing license fees or appropriations made by the General Assembly. Actual state spending will depend on the details of the plan developed by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission and the amount of livestock losses caused by wolves.

Changes from 2019



Extensive public outreach during plan development



Compensation limits raised and indirect compensation added



Conflict minimization positions added



Range Rider program started

Wolf Funding – Revenue

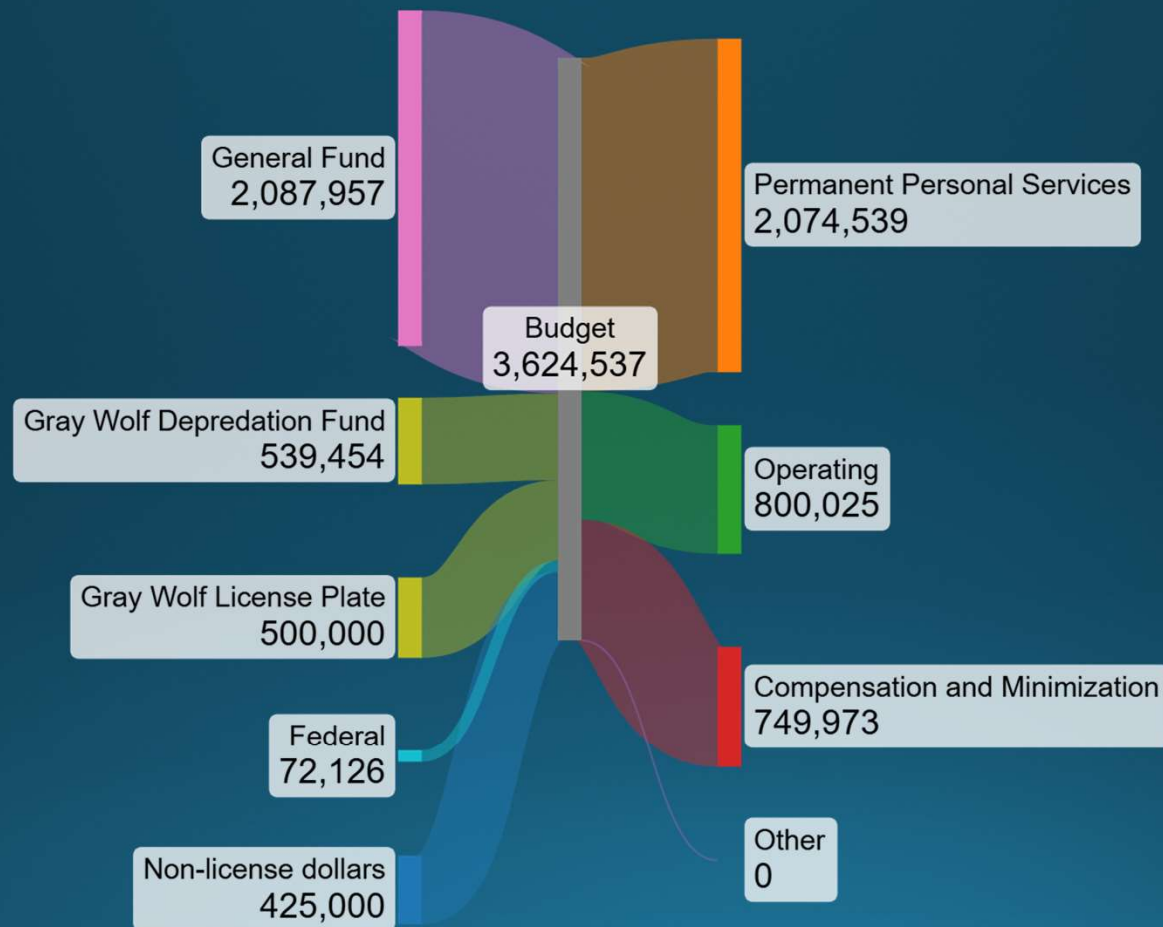
The legislature prioritized sources of funding in statute (21-1243)

\$1.1 million General Fund added in FY2021-22, increasing to \$2.1 million in FY2022-23

Gray Wolf Depredation Compensation Fund created with an initial transfer of \$175,000 and ongoing transfers of \$350,000 (SB23-255)

Gray Wolf license Plate created with annual revenues in excess of \$500,000 (23-1265)

Keep Colorado Wild and Lottery “waterfall” provide Wildlife Cash with “non-license dollars”



Wolf Expense Report (as of July 2nd)

BUDGET BUCKET	2025	GRAND TOTAL
A01-General Operating	\$ 1,054,717.56	\$ 3,170,988.54
A02-Permanent Personal Services	\$ 1,827,644.27	\$ 4,336,546.66
A19-General Donations		\$ 234.40
A25-Accounting Adjustments	\$ 132,648.07	\$ 132,648.07
A26-Wolf Compensation and Conflict Minimization	\$ 363,566.99	\$ 410,223.74
M08-Grants and Habitat Partnerships Programs	\$ 36,300.00	\$ 36,300.00
Grand Total	\$ 3,414,876.89	\$ 8,086,941.41

