

# FOX RIVER NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM AUTHORITY

## GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	% Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	% Change Over FY26
SEG-O	125,400	131,700	5.0	131,700	0.0
TOTAL	125,400	131,700	5.0	131,700	0.0

## FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY25 Adjusted Base	FY26 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY25	FY27 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY26
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The authority was created in 2001 to oversee the navigational system on the Fox River following the transfer of that system from the federal government to the state, which occurred on September 17, 2004. As outlined in Chapter 237, Wisconsin Statutes, the authority's primary responsibility is to repair, rehabilitate, replace, operate and maintain the navigational system. To meet this responsibility, the authority must develop and implement a plan to manage monies received from the federal government and the state to ensure that sufficient funds are available for repair and rehabilitation of the system. The authority will also partner with local organizations to provide funding required to match the federal and state monies received.

The authority is governed by a nine-member board of directors, six of whom are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The other board members are the secretaries of the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Transportation, and the director of the State Historical Society.

## MISSION

The mission of the authority is to serve the citizens of the Fox River area and the state by rehabilitating, maintaining, developing and operating the navigational system to:

- Promote tourism and recreational use of the navigational system; and
- Maintain and improve the scenic, physical, historic and environmental character of the navigational system.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Operating Increase

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**Table 1  
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST FY26	AGENCY REQUEST FY27	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY26	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY27
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	\$125.4	\$125.4	\$131.7	\$131.7	\$131.7	\$131.7
State Operations	125.4	125.4	131.7	131.7	131.7	131.7
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$125.4	\$125.4	\$131.7	\$131.7	\$131.7	\$131.7
State Operations	125.4	125.4	131.7	131.7	131.7	131.7

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

**Table 3  
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY24	ADJUSTED BASE FY25	AGENCY REQUEST FY26	AGENCY REQUEST FY27	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY26	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FY27
1. Initial costs	\$125.4	\$125.4	\$131.7	\$131.7	\$131.7	\$131.7
TOTALS	\$125.4	\$125.4	\$131.7	\$131.7	\$131.7	\$131.7

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### 1. Operating Increase

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY26		FY27		FY26		FY27	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	6,300	0.00	6,300	0.00	6,300	0.00	6,300	0.00
TOTAL	6,300	0.00	6,300	0.00	6,300	0.00	6,300	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to address operating cost increases for property upkeep and services on the Fox River lock system.