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August 11, 2023

Laurie Gharis
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Subject: Summary of the FY 2024 Recommended Operating Budget. TCEQ Docket No 2023-0806-BGT.

Dear Ms. Gharis:

Enclosed, please find the revised Summary of the FY 2024 Recommended Operating Budget. The revision includes a minor adjustment to the method of finance chart and an overview of the exempt position salaries.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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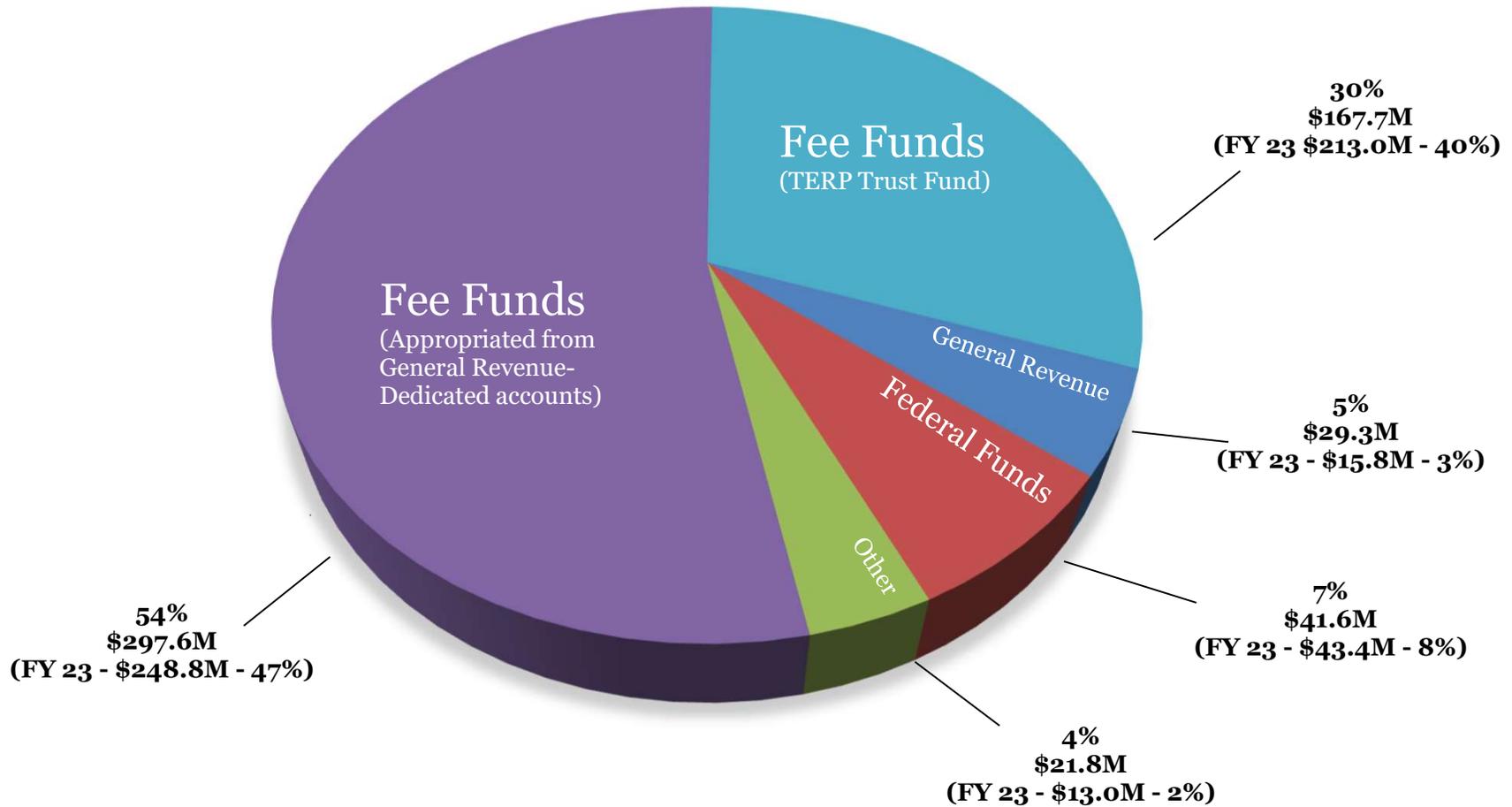
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Total Acquisition of Information Resource Technology	\$ 16,507,947	\$ 21,949,244	\$ 5,441,297
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Replacement Vehicles for Agency Fleet	235,426	-	(235,426)
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CAPPS Financials Implementation	The agency converted to the Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS) HR/Payroll in FY 2020 and will convert to CAPPS Financials in FY 2024. CAPPS is an Enterprise Resource Planning tool for Texas. All agencies are required to convert to the new system. For HR/Payroll, the agency continues to allocate resources to support business processes where gaps existed between agency applications and the CAPPS HR/Payroll system. These resources are also managing the additional workload, documenting changes in processes, staff training, and serving as CAPPS experts. Given the greater complexity of CAPPS Financials and the extent of the agency's financial operations, TCEQ will need to expend significant time and personnel resources to the Financials deployment and implementation.	\$ 2,274,148
Federal Lead & Copper Rule Revision	This project develops a new database for the implementation of the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) and the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation (WIIN) Act . The database will house drinking water data and perform compliance determinations required by the proposed LCRR and to meet EPA grant requirements. The database provides tracking and reporting functions to the EPA for WIIN grant activities for lead testing in schools and childcare facilities.	\$ 750,000
Agency Website Usability Enhancements	This project consists of enhancing a centralized, intuitive, and spatial public interface of the agency's website. Enhancements include creating an information architecture that will allow TCEQ to remediate, create, and maintain content in a useable manner for the public to navigate. In addition, enhancements will include designing a new interface that uses responsive web design and a new centralized permit search that will allow the public to find currently available digital information easily. A central inventory of sample and monitoring data will also be created and a map interface designed to present emission and other monitoring data to the public.	\$ 5,000,000
Total Information Technology Projects		\$ 21,949,244

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Table VII - Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Summary

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Programs	Statutory Allocation	FY 2024
TCEQ Administration	\$6M to 15%	\$ 25,496,250
Regional Air Monitoring (Max)	Not more than \$3M	3,000,000
Texas Clean School Bus (Min)	4.00%	6,799,000
Alternative Fueling Facilities (Max)	Not more than \$6M	6,000,000
Texas Clean Fleet (Min)	5.00%	8,498,750
Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant (Min)	7.50%	12,748,125
Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive (Min)	2.50%	4,249,375
Port Authority Studies and Pilot Projects (Max)	Not more than \$500k	500,000
Governmental Alternative Fueling Fleet (Max)*	3.00%	-
New Technology Implementation Grant (Min)**	8.00%	5,598,000
Texas Hydrogen Infrastructure, Vehicle, and Equipment (THIVE) Grant**	8.00% to \$8M	8,000,000
Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emissions Reduction (Min)	6.00%	10,198,500
Health Effects Study (Max)	Specified Amount	200,000
Research (Max)	Specified Amount	750,000
Energy Systems Laboratory Contract (Max)	Specified Amount	500,000
Research for Demonstrations to EPA	Not more than \$2.5M	2,500,000
Diesel Emissions Reduction Incentive Programs		
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- Rebate Grants Program	Balance	72,203,890
Health and Safety Code Sec. 386.252 Air Quality Planning	Specified Amount	500,000
Total Program Allocation		<u>\$ 167,741,890</u>

Note: Amounts indicated in above table are based on current revenue and program need estimates as of July 5, 2023

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**NTIG and THIVE programs may use 8% total between the two programs with no more than \$8 million used on the THIVE program.

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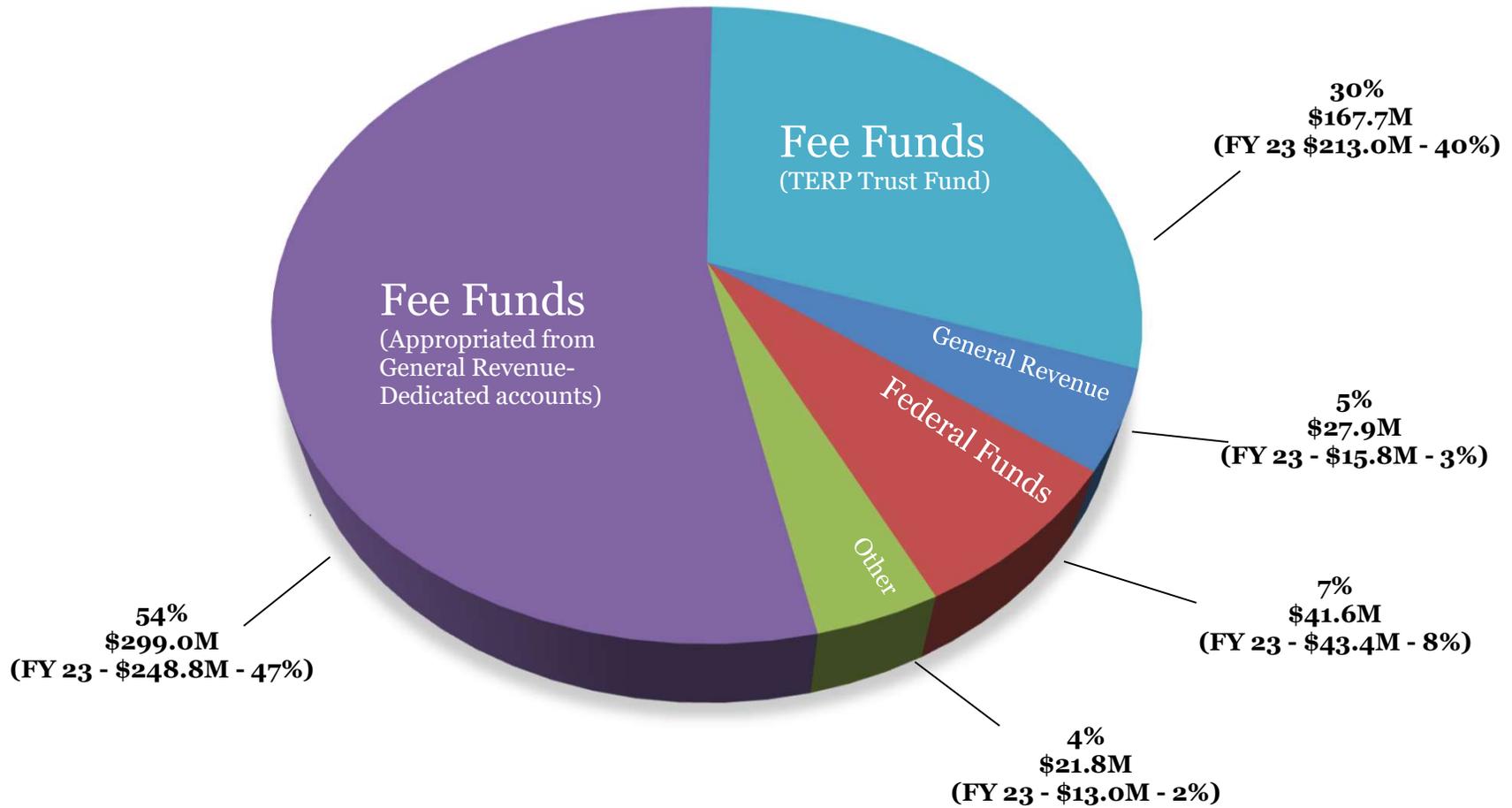
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CAPPS Financials Implementation ERP System	The agency converted to the Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS) HR/Payroll in FY20 and will convert to CAPPS Financials in FY 24. CAPPS is an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) tool for Texas. All agencies are required to convert to the new system. For HR/Payroll, the agency continues to allocate resources to support business processes where gaps existed between agency applications and the CAPPS HR/Payroll system. These resources are also managing the additional workload, documenting changes in processes, staff training, and serving as CAPPS experts. Given the greater complexity of CAPPS Financials and the extent of the agency's financial operations, TCEQ will need to expend significant time and personnel resources to the Financials deployment and implementation.	\$ 2,274,148
Federal Lead & Copper Rule Revision	This project develops a new database for the implementation of the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) and the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation (WIIN) Act . The database will house drinking water data and perform compliance determinations required by the proposed LCRR and to meet EPA grant requirements. The database provides tracking and reporting functions to the EPA for WIIN grant activities for lead testing in schools and childcare facilities.	\$ 750,000
Agency Website Usability Enhancements	This project consists of enhancing a centralized, intuitive, and spatial public interface of the agency's website. Enhancements include creating an information architecture that will allow TCEQ to remediate, create, and maintain content in a useable manner for the public to navigate. In addition, enhancements will include designing a new interface that uses responsive web design and a new centralized permit search that will allow the public to easily find currently available digital information. A central inventory of sample and monitoring data will also be created and a map interface designed to present emission and other monitoring data to the public.	\$ 5,000,000
Total Information Technology Projects		<u>\$ 21,949,244</u>

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Table VII - Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Summary

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Programs	Statutory Allocation	FY 2024
TCEQ Administration	\$6M to 15%	\$ 25,496,250
Regional Air Monitoring (Max)	Not more than \$3M	3,000,000
Texas Clean School Bus (Min)	4.00%	6,799,000
Alternative Fueling Facilities (Max)	Not more than \$6M	6,000,000
Texas Clean Fleet (Min)	5.00%	8,498,750
Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant (Min)	7.50%	12,748,125
Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive (Min)	2.50%	4,249,375
Port Authority Studies and Pilot Projects (Max)	Not more than \$500k	500,000
Governmental Alternative Fueling Fleet (Max)*	3.00%	-
New Technology Implementation Grant (Min)**	8.00%	5,598,000
Texas Hydrogen Infrastructure, Vehicle, and Equipment (THIVE) Grant**	8.00% to \$8M	8,000,000
Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emissions Reduction (Min)	6.00%	10,198,500
Health Effects Study (Max)	Specified Amount	200,000
Research (Max)	Specified Amount	750,000
Energy Systems Laboratory Contract (Max)	Specified Amount	500,000
Research for Demonstrations to EPA	Not more than \$2.5M	2,500,000
Diesel Emissions Reduction Incentive Programs		
- Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants Program		
- Rebate Grants Program	Balance	72,203,890
Health and Safety Code Sec. 386.252 Air Quality Planning	Specified Amount	500,000
Total Program Allocation		<u>\$ 167,741,890</u>

Note: Amounts indicated in above table are based on current revenue and program need estimates as of July 5, 2023

*Governmental Alternative Fueling Fleet program is limited to three percent of the balance of the fund as of September 1 of each state fiscal year of the biennium for the governmental alternative fuel fleet grant program in that fiscal year.

**NTIG and THIVE programs may use 8% total between the two programs with no more than \$8 million used on the THIVE program.