

Taxation and Finance, Department of

Mission

To efficiently collect tax revenues in support of State services and programs while acting with integrity and fairness in the administration of the tax laws of New York State.

Organization and Staffing

The Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF) collects tax revenue and provides associated services in support of certain New York State government operations. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Department collects and accounts for \$71 billion in State taxes and about \$45 billion in local taxes; administers 34 State and 10 local taxes, including New York City and City of Yonkers income taxes, as well as the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Mobility Tax; and processes about 26 million returns. The Department also manages the State Treasury, which provides investment and cash management services to various State agencies and public benefit corporations, and acts on the Tax Commissioner's behalf as joint custodian of the State's General Checking Account. On June 6, 2010, the Department statutorily merged with the former Office of Real Property Services (ORPS) in order to realize significant savings and efficiencies, and enhance the State's oversight of local property tax administration.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2019 Executive Budget recommends \$461.5 million All Funds (\$262.2 million General Fund; \$194.4 million Other Funds) for the Department of Taxation and Finance. This is an increase of \$5 million, or 1.1 percent from FY 2018 levels. The increase is driven by a change at the Federal level with respect to equitable sharing funds. However, the net appropriation utilization will remain at FY 2018 levels as the existing appropriation authority transitions to the new subfunds. The Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 3,978 FTEs for the Department. This fill level is consistent with FY 2018 budget.

Program Highlights

The Tax Department efficiently collects tax revenues with integrity, fairness, and a customer service focus. The Department is actively modernizing and right-sizing to be more efficient, effective, and accountable to its customers. Forward-looking operational goals include:

- Strategically invest in enabling technologies and business intelligence to optimize outcomes.
- Rapidly and nimbly deploy resources to address fluctuations, trends, and operational changes and challenges.
- Recruit, develop, and retain top talent.

Department operations are organized along major functional lines:

Administration and Operations: Supports the Department's revenue-generation mission through the delivery of legal, financial, personnel, and other critical services.

Conciliation and Mediation: Provides taxpayers with a statutorily-mandated option of informal and impartial dispute resolution in an attempt to avoid time-consuming formal administrative hearings with the Division of Tax Appeals.

Revenue Analysis, Collection, Enforcement, Processing, and Real Property Tax: Reviews tax policies and proposals; develops tax forms, instructions, and guidance; captures tax return data and maintains taxpayer records; processes payments and refunds; responds to taxpayer inquiries; identifies and resolves errors; identifies and investigates noncompliance with the tax code; collects delinquent taxes; oversees local property tax administration in New York State; performs assessment equalization in order to apportion property taxes and calculate State aid; determines assessments on specific property categories; and delivers assessment support services to local governments.

Treasury Management: Acts on the Tax Commissioner's behalf as custodian of the State Treasury and joint-custodian of the State's General Checking Account.

**ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Category	Available FY 2018	Appropriations Recommended FY 2019	Change From FY 2018	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2019
State Operations	451,593,400	456,593,400	5,000,000	3,000,000
Aid To Localities	4,926,000	4,926,000	0	0
Total	456,519,400	461,519,400	5,000,000	3,000,000

**ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Program	FY 2018 Estimated FTEs 03/31/18	FY 2019 Estimated FTEs 03/31/19	FTE Change
Administration and Operation			
General Fund	300	300	0
Conciliation and Mediation			
General Fund	23	23	0
Real Property Tax Services, Office of			
General Fund	84	0	(84)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	29	0	(29)
Revenue Analysis, Collection, Enforcement, Processing, and Real Property Tax			
General Fund	2,870	2,954	84
Special Revenue Funds - Other	640	669	29
Treasury Management			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	32	32	0
Total	3,978	3,978	0

**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
General Fund	262,174,000	262,174,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	106,977,000	114,777,000	7,800,000
Internal Service Funds	77,442,400	74,642,400	(2,800,000)
Total	451,593,400	456,593,400	5,000,000

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STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Administration and Operation			
General Fund	33,742,000	33,742,000	0
Conciliation and Mediation			
General Fund	1,629,000	1,629,000	0
NY State is Open for Business			
General Fund	250,000	250,000	0
Real Property Tax Services, Office of			
General Fund	7,068,000	0	(7,068,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,191,000	0	(4,191,000)
Revenue Analysis, Collection, Enforcement, Processing, and Real Property Tax			
General Fund	219,485,000	226,553,000	7,068,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	98,248,000	108,239,000	9,991,000
Internal Service Funds	77,442,400	74,642,400	(2,800,000)
Treasury Management			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,538,000	6,538,000	2,000,000
Total	451,593,400	456,593,400	5,000,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Operation	17,950,000	0	17,748,000	0
Conciliation and Mediation	1,551,000	0	1,551,000	0
NY State is Open for Business	250,000	0	250,000	0
Revenue Analysis, Collection, Enforcement, Processing, and Real Property Tax	217,380,000	6,486,000	214,943,000	6,486,000
Total	237,131,000	6,486,000	234,492,000	6,486,000

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Operation	142,000	0	60,000	0
Revenue Analysis, Collection, Enforcement, Processing, and Real Property Tax	1,247,000	0	1,190,000	0
Total	1,389,000	0	1,250,000	0

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Operation	15,792,000	0	3,018,000	0
Conciliation and Mediation	78,000	0	4,000	0
Real Property Tax Services, Office of	0	(582,000)	0	(32,000)
Revenue Analysis, Collection, Enforcement, Processing, and Real Property Tax	9,173,000	582,000	768,000	32,000
Total	25,043,000	0	3,790,000	0

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Operation	140,000	0	11,743,000	0
Conciliation and Mediation	69,000	0	4,000	0
Real Property Tax Services, Office of	0	(129,000)	0	(421,000)
Revenue Analysis, Collection, Enforcement, Processing, and Real Property Tax	5,129,000	129,000	3,155,000	421,000
Total	5,338,000	0	14,902,000	0

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration and Operation	891,000	0
Conciliation and Mediation	1,000	0
Revenue Analysis, Collection, Enforcement, Processing, and Real Property Tax	121,000	0
Total	1,013,000	0

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2019 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Real Property Tax Services, Office of	0	(4,191,000)	0	(2,618,000)
Revenue Analysis, Collection, Enforcement, Processing, and Real Property Tax	187,881,400	7,191,000	72,973,600	2,118,000
Treasury Management	6,538,000	2,000,000	2,575,000	500,000
Total	194,419,400	5,000,000	75,548,600	0

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Real Property Tax Services, Office of	0	(1,573,000)	0	0
Revenue Analysis, Collection, Enforcement, Processing, and Real Property Tax	109,907,800	73,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Treasury Management	3,963,000	1,500,000	0	0
Total	113,870,800	0	5,000,000	5,000,000

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
General Fund	926,000	926,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
Total	4,926,000	4,926,000	0

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Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Medical Marihuana			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
Real Property Tax Services, Office of			
General Fund	926,000	0	(926,000)
Revenue Analysis, Collection, Enforcement, Processing, and Real Property Tax			
General Fund	0	926,000	926,000
Total	4,926,000	4,926,000	0

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/16/2018