



State Historical Society of North Dakota

Testimony

Senate Appropriations

House Bill 1018

Monday, March 8, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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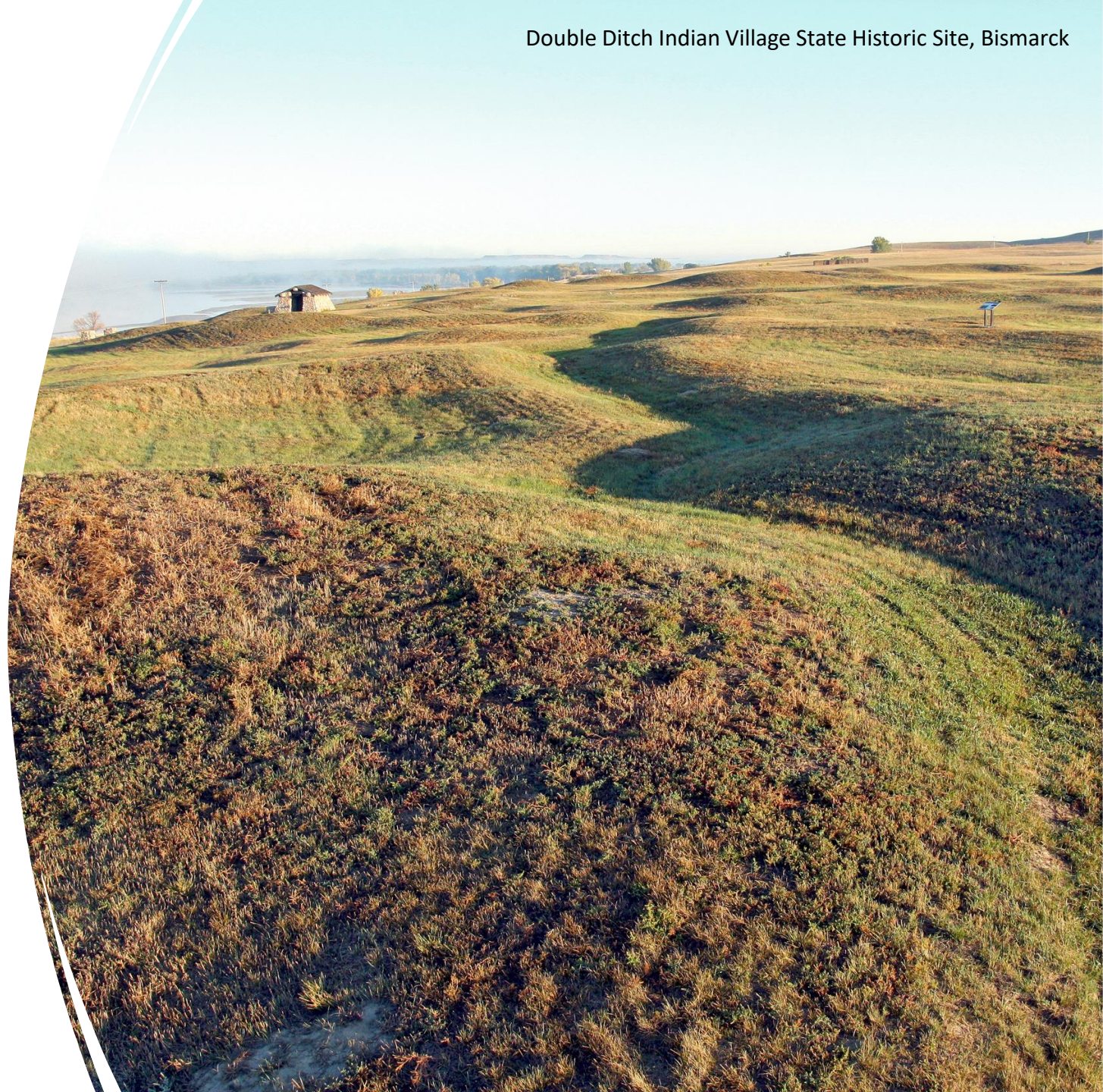


State Historical Society of North Dakota

- North Dakota Century Code Chapter 55 authorizes the State Historical Society.
- Vision

Inspire discovery and open minds to help shape the future of vibrant communities.
- Mission

Identify, preserve, interpret, and promote the heritage of North Dakota and its people.



**Create Inspiring
Educational
Opportunities**

**Establish Deeper
Connections with
Core Constituencies**

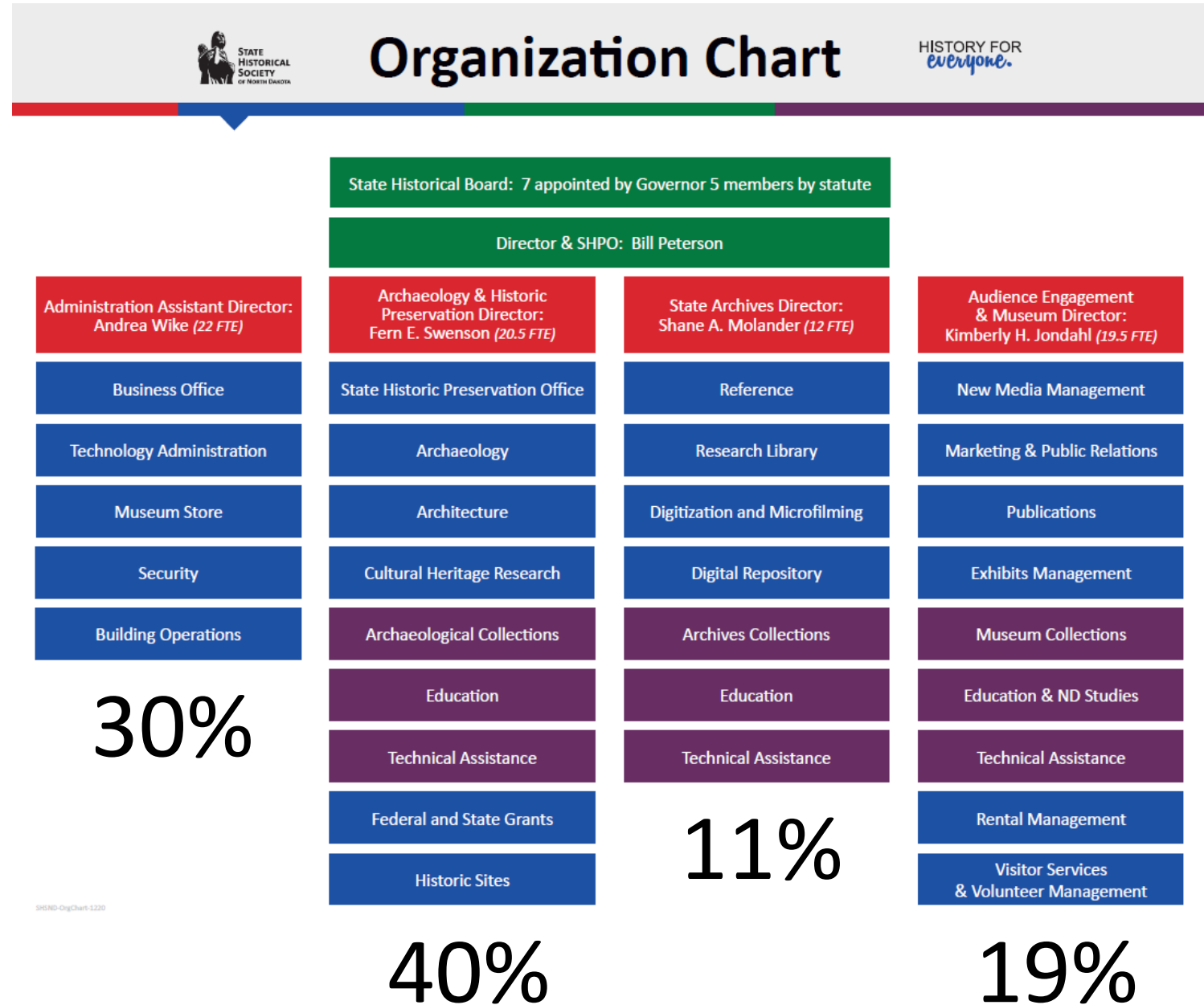
**Optimize our
Assets**

**Embrace
Technology**



State Historical Society's Strategic Goals

State Historical Society Budget Structure



State Historical Society

Administration: 30% of Agency Budget at \$6.927M

- Budgeting and accounting
- Centralized purchasing
- Human resource management - 75 FTE
- Museum store sales – 8 retail operations
- Building and site security
- Custodial services
- Technology services



State Historical Society

Archaeology, Historic Preservation,
and Historic Sites:

40% of Agency Budget at \$9.150M

- 12 million objects / 12,000 years
- 57 historic sites including
 - 5 interpretive centers
 - 49 historic buildings



State Historical Society Budget Structure

State Archives:

11% of Agency Budget at \$2.516M

- ND government records repository
- Provides technical assistance to constituencies
- 2.5 million photographs
- 1,474 newspapers
- 3,000 oral histories



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Audience Engagement & Museum:
19% of Agency Budget at \$4.308M

- 381,650 annual visitors!
- 80,000 historical artifacts
- Provides technical assistance to constituents
- Agency publications
- Develops educational programs and curriculum, including North Dakota Studies



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Audience Engagement & Museum:

- Designs museum exhibits for visitors at State Museum + 5 interpretive centers.
- 2 newest State Museum exhibits designed by in-house experts for an approximate cost savings of \$2,800,000.



The Horse in North Dakota



Fashion & Function: North Dakota Style

Prep work for *Fashion & Function: North Dakota Style*



Biennium Accomplishments

- 38 Cultural Heritage Grants to 22 organizations in 13 counties. Granted \$417,411.

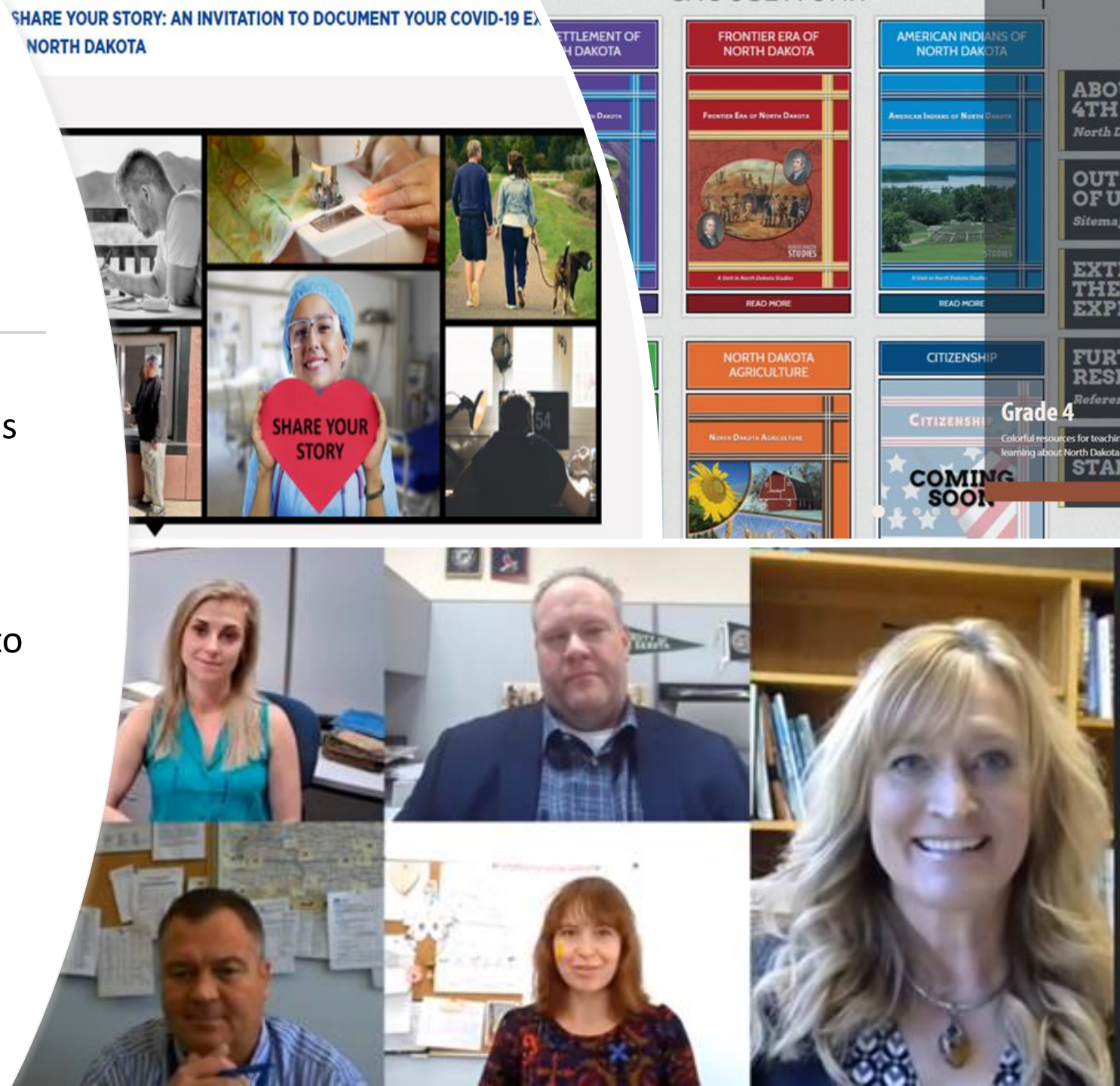


Top Image: Ingersoll Veeder Schoolhouse, Washburn

Bottom Image: Traill County Courthouse, Hillsboro

Biennium Accomplishments

- 11,000 students used North Dakota Studies curriculum.
- North Dakotans told us their pandemic stories!
- Virtual field trip program “Ask an Expert” to offset pandemic restrictions.



Biennium Accomplishments

- 1,889 students from 85 schools
- Object loans to 32 North Dakota museums, several states and Canada
- 1883 Stutsman County Courthouse
 - District Court for first time since 1982
 - 1st ND Drug Court Graduation
 - New community event space

Top Images: Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site's 10th Anniversary Celebration, Cooperstown
Bottom Image: Concert at the Stutsman County Courthouse State Historic Site, Jamestown



Biennium Accomplishments

- North Dakota National History Day competition
- COVID-19 Management
- 12,900 Volunteer hours – valued at \$350,800



Biennium Challenges

- COVID-19 Related Closures
- Statewide Deferred Maintenance

Top Image: North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum, Bismarck
Bottom Image: Sewing and Tailoring Building at Fort Totten State Historic Site



Biennium Challenges

- Inadequate large object storage
- Growth of digital records



Next Biennium Goals and Plans

Priority # 1



CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS AT
HISTORIC SITES

Priority # 2



STATE ARCHIVES
DIGITAL REPOSITORY
(SADR) UPGRADE

Priority # 3*



COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
EDUCATION INITIATIVE

Priority # 4



ARTIFACT STORAGE
AND COLLECTIONS
EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Priority # 5



SECURITY SYSTEM
UPGRADE

Green = Included in executive recommendation

*** Partially funded Temporary Salaries were
included in executive recommendation**

Optional Performance Measures Requests

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Priority # 5



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Line 10 – Salaries and Wages

House version changes to the base include:

- \$337,475 increase with \$313,881 in General Funds and \$23,594 in Federal Funds for salaries and health insurance increases.
- (\$276,235) reduction in Federal Funds per the agency's request due to the agency no longer receiving funding for internship programs under Federal programs.
- \$191,425 increase in Special Funds for temporary salaries.

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 Legislative Base	12,917,458	1,378,358	14,295,816
House Changes to Base	313,881	(61,216)	252,665
One-time Funding Requests	0	0	0
2021-23 House Approved	13,231,339	1,317,142	14,548,481
FTE Counts			75.00

Line 30 – Operating Expenses

House version changes to the base include:

- \$125,000 in ongoing General Funds and \$25,000 in General Funds for one-time funding for the State Archives Digital Repository (SADR) subscription expenses and upgrade.
- (\$200,000) decrease in General Funds for Operating Expenses.
- \$7,578 increase in General Funds for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses.

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 Legislative Base	2,725,691	1,215,894	3,941,585
House Changes to Base	(67,422)	0	(67,422)
One-time Funding Requests	25,000	0	25,000
2021-23 House Approved	2,683,269	1,215,894	3,899,163

Line 50 – Capital Assets

House version changes to the base include:

- \$25,473 increase in General funds for increase in the bond payment schedule of bonds payable to the Industrial Commission
- \$1,400,000 increase from Strategic Investment and Improvement funds for one-time funding for deferred maintenance, extraordinary repairs, and public improvements and preservation at historic sites

	General Funds	Other Funds	Total
<u>2019-21 Legislative Base</u>	1,225,542	0	1,225,542
<u>House Changes to Base</u>	25,473	0	25,473
<u>One-Time Funding Requests</u>	0	1,400,000	1,400,000
<u>2021-23 House Approved</u>	1,251,015	1,400,000	2,651,015

Line 60/61 - Grants

House did not make any changes to the base in this line.

	General Funds	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 Legislative Base	500,000	600,000	1,100,000
House Changes to Base	0	0	0
One-time Funding Request	0	0	0
2021-23 House Approved	500,000	600,000	1,100,000

Total 2021-23 House Approved Budget

	General Funds	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 Legislative Base	17,368,691	3,194,252	20,562,943
House Changes to Base	271,932	(61,216)	210,716
One-time Funding Requests	25,000	1,400,000	1,425,000
2021-23 House Approved	17,665,623	4,533,036	22,198,659
FTE Counts			75.00

Changes to the House version to consider

Changes to the House version to consider:

- Restore \$200,000 base funding in General Funds for Operating Expenses in Line 30.
- An additional \$2,837,300 in one-time Special Funds in Line 50 to complete extraordinary repairs, deferred maintenance, and public improvement and preservation projects estimated to be completed during the 2021-23 biennium as per SiteLogIQ recommendations. (Attachment A)
- \$591,425 increase in General Funds and (\$191,425) reduction in Special Funds for temporary salaries in Line 10. (Attachment B)
- \$52,900 increase in General Funds in Line 30 for improved technology and connectivity needs at our historic sites under the Community Education Outreach Initiative.
- \$150,000 one-time funding in General Funds for the planning and schematic design of Artifact Storage and Collections Center.

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 House Approved	17,665,623	4,533,036	22,198,659
Base Changes to Consider	844,325	(191,425)	652,900
One-time Funding to Consider	150,000	2,837,300	2,987,300
2021-23 Request	18,659,948	7,178,911	25,838,859
FTE Counts			75.00

Federal Funding relating to the Coronavirus

Coronavirus Relief Fund Requests

- The agency received authority of \$20,000 under the Coronavirus Relief Funds program.
- As of December 31, 2020, the agency has spent \$17,249.05.
- Funding was used for public health expenses, which included a thermal scan system to monitor temperatures at the entrances at the ND Heritage Center, digital thermometers, acrylic wellness barriers at the ND Heritage Center and historic sites, COVID-related signage, floor graphics, disinfecting spray and wipes, and hand sanitizer. It also included personal protective equipment for our employees such as face masks and gloves.



One-time funding uses

Ward County Historical Society Relocation

- \$150,000 was appropriated to the State Historical Society to make a grant payment to the Ward County Historical Society to relocate from the State Fair Fairgrounds. The move was completed on June 8. All requirements were completed, and a payment was made July 1, 2019.

One-time funding uses

Deferred Maintenance and
Capital Improvements



Left Images: Stutsman County Courthouse
State Historic Site, Jamestown
Right Images: Fort Totten State Historic Site

One-time funding uses

Deferred Maintenance and
Capital Improvements



Bottom Left Image: Caretaker's Cottage at the
Chateau de Morès State Historic Site, Medora
Other Images: Gingras Trading Post State
Historic Site, Walhalla

One-time funding uses

Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvements



Images: Bread of Life Church at Camp Hancock State Historic Site, Bismarck

One-time funding uses

Museum Exhibits and
Collections Care



Images: Donated and loaned objects
for the upcoming *Fashion & Function:
North Dakota Style* exhibit



One-time funding uses

Auditorium Remodel

North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum, Bismarck



NDCC 54-44.1-11 Reporting Requirements

Deferred Maintenance and
Capital Improvements



Left Images: Coachman's House at the
Chateau de Morès State Historic Site,
Medora

Right Images: Adjutant's Office at Fort
Totten State Historic Site

NDCC 54-44.1-11 Reporting Requirements

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Capital Improvements



Top Images: Former Governors' Mansion
State Historic Site, Bismarck
Bottom Images: Outbuilding at Whitestone
Hill State Historic Site, near Kulm

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Deferred Maintenance and Capital
Improvements



Top Images: Welk Homestead State Historic Site, Strasburg
Bottom Image: Pembina State Museum

NDCC 54-44.1-11 Reporting Requirements

Other Reporting Requirements

- \$150,000 of funds carried over were used to continue the process of completing the last stage of the agency's goal for the North Dakota Studies program by designing and implementing an online high school curriculum.
- \$63,210 was carried over to continue work on upgrading the agency's technology.
- \$26,910 of the carryover amount was used to continue the shelving project at the agency's storage facility.

