

**Parks and Recreation Department
Budget No. 750
House Bill No. 1019**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 legislative appropriations	57.75	\$13,573,491	\$35,132,393	\$48,705,884
2021-23 base budget	61.50	14,343,129	20,380,727	34,723,856
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	(3.75)	(\$769,638)	\$14,751,666	\$13,982,028

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2021-23 legislative appropriations	\$13,323,491	\$250,000	\$13,573,491
2019-21 legislative appropriations	14,343,129	0	14,343,129
2021-23 legislative increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriations ¹	(\$1,019,638)	\$250,000	(\$769,638)
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriations ¹	(7.1%)	N/A	(5.4%)

¹Of the \$1,019,638 reductions to ongoing general fund appropriations, \$840,596 is due to the transfer of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center to the State Historical Society. Ongoing changes excluding the transfer results in a reduction of \$179,042 or a 1.2 percent reduction to ongoing general fund appropriations.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS
Changes to Base Budget**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for base payroll changes		(\$866,187)	\$29,176	(\$837,011)
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and 2.0 percent on July 1, 2022		254,900	10,650	265,550
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,428.77 per month		2,954	701	3,655
Adjusted funding for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center by increasing the base budget from other funds by \$173,554 and then transferring the operations and 3.75 FTE positions to the State Historical Society	(3.75)	(840,596)	(414,641)	(1,255,237)
Increased federal funds authority for grants			2,308,426	2,308,426

Increased funding for data processing to provide a total of \$1,295,981	410,250	7,664	417,914
Adjusted funding for buildings, maintenance, and repairs by decreasing funding in the administration line item (\$45,000), recreation line item (\$20,000), and increasing funding in the parks operations and maintenance line item (\$295,079)		230,079	230,079
Adjusted funding for professional services by decreasing funding in the administration line item (\$30,000), recreation line item (\$216,875), and increasing funding in the parks operations and maintenance line item (\$286,999)		40,124	40,124
Added funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses	19,751	6,687	26,438
Reduced funding for bond payments to provide a total of \$66,165	(710)		(710)
Added one-time funding from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for deferred maintenance and capital projects		7,900,000	7,900,000
Added one-time funding from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for the International Peace Garden capital projects		3,000,000	3,000,000
Added one-time funding for trail lease renewals in the Little Missouri River area	200,000		200,000
Added one-time funding for lease payments relating to the Fort Abraham Lincoln viewshed	50,000		50,000
Added one-time funding of \$1,632,800 from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (\$816,400) and from matching funds (\$816,400) for a parks matching grant program		1,632,800	1,632,800
Total	<u>(3.75)</u>	<u>(\$769,638)</u>	<u>\$14,751,666</u>

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly authorized 57.75 FTE positions for the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium, 3.75 FTE positions less than the 2019-21 biennium. The Legislative Assembly transferred 3.75 FTE positions from the Parks and Recreation Department to the State Historical Society for the transfer of the operations of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

One-Time Funding

The following is a summary of one-time funding items for the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Deferred maintenance and capital projects (federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund)		\$7,900,000	\$7,900,000
International Peace Garden capital projects (federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund)		3,000,000	3,000,000
Trail lease renewals in the Little Missouri River area	\$200,000		200,000

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Fort Abraham Lincoln viewshed lease payments	50,000		50,000
Parks matching grant program (federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund \$816,400 and matching funds \$816,400)		1,632,800	1,632,800
Total	\$250,000	\$12,532,800	\$12,782,800

International Peace Garden

The Legislative Assembly appropriated the following for the International Peace Garden for the 2021-23 biennium:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
International Peace Garden 2021-23 biennium appropriation	\$876,329	\$3,000,000 ¹	\$3,876,329 ²
International Peace Garden 2021-23 base budget	876,329	0	876,329
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

¹This funding is from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for the International Peace Garden capital projects.

²In addition, Section 11 of House Bill No. 1019 allows the department to continue any unexpended funds remaining from the 2013-15 biennium appropriations for capital projects for the International Peace Garden.

Federal COVID-19 Funding - 2019-21 Biennium

In House Bill No. 1395, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$250,985 of federal coronavirus relief funds to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2019-21 biennium for cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, Wi-Fi upgrade, and mobile trailer units for park staff.

Federal COVID-19 Funding - 2021-23 Biennium

The following is a summary of federal COVID-19 funding appropriated by the Legislative Assembly to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium:

	Federal Funds - 2021-23 Biennium
Federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund - Deferred maintenance and capital projects (House Bill No. 1019)	\$7,900,000
Federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund - International Peace Garden capital projects (House Bill No. 1019)	3,000,000
Federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund - Parks capital projects matching grant program (House Bill No. 1019)	816,400
Total	\$11,716,400

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1019

Appropriation - Additional federal funds or other funds - Section 3 appropriates any additional income from federal or other funds that may become available to the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2021-23 biennium.

Game and fish operating fund - Transfer for boat ramp maintenance - Section 4 provides \$122,000 from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds available to the Game and Fish Department, which must be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating to boat ramps at state parks for the 2021-23 biennium.

Conveyance of land and buildings - Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center - Section 5 directs the Parks and Recreation Department to convey ownership of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and surrounding real property to the State Historical Society. The section also exempts the conveyance from North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 relating to the sale of state-owned land and the preparation of an assessment of the property.

Deferred maintenance and capital projects - Federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund - Section 6 identifies \$7.9 million of one-time funding for deferred maintenance and capital projects for the 2021-23 biennium as from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund. This funding may be spent only to the extent the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Budget Section, determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund.

Parks matching grant program - Federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund - Section 7 creates a parks matching grant program. The program requires the Parks and Recreation Department to provide a dollar-for-dollar matching grant on funds provided by a nonstate entity for the purpose of capital projects dedicated to the improvement of North Dakota state parks and recreation managed properties. The program includes \$816,400 from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund and \$816,400 of matching funds from nonstate sources. The funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Budget Section, determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund. The funding provided under this section is one-time funding.

International Peace Garden - Federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund - Section 8 identifies \$3 million of one-time funding from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund. Expenditure of these funds is subject to one-to-one matching funds raised from the Province of Manitoba. These funds are to be used in place of the line of credit at the Bank of North Dakota that was authorized in Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws. The funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Budget Section, determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund.

International Peace Garden - Matching funds requirement - Section 9 amends and reenacts Section 10 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws to require funds raised from Canada are from the Province of Manitoba and requires the International Peace Garden to report quarterly to the Parks and Recreation Department on the expenditure of funds along with the source of funds. The funds appropriated are not subject to Section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the 2021-23 biennium.

International Peace Garden - Bank of North Dakota line of credit - Section 10 repeals Section 12 of Chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws relating to a Bank of North Dakota line of credit.

Exemption - International Peace Garden - Section 11 exempts any funds included in the International Peace Garden line item for repair of the Peace Tower in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the 2013 Session Laws, from the provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations. The section also requires the Parks and Recreation Department to review and accept engineering proposals and specifications before committing additional funds to the project and to assist with bidding and construction of any work associated with this section.

Exemption - Park enhancements - Section 12 exempts any funds remaining for park enhancements in Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the 2015 Session Laws from provisions of Section 54-44.1-11, relating to cancellation of unexpended appropriations.

Exemption - Extraordinary repairs - Section 13 exempts up to \$675,000 appropriated in the parks operation and maintenance line item for extraordinary repairs in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 18 of the 2017 Session Laws from being subject to Section 54-44.1-11 for the 2021-23 biennium.

Legislative Management study - Parks matching grant program - Section 14 provides for a Legislative Management study of the parks matching grant program and feasibility of creating a parks and recreation foundation.

Emergency - Section 15 declares Sections 8, 9, and 10 of the bill to be an emergency measure.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1097 - State parks gift fund - This bill amends Section 55-08-07.2 to provide a continuing appropriation to the Parks and Recreation Department from the state parks gift fund.

House Bill No. 1357 - Park permits - This bill reduces the fee for a household to purchase a second annual park permit from \$35 to \$20.

House Bill No. 1395 - Federal coronavirus relief funds - This bill appropriates federal coronavirus relief funds previously authorized by the Emergency Commission and Budget Section.

Senate Bill No. 2093 - Federal coronavirus relief funds - This bill authorizes the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to allow the sale of beer and wine at state parks.

Senate Bill No. 2094 - Off-highway vehicle safety training - This bill changes the agency responsible for issuing an off-highway vehicle safety certificate to an individual under age 16 from the Department of Transportation to the Parks and Recreation Department.