

HENRY VILAS ZOO

▶ 2025 Total Number of Employees:	<u>43.3</u>
▶ Veterinary and Animal Care:	24.8
▶ Conservation Education/Sustainability:	4
▶ Overall Operations/Guest Services:	7.5
▶ Maintenance/Grounds:	7



Total 2025 Department Spending: **\$7,578,355 million**

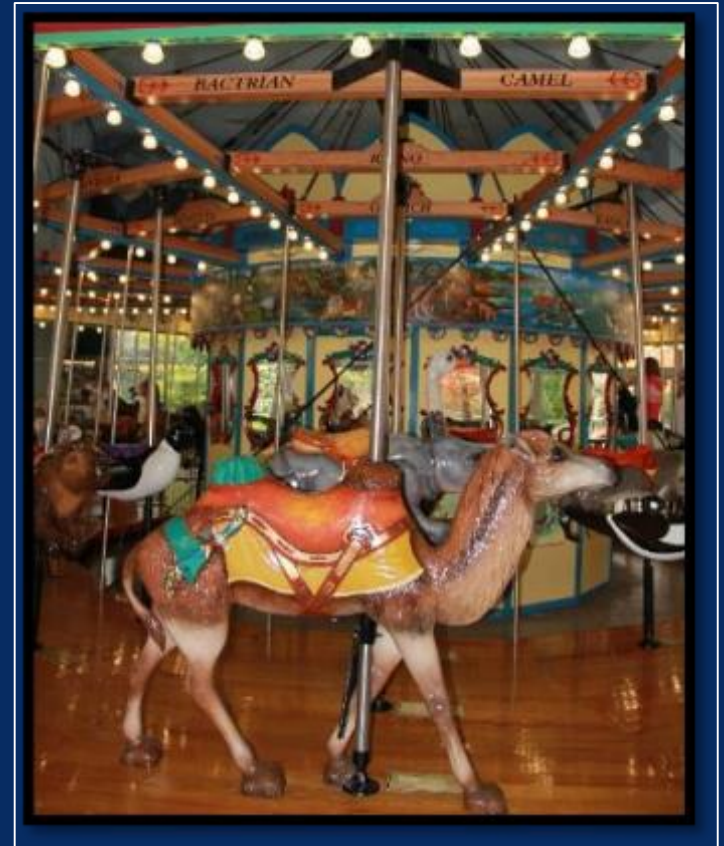
Total 2025 GPR Spending: \$4,420,072 million

Other revenue sources funding department programming: Fees, grants, donations



Zoo Budget Proposal with 4% GPR Reduction for 2026:

- CONTRACTUAL CHANGES– *None*
- REALLOCATIONS – *None*
- COST REDUCTION –
 - Elimination of vacant positions
 - 1.0 Education Coordinator and 0.5 Clerk I-II.
 - Cost savings of \$165,400
 - Line item reductions in operations.
 - Cost savings of \$12,500
 - Line item reductions in contractual expenses
 - Cost savings of \$5,525
- TOTAL COST REDUCTION = \$183,425



HENRY VILAS ZOO 2026 BUDGET OVERVIEW

2026 Operating Budget: **\$7,595,230**

Program Revenue: \$3,269,198

GPR Support: \$4,326,032

Total 2026 Capital Requests: **\$ 650,000**



Vision:

Henry Vilas Zoo is a locally loved community treasure. We are a globally recognized conservation leader and committed to being forever accessible.



Capital Requests:



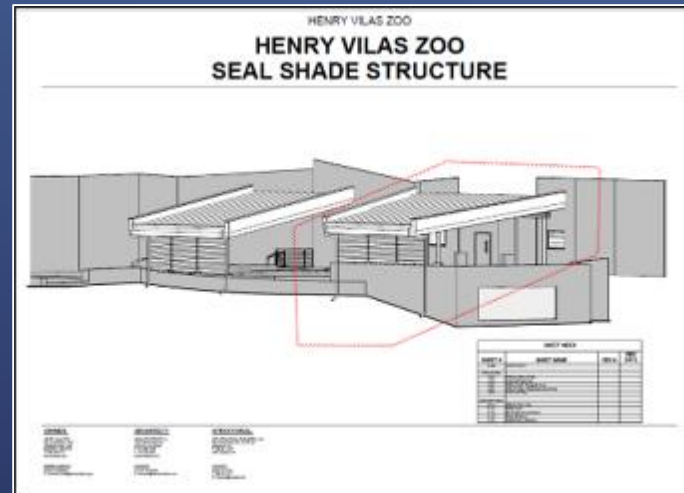
- ▶ Animal Med Equip \$ 75,000
- ▶ Zoo Improvement \$ 200,000
- ▶ Zoo Paving \$ 50,000
- ▶ Zoo Fence \$ 50,000
- ▶ Seal Chiller/Heater \$ 275,000

TOTAL \$ 650,000





- ▶ Koi Pond Cleaning and Refiltration Upgrade
- ▶ Otter Back Holding Upgrades
- ▶ Seal Shade Structure
- ▶ Prep for HVAC projects (Bears, Green Barn, Aviary, Upper Gift Shop)



CAPITAL PROJECTS 2025



Otter rehabilitation back holding

► Partnerships:

- AZA 2025 Volunteer Engagement Award
- Polar Bear Population Alliance (PBPA)
- UW Vet School
 - Special Species Service, pre-vet students and pre-vet tech student have shadowed
 - Specialists from UW vet school – dentistry, anesthesia, cardiology, radiology, internal medicine, ophthalmology, dermatology, small animal surgery, large animal medicine and surgery
- Dr. Mary Thurber
 - Co Chair of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians Animal Health and Welfare Committee



HENRY VILAS ZOO HIGHLIGHTS

► Education:

- Waste and Renewables Dept/Purple Cow Organics
 - Zoo sends 2 tons of manure per week to be composted
 - Return to the zoo to the grounds and gardens
 - Pilot program food scrap drop off kiosk
 - Four kiosks around Madison, the zoo site is the most used, collecting ~ 4,500 pounds of food waste in the first two months.
- Kenya Ol Jogi Wildlife Ranger Wildlife Pushup Challenge
- Center for Climatic Research at UW-Madison
 - Zoo Explorers Sensory Friendly Camp – 2nd year





EDGE OF AFRICA GIRAFFE!

You bet *giraffe* we're excited!

We are excited to embark on a new journey of bringing a herd of giraffes back to Henry Vilas Zoo in a new, huge, state-of-the-art giraffe pavilion.

But we need your help with the last stretch of funding!

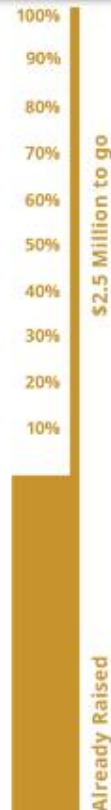
We've already secured the lion's share of what we need (over \$19 million, thank you so much to previous donors!), but we need a bit more to reach our goals.

Whether you can give \$25 or \$25,000, every dollar gets us closer to making **Edge of Africa: Giraffe** a reality.

Naming opportunities around the giraffe pavilion are available for gifts of \$5,000 or more. [Contact us for more information.](#)

Help us through the final stretch!

DONATE TODAY!



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THANK YOU!



Governor Evers Visit
with Teen Program



Grizzly Bear Procedure with
UW Vet School