

**Parks and Recreation Department
Budget No. 750
Senate Bill No. 2019**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 legislative appropriations	61.50	\$14,343,129	\$28,691,853	\$43,034,982
2019-21 base budget	62.50	14,654,276	17,751,580	32,405,856
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	(1.00)	(\$311,147)	\$10,940,273	\$10,629,126

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2019-21 legislative appropriations	\$14,343,129	\$0	\$14,343,129
2017-19 legislative appropriations	14,654,276	0	14,654,276
2019-21 legislative increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriations	(\$311,147)	\$0	(\$311,147)
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriations	(2.1%)	N/A	(2.1%)

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS
Changes to Base Budget**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for base payroll changes.		\$26,054	(\$187,033)	(\$160,979)
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020.		320,948	13,136	334,084
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,426.74 per month.		270,431	24,067	294,498
Transferred 1 FTE information technology position and related funding to the Information Technology Department (\$177,868) and added funding of \$191,314 for payments to the Information Technology Department for the information technology unification initiative.	(1.00)	13,446		13,446
Adjusted funding for salaries and wages.		(105,086)		(105,086)

Increased federal funds spending authority relating to the land and water conservation fund.		1,910,882	1,910,882
Adjusted funding for extraordinary repairs to provide a total of \$1,141,920 from the state parks fund.	(947,794)	947,794	0
Adjusted funding for operating expenses by adding funding for Microsoft Office 365 licensing (\$91,209), reducing other operating expenses (\$103,286), and reducing funding for bond payments (\$6,768).	61,370	(80,215)	(18,845)
Added funding for Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations.	49,484	516	50,000
Added one-time funding from the state parks fund for additional extraordinary repairs.		634,126	634,126
Added one-time funding from the state parks fund for additional equipment.		622,000	622,000
Added one-time funding from the state parks fund for a state park survey.		150,000	150,000
Added one-time funding from the state parks fund for recreation mapping.		75,000	75,000
Added one-time funding from the state parks fund for traffic counters.		75,000	75,000
Added one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund for capital projects.		1,755,000	1,755,000
Added one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund for International Peace Garden projects.		2,000,000	2,000,000
Added one-time contingent funding from a Bank of North Dakota loan for International Peace Garden projects.		3,000,000	3,000,000
Total	<u>(1.00)</u>	<u>(\$311,147)</u>	<u>\$10,940,273</u>
			<u>\$10,629,126</u>

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 61.5 FTE positions for the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2019-21 biennium, a decrease of 1 FTE position from the 2017-19 biennium authorized level of 62.5 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly transferred 1 FTE information technology position to the Information Technology Department.

One-Time Funding

One-time appropriations for the 2019-21 biennium for the Parks and Recreation Department include the following:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Extraordinary repairs (state parks fund)		\$634,126	\$634,126
Additional equipment (state parks fund)		622,000	622,000
State park survey (state parks fund)		150,000	150,000
Recreation mapping (state parks fund)		75,000	75,000
Traffic counters (state parks fund)		75,000	75,000
Capital projects (strategic investment and improvements fund)		1,755,000	1,755,000
International Peace Garden projects (strategic investment and improvements fund)		2,000,000	2,000,000
Contingent - International Peace Garden projects (Bank of North Dakota loan)		3,000,000	3,000,000
Total	\$0	\$8,311,126	\$8,311,126

Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center

The Legislative Assembly appropriated the following for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center for the 2019-21 biennium:

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center 2019-21 biennium appropriation	3.50	\$970,257	\$334,118 ¹	\$1,304,375
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center 2019-21 base budget	3.50	888,668	362,019	1,250,687
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	0.00	\$81,589	(\$27,901)	\$53,688

¹Of this amount, \$100,000 is from a Department of Transportation grant and the remaining \$234,118 is from the parks and recreation operating fund.

International Peace Garden

The Legislative Assembly appropriated the following for the International Peace Garden for the 2019-21 biennium:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
International Peace Garden 2019-21 biennium appropriation	\$876,329	\$5,000,000 ¹	\$5,876,329 ²
International Peace Garden 2019-21 base budget	876,329	0	876,329
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

¹Of this amount, \$3 million is from a contingent Bank of North Dakota loan for International Peace Garden capital projects, if the Peace Garden receives dollar-for-dollar matching funds from Manitoba or other nonstate sources (Section 12 of Senate Bill No. 2019).

²In addition, Section 6 of Senate Bill No. 2019 allows the department to continue any unexpended funds remaining from the 2013-15 biennium appropriations for capital projects for the International Peace Garden.

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2019

Game and fish operating fund - Transfer for boat ramp maintenance - Section 3 provides \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2019-21 biennium.

Estimated income - Department of Transportation - Section 4 identifies \$100,000 from the Department of Transportation for defraying the expenses of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center for the 2019-21 biennium.

Appropriation - Additional federal funds or other funds - Section 5 appropriates any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2019-21 biennium.

Exemption - International Peace Garden - Section 6 exempts any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section also requires the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

Exemption - Park enhancements - Section 7 exempts any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.

Exemption - Sovereign lands - Section 8 exempts any funds remaining for recreation opportunities on sovereign lands in Section 1 of Chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.

Matching requirement - Grants - Section 9 directs the Parks and Recreation Department to grant during the 2017-19 biennium, up to \$250,000 of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of Chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws, to the Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation for heritage river landing and requires a dollar-for-dollar matching of funds from nonstate sources.

Matching requirement - Capital projects - Section 10 identifies \$2 million in Section 1 for capital projects, and requires, for the International Peace Garden capital projects in subdivision 2 of Section 1, a dollar-for-dollar matching of funds from nonstate sources. The section also requires the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing funds to projects and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

Strategic investment and improvements fund - Section 11 identifies \$3,755,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for Parks and Recreation Department capital projects (\$1,755,000) and International Peace Garden capital projects (\$2,000,000) for the 2019-21 biennium.

Contingent loan authorization - Contingent appropriation - International Peace Garden capital projects - Section 12 provides contingent loan authorization allowing the Parks and Recreation Department to borrow up to \$3 million from the Bank of North Dakota and provides a contingent appropriation requiring a dollar-for-dollar matching of funds from the Province of Manitoba or other nonstate sources for the purpose of International Peace Garden capital projects.

State parks and recreation concession revolving fund - Section 13 amends Section 55-08-07.1 to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to transfer any unexpended funds from the state parks and recreation concession revolving fund to the state park operating fund.

Legislative Management study - Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations - Section 14 requires the Legislative Management to study the reduction of Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center fees and other options to continue the Parks and Recreation Department's operations of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center during the 2019-20 interim.

Legislative Management study - Section 15 requires the Legislative Management to study the public access and use of real property owned by the state of North Dakota that is located between the river and the Missouri River Correctional Center.

Emergency - Section 16 declares Section 9 to be an emergency measure.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1014 - Identifies bond payments from the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$66,875 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

House Bill No. 1265 - Provides for the Legislative Management to consider studying the purpose, value, and benefits of each state park. The study must include a review of each state park's usage, annual attendance figures, overhead, and the cost to operate and maintain each state park.