

ANALYSIS OF THE STATE DISASTER RELIEF FUND FOR THE 2007-09 AND 2009-11 BIENNIUMS

	2007-09 Biennium		2009-11 Biennium	
	Actual		Estimated	
Beginning balance		\$0		\$37,623,216
Add revenues				
Transfer from the general fund	\$43,000,000 ¹		\$81,190	
Interest income				
Total revenues		43,000,000		81,190
Total available		\$43,000,000		\$37,704,406
Less expenditures and transfers				
Emergency snow removal grants	\$5,376,784 ²			
Emergency relief grants to political subdivisions relating to 2009 flooding			\$2,237,935 ^{3,4}	
Flood mitigation assistance grants, hazard mitigation grants, mission assignments, and administrative costs relating to 2009 flooding			4,212,679 ³	
Disaster costs relating to disasters occurring prior to 2009			2,715,434 ^{3,5}	
Disaster costs relating to the January 2010 winter snowstorm			2,333,914 ^{3,6}	
Disaster costs relating to 2010 flooding			2,781,250 ³	
Disaster costs relating to the April 2010 ice storm			3,782,500 ³	
Total expenditures and transfers		5,376,784		18,063,712
Ending balance		\$37,623,216		\$19,640,694

¹Section 5 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012 provided that the Office of Management and Budget transfer \$43 million from the general fund to the state disaster relief funding during the 2007-09 biennium.

²Section 6 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012 authorized up to \$20 million from the state disaster relief fund to be used for providing emergency snow removal grants to counties, cities, and townships in accordance with Section 7 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012. Section 7 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012 provides that a county, township, or city may apply to the Department of Emergency Services for an emergency snow removal grant for reimbursement of up to 50 percent of the costs incurred by the county, township, or city for the period January 2009 through March 2009 that exceed 200 percent of the average costs incurred for these months in 2004 through 2008. Each county, township, or city requesting reimbursement is to submit the request in accordance with rules developed by the Department of Emergency Services. The Department of Emergency Services was to distribute these grants prior to June 30, 2009. The Department of Emergency Services distributed emergency snow removal grants totaling \$5,376,784.

³Section 6 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012 authorized up to \$23 million from the state disaster relief fund to be used for paying costs relating to the 2009 flood disaster, snow removal damage to roads, and other disasters in accordance with Section 8 of Senate Bill No. 2012.

⁴Section 8 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012 provides that a political subdivision receiving federal emergency relief funding relating to disasters occurring from January 2009 through June 2009 may apply to the Department of Emergency Services for an emergency relief grant of up to 50 percent of the local match required to receive the federal emergency relief funding. The department expects to distribute \$2,237,935 for these 50 percent local matching share grants.

⁵Section 8 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012 provides that any funds not used for the 50 percent local matching grants may be used for matching federal disaster relief funds received for state purposes subject to Budget Section approval. In March 2010 the Budget Section approved a request from the department to use \$2,718,952 from the state disaster relief fund to provide the state match for costs associated with disaster prior to 2009 for which the department is still making payments. As of May 2010, the department estimates spending \$2,715,434 of the \$2,718,952.

⁶Section 8 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012 provides that any funds not used for the 50 percent local matching grants may be used for matching federal disaster relief funds received for state purposes subject to Budget Section approval. In March 2010 the Budget Section approved a request from the department to use \$2,336,250 from the department to provide for the 10 percent match for the costs associated with the January 2010 ice storm. As of May 2010, the department estimates spending \$2,333,914 of the \$2,336,250.

FUND HISTORY

North Dakota Century Code Section 37-17.1-27 (Section 4 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012) establishes a state disaster relief fund. Money in the fund is to be used subject to legislative appropriations for providing funding for defraying the expenses of state disasters, including providing funds required to match federal funds for expenses associated with presidential-declared disasters in the state. Any interest or other fund earnings must be deposited in the fund.