

**State Treasurer
Budget 120
House Bill Nos. 1005, 1358; Senate Bill Nos. 2012, 2014, 2036, 2176**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2013-15 legislative appropriation	8.00	\$311,333,469 ¹	\$0	\$311,333,469
2011-13 legislative appropriation	<u>7.00</u>	<u>50,425,390²</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50,425,390</u>
2013-15 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2011-13 appropriation	1.00	\$260,908,079	\$0	\$260,908,079

¹This amount includes \$309,535,838 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$1,797,631.

²The amount shown includes a \$720,000 general fund appropriation approved by the Legislative Assembly in 2013 for supplemental transportation funding distributions to counties and townships for the 2011-13 biennium.

Item Description

FTE position changes - The Legislative Assembly authorized the State Treasurer a total of 8 FTE positions, an increase of 1 FTE position from the 2011-13 authorized level of 7 FTE positions. The new FTE position is for an accounting manager.

Accrued leave payments - In Section 1 of House Bill No. 1005, the Legislative Assembly identified \$13,038 from the general fund for accrued leave payments.

One-time funding - Information technology costs - In Section 2 of 2013 House Bill No. 1005, the Legislative Assembly identified \$377,591 of one-time funding from the general fund for the 2013-15 biennium for information technology development costs. The Legislative Assembly also provided \$13,247 from the general fund for information technology costs in Section 15 of Senate Bill No. 2014.

One-time funding - Transportation funding - The Legislative Assembly provided \$100 million from the general fund in Senate Bill No. 2176, and \$385,000 from the general fund in Senate Bill No. 2012 to the State Treasurer to provide special transportation funding distributions to counties, cities, and townships as follows:

1. \$64 million to counties and cities in non-oil-producing counties pursuant to the highway tax distribution fund formula in North Dakota Century Code Section 54-27-19.
2. \$16 million to townships in non-oil-producing counties pursuant to the township highway aid fund formula in Section 54-27-19.1.
3. \$20,385,000 to townships in non-oil-producing counties pursuant to provisions in the bill providing \$15,000 to each township.

Status/Result

The State Treasurer filled the accounting manager position in July 2013.

The State Treasurer's office has spent \$5,507 from the accrued leave payments line item related to employee turnover through March 2014. The State Treasurer has not determined if transferring funds from the accrued leave payments line item to the salaries and wages line item will be necessary.

Through March 2014, the State Treasurer's office has expended \$58,000 of the amount available for information technology costs. The agency anticipates spending the remaining \$319,591 by the end of the biennium.

In February 2013, the State Treasurer distributed \$100 million to counties, cities, and townships in non-oil-producing counties pursuant to Senate Bill No. 2176. The State Treasurer distributed \$385,000 to counties in non-oil-producing counties pursuant to Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2012 on June 14, 2013.

A non-oil-producing county is defined as a county that received less than \$500,000 of oil and gas tax allocations under Section 57-51-15(2) during state fiscal year 2012.

The Legislative Assembly also appropriated \$8,760,000 from the general fund to the State Treasurer in House Bill No. 1358 to provide \$15,000 to each township in oil-producing counties in July 2013 and \$15,000 to each township in oil-producing counties in May 2014. An oil-producing county is defined as a county that received between \$500,000 and \$5,000,000 of oil and gas tax allocations under Section 57-51-15(2) during state fiscal year 2013. Although House Bill No. 1358 based the allocations on fiscal year 2012 oil and gas tax allocations, House Bill No.1015 amended House Bill No. 1358 to change the year to state fiscal year 2013.

One-time funding - Property tax relief - The Legislative Assembly in Senate Bill No. 2036 provided \$200 million for state-paid property tax relief credits. Pursuant to Section 57-20-07.2, the State Treasurer distributes 75 percent of each county's estimated property tax relief credits on April 1 of each year. In June of each year, the State Treasurer distributes the remainder of each county's actual property tax relief credits reduced by any amounts distributed in April.

State aid distribution withholding - Soil survey data - Section 57-02-27.2 requires the State Treasurer to withhold 5 percent of a county's allocation each quarter from the state aid distribution fund beginning with the first quarter of 2013 for any county that has not implemented the use of soil type and soil classification data from detailed or general soil surveys in assessing agricultural property. Allocations withheld from counties are to be deposited in the agricultural land valuation fund. After a county implements the use of soil type and soil classification data, the allocations withheld from the county are distributed by the State Treasurer from the agricultural land valuation fund to the county.

The State Treasurer distributed \$2,805,000 to oil-producing counties on July 26, 2013, pursuant to House Bill No. 1358. The State Treasurer anticipates the same distribution will be made in May 2014. As a result of the change in the fiscal year, Burke County and Stark County were not eligible to receive distributions, and the total actual distributions are anticipated to be \$3,150,000 less than the appropriation of \$8,760,000.

The State Treasurer distributed \$71,253,572 from the general fund to counties on April 1, 2014.

As of April 2014, five counties--Burke, Dunn, Mountrail, Nelson, and Oliver--have not implemented the use of soil type and soil classification data and have 5 percent of their allocations withheld.