

**MAJOR STATE APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE ALLOCATIONS FOR DIRECT  
ASSISTANCE TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM THE 1999-2001 THROUGH 2009-11 BIENNIUMS**

	1999-2001	2001-03	2003-05	2005-07	2007-09	2009-11
<b>Assistance to political subdivisions (excluding school-related funding)</b>						
<b>General fund appropriations</b>						
Grants to public libraries	\$888,745	\$888,745	\$844,307	\$1,000,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,300,000
Homestead tax credit	4,540,813	4,540,813	4,000,000	4,500,000	8,104,000	5,964,000
Disabled veteran property tax credits						3,000,000
Aid to health districts	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,900,000	2,400,000
Weather-related transportation cost-sharing					52,400,000 <sup>11</sup>	
Local matching funds for federal disaster relief						250,000 <sup>16</sup>
Emergency medical training grants to rural law enforcement						128,400
Regional public health network pilot project						275,000
Funds to local public health units for immunization services						1,200,000 <sup>17</sup>
Grants to counties for portable personal computers for county veterans' service officers						20,000
Matching funds to counties and cities for senior citizen programs	1,982,945 <sup>1</sup>	2,132,945 <sup>1</sup>	2,382,945 <sup>1</sup>	720,000 <sup>1</sup>	1,000,000	1,091,200
Indian welfare assistance to counties	121,766 <sup>2</sup>	456,993 <sup>2</sup>	649,559	1,147,174	955,124	1,959,541
State administration of child support enforcement					7,490,245	2,315,025
Boys' and girls' clubwork	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000
Gaming enforcement grants	419,591					
Soil conservation district grants	580,000	580,000	580,000	630,000	730,000	837,800
Noxious weed control	288,341	184,141	97,215	67,817	67,817	67,817
Payments in lieu of taxes on carbon dioxide pipeline property	783,413	1,932,419	1,910,000	1,545,000	1,365,000	1,151,000
Clerk of court	1,000,000	10,154,353	10,723,223	11,810,929	13,587,187	15,376,816
Grants to airports	550,000	550,000	522,500	550,187	550,000	550,000
<b>Total general fund (excluding school-related funding)</b>	<b>\$12,308,614</b>	<b>\$22,573,409</b>	<b>\$22,862,749</b>	<b>\$23,124,107</b>	<b>\$89,402,373</b>	<b>\$37,939,599</b>
Percentage of total general fund appropriations	0.8%	1.3% <sup>10</sup>	1.3%	1.2%	3.6%	1.2%
<b>Special funds appropriations and revenue allocations</b>						
Homestead tax credit (Housing Finance Agency reserves)						\$3,134,000
Grants for local water projects and a feasibility study						1,646,408
Noxious weed control	\$910,555	\$1,162,695	\$1,402,639	\$1,646,408	\$1,646,408	106,731,983
State aid distribution funds to cities and counties <sup>4</sup>	63,203,392	66,383,566	74,180,584	84,212,635	105,043,938	5,800,000
Public transportation services (public transportation fund) <sup>5</sup>	2,848,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	4,650,000	5,700,000	
Insurance tax to fire departments						
Insurance tax distribution fund	5,200,000	5,200,000	5,200,000	6,200,000	6,200,000	6,200,000
Insurance tax to emergency medical services operations						
Insurance tax distribution fund					1,250,000	2,750,000
Gaming enforcement grants		629,000	617,000	617,000	617,000	510,000
Community health grant program (community health trust fund)		4,700,000	4,700,000	4,700,000	4,700,000	2,302,098
Tobacco education and cessation program grants (community health trust fund)		250,000	500,000	395,000	260,000	
Matching funds to counties and cities for senior citizen programs						
Senior citizen services and programs fund				2,056,984	2,407,214 <sup>12</sup>	2,667,000 <sup>12</sup>
Health care trust fund		250,000 <sup>1</sup>				
Energy development impact grants (oil and gas impact grant fund)	4,888,100	4,888,100	4,888,100	4,888,100	5,888,100	7,888,100

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Grants to airports (Aeronautics Commission special funds collections)	1,570,000	1,820,000	1,962,500	2,447,126	2,950,000	5,280,000
Indian welfare assistance to counties (Department of Human Services' "retained" funds)	1,654,654 <sup>2</sup>	2,068,007 <sup>2</sup>	1,964,607	1,964,607	1,964,607	1,964,607
Motor vehicle fuel tax and registration fee allocations <sup>6</sup>	112,600,000	116,500,000	118,400,000	129,600,000	129,900,000	142,700,000
Telecommunications tax allocations	8,400,000	16,800,000	16,800,000	16,800,000	16,800,000	16,800,000
Coal severance tax allocations <sup>7</sup>	15,235,854	14,685,000	15,800,000	15,400,000	15,341,000	15,284,000
Coal conversion tax allocations <sup>7</sup>	5,491,282	6,620,022	7,283,433	7,502,657	6,635,592	5,535,392
Oil and gas gross production tax allocations <sup>8</sup>	36,028,096	31,843,672	42,836,649	55,785,763	80,850,073	101,211,208
Financial institution tax allocations					20,000,000	23,750,000
Disaster relief funding						43,000,000 <sup>13</sup>
Water project grants						2,792,000 <sup>14</sup>
Cigarette tax allocations <sup>9</sup>	2,813,712	2,623,000	2,608,771	2,810,000	3,132,474	2,520,000
<b>Total special funds (excluding school-related funding)</b>	<b>\$260,843,645</b>	<b>\$279,423,062</b>	<b>\$302,144,283</b>	<b>\$341,676,280</b>	<b>\$411,286,406</b>	<b>\$500,466,796</b>
<b>Total major direct assistance to political subdivisions (excluding school-related funding)</b>	<b>\$273,152,259</b>	<b>\$301,996,471</b>	<b>\$325,007,032</b>	<b>\$364,800,387</b>	<b>\$500,688,779</b>	<b>\$538,406,395</b>
<b>School-related assistance to political subdivisions</b>						
<b>General fund appropriations - School-related funding</b>						
State school aid per student formula payments	\$479,006,259	\$473,971,648	\$489,379,990	\$484,053,759	\$649,965,879	\$636,425,958 <sup>18</sup>
Supplemental operations grants						16,795,584
Supplemental one-time grants						85,644,337
Teacher compensation payments to school districts		35,036,000	51,854,000	50,912,120		
Special education - Gifted and talented per student payments				37,000,000		
School district reorganization bonuses		1,665,000	500,000	759,000		
Educational Technology Council grants	6,000,000	922,822	512,822	578,590	800,000	604,750
Special education	46,600,000	49,898,695	49,898,695			
Revenue supplement payments to school districts	3,100,000	2,200,000	5,000,000	5,000,000		
Transportation aid payments to school districts				33,500,000	33,500,000	43,500,000 <sup>15</sup>
Special education contracts				15,500,000	17,500,000	15,500,000
Average daily membership and declining enrollment payments	3,500,000					
Joint powers agreement incentives				1,000,000		
Mill levy reduction grants						295,000,000
Vocational education	9,520,929	9,573,929	10,386,541	13,846,810	14,165,749	17,000,000
School food services	1,080,000	1,080,000	1,080,000	1,080,000	1,080,000	1,380,000
Adult education	900,000	900,000	920,000	1,055,000	1,055,000	1,850,000
EduTech services, including school district antivirus licenses		2,474,003	2,540,348	2,652,348	2,722,348	5,104,699
School district information technology network costs		4,920,824 <sup>3</sup>	3,382,023 <sup>3</sup>	3,395,550 <sup>3</sup>	3,413,972 <sup>3</sup>	5,568,970 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Total general fund - School-related funding</b>	<b>\$549,707,188</b>	<b>\$582,642,921</b>	<b>\$615,454,419</b>	<b>\$650,333,177</b>	<b>\$724,202,948</b>	<b>\$1,124,374,298</b>
Percentage of total general fund appropriations	34.0%	33.4%	33.9%	32.5%	28.1%	34.6%

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<b>Special fund appropriations and revenue allocations - School-related funding</b>						
State tuition fund distributions	\$53,528,217	\$67,239,025	\$69,495,371	\$71,600,000	\$76,200,000	\$86,300,000
Grants for adult education programs (displaced homemaker fund)	237,500	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
<b>Total special funds - School-related funding</b>	<u>\$53,765,717</u>	<u>\$67,479,025</u>	<u>\$69,735,371</u>	<u>\$71,840,000</u>	<u>\$76,440,000</u>	<u>\$86,540,000</u>
<b>Total major school-related assistance to political subdivisions</b>	<u>\$603,472,905</u>	<u>\$650,121,946</u>	<u>\$685,189,790</u>	<u>\$722,173,177</u>	<u>\$800,642,948</u>	<u>\$1,210,914,298</u>
<b>Total general fund assistance to political subdivisions</b>	\$562,015,802	\$605,216,330	\$638,317,168	\$673,457,284	\$813,605,321	\$1,162,313,897
<b>Total special funds assistance</b>	<u>\$314,609,362</u>	<u>\$346,902,087</u>	<u>\$371,879,654</u>	<u>\$413,516,280</u>	<u>\$487,726,406</u>	<u>\$587,006,796</u>
<b>Total major direct assistance to political subdivisions</b>	<u>\$876,625,164</u>	<u>\$952,118,417</u>	<u>\$1,010,196,822</u>	<u>\$1,086,973,564</u>	<u>\$1,301,331,727</u>	<u>\$1,749,320,693</u>

<sup>1</sup> Consists of \$720,000 of state funding to providers for matching federal Title III funds and \$1,262,945 for senior mill levy match for the 1999-2001 biennium and \$720,000 of state funding to providers for matching Title III funds and \$1,662,945 for senior mill levy match for the 2001-03 biennium. Of the 2001-03 biennium total, \$1,412,945 is from the general fund and \$250,000 is from the health care trust fund. The 2003-05 appropriation consists of \$720,000 of state funding to providers for matching federal Title III funds and \$1,662,945 for senior citizen mill levy match. The 2005-07 appropriation consists of \$720,000 of state funding to providers for matching federal Title III funds in the Department of Human Services.

<sup>2</sup> The 1997 Legislative Assembly appropriated an additional \$619,000, for a total of \$1,059,000 from the general fund, to reduce the impact on Indian counties of House Bill No. 1041, which provided for a "swap" of state and county human services financial responsibilities. For the 1999-2001 biennium, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$121,766 from the general fund and \$1,654,654 of "retained" funds for a total of \$1,776,420. For the 2001-03 biennium, the Legislative Assembly appropriated a total of \$2,525,000, of which \$456,993 is from the general fund and \$2,068,007 is from "retained" funds.

<sup>3</sup> The Legislative Assembly provides funding from the general fund for the statewide information technology network connections for kindergarten through grade 12 and public libraries, net of an e-rate credit.

<sup>4</sup> The 1987 Legislative Assembly in House Bill No. 1590 provided that .6 of an equivalent of 1 percent of the sales, use, and motor vehicle excise tax shall be deposited into the state aid distribution fund to be used beginning July 1, 1989.

The 1997 Legislative Assembly in House Bill No. 1019 reduced the .6 to .4 of an equivalent of 1 percent of the sales, use, and motor vehicle excise tax to be deposited into the state aid distribution fund beginning January 1, 1999. The Legislative Assembly also added a continuing appropriation so all revenues deposited into the state aid distribution fund are appropriated for payments to political subdivisions. The change also eliminated the 50 percent for personal property tax replacement and 50 percent for revenue sharing and instead provided that 53.7 percent of the revenues in the fund be distributed to counties and 46.3 percent of the revenues be distributed to cities.

<sup>5</sup> Prior to the 2009-11 biennium, \$3 of each motor vehicle registration fee was deposited in the public transportation fund. Beginning with the 2009-11 biennium, the \$3 fee will be deposited in the highway tax distribution fund and the public transportation fund will receive 1.5 percent of distributions from the highway tax distribution fund.

<sup>6</sup> Prior to the 2009-11 biennium, the gas tax allocation is based on the provisions that collections equivalent to one cent per gallon is allocated to townships and 37 percent of the money in the highway tax distribution fund is allocated to counties and cities. The 2009-11 amount is based on counties and cities receiving 34.5 percent of distributions from the highway tax distribution fund and townships receiving 2.7 percent of distributions from the fund. In addition, the one cent per gallon originally deposited in the township highway aid fund is deposited in the highway tax distribution fund.

<sup>7</sup> Beginning in the 2001-03 biennium, the coal severance tax allocation is based on the provision that 70 percent of the tax revenue is allocated among coal-producing counties. Previously, 35 percent had been allocated to coal-producing counties.

Beginning in the 2001-03 biennium, the coal conversion tax allocation is based on the provision that 15 percent of the tax revenue is allocated to the county in which the plant is located. Previously, 35 percent had been allocated to the county in which the plant is located.

<sup>8</sup> The oil and gas gross production tax allocation is based on a formula which provides for a varying percentage of revenue to go to the producing county based on the total amount of production tax revenue generated by the county. Prior to the 2009-11 biennium, the total a county may receive is capped based on the population of the county. The 2009-11 amount is based on a formula which provides for a varying percentage of revenue to go to the producing county based on the total amount of production tax revenue generated by the county but is not restricted by the population of the county.

<sup>9</sup> The cigarette tax allocation is based on the provision that 3 cents per regular package and 3.75 cents per larger package are distributed to cities based on population.

<sup>10</sup> Based on the 2001-03 general fund appropriation, excluding state agency allotments.

<sup>11</sup> The 2009 Legislative Assembly provided in Senate Bill No. 1012 weather-related transportation cost-sharing funds to counties and cities (\$41,400,000), townships (\$10,000,000), and the public transportation fund (\$1,000,000).

<sup>12</sup> The 2005 Legislative Assembly removed the senior citizen mill levy matching grant program from the Department of Human Services and provided in Senate Bill No. 2267 that the State Treasurer distribute senior citizen mill levy matching grants pursuant to a continuing appropriation from the senior citizen services and programs fund. The fund consists of sales, use, and motor vehicle excise tax collections equivalent to two-thirds of one mill levied statewide each year.

- <sup>13</sup> The 2009 Legislative Assembly provided in Senate Bill No. 2012, \$43 million from the state disaster relief fund for emergency snow removal grants (\$20,000,000) and funding for the local match needed to receive federal disaster relief funding (\$23,000,000).
- <sup>14</sup> The 2009 Legislative Assembly provided in House Bill No. 1305, \$2,792,000 from the permanent oil tax trust fund for grants to local water supply projects in Burke, Divide, Mountrail, and Williams Counties.
- <sup>15</sup> In addition, the 2009 Legislative Assembly provided in Section 16 of House Bill No. 1013, a \$5 million contingent general fund appropriation for transportation aid payments to school districts. The appropriation is contingent on the June 30, 2011, estimated ending general fund balance exceeding the amount predicted by the Office of Management and Budget at the conclusion of the 2009 legislative session by more than \$30 million.
- <sup>16</sup> The 2009 Legislative Assembly provided in Section 34 of House Bill No. 1015, \$250,000 from the general fund to provide grants to cities that experienced tornado damage in the summer of 2007 for the purpose of matching federal emergency relief funds.
- <sup>17</sup> The 2009 Legislative Assembly provided in Senate Bill No. 2333, a \$1.2 million contingent general fund appropriation for providing funds to local public health units for immunization services. The appropriation is contingent on total funds available to the state for immunization services under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The State Department of Health may spend the general fund money only to the extent that federal funds are not available to provide \$1.2 million.
- <sup>18</sup> The 2009 Legislative Assembly reduced 2009-11 state school aid per student formula payments provided from the general fund by \$13.5 million, from \$649.9 million provided in the 2007-09 biennium to \$636.4 million for the 2009-11 biennium. In addition, the 2009 Legislative Assembly provided \$85.6 million of one-time federal funds made available to the state under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and \$86.3 million of state tuition fund distributions for state school aid per student formula payments.