

ND Outdoor Heritage Fund Status Statement

	2017-19 Actual	2019-21		2021-23 Executive Budget
		Legislative Appropriation	Revised Estimate	
Beginning Balance	\$7,996,518 ¹¹	\$0	\$4,948,114	\$3,466,470
Revenue:				
Oil and Gas Production Tax	\$10,799,177	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000 ¹²	\$15,000,000 ¹²
Interest Income	73,576	45,000	90,000	90,000
Refunds	1,049,705	0	1,315,400	0
Total Revenues	\$11,922,458	\$15,045,000	\$16,405,400	\$15,090,000
Expenditures/Commitments:				
Administrative Expenses	(\$98,808)	(\$150,000)	(\$175,000)	(\$175,000)
Grant awards/available for commitment	(14,872,054)	(14,895,000)	(17,712,044) ¹³	(16,000,000) ¹³
Total Expenditures and Commitments	(\$14,970,862)	(\$15,045,000)	(\$17,887,044)	(\$16,175,000)
Ending Balance	\$4,948,114	\$0	\$3,466,470	\$2,381,470

¹¹ The amount shown is based on grants awarded to date, not amounts spent, as some grant awards are paid out over several years.

¹² NDCC section 57-51-15 established a maximum allocation of \$40.0 million (\$20.0 million per year) for the 2015-17 biennium, \$10.0 million for the 2017-19 biennium and \$15.0 million for the 2019-21 biennium. The current forecast for oil and gas taxes will result in approximately \$15 million being allocated to the fund during the 2021-23 biennium.

¹³ All moneys in the fund are appropriated on a continuing basis, pursuant to NDCC Section 54-17.8-02. Grant commitments include some projects that will draw down funds over a 10 year period. The amounts shown reflect the estimated amount available for grants and not the amount expended.

Notes:

The 2013 legislature, through passage of HB 1278, established the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund. The bill creates chapter 54-17.8 of the NDCC, which establishes an advisory board to administer the fund, provides a continuing appropriation for the fund, and establishes allowable uses of the fund. Moneys in the fund can be used for grants to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations to:

- Provide access to private and public lands for sportsmen;
- Improve and maintain water quality, soil conditions, and support stewardship practices to enhance farming and
- Develop wildlife and fish habitat; and
- Conserve natural areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Funds may not be used for:

- Litigation;
- Lobbying; or
- Activities that would interfere with coal mining, sand, scoria and gravel extraction, oil and gas operations, or other energy facility or infrastructure
- The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or
- Projects outside North Dakota or projects that are beyond the scope of defined activities that fulfill the purposes of this chapter.