

**State Department of Health
Budget 301
House Bill Nos. 1004, 1022**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	307.00	\$14,566,472	\$70,791,601	\$85,358,073
1997-99 legislative appropriation	<u>308.00</u>	<u>14,934,440</u>	<u>63,658,071</u>	<u>78,592,511</u>
1999-2001 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1997-99 appropriation	(1.00)	(\$367,968)	\$7,133,530	\$6,765,562

NOTE: The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$299,918, \$107,983 of which is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$5.4 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for special market equity adjustments for classified employees and \$6,792, \$2,445 of which is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing the \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000.

Item Description

Laboratory space and morgue facility study - The 1999 Legislative Assembly provided \$45,000 from the general fund to be used by the State Department of Health for the development of a master plan for its facilities, including a state morgue. The Legislative Assembly directed the department to submit its plan to the Legislative Council during the 1999-2000 interim.

State aid to local health districts - Section 10 of House Bill No. 1004 provides legislative intent that the State Department of Health provide aid to local health districts grants during the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001, totaling \$1.1 million. The Legislative Assembly provided grant funding for \$1 million from the general fund, with the additional \$100,000 to be found by the State Department of Health within other areas of its budget.

Community health grant program - Section 9 of House Bill No. 1004 provides that the State Department of Health develop a comprehensive plan for a community health grant program and present the plan to the Legislative Council during the 1999-2000 interim.

Status/Result

The State Department of Health has received an additional \$35,000 from the federal Environmental Protection Agency to assist with this project. To date the architectural firm Triebwasser, Helenske and Associates of Fargo has been contracted to develop the plan at a cost of \$70,000. It is anticipated the report will include a recommendation for additional space in new or remodeled facilities. The department anticipates presenting its final report to the Budget Committee on Government Services in June 2000.

The State Department of Health does not have a specific plan for making available the additional \$100,000 to local health districts. If additional general fund moneys of up to \$100,000 are available within the department's budget at the end of the biennium, it will distribute the additional funds to local health districts when making the final grant payment for the 1999-2001 biennium.

The State Department of Health presented to the Budget Committee on Health Care a proposal for a community health grant program to be funded from 10 percent of the tobacco settlement money allocated to the community health trust fund. The overall objective would be to decrease tobacco use throughout North Dakota. The proposal consists of three components:

- Healthy schools - Primarily to reduce tobacco use by students.
- Healthy families - Primarily to provide cessation programs for current smokers.
- Healthy communities - To provide funding for community-based objectives and programs.

The State Department of Health estimates the 10 percent allocation to the community health trust fund will total approximately \$5 million each biennium.

The department's proposal provides for the following allocation of the funding anticipated to be available each biennium:

Healthy schools	\$2,000,000
Healthy families	2,000,000
Healthy communities	1,000,000
Total	\$5,000,000