

**Division of Emergency Management
Budget 512
Senate Bill No. 2016**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 legislative appropriation	20.00	\$1,369,035	\$37,217,141	\$38,586,176
2001-03 legislative appropriation	<u>20.00</u>	<u>967,458</u>	<u>69,876,526</u>	<u>70,843,984</u>
2003-05 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriation	0.00	\$401,577	(\$32,659,385)	(\$32,257,808)

Item Description

Disaster relief funding - The 2003 Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$437,800 from the general fund to pay for interest costs incurred for the 2003-05 biennium relating to the agency's Bank of North Dakota line of credit to pay the state's share of federal disaster relief funding.

Status/Result

In July 2003, the Division of Emergency Management made payments totaling \$85,274 to the Bank of North Dakota for interest costs incurred relating to the agency's Bank of North Dakota line of credit to pay the state's share of federal disaster relief funding. The remaining \$352,526 of the \$437,800 will be returned to the general fund.

The Division of Emergency Management anticipates requesting a deficiency appropriation in the amount of approximately \$7 million to repay the Bank of North Dakota for the state's share of federal disaster relief funding from both the 2001-03 and 2003-05 bienniums.

Emergency Commission approvals.

The Division of Emergency Management has received Emergency Commission approval of the following requests:

- Approval to borrow and spend \$2,647,481 from the Bank of North Dakota for expenses associated with disasters occurring in 1997, 1999, 2000, and 2001.
- Approval to spend federal funds of \$159,000 from the State Department of Health for conducting incident command training in the eight bioterrorism planning regions of the state.
- Approval to spend federal funds of \$13.2 million from the Department of Homeland Security for homeland security-related costs, including \$1,760,000 for distribution to state and local entities for the protection of critical infrastructure during periods of heightened alert; \$9,152,000 for distribution to local governments to augment emergency responders planning, equipment, and exercise needs; and \$2,288,000 for state initiatives. The request included the authorization of three new permanent full-time equivalent positions and three temporary full-time equivalent positions within the agency.
- Approval to spend federal funds of \$19,536,000 from the Department of Homeland Security relating to the state's allocation of federal fiscal year 2004 Homeland Security appropriations. The funds will be distributed under the state Homeland Security program (\$14,828,000), the law enforcement terrorism prevention program (\$4,400,000), and the Citizen Corps program (\$308,000). The request included the authorization of

two new permanent full-time equivalent positions and one temporary full-time equivalent position.

- Approval to spend federal funds of \$1,280,345 and special funds of \$170,713 from loan proceeds from the Bank of North Dakota for expenses associated with severe summer storms and high winds in Barnes and Cass Counties in June 2003.

Consolidation of State Radio Communications.

On September 18, 2003, Governor Hoeven announced the consolidation of the Division of Emergency Management and State Radio Communications. The intent of the consolidation is to incorporate security and emergency operations with the state's communications network into an integrated State Operations Center. The new structure provides a single point of contact for emergency services, the Adjutant General's cabinet office. The consolidation was agreed to under a memorandum of understanding between the Office of Management and Budget, the Division of Emergency Management, and the Information Technology Department. The Division of Emergency Management budget request for the 2005-07 biennium will include funding for State Radio Communications.