

State of Louisiana



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-176**

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Louisiana deserves a government as good as her people;

WHEREAS, thanks to the hard work of our legislature and numerous stakeholders, officials, and citizens, we have recently passed historic tax legislation to Louisiana's citizens, returning our people's tax dollars back to them;

WHEREAS, our state government has worked diligently in the past year to eliminate wasteful spending and to identify areas to improve government efficiency;

WHEREAS, our state budget has ballooned in recent years to unprecedented levels, even while our population shrank;

WHEREAS, much more work is needed to be done to address a bloated government budget so that our budget accurately serves the needs of our citizens;

WHEREAS, as a United States Congressman, I worked to reduce our federal government spending and to use our tax dollars responsibly;

WHEREAS, as Attorney General of Louisiana, I continued to fight wasteful spending and worked to save millions in taxpayer dollars;

WHEREAS, I worked to create efficiencies, cut costs, and empowered our state employees to help us find ways to modernize our government;

WHEREAS, as Governor, I worked to create a budget with a final reduction of \$2 billion from the previous state budget;

WHEREAS, we have more work to do to create a state budget that prioritizes the needs of the people and providing the necessary services;

WHEREAS, our government can and should be more efficient, modern, and accountable to our people;

WHEREAS, numerous opportunities exist to save money, avoid wasteful spending, and make our government leaner and more responsible;

WHEREAS, input from every state employee, stakeholder, and citizen is welcome and necessary as we embark on this endeavor to make our government more responsible and efficient.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: The Fiscal Responsibility Program is hereby established within the executive department, Office of the Governor.

Section 2: The duties of the Fiscal Responsibility Program shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Review the current expenditures in the state budget and identify opportunities for reductions.
- B. Evaluate all state contracts to determine if they are necessary to renew, modify, or terminate.
- C. Evaluate the staff levels at all state departments, agencies, and offices to determine where vacancies can be eliminated.
- D. Evaluate all large acquisitions to determine if there are more cost-effective alternatives or if the acquisition is necessary at all.
- E. Review all state programs that are not statutorily or legally required to determine if they can be eliminated or reduced.
- F. Review all activities to identify areas of duplication within a department or across all of state government.
- G. Determine any other discretionary State General Fund spending that can be reduced or eliminated.
- H. Determine any other efficiencies that can be implemented to save State General Fund dollars or improve delivery of services without increasing costs.

- I. Identify any efficiencies that can be made to reduce the burdens on taxpayers, including wait times for state services.
- J. Identify areas where technology can help expedite state services, especially if the use of technology can result in cost-savings to the state.
- K. Identify the most modern and efficient ways to provide services to our citizens.
- L. Identify what services are no longer needed by citizens of our state.
- M. Identify what services can be provided to our citizens at a lower cost.
- N. Identify any possible areas that may be regarded as possible government waste.
- O. Identify any areas where state government can be more modern, efficient, and less costly to taxpayers.
- P. Meet and confer with any willing state government employee, official, stakeholder, or citizen to gather their input to identify the objects in this executive order.

Section 3: The Fiscal Responsibility Program shall be headed by a Fiscal Responsibility Czar, appointed by the Governor.

Section 4: The Fiscal Responsibility Program shall report its findings on an annual basis. The first such report shall be presented to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate no later than December 31, 2025.

Section 5: The Fiscal Responsibility Program shall be comprised of a minimum of nine members:

- A. Four (4) members of the Louisiana State Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, Senator Gerald Boudreaux, Senator Valarie Hodges, Senator Blake Miguez, Senator Jeremy Stine;
- B. Four (4) Members of the Louisiana House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, Representative Stephanie Berault, Representative Adrian Fisher, Representative Jack McFarland, Representative Phillip Tarver;
- C. The chair, and any additional members as appointed by the Governor.

Section 6: The Fiscal Responsibility Czar, Steve Orlando, shall be the chair of the Fiscal Responsibility Program. All other officers, if any, shall be elected by the members of the Task Force.

Section 7: Meetings of the Fiscal Responsibility Program shall be held at the call of the Fiscal Responsibility Czar.

Section 8: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Fiscal Responsibility Program shall be provided by the Office of the Governor and other departments of the executive branch of state government.

Section 9: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Task Force in implementing the provisions of this Order.

Section 10: This order is effective upon signature of the Governor, and it shall remain in effect until amended, modified, terminated or rescinded by the Governor, or until terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 12th day of December, 2024.

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

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SECRETARY OF STATE