

Department of Trust Lands
 Budget No. 226
 Senate Bill No. 2013

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 legislative appropriations	30.00	\$0	\$10,402,999	\$10,402,999
2021-23 base budget	28.00	0	8,108,401	8,108,401
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	2.00	\$0	\$2,294,598	\$2,294,598

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			\$128,236	\$128,236
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and 2.0 percent on July 1, 2022			141,888	141,888
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,428.77 per month			1,409	1,409
Added 2 FTE positions, including a mineral title specialist (\$211,665) and a compliance auditor (\$264,550), and related operating expenses (\$70,900)	2.00		547,115	547,115
Decreased funding for operating expenses, primarily related to information technology costs			(128,236)	(128,236)
Increased funding for Microsoft Office 365 licensing expenses			4,186	4,186
Added one-time funding from the state lands maintenance fund to complete an information technology project. Total funding for the project is \$5.2 million, including \$3.6 million of one-time funding approved by the 2019 Legislative Assembly.			1,600,000	1,600,000
Total	2.00	\$0	\$2,294,598	\$2,294,598

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 30 FTE positions for the Department of Trust Lands for the 2021-23 biennium, an increase of 2 FTE positions from the 2019-21 biennium authorized level of 28 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly added 1 FTE mineral title specialist position and 1 FTE compliance auditor position.

One-Time Funding

One-time funding for the 2021-23 biennium for the Department of Trust Lands includes \$1.6 million from the state lands maintenance fund to complete an information technology project initially approved by the 2019 Legislative Assembly.

Federal COVID-19 Funding - 2019-21 Biennium

In House Bill No. 1395, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$95,640 of federal coronavirus relief funds to the Department of Trust Lands for the 2019-21 biennium for service fees associated with an online surface lease auction platform and costs associated with an analysis of oil and gas royalty cashflows due to an increase in shut-in wells.

Oil and Gas Impact Grant Fund

North Dakota Century Code Section 57-62-03.1 establishes the oil and gas impact grant fund for grants to oil and gas development-impacted cities, counties, school districts, and other taxing districts. In Section 4 of House Bill No. 1013 (2019), the Legislative Assembly transferred \$2 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the oil and gas impact grant fund. Section 8 of the bill identified \$2 million from the oil and gas impact grant fund for grants to political subdivisions. Section 9 of the bill provided an exemption to continue unspent prior biennium appropriations into the 2019-21 biennium for undesignated oil and gas impact grants and administrative costs of the oil and gas impact grant fund. The 2021 Legislative Assembly did not appropriate any new funding for the oil and gas impact grant fund, but did provide in Senate Bill No. 2013 an exemption to continue unspent prior biennium appropriations into the 2021-23 biennium for undesignated oil and gas impact grants and administrative costs of the oil and gas impact grant fund.

Distributions to State Institutions

Section 3 of Senate Bill No. 2013 provides the following distributions to state institutions for the 2021-23 biennium pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium	Increase (Decrease)
Common schools	\$366,756,000	\$421,020,000	\$54,264,000
North Dakota State University	5,916,000	6,620,000	704,000
University of North Dakota	4,504,000	5,084,000	580,000
Youth Correctional Center	1,864,000	2,228,000	364,000
School for the Deaf	1,898,000	2,014,000	116,000
North Dakota State College of Science	1,736,000	1,941,000	205,000
State Hospital	1,570,000	1,673,000	103,000
Veterans' Home	732,000	795,000	63,000
Valley City State University	1,034,000	1,178,000	144,000
North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind	1,122,000	1,375,000	253,000
Mayville State University	668,000	742,000	74,000
Dakota College at Bottineau	242,000	285,000	43,000
Dickinson State University	242,000	285,000	43,000
Minot State University	242,000	285,000	43,000
Total	\$388,526,000	\$445,525,000	\$56,999,000

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2013

Oil and gas impact grant fund exemption - Section 4 provides an exemption to continue unspent prior biennium appropriations from the oil and gas impact grant fund into the 2021-23 biennium.

Information technology project exemption - Section 5 provides an exemption to continue unspent prior biennium appropriations related to an IT project into the 2021-23 biennium.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1080 - Penalties - This bill decreases the penalty for late payments associated with oil and gas royalties paid to the state.

House Bill No. 1395 - COVID-19 funding - This bill appropriates federal coronavirus relief funds previously authorized by the Emergency Commission and Budget Section.

Senate Bill No. 2048 - Unclaimed property - This bill updates provisions relating to unclaimed property to align with revisions approved by the Uniform Laws Commission.

Senate Bill No. 2065 - Land leases - This bill authorizes the Board of University and School Lands to lease lands under its control for the underground storage of oil and gas.

Senate Bill No. 2230 - Loan guarantees - This bill increases the reserves held in the strategic investment and improvements fund for fuel production facility loan guarantees.

Senate Bill No. 2282 - Study - This bill provides for a Legislative Management study of the membership of the Board of University and School Lands and the Industrial Commission.

Senate Bill No. 2317 - Coal mine reclamation trust - This bill establishes a coal mine reclamation trust and provides a continuing appropriation to the Board of University and School Lands to manage the trust and to pay any expenses for coal mine reclamation associated with a distressed coal mine.