



BUDGET SECTION

Thursday, August 13, 2020

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- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the June 25, 2020, meeting](#)
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget of an update on the status of the state budget and plans to issue a revised revenue forecast
- ★9:20 a.m. Budget Section consideration of the following state agency requests pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-16 authorized by the Emergency Commission which require Budget Section approval:
- **Department of Career and Technical Education (Request #1995)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$122,695 in the grants line item for a new program providing funding for apprenticeships across the state, primarily for information technology-related apprenticeships.
 - **Department of Commerce (Request #1997)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$3,468,739 in the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding 2020 line item for the Emergency Solutions Grants Program, also known as the Emergency Shelter Grants Program. The funding will be used for the benefit of unsheltered homeless, sheltered homeless, and those at risk of homelessness in the state.
 - **Department of Commerce (Request #1998)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$694,317 in the grants line item for a state apprenticeship expansion program to increase apprenticeship opportunities in the state.
 - **State Department of Health (Request #2000)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$88,150 in the Coronavirus (COVID-19) response line item to accept and expend grant funds to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The funding will be used for staff time and travel to conduct focused infection control surveys of long-term care facilities as required by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
 - **State Department of Health (Request #2001)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$1,160,455 in the COVID-19 response line item to accept and expend grant funds to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. A portion of

the funding (\$175,455) will be provided to Sanford Health in Fargo, the designated special pathogen center in the state. The remainder (\$985,000) will be used for ventilators to support surge capacity.

- **Department of Human Services (Request #2002)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$37,226,127 to accept and expend funds for costs relating to the COVID-19 pandemic for additional benefits to individuals enrolled in the supplemental nutrition assistance program (\$12,000,000), for the foster care and subsidized adoption programs (\$500,000), for medical assistance grants to continue the temporary increase of 6.2 percent in the state's federal medical assistance percentage (\$21,000,000), for rural area stimulus payments for human service centers and institutions to partially replace revenue reductions (\$3,445,927), and for support to the Great Plains Food Bank through claims submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for emergency food costs (\$280,200).
- **Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Request #2003)** - The request is to transfer the \$5,513,789 of federal funds authorized in Emergency Commission Request #1982, approved in May 2020, and Request #1993, approved in June 2020, to a separate line item within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation budget.
- **Office of Management and Budget (Request #2004)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$5,932,707 in the grants line item to accept and spend federal governor's emergency education relief funds provided in the CARES Act. The funding will be distributed to educational entities to allow for the continuation of educational services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Multiple Agencies (Request #2005)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$319,701,086 to allow the following agencies to accept and expend federal Coronavirus relief funds for costs relating to the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - Secretary of State - \$49,216;
 - Office of Management and Budget - \$894,525;
 - Information Technology Department - \$500,000;
 - Judicial branch - \$285,829;
 - North Dakota University System office - \$160,400;
 - Bismarck State College - \$1,584,357;
 - Lake Region State College - \$369,887;
 - Williston State College - \$515,932;
 - University of North Dakota - \$6,826,006;
 - North Dakota State University - \$2,882,792;
 - North Dakota State College of Science - \$1,452,586;
 - Dickinson State University - \$1,179,920;
 - Mayville State University - \$764,488;
 - Minot State University - \$954,560;
 - Valley City State University - \$270,627;
 - Dakota College at Bottineau - \$393,960;
 - State Department of Health - \$96,558,468;
 - Department of Human Services - \$13,277,209;
 - Job Service North Dakota - \$100,000,000;

Mill and Elevator - \$55,632;
Workforce Safety and Insurance - \$83,354;
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation - \$386,398;
Adjutant General - \$23,296,780;
Department of Agriculture - \$2,261,000;
Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute - \$102,495;
Branch research centers - \$105,000;
Main Research Center - \$174,999;
Department of Transportation - \$294,493;
Office of Management and Budget (to be distributed to private higher education institutions) - \$5,000,000; and
State Treasurer (to be distributed to political subdivisions) - \$59,020,173.

10:00 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

10:10 a.m. Adjourn

***This item includes a request for Budget Section action.**

Committee Members

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