



# North Dakota Legislative Council

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## STATE AGENCY GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAMS - FUNDING

The schedule below identifies agencies with funding for guardianship-related programs. The schedule identifies the agency, provides a brief description of the program, the base budget of the program, funding source, and the executive recommendation for the 2021-23 biennium. House Bill No. 1354 under consideration by the Legislative Assembly creates a Commission on Guardianship which has the responsibility of establishing and maintaining guardians, guardianship standards, training, and recordkeeping for individuals determined by the court to be eligible for services. The bill also creates a guardianship fund from money appropriated and collected by the commission excluding funds held as trustee. The bill provides a continuing appropriation and the fiscal note indicates a \$437,000 increase in general fund expenditures.

| Agency                          | Program   | Funding Source | Base Budget        | Executive Recommendation |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Office of Management and Budget | Guardianship grants to private agencies and individuals who serve as public guardians for vulnerable adults.  | General fund   | \$1,950,000        | \$1,950,000              |
| Judicial branch                 | Guardianship monitoring program which trains and monitors all guardians, including financial reviews and wellbeing checks.  | General fund   | 283,042            | 288,504                  |
| Judicial branch                 | Guardian ad litem are used in child abuse and neglect cases and are appointed by the court.   | General fund   | 1,395,794          | 1,395,794                |
| Department of Human Services    | Aging Services Division administers the guardianship establishment program which provides assistance to qualified individuals aged 18 or older.   | General fund   | 352,500            | 352,500                  |
| Department of Human Services    | The Developmental Disabilities (DD) Services Division contracts directly with Catholic charities to provide guardianship services to individuals who are receiving DD program management. | General fund   | 3,168,556          | 3,122,361                |
| <b>Total</b>                    |   |                | <b>\$7,149,892</b> | <b>\$7,109,159</b>       |