

**Aeronautics Commission
Budget 412
Senate Bill No. 2006**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 legislative appropriation	6.00	\$550,000	\$14,579,502	\$15,129,502
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	6.00	550,000	14,064,589	14,614,589
2001-03 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriation	0.00	\$0	\$514,913	\$514,913

NOTE: The 2001-03 legislative appropriation amounts include \$1,958 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$5,000,000 funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees.

Item Description

Grant programs - The 2001 Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$12,970,000 for the air carrier airport grant program (\$7,500,000) and the secondary airport grant program (\$5,470,000). Of the \$12,970,000, \$550,000 is from the general fund, \$1,820,000 is from special funds, and \$10,600,000 is from federal funds. The appropriation of federal funds is to accommodate the possibility of the Federal Aviation Administration directing the states to administer the federal airport block grant program.

Dealer licenses - Senate Bill No. 2073 (2001) increased aircraft dealer licenses by \$125 per year, from \$25 to \$150, and ultralight vehicle dealer licenses by \$35 per year, from \$15 to \$50.

Homeland security.

Status/Result

As of February 2002, the Aeronautics Commission has allocated \$475,000 of the air carrier airport grant program funds and \$270,000 of the secondary airport grant program funds. The Federal Aviation Administration has not yet decided if the federal airport block grant program will be transferred to the states. Therefore, the Aeronautics Commission does not anticipate allocating any of the federal funds associated with the programs, but the remaining funds from the general fund and special funds of \$1,625,000 will be allocated to airports by the Aeronautics Commission in May 2002 and May 2003.

For calendar year 2002, the Aeronautics Commission has issued 43 aircraft dealer licenses and ultralight vehicle dealer licenses and has collected \$6,450 in dealer licenses revenue. The revenue is used for pilot safety seminars, educational programs, and aviation publications.

As the result of the September 11, 2001, terrorist disaster, the federal government has required the Aeronautics Commission to perform a bomb threat analysis at the Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, and Bismarck airports. The commission entered into a contract with Applied Research Associates, Inc., Vicksburg, Mississippi, for assistance in the completion of the analyses. The commission anticipates the analyses to be completed in March 2002 at an estimated cost of \$70,000. The commission has been notified that federal funds will be provided for conducting the analyses but has not been informed of the amount of federal funds that will be available.