

House Bill 1017
ND Game and Fish Department
Questions from Appropriation Hearing 3-25-21



Senator Oehlke: How much did you spend on the VCSU Contract for ANS in 2019-21?

Department response: Approximately \$47,000

Senator Oehlke: How many temps have you hired for ANS work and where were they located 2019-21? And for 2021-23?

Department response:

2019 - 3 VCSU temps (emphasis areas were Devils Lake and SE North Dakota)

2020 - 7 summer ANS Temps, +2 fall temps (emphasis areas were Devils Lake, Lake Sakakawea, Bismarck and SE North Dakota)

2021 - 13 ANS Temps, + Another 5 people on the Missouri River doing entrance inspection (located at Bismarck, Riverdale, Valley City, Devil's Lake, and Jamestown. Crews will be 2-4 people. An additional 5 creel clerks will be doing inspection work on the Missouri River system)

2022-2023 - 13+ Temps- Plus the possibility of contracted watercraft inspectors.

Senator Bekkedahl: Paddlefish caviar question on how much money is kept by GF?

Department response: Net proceeds from the caviar sales are split with 25% going to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to be used for ongoing paddlefish management and research; the remaining 75% is expended as grants to projects local entities deem worthy. It must be noted this is the 'net' proceeds and in some years there is no profit and thus no proceeds. From 1994 through 2016 all total the Department's portion was \$675,000 – all reinvested in applied research of the Yellowstone-Sakakawea stock of paddlefish. In recent years, there has been very little profit.

Senator Wanzek: When you agree to sign up PLOTS land, do you usually score that property, in the sense, I would imagine certain property that has more habitat, more maybe wetlands or something along those lines, or more upland vegetation versus all farmland. Do you put a score on those?

Department response: Land offered to PLOTS is not necessarily assigned a score, instead, a standard evaluation is performed by biologists who identify current land management practices, consider habitat conditions and hunting opportunities relative to their location, and any future habitat enhancements the landowner may be willing to implement. Landowner payments are classified based on cover type and any habitat protection/development they agree to during the term of the agreement. Protected or restored habitat is paid a higher rate than farmed/grazed land with little habitat value. Not all land offered to PLOTS will receive an agreement. Reasons an offer would not be made by the Department include lack of funding, lack of legal access to the tract, or lack of quality habitat and/or hunting opportunity on the land offered.

Senator Wanzek: As far as any practices, do you recognize if somebody is willing to sign PLOTS and they are going to do no till, leave residue, or that doesn't really come into consideration?

Department response: Specific farming practices are not directly categorized for payment rates. For example, no till is not given a higher payment than minimum tillage or conventional tillage cropland at this time. However, our biologists are well-versed in agricultural practices and understand the impacts each type of land management practice has on hunting opportunities and the overall quality of the tract. The condition of all cover types (cropland, rangeland, woodlands, upland grasses, etc.) are taken into consideration when the biologist determines if the land being offered would provide quality hunting opportunities to the public. This determination includes their assessment of a variety of factors, including no till vs conventional tillage, season-long grazing vs rotational grazing, and so on.

Senator Erbele: Are those annual renewals then, or can you sign up long-term on them?

Department response: We have two general types of agreements – annual and upfront. Annual agreements typically last 1-4 years and are paid an annual payment. Upfront agreements are typically 10-15 years with one lump-sum upfront payment. Occasionally we offer upfront agreements as long as 30 years, primarily when piggybacking on federal conservation easements. PLOTS agreements in compliance are typically offered a renewal agreement at expiration, assuming habitat conditions remain and funding is available.

Senator Oehlke: Are youth programs working? Are you tracking numbers so you know? Influence at grade school level.

Information in addition to testimony: We have our habitat books that are available for teachers to use in ND studies. They teach ND studies in 4th and 8th grade. We have a temporary employee who trains the teachers on this material.

As mentioned during the testimony, we have not had a mechanism to track participation in our programs before to see if we are creating license buyers. That is one of the reasons we are implementing the R3 program, i.e., to assess whether the recruitment efforts are actually working.

Senator Rust: Number of shooting clubs.

See attached



The Shooting Sports Grant Program may make grants available to schools, clubs and organized youth groups in the state. (Sixty-fifth Legislative Session, HB1419)

They receive grants for any start-up equipment they need, such as vests, hats, shirts, eye protection, ear protection, barrel rests, shell pouches, etc. Anything is allowed that is re-usable. Shells are not included.

List of teams that received grants:

| Team | Paid | Date |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Williston | \$1,000 | 2018 |
| Oakes | \$1,000 | 2018 |
| Fargo South | \$1,000 | 2018 |
| Napoleon | incomplete | 2018 |
| Renville County | \$1,000 | Apr-19 |
| Valley City | \$1,000 | Apr-19 |
| Glenburn | \$859.55 | Apr-19 |
| Minot High | \$1,000 | Mar-19 |
| Thompson | \$1,000 | 19-Jun |
| Minnewauken | pd | 19-Jul |
| Sheyenne | \$1,000 | 26-Apr |
| Wolford | \$520.56 | 2-Jul |
| Scranton | \$1,000 | Ma7 2019 |
| Kidder | \$1,000 | 19-Jul |
| Fargo N | \$1,000 | 19-Jul |
| Richland 44 | \$932.79 | 19-Apr |
| Beulah | \$1,000 | 19-Jul |
| Tioga | \$1,000 | Apr-19 |
| Velva | \$1,000 | 19-Jul |
| Drayton | \$914.72 | 20-Mar |
| Rolla | \$722.91 | 20-Apr |
| Lakota | \$1,000 | May-20 |
| Central Cass | \$839.94 | Jun-20 |
| Hazen | \$864.50 | Jun-20 |



List of schools in the ND State High School Clay Target league

<http://ndclaytarget.com/teams/>

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| Barnes County North High School | Minto High School |
| Beach High School | Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood High School |
| Berthold-North Shore-Plaza High School | Munich High School |
| Beulah High School | Napoleon High School |
| Bishop Ryan Catholic High School | Nedrose High School |
| Bismarck High School | Oak Grove Lutheran High School |
| Central Cass High School | Oakes High School |
| Central High School | Red River High School |
| Century High School | Richland High School |
| Dakota Prairie High School | Rolette High School |
| Davies High School | Rugby High School |
| Devils Lake High School | Sargent Central High School |
| Drake-Anamoose High School | Scranton High School |
| Enderlin High School | Shanley High School |
| Fairmount High School | Sheyenne High School |
| Fargo North High School | Shiloh Christian School |
| Fargo South High School | South Heart High School |
| Garrison High School | South Prairie High School |
| Glenburn High School | St. Mary's Central High School |
| Grafton High School | Stanley High School |
| Hankinson High School | Surrey High School |
| Kidder County High School | Thompson High School |
| Kindred High School | Tioga High School |
| Larimore High School | Valley City High School |
| Legacy High School | Velva High School |
| Mandan High School | Wahpeton High School |
| Milnor High School | West Fargo High School |
| Minnewaukan High School | Williston High School |
| Minot High School | Wolford High School |



National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)

<https://gf.nd.gov/education/nasp/participating-schools>

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| Alexander Public Schools | Enderlin Area Public School | Legacy High School – Bismarck |
| Anamoose | Fargo Davies High School | Legacy Elementary - West Fargo |
| Aurora Elementary - West Fargo | Four Winds Community High | Lewis and Clark Elementary – Mandan |
| Barnes County North - North Central Campus | Freedom Elementary | Lewis and Clark High School – Minot |
| Barnes County North - Wimbledon Campus | Ft Lincoln Elem | Lewis and Clark Elementary – Williston |
| Bell Public School | Gackle /Streeter Public School | Liberty Elementary Bismarck |
| Berthold Public School | Garrison High School | Lidgerwood Public School |
| Berthold School | Glenburn Public School | Lincoln Elementary – Bismarck |
| Beulah High School | Goodrich Public School | Lincoln Elementary – Jamestown |
| Beulah Public Schools – Elem | Grafton High School | Linton Public School |
| Bismarck High School | Grant County Schools | Louis L. 'Amoure Elementary – Jamestown |
| Bob Callies Elementary Garrison | Griggs Co Central School | Mandan High School |
| Bottineau Public School | Hagan Elementary School | Mandaree Public School |
| Bowbells Public School | Hagen Jr High | Max Public |
| Brooks Harbor Elementary - West Fargo | Hankinson Public School | May-Port CG |
| Burdick Job Corps Center | Hankinson Public School | McVay Elementary – Williston |
| Burke Central School | Harvey Public Schools | Medina Public School |
| Burlington Elementary | Harwood Elementary | Memorial Middle School – Minot |
| Carl Ben Eielson Middle School | Hatton Eielson Public School | Midkota Public School – Binford |
| Carrington Elementary | Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock | Midkota Public School – Cooperstown |
| Carrington High School | Hazen and Beulah High School | Milnor Public School |
| Carson School | Hazen School District | Minot High School Central Campus |
| Cathedral Christian School – Bismarck | Hebron High School | Missouri Ridge School – Williston |
| Cavalier Public School | Hebron Public School | Mohall Lansford Sherwood |
| Central Campus East | Hettinger-Mott | Montpelier Public School |
| Central Cass High | Hillsboro Public School | Moses Elementary – Bismarck |
| Central Middle School-DL | Hope-Page School District Middle/High | Mt. Pleasant School |
| Central Valley School | Hope-Page School District Elementary | Napoleon Public School |
| Circle of Nations -Wahpeton Indian School | Horace Elementary | NDYCC Marmot School – Mandan |
| Custer School | Horizon Middle School – Bismarck | Nedrose School – Minot |
| Dakota Memorial School | Independence Elementary – Bismarck | New England Public School |
| Davies High School – Fargo | Independence Elementary - West Fargo | New Rockford/Sheyenne High |
| Deer Creek Elementary - West Fargo | Innovation School – Bismarck | New Town Public School |
| Divide County Public School | Jamestown High | Newburg Public School |
| Dorothy Moses – Bismarck | Jamestown Middle School | North Sargent Public School |
| Dunseith Day School | Jeanette Myhre Elementary | North Shore High – Makoti |
| Dunseith Elementary | Kenmare Public School | Northwood Public School |
| Dunseith High School | Kensal Public School | Oakes Public School |
| Eastwood Elementary | Kidder County Schools Elem/Junior | Osgood Elementary - West Fargo |
| Edgeley Public School | Killdeer Public School | Our Redeemers Christian School – Bismarck |
| Edmore Public School | Kindrid Public School | Page Elementary School |
| Elgin/New Leipzig | Kulm School | Parshall High School |
| Ellendale Public School | Lakota Public School | Pingree Public School |
| | Lamoure Public School | Pingree-Buchanan High School |
| | Langdon Public School | |
| | LE Berger - West Fargo | |



Pioneer Elementary – Bismarck
Plaza Elementary
Powers Lake School
Prairie Rose Elementary – Bismarck
Ray Public School
Richland Jr/Sr High School
Rickard Elementary – Williston
Rock Lake Public School
Rolette Public School
Roosevelt Elementary – Mandan
Roosevelt Elementary – Jamestown
Roosevelt Public School – Carson
Rugby High
Sargent Central School
Sawyer Public School
Scranton School
Sheyenne High School - West Fargo
Shiloh Christian School
Smile Middle School – Bismarck
Solheim Elementary – Bismarck
Souris River Campus - Alt) – Mino

South Central Alternative High –
Bismarck
South Elementary - West Fargo
South Prairie Elementary – Minot
St. John Public School - St John
St. John's Academy – Jamestown
St. Joseph School – Mandan
St. Mary's Grade School – Bismarck
Standing Rock High School
Stanley Elementary School
Stanley High School
Steele-Kidder County Public
Surrey High School
TGU Towner/Granville
Turtle Lake-Mercer
Turtle Mountain Comm. High
Turtle Mountain Middle School
Twin Butte School
Twin Butte School
Valley City High
Velva Public School

Wachter Middle School – Bismarck
Wahpeton High School
Wahpeton Middle School
Warwick Public School
Washington Elementary – Jamestown
Watford City High School
Watford City Intermediate
West Fargo High
Westhope Public School
Westside Elementary - West Fargo
White Shield School
Wilkinson Elementary School – Williston
Williston Middle School
Williston Senior High School
Will-Moore Elementary – Bismarck
Willow Park Elementary - West Fargo
Wilton Public School
Wing Public School
Wishek Public School
Wm S Gussner Elementary – Jamestown
Wyndmere Public School