



BUDGET SECTION

Friday, May 15, 2020

Due to public health considerations and in accordance with Executive Order 2020-16, a meeting room will not be available to the public for this meeting. A live stream will be available at: <http://video.legis.nd.gov/>.

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
 Roll call
 Consideration of the minutes of the April 7, 2020, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget of an update on the status of the state budget and plans to issue a revised revenue forecast
- *9:15 a.m. Budget Section consideration of the following state agency requests pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-16 authorized by the Emergency Commission which require Budget Section approval:
- **Attorney General (Request #1965)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$2,082,871 to accept and expend grant funds for costs relating to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic for grants to local law enforcement agencies and domestic violence and community services agencies, overtime costs incurred by the agency, agency operating costs, and capital assets to purchase safety equipment.
 - **Attorney General (Request #1969)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$750,000 for a Community Oriented Policing Services Anti-Methamphetamine Program to investigate illegal activities related to the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine.
 - **Council on the Arts (Request #1971)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$421,700 to accept and expend grant funds for costs relating to the COVID-19 pandemic for agency administrative costs and grants to individuals and nonprofit arts and cultural organizations.
 - **State Department of Health (Request #1973)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$475,000 to accept and expend grant funds relating to COVID-19 to purchase N95 mask fit testing kits and to train additional instructors to provide fit testing.
 - **State Department of Health (Request #1974)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$201,000 to accept and expend federal grant funds to provide funding to domestic violence/rape crisis agencies to assist the agencies with increased costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - **State Department of Health (Request #1975)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$5,075,000 to accept and expend federal grant funds for COVID-19 costs related to contact tracing and case investigation, laboratory technicians, laboratory supplies, and equipment.

- **State Department of Health (Request #1976)** - The request is to transfer Centers for Disease Control and Prevention federal funds spending authority of \$6 million approved by the Emergency Commission and the Budget Section in March 2020 from various line items to a new COVID-19 response line item, including \$700,000 from the salaries and wages line item, \$3.2 million from the operating expenses line item, \$200,000 from the capital assets line item, and \$1.9 million from the grants line item.
- **Department of Human Services (Request #1979)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$31,111,414 to accept and expend grant funds for costs relating to the COVID-19 pandemic to increase funding for the supplemental nutrition assistance program, increase estimated federal funds to be received for federal IV-E foster care and adoption assistance due to changes in the federal medical assistance percentage, increase funding for supportive services for older adults and senior programs, provide additional funding for elderly nutrition services, increase assistance to individuals caring for family members, increase funding for the ombudsman program, provide additional funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Link, and increase mental health services.
- **Department of Human Services (Request #1980)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$2.65 million to accept and expend funds relating to the COVID-19 pandemic from a community development block grant provided to the Department of Commerce for a household emergency rent bridge program and from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide funding to the Great Plains Food Bank.
- **Secretary of State (Request #1981)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$3 million in the election reform line item to accept and expend federal funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 related issues impacting the 2020 elections.
- **Multiple Agencies (Request #1982)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$524,183,609 to allow the following 10 agencies to accept and expend federal coronavirus relief funds for costs relating to the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - Information Technology Department - \$67,618,226;
 - Department of Trust Lands - \$120,000;
 - State Department of Health - \$85,557,461;
 - Veterans' Home - \$131,097;
 - Department of Human Services - \$24,899,276;
 - Job Service North Dakota - \$110,000,000;
 - Industrial Commission - \$33,175,000;
 - Bank of North Dakota - \$200,000,000;
 - Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation - \$1,287,549; and
 - Department of Agriculture - \$1,395,000.
- **Department of Commerce (Request #1983)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$5,303,030 relating to COVID-19 for the community development block grant program, the community services block grant program, and the community development emergency solutions grant program to provide assistance to eligible local government agencies, low-income facilities, and programs providing support for low-income individuals and for the benefit of unsheltered homeless, sheltered homeless, and those at risk of homelessness in the state.

9:45 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

9:55 a.m. Adjourn

***This item includes a request for Budget Section action.**

Committee Members

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