

Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District

		2022		2023		2024		2025		2026		2027
		Budget	Estimated Actuals	Budget	Estimated Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance		307,059	307,059	337,933	337,933	588,337	1,982,781	1,998,396	1,998,396	1,763,530	1,763,530	1,952,636
Estimated Beginning Permanent Fund Balance		1,688,560	1,688,560	1,802,252	1,802,252	1,915,301	2,480,967	3,055,711	3,055,711	3,817,059	3,815,771	4,162,491
Revenue												
Federal Mineral Lease Receipt		583,630	725,630	858,635	1,133,116	730,458	600,083	689,065	659,974	750,000	773,159	750,000
Total Revenue		583,630	725,630	858,635	1,133,116	730,458	600,083	689,065	659,974	750,000	773,159	750,000
Expenditures												
Administrative		3,000	1,078	3,000	1,061	3,000	1,416	4,000	3,551	4,000	1,764	4,000
Audit		3,800	3,500	3,800	3,735	4,000	3,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Contract labor		42,500	39,639	57,100	50,224	60,000	54,033	60,000	59,004	65,000	52,824	70,000
Insurance		2,500	2,539	2,500	2,692	2,900	2,855	3,500	3,025	3,500	2,457	3,500
Advertising		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contributions to Permanent Fund		100,000	100,000	125,000	125,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Contract Payment to Mesa County		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contract Payment to Mesa County (Pymnt 2)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants-approved and paid		200,000	200,000	350,000	0	0	338,816	0	645,327	0	0	0
Grants-approved but unpaid		0	350,000	0	700,000	0	893,498	0	530,781	274,799	274,799	0
Grants-Unused/Forfeited Grants		0	-2,000	0	0	0	0	0	-64,883	-1,789	-1,789	0
Grants-To be awarded next year		0	0	350,000	0	700,000	0	500,000	0	701,219	0	1,121,508
Total Expenditures (Appropriations)		351,800	694,756	891,400	882,712	1,019,900	1,544,117	821,500	1,430,805	1,300,729	584,054	1,453,008
Other Income & Expenditures												
Permanent Fund Interest, Dividends, & Capital Gains		30,000	33,775	30,000	5,729	40,000	346,274	40,000	536,609	130,000	78,069	130,000
Investment Fees		(14,000)	(20,083)	(15,000)	(17,680)	(20,000)	(21,529)	(21,000)	(25,261)	(35,000)	(30,192)	(35,000)
Fund Balance Interest						-	66,151	-	70,067	48,844	48,844	-
Total Other Income & Expenditures		16,000	13,692	15,000	-11,951	20,000	390,896	19,000	581,415	95,000	96,720	95,000
Estimated Ending Fund Balance		538,889	337,933	305,167	588,337	298,895	1,998,396	1,865,961	1,763,530	1,485,811	1,952,636	1,249,627
Estimated Ending Permanent Fund Balance		1,804,560	1,802,252	1,942,252	1,915,301	2,185,301	3,055,711	3,324,711	3,817,059	4,162,059	4,162,491	4,507,491

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Cash Basis						
	2025			2026		2027
	Draft	Actual (updated 1.14.26)		Draft	Estimated Actual (updated 9.30.26)	Draft
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 1,998,395.62	\$ 1,998,395.62		\$ 1,763,530.08	\$ 1,763,530.08	\$ 1,952,635.87
Estimated Beginning Permanent Fund Balance	\$ 3,055,711.07	\$ 3,055,711.07		\$ 3,817,058.97	\$ 3,815,770.62	\$ 4,162,491.05
Revenue						
Anvil Points Disbursement						
Federal Mineral Lease Receipt	689,064.94	659,973.99		750,000.00	773,159.49	750,000.00
Total Revenue	689,064.94	659,973.99		750,000.00	773,159.49	750,000.00
Expenditures						
Administrative	4,000.00	3,550.93		4,000.00	1,763.57	4,000.00
Audit	4,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Contract labor	60,000.00	59,004.01		65,000.00	52,823.51	70,000.00
Insurance	3,500.00	3,025.00		3,500.00	2,457.00	3,500.00
Advertising						
Contributions to Permanent Fund	250,000.00	250,000.00		250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
Contract Payment to Mesa County						
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Grants						
Grants-approved and paid		645,327.00				
Grants-approved but unpaid		530,781.00			274,799.00	
Grants-Unused/Forfeited Grants		(64,882.65)			(1,789.38)	
Grants-To be awarded next year	500,000.00			701,219.00		1,121,508.38
Total Expenditures (Appropriations)	821,500.00	1,430,805.29		1,027,719.00	584,053.70	1,453,008.38
Other Income & Expenditures						
Permanent Fund Interest, Dividends, & Capital Gains	40,000.00	536,608.69		130,000.00	78,069.16	130,000.00
Investment Fees	(21,000.00)	(25,260.79)		(35,000.00)	(30,192.28)	(35,000.00)
Fund Balance Interest	-	70,067.41		-	48,843.55	-
Total Other Income & Expenditures	19,000.00	581,415.31		95,000.00	96,720.43	95,000.00
Estimated Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,865,960.56	\$ 1,763,530.08		\$ 1,485,811.08	\$ 1,952,635.87	\$ 1,249,627.49
Estimated Ending Permanent Fund Balance	\$ 3,324,711.07	\$ 3,817,058.97		\$ 4,162,058.97	\$ 4,162,491.05	\$ 4,507,491.05
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From Eleanor Thomas at Mesa County
For Mesa County in 2024, severance tax forecasted to be

Colorado Legislative Council - economic forecast quarterly
September 2026 report estimates current year
<https://leg.colorado.gov/EconomicForecasts>

*from pg 63/108 of report

Colorado of State Planning and Budget
Quarterly forecast
<https://www.colorado.gov/governor/economics>
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mYvelpCgcpV-N_IyXXybavxxJBcUiC2E



Federal Mineral Lease (FML)

Federal mineral lease revenue grew by 6.2 percent in FY 2025-26 to \$90.2 million following collections in FY 2024-25 of \$85.0 million. Preliminary collections in FY 2025-26 were \$5.4 million below the June revenue forecast following a below-expectation fourth quarter collection. **Estimated revenue growth of 17.7 percent is projected in FY 2026-27**, driven by higher oil prices and an expected increase in bonus payments from federal oil and gas lease sales within Colorado. However, the FY 2026-27 forecast is downwardly revised by \$5.6 million compared to June, primarily due to lower average oil price expectations for the fiscal year, although oil prices are still projected to remain above average in FY 2026-27. There is an upward revision of \$3.4 million in bonus sale revenue expectations to \$8.6 million in FY 2026-27, following a \$35.3 million lease sale in June, which will be remitted to the federal government. A portion of that revenue will be remitted to the State, depending upon if the lease sale was on public domain land or federally acquired land. The State receives 50 percent of the lease sale

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as bonus revenue if the sale takes place on public domain land but receives a lesser share or no share if the sale was federally acquired land. The timing of bonus revenue distributions to the State will vary over fiscal years, but bonus revenue is expected to outperform recent years throughout the forecast period with the federal government offering more oil and gas lease sales.

	Change in Revenue for next year	
CGA Forecast	8.869%	
CODR	17.70%	
Average	13.28%	113.284590%

Figure 55. Federal Mineral Lease Distribution Forecast

	Preliminary FY 2025-26	Forecast FY 2026-27	Forecast FY 2027-28	Forecast FY 2028-29
Total FML Revenue	\$90.2	\$106.2	\$103.2	\$99.8
<i>Change</i>	6.2%	17.7%	-2.8%	-3.4%
Bonus Payments (portion of total FML revenue)	\$0.9	\$8.6	\$6.5	\$5.2
Local Government Perm Fund	\$0.5	\$4.3	\$3.2	\$2.6
Higher Ed FML Revenues Fund	\$0.5	\$4.3	\$3.2	\$2.6
Non-Bonus FML Revenue	\$89.3	\$97.6	\$96.8	\$94.6
State Public School Fund	\$43.1	\$47.1	\$46.7	\$45.7
Colorado Water Conservation Board	\$8.9	\$9.8	\$9.7	\$9.5
DOLA Grants	\$17.9	\$19.5	\$19.4	\$18.9
DOLA Direct Distribution	\$17.9	\$19.5	\$19.4	\$18.9
School Districts	\$1.5	\$1.7	\$1.6	\$1.6

Table 18
Federal Mineral Lease Revenue Distribution
Dollars in Millions

Item	Preliminary FY 2025-26	Estimate FY 2026-27	Estimate FY 2027-28	Estimate FY 2028-29
Total FML Revenue	\$90.2	\$98.2	\$108.5	\$116.5
Bonus Payments (portion of total revenue)	\$0.9	\$1.2	\$1.4	\$1.7
Local Government Permanent Fund	\$0.5	\$0.6	\$0.7	\$0.8
Higher Education FML Revenue Fund	\$0.5	\$0.6	\$0.7	\$0.8
Other FML Payments (non-bonus revenue)	\$89.3	\$97.0	\$107.1	\$114.0
State Public School Fund	\$43.1	\$46.9	\$51.7	\$55.5
Colorado Water Conservation Board	\$8.9	\$9.7	\$10.7	\$11.6
DOLA Grants	\$17.9	\$19.4	\$21.4	\$23.0
DOLA Direct Distribution	\$17.9	\$19.4	\$21.4	\$23.0
School Districts	\$1.5	\$1.6	\$1.8	\$1.9
Higher Education FML Revenue Fund	\$0.5	\$0.6	\$0.7	\$0.8

DOLA = Department of Local Affairs.

Note: The table shows the actual and projected revenue distributions to the various FML recipients. It does not include transfers of FML revenue from the recipients and funds to other funds, such as the General Fund, that have occurred.

FY 2025-26	90,200,000.00
FY 2026-27	98,200,000.00
	8,000,000.00
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