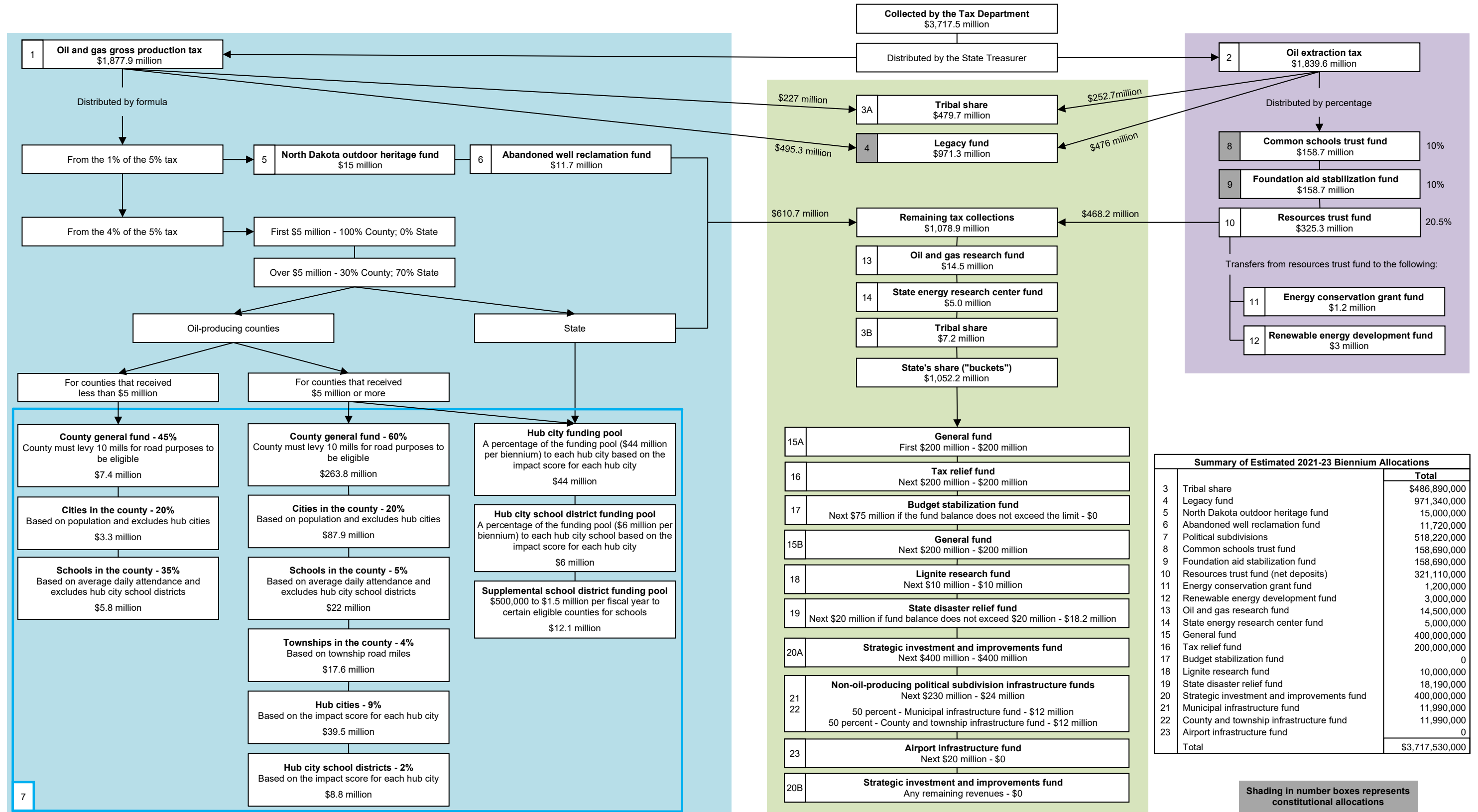


## OIL AND GAS TAX REVENUE ALLOCATION FLOWCHART - 2021-23 BIENNIUM

This memorandum provides information on the estimated allocation of oil and gas tax collections for the 2021-23 biennium reflecting the 2021 legislative revenue forecast, prepared at the close of the 2021 legislative session. The amounts reflect oil prices of \$50 per barrel during the biennium and oil production decreasing from 1.1 million (1<sup>st</sup> year) to 1.0 million barrels per day (2<sup>nd</sup> year) during the biennium. A description of each of the funds is included on the second page.

### ESTIMATED 2021-23 BIENNIUM ALLOCATIONS - 2021 LEGISLATIVE REVENUE FORECAST



**NOTE:** The amounts reflected in these schedules are preliminary estimates for August 2021 through July 2023. The actual amounts allocated for the 2021-23 biennium may differ significantly from these amounts based on actual oil price and oil production.

The schedule below provides a brief description of the taxes and funds included in the flowchart on the previous page. Changes approved by the 2021 Legislative Assembly are shown in boldface.

Box	Tax/Fund	Description
1	Oil and gas gross production tax	North Dakota Century Code Section 57-51-02 provides for a tax of 5 percent of the gross value at the well of oil produced in North Dakota unless exempted, and a tax on gas of four cents times the gas base rate adjustment for each fiscal year as calculated by the Tax Department.
2	Oil extraction tax	Section 57-51.1-02, as amended by House Bill No. 1476 (2015), provides for a tax of 5 percent of the gross value at the well on the extraction of oil unless exempted. Prior to January 1, 2016, the oil extraction tax rate was 6.5 percent. <b>Senate Bill No. 2328 (2021) provides an oil extraction tax credit for the use of an onsite flare mitigation system.</b>
3A, 3B	Tribal share	Chapter 57-51.2 provides the requirements for allocating oil and gas tax related to the oil production within the Fort Berthold Reservation. The oil and gas tax revenues are allocated 50 percent to the state and 50 percent to the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation. <b>Senate Bill No. 2319 (2021) provides an allocation to the Three Affiliated Tribes from wells that cross into a reservation.</b>
4	Legacy fund	Section 26 of Article X of the Constitution of North Dakota provides for a deposit to the legacy fund of 30 percent of total revenue derived from taxes on oil and gas production and extraction.
5	North Dakota outdoor heritage fund	House Bill No. 1278 (2013) created the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund to preserve natural areas and public lands. House Bill No. 1176 (2015) amended Section 57-51-15 to provide 8 percent of revenues from the first 1 percent of the oil and gas gross production tax, up to \$20 million per fiscal year, be deposited in the fund. <b>Senate Bill No. 2014 (2021) limits the allocations to \$7.5 million per fiscal year for the 2021-23 biennium.</b>
6	Abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund	House Bill No. 1333 (2013) and House Bill No. 1032 (2015) amended Section 57-51-15 to increase the allocations to the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund. Based on current law, 4 percent of the first 1 percent of oil and gas gross production tax is allocated to the fund not to exceed \$7.5 million per fiscal year and not in an amount that would bring the balance of the fund to more than \$100 million. House Bill No. 1014 (2019) decreased the maximum fund balance by \$50 million, from \$100 million to \$50 million.
7	Political subdivisions	Oil and gas gross production taxes are distributed to political subdivisions under Section 57-51-15 as amended by Senate Bill No. 2013 (2017). House Bill No. 1066 (2019) changed the funding source for the allocations to hub cities, hub city school districts, and school district supplement, and the bill also adjusts the allocation percentages for the distributions to townships and hub city school districts.
8	Common schools trust fund	Section 1 of Article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota provides for a common schools trust fund to be used to support the common schools of the state. Section 24 of Article X of the Constitution of North Dakota provides for a distribution of 10 percent of oil extraction taxes to the common schools trust fund to become part of the principal of the fund. The earnings are distributed through the state school aid payments. Senate Bill No. 2362 (2019) changed the method of allocating oil extraction tax revenue related to the state's share of revenue associated with production on tribal lands, increasing the allocation to the common schools trust fund.
9	Foundation aid stabilization fund	Section 24 of Article X of the Constitution of North Dakota provides for a distribution of 10 percent of oil extraction taxes to the foundation aid stabilization fund. Section 24, as amended by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4003 (2015) and approved by the voters, restricts a portion of the fund to offset state school aid payments due to a revenue shortfall and allows the remainder to be used for educational purposes. Senate Bill No. 2362 (2019) changed the method of allocating oil extraction tax revenue related to the state's share of revenue associated with production on tribal lands, increasing the allocation to the foundation aid stabilization fund.
10	Resources trust fund	Section 57-51.1-07 provides for a distribution of 20 percent of oil extraction taxes to the resources trust fund. Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of North Dakota provides the fund may be used, subject to legislative appropriation, for constructing water-related projects, including rural water systems, and funding of programs for energy conservation. Senate Bill No. 2362 (2019) changed the method of allocating oil extraction tax revenue related to the state's share of revenue associated with production on tribal lands and provided an additional .5 percent allocation to the resources trust fund as an adjustment for prior period allocations, both of which result in an increase in the allocations to the fund.
11	Energy conservation grant fund	Senate Bill No. 2014 (2013) amended Section 57-51.1-07 to provide for a transfer of one-half of 1 percent of the amount credited to the resources trust fund from the resources trust fund into the energy conservation grant fund, up to \$1.2 million per biennium.
12	Renewable energy development fund	Senate Bill No. 2014 (2013) amended Section 57-51.1-07 to provide for a transfer of 5 percent of the amount credited to the resources trust fund from the resources trust fund into the renewable energy development fund, up to \$3 million per biennium. House Bill No. 1020 (2017) decreased the percentage transferred from 5 to 3 percent.
13	Oil and gas research fund	Section 57-51.1-07.3 (Senate Bill No. 2311 (2003)) establishes the oil and gas research fund for the Oil and Gas Research Council to provide grants. Senate Bill No. 2014 (2013) amended Section 57-51.1-07.3 to provide 2 percent of the state's share of the oil and gas tax revenues, up to \$10 million per biennium, is to be deposited into the oil and gas research fund. <b>Senate Bill No. 2014 (2021) increases the allocations by \$4.5 million, from \$10 million to \$14.5 million, for the 2021-23 biennium.</b>
14	State energy research center fund	Senate Bill No. 2249 (2019) created a state energy research center fund and allocates 1 percent of the state's share of oil and gas tax revenues, up to \$5 million per biennium, to the fund for the Industrial Commission to contract with the Energy and Environmental Research Center for research projects.
15A, 15B	General fund	The general fund is the chief operating fund of the state. Section 57-51.1-07.5, as amended by House Bill No. 1152 (2017), provides for an allocation of \$400 million of the state's share of oil and gas tax revenues to the general fund for the 2017-19 biennium and an allocation of \$300 million after the 2017-19 biennium. House Bill No. 1066 (2019) increased the allocation to \$400 million.
16	Tax relief fund	House Bill No. 1152 (2017) amended Section 57-51.1-07.5 to provide for the allocation of \$200 million of the state's share of oil and gas tax revenues to the tax relief fund each biennium.
17	Budget stabilization fund	The budget stabilization fund is established under Section 54-27.2-01. The Governor may order a transfer from the budget stabilization fund to the general fund when certain criteria are met to offset a general fund revenue shortfall. House Bill No. 1152 (2017) amended Section 57-51.1-07.5 to provide for an allocation of up to \$75 million from the state's share of oil and gas tax revenues.
18	Lignite research fund	The lignite research fund is established under Section 57-61-01.6 for research, development projects, and marketing activities related to the lignite industry. House Bill No. 1152 (2017) amended Section 57-51.1-07.5 to provide for an allocation of up to \$3 million from the state's share of oil and gas tax revenues. House Bill No. 1066 (2019) increased the allocation to \$10 million.
19	State disaster relief fund	Section 37-17.1-27 provides for the state disaster relief fund to be used for the required state share of funding for expenses associated with presidential-declared disasters. Section 57-51.1-07.5, as amended by House Bill No. 1152 (2017), provides for the distribution of up to \$20 million of oil tax revenues to the state disaster relief fund each biennium, but not in an amount that would bring the balance of the fund to more than \$20 million. Senate Bill No. 2016 (2019) decreased the allocation to provide up to \$15 million of allocations, but not in an amount that would bring the balance of the fund to more than \$15 million. <b>House Bill No. 1015 (2021) and Senate Bill No. 2249 (2021) increase the allocation limit by \$5 million, from \$15 million to \$20 million.</b>
20A, 20B	Strategic investment and improvements fund	Section 15-08.1-08 provides for the strategic investment and improvements fund. The fund is to be used for one-time expenditures to improve state infrastructure or initiatives to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state government. Section 57-51.1-07.5 provides for the allocation of certain oil tax revenues to the strategic investment and improvements fund.
21	Municipal infrastructure fund	House Bill No. 1066 (2019) created a municipal infrastructure fund and allocates up to \$115 million per biennium for grants to non-oil-producing cities for essential infrastructure projects. <b>House Bill No. 1015 (2021) aligns the allocations to the municipal infrastructure fund and the county and township infrastructure fund to provide allocations to the two funds at the same time after the initial allocation to the strategic investment and improvements fund.</b>
22	County and township infrastructure fund	House Bill No. 1066 (2019) created a county and township infrastructure fund and allocates up to \$115 million per biennium for grants to non-oil-producing counties and townships for road and bridge infrastructure projects. <b>House Bill No. 1015 (2021) aligns the allocations to the municipal infrastructure fund and the county and township infrastructure fund to provide allocations to the two funds at the same time after the initial allocation to the strategic investment and improvements fund.</b>
23	Airport infrastructure fund	House Bill No. 1066 (2019) created an airport infrastructure fund and allocates up to \$20 million per biennium for airport infrastructure projects, subject to legislative appropriation.