

Department of Commerce
Budget No. 601
House Bill Nos. 1018 and 1544; Senate Bill Nos. 2142, 2240, and 2273

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 legislative appropriation	65.80 ¹	\$67,157,530 ²	\$261,557,432	\$328,714,962 ³
2021-23 legislative appropriation	<u>58.80</u>	<u>34,667,572</u>	<u>188,953,443</u>	<u>223,621,015</u>
2023-25 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2021-23 appropriation	7.00	\$32,489,958	\$72,603,989	\$105,093,947

¹Of the FTE positions authorized by the Legislative Assembly for the Department of Commerce for the 2023-25 biennium, 3 FTE positions are considered one-time FTE positions for the purpose of administering federal weatherization and energy assistance programs available as a result of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

²This amount includes \$33,850,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$33,307,530.

³This amount does not include any transfers of appropriation authority from the Office of Management and Budget funding pools for targeted market equity adjustments, retirement contribution increases, or new and vacant FTE positions.

Item Description

Full-time equivalent changes - The Legislative Assembly authorized 65.80 FTE positions for the Department of Commerce for the 2023-25 biennium, an increase of 7 FTE positions from the 2021-23 biennium authorization of 58.80 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly added 1 FTE position for the workforce talent attraction initiative, 1 FTE position for the workforce investment grant program, 3 FTE positions to administer the federal weatherization and energy assistance programs available from federal IIJA and IRA funding, and 2 FTE positions for the Office of Legal Immigration. The 3 FTE positions added to administer the weatherization and energy assistance programs are considered one-time FTE positions for the 2023-25 biennium.

Targeted market equity - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$82.5 million, of which \$45.1 million is from the general fund, to the Office of Management and Budget for a targeted market equity pool to be distributed to state agencies.

New and vacant FTE funding pool - The Legislative Assembly reduced \$1,069,307 of 2023-25 biennium appropriation authority for the department for the new and vacant FTE funding pool, of which \$405,880 was for new FTE positions and \$663,427 was for estimated vacant salary savings. Of the total, \$966,736 was from the general fund and \$102,571 was from other funds.

Status/Result

The FTE workforce talent attraction initiative position and 1 FTE Office of Legal Immigration position were hired in July 2023. The FTE workforce investment grant program position was filled in May 2024. The department anticipates filling the remaining FTE Office of Legal Immigration position in August 2024. Of the 3 FTE weatherization and energy assistance program positions, one position was hired in September 2023, one position was hired in March 2024, and one position was hired in May 2024.

The department received \$202,448 for targeted market equity increases, of which \$180,099 is from the general fund and \$22,349 is from other funds. Equity increases were provided to 15 employees.

Through January 2024, the department received \$358,288 from the general fund from the new and vacant FTE funding pool to fill 1 new FTE position and 1 vacant FTE position. The department had estimated vacant FTE position savings of \$493,843 and used \$12,848 of the savings for other purposes, including accrued leave payouts and bonuses. The number of vacancies in the department has ranged from 6 to 10 with an average monthly vacancy rate of 7.1 FTE positions.

One-time funding - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$242.1 million of one-time funding to the department for the 2023-25 biennium as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Rural workforce housing grant program ¹		\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Workforce talent attraction initiative operating expenses	\$12,000,000		12,000,000
Workforce investment program grants	12,500,000		12,500,000
Technical skills training grants	2,000,000		2,000,000
New Americans workforce development and training grants	2,000,000		2,000,000
Tourism awareness marketing ¹		5,000,000	5,000,000
Tourism destination development initiative ¹		25,000,000	25,000,000
Beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) uncrewed aircraft system (UAS) grant program ¹		26,000,000	26,000,000
Enhanced use lease grant program ¹		10,000,000	10,000,000
AmeriCorps workforce community services program ²		785,000	785,000
Parks and recreation grant program ²		1,550,000	1,550,000
Energy conservation grant program ²		14,081,719	14,081,719
Weatherization, heating and furnace, and cooling assistance grant programs ²		3,258,084	3,258,084
Creamery assistance grant	250,000		250,000
Motion picture production and recruitment grant	600,000		600,000
State small business credit initiative technical assistance program ²		572,143	572,143
Weatherization and energy assistance programs - IIJA and IRA ²		120,000,000	120,000,000
Workforce development grants to tribally controlled community colleges (2023 SB 2015)	500,000		500,000
Office of Legal Immigration (2023 SB 2015)	2,000,000		2,000,000
Base retention grants (2023 SB 2240)	1,000,000		1,000,000

The following is a summary of the status of the department's one-time funding items:

Rural workforce housing grant program	Through April 2024, the department has distributed or awarded \$463,983 to Bowman County Housing Authority (\$273,560), Carrington Chamber and Economic Development Corporation (\$33,873), Casselton Job Development Authority (\$50,000), City of Cavalier (\$20,000), Hankinson Community Development Corporation (\$25,000), Mayport Economic Development Corporation (\$15,000), Sheyenne Growth, Renewal, Imagination, and Teamwork (\$41,550), and City of Lincoln (\$5,000). Funding has been used or dedicated for the removal of dilapidated or vacant structures, housing studies and renovations, and the preparation of future housing.
Workforce talent attraction initiative operating expenses	Through March 2024, the department has spent \$158,609, primarily as part of a contract with RoleCall, a talent attraction vendor. Planned expenses under this program include contracting for a labor market analysis of workforce needs in the state, entering agreements with employers to provide matching funds to support the cost of staff, and reimbursing travel costs for individuals applying for jobs in the state through the department's find the good life program.
Workforce investment program grants	Through March 2024, \$189,831 has been spent and approximately \$8.3 million has been awarded to local communities and organizations for employee training and workforce-related projects. The department provides 25 percent of the grant award to the organization to begin each project and the remaining 75 percent is provided on a reimbursement basis. The department anticipates distributing the entire \$12.5 million appropriation by the end of the 2023-25 biennium. This program has also been referred to as the regional workforce impact program.
Technical skills training grants	The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$5,000,000 from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the department for the 2021-23 biennium and authorized the department to continue any unspent funding into the 2023-25 biennium. The department continued \$4,249,003 into the 2023-25 biennium and through March 2024, has spent \$1,802,342 of the federal funding. The department is prioritizing spending the federal funding before spending the \$2,000,000 appropriated from the general fund for the 2023-25 biennium.
New Americans workforce development and training grants	Through April 2024, the department has not spent funding on this program. Grant guidelines for the program are being developed in conjunction with Office of Legal Immigration programs.
Tourism awareness marketing	Through April 2024, the department has not spent funding from SIIF and is prioritizing spending ongoing funding appropriated from the general fund for tourism initiatives. The department anticipates spending the entire appropriation from SIIF during the 2023-25 biennium.
Tourism destination development initiative	Through March 2024, the entire \$25 million has been awarded for 14 destination projects and the department has reimbursed grantees \$54,737. A total of \$151.5 million for 81 projects were submitted to the department for program consideration. The

Rural grocery store sustainability and food access expansion pilot grants (2023 SB 2273)	1,000,000		1,000,000
Total	\$33,850,000	\$208,246,946	\$242,096,946

¹Funding is from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF).
²Funding is from federal funds.

BVLOS UAS grant program	department provided grant awards ranging from \$200,000 to \$4 million. It is unknown how much of the \$25 million will be spent during the 2023-25 biennium. See the beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system program section below.
Enhanced use lease grant program	Through March 2024, the department has not spent any of the \$10,000,000 appropriation and has instead prioritized spending 2021-23 biennium funding for the program before 2023-25 biennium funding. Of the \$2,548,955 of 2021-23 biennium funding continued into the 2023-25 biennium, the department has spent \$1,168,028 primarily on taxiway repairs and extensions and road, storm water, and other infrastructure costs.
AmeriCorps workforce community services program	AmeriCorps has redistributed the federal funding for this program into the traditional AmeriCorps formula grant program, which the department anticipates spending pursuant to ongoing federal funds authority for the existing program.
Parks and recreation grant program	This program was approved by the Emergency Commission and Budget Section during the 2021-22 interim prior to the appropriation provided during the 2023 regular legislative session. The federal funding was awarded to the Parks and Recreation Department and transferred to the Department of Commerce for marketing costs encouraging outdoor enthusiasts and leisure travelers to explore North Dakota outdoor activities. Through March 2024, the department has spent \$1,208,433 since the inception of the program, of which \$1,197,927 was spent during the 2021-23 biennium and \$10,506 was spent during the 2023-25 biennium. The department anticipates spending the entire appropriation during the 2023-25 biennium.
Energy conservation grant program	This program was approved by the Emergency Commission and Budget Section during the 2021-22 interim prior to the appropriation provided during the 2023 regular legislative session. The funding is for the management of federal energy conservation program activities between public and private sectors. Through March 2024, the department has spent \$5,957,121 since the inception of the program, of which \$1,383,564 was spent during the 2021-23 biennium and \$4,573,557 was spent during the 2023-25 biennium. It is unknown how much will be spent during the 2023-25 biennium.
Weatherization, heating and furnace, and cooling assistance grant programs	This program was approved by the Emergency Commission and Budget Section during the 2021-22 interim prior to the appropriation provided during the 2023 regular legislative session. Through March 2024, the department has spent \$1,050,022 since the inception of the program, of which \$855,005 was spent during the 2021-23 biennium and \$195,017 was spent during the 2023-25 biennium. It is unknown how much will be spent during the 2023-25 biennium.
Creamery assistance grant	All funding for this program was distributed to Cows & Co Creamery in December 2023.
Motion picture production and recruitment grant	All funding for this program was distributed to Canticle Productions in January 2024.

State small business credit initiative technical assistance program	Through March 2024, the department has not spent any funding on this program but has contracted with ILT Academy to administer the program. It is unknown how much will be spent during the 2023-25 biennium.
Weatherization and energy assistance programs - IJJA and IRA	See the weatherization and energy assistance programs section below.
Workforce development grants to tribally controlled community colleges	The department has awarded the entire \$500,000 grant to Turtle Mountain Community College. Through March 2024, the college has not requested any funding reimbursements from the department.
Office of Legal Immigration	See the Office of Legal Immigration section below.
Base retention grants	The department has distributed all base retention grant funding to eligible organizations in Minot (\$500,000), Grand Forks (\$250,000), and Fargo (\$250,000).
Rural grocery store sustainability and food access expansion pilot grants	The department has awarded the entire \$1 million. The department awarded \$20,000 to each of the following organizations for a rural grocery store and food access study: City of Milnor, Pembina County Job Development Authority, City of Baldwin and Strengthen ND, City of Butte, City of Hazleton, City of Casselton, and City of Enderlin. The department awarded funding to the following organizations for a study and implementation of the program: Rural Access Distribution Cooperative (\$243,000), City of Hazelton (\$183,000), Strengthen ND in Baldwin (\$300,000), and City of Crystal (\$134,000).

Beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system program - In Section 12 of House Bill No. 1018 (2019), the Legislative Assembly provided a supplemental appropriation of \$28 million from the general fund to the department for the 2017-19 biennium for a BVLOS UAS program. The department was authorized to continue funding for the program into the 2019-21 biennium.

Section 13 of House Bill No. 1018 (2019) created North Dakota Century Code Section 54-60-29.1 to establish a BVLOS UAS program for the design, purchase, implementation, and operating costs of a BVLOS UAS. The department was to require any entity receiving funding for this program which was operating the BVLOS UAS to provide quarterly payments to the State Treasurer equal to 3 percent of the entity's gross income associated with the operation of the BVLOS UAS as reported in the entity's prior year financial statements. The State Treasurer was required to deposit any funds received under this section in the general fund.

In Section 25 of House Bill No. 1018 (2023), the Legislative Assembly amended Section 54-60-29.1 to rename the BVLOS unmanned aircraft system program as the BVLOS uncrewed aircraft system program and changed the state-private revenue sharing provisions from 3 percent of the entity's gross income associated with the operation of the BVLOS UAS as

The department continued \$714,807 of 2021-23 biennium funding from SIIF into the 2023-25 biennium. Through March 2024, the department has distributed the entire \$26,714,807 of funding for the BVLOS UAS grant program during the 2023-25 biennium. The department spent the \$1 million general fund appropriation during the 2021-23 biennium.

Through April 2024, no funding for the BVLOS UAS program has been remitted to the State Treasurer for deposit in the state general fund since the inception of the program.

See the **exemptions** section for additional information.

reported in the entity's prior year financial statements to instead be based on a fee structure determined by the Commissioner of Commerce.

In House Bill No. 1018 (2023), the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$26 million from SIIF to the department for the BVLOS UAS program for the 2023-25 biennium. In section 29 of the bill, the Legislative Assembly authorized the department to continue any unspent funding for the program appropriated to the department for the 2021-23 biennium, of which \$19 million was from SIIF and \$1 million was from the general fund.

Weatherization and energy assistance programs - In House Bill No. 1018, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$120 million from federal funds derived from the IIJA and IRA to the department for weatherization and energy assistance programs during the 2023-25 biennium. During the 2023 regular legislative session, the department anticipated funding may be available for the following programs:

Program	Federal Act	Federal Funds
State energy program	IIJA	\$3,905,130
Weatherization	IIJA	15,131,495
Energy efficiency revolving loan fund	IIJA	4,641,870
Energy efficiency block grant	IIJA	1,653,240
Home energy performance-based whole-house rebate program	IRA	37,338,470
High-efficiency electric home rebate program	IRA	37,121,060
Total		\$99,791,265

The department anticipated other states would not use all federal funding awarded for these programs, resulting in additional funding that may be available to North Dakota for an estimated total of \$120 million. Section 6 of House Bill No. 1018 identifies this funding and authorizes the department 3 FTE positions that are considered one-time positions for the administration of these programs during the 2023-25 biennium.

Office of Legal Immigration - In Senate Bill No. 2142, the Legislative Assembly created Section 54-60-31 to establish an Office of Legal Immigration. The office is required to develop and implement a statewide strategy to support businesses in recruiting and retaining foreign labor; advise and make recommendations to the Governor, Legislative Assembly, and state agencies regarding immigrant integration and foreign labor issues; and develop a pilot program to support businesses pursuing or employing legal immigrants and to support communities to develop immigration integration plans and activities. The Office of Legal Immigration may contract with other state agencies and third-party organizations in the development and administration of programs related to the goals of the office.

Section 3 of the bill requires the department to conduct a study to determine immigration opportunities in the state, goals of the Office of Legal Immigration, performance indicators to measure progress and

Through March 2024, the department has received \$15 million of federal funding for the programs and has spent \$433,816, of which \$140,620 was spent during the 2021-23 biennium and \$293,196 was spent during the 2023-25 biennium. Funding received for each program is as follows:

Program	Federal Act	Funding Received
State energy program	IIJA	\$3,905,130
Weatherization	IIJA	7,565,748
Energy efficiency revolving loan fund	IIJA	0
Energy efficiency block grant	IIJA	1,653,240
Home energy performance-based whole-house rebate program	IRA	933,462
High-efficiency electric home rebate program	IRA	928,027
Total		\$14,985,607

The amount of funding the department receives and spends during the 2023-25 biennium depends on how much funding other states return to the federal government and how much North Dakota is awarded. The funding is available for a 5-year period ending in January 2029. The department anticipates requesting the 3 FTE positions authorized as one-time positions for the programs during the 2023-25 biennium become permanent FTE positions beginning in the 2025-27 biennium.

In November 2023, the department signed a contract with Dahlberg Associates to conduct a statewide study to assist the office in developing long-term responsibilities and goals of the office. Through March 2024, the office has spent \$227,802 on Office of Legal Immigration activities. The office has focused on developing resources related to immigration and worker visa opportunities, community resources for new Americans, and are developing program guidelines to support business and community-based organizations. The department anticipates requesting additional funding during the 2025 legislative session to continue and expand activities of the office.

success of immigration goals, and a structure for a pilot program to support businesses and communities pursuing legal immigration, and to develop a fee-based system for services to be implemented in the 2025-27 biennium. The study must include input from employers in the state. The department is required to report its findings and recommendations to the 2025 Legislative Assembly.

In Senate Bill No. 2142, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$485,000 from the general fund for salaries and benefits of 2 FTE positions for the office. In House Bill No. 1544, the Legislative Assembly provided a one-time appropriation of \$2 million from the general fund to defray the expenses of the office during the 2023-25 biennium.

North Dakota Development Fund - In House Bill No. 1021 (1995), the Legislative Assembly created the North Dakota Development Fund in Chapter 10-30.5. Section 10-30.5-02 creates a statewide nonprofit development corporation that may take equity positions in, provide loans to, or to use other innovative financing mechanisms to provide capital for new or expanding businesses in this state, or relocating businesses to this state. The corporation's principal mission is the development and expansion of primary sector business in this state.

Money in the development fund may be used to provide working capital or for financing the purchase of fixed assets but not to refinance existing debt. Money may also be used to make matching grants to county-authorized or city-authorized development corporations for the acquisition, leasing, or remodeling of real estate facilities for locating a prospective new primary sector business.

Section 10-30.5-10 provides the North Dakota Development Fund is a revolving fund and all money transferred to the fund, interest earned on money in the fund, and payments to the fund are appropriated to the North Dakota Development Fund on a continuing basis.

During the November 2021 special legislative session, the Legislative Assembly in Senate Bill No. 2345, transferred \$5 million from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the North Dakota Development Fund for the 2021-23 biennium.

The Legislative Assembly transferred \$95 million from SIIF to the North Dakota Development Fund for programs under Chapter 10-30.5 for the 2023-25 biennium, including \$65 million in Section 5 of House Bill No. 1018 and \$30 million in Section 8 of Senate Bill No. 2393 (2023).

Discretionary funds - In House Bill No. 1018, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$2.15 million from the general fund to the department for discretionary funds during the 2023-25 biennium. Section 11 of the bill identifies of the \$2.15 million, \$150,000 is designated for supporting the continuation of the North Dakota state magazine with the current publisher of the magazine, \$350,000 is designated for supporting an organization

The Office of Management and Budget transferred \$95 million from SIIF to the North Dakota Development Fund in August 2023. The North Dakota Development Fund anticipates obligating up to \$65 million of this funding for a fertilizer loan fund program. The department has received two applications for the program with requests totaling \$72.5 million.

Through March 2024, the North Dakota Development Fund has used the funding transferred during the 2023-25 biennium and existing funding available to issue \$44,800,000 of loans, lines of credit, and other investments to eight organizations. The North Dakota Development Fund has issued 11 child care provider loans for \$3,041,874, which has increased child care capacity for 874 children in the state during the 2023-25 biennium. The North Dakota Development Fund anticipates all funding available during the 2023-25 biennium will be obligated by the end of the biennium.

The department spent \$564,812 of the 2021-23 biennium appropriation prior to June 30, 2021, and continued \$1,585,188 into the 2023-25 biennium. Through April 2024, the department has spent \$750,854 from the discretionary funds line item for various workforce recruitment and training programs, grants to cities, tourism planning grants, foreign direct investment costs, and other workforce and community service initiatives.

dedicated to assisting Native American small businesses in North Dakota, and \$350,000 is designated for providing base retention grant funding to eligible organizations in Minot.

The 2021 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$3.15 million from the general fund to the department for discretionary funds for the 2021-23 biennium. In Section 29 of House Bill No. 1018, the department was authorized to continue up to \$2.15 million of the 2021-23 biennium appropriation into the 2023-25 biennium, resulting in a total of \$4.3 million available for discretionary funds during the 2023-25 biennium.

Operation Intern program - The Operation Intern program provides a 50 percent match up to \$4,000 per semester per position for a business' expenses related to an internship, an apprenticeship, or a work experience opportunity involving North Dakota students enrolled in an institution of higher education. The maximum amount of funding a business may receive from the Operation Intern program is \$40,000 per biennium.

Funding for the program is appropriated from the general fund and transferred to the internship fund, from which the department has continuing appropriation authority. Section 3 of House Bill No. 1018 provides for a \$1,006,896 transfer for the 2023-25 biennium, an increase of \$251,896 from the 2021-23 biennium appropriation and transfer of \$755,000.

Rural health care grants program - In House Bill No. 1018, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$444,000 from the general fund to the department for providing matching funds to an organization assisting in the recruitment, distribution, and supply, and enhancing the quality and efficiency of personnel providing health services in rural areas of the state. The department may spend the funds appropriated in this section only to the extent the organization has secured matching funds from nonstate sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The 2021 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$250,000 from the general fund for the 2021-23 biennium.

Housing Finance Agency program transfers - In House Bill No. 1018, the Legislative Assembly transferred \$1,330,212 from the general fund for the homeless shelter grant program and \$1,387,341 for the emergency shelter grant program, including \$240,000 from the general fund and \$1,147,341 from federal funds, to the Housing Finance Agency.

Office of Community Development and Rural Prosperity - In January 2024, the Governor announced an Office of Community Development and Rural Prosperity would be created within the Department of Commerce. The mission of the office is to empower North Dakota communities through efficient development, economic growth, and an enhanced quality of life. The Governor stated the office will aim to foster collaboration to address unique rural challenges, promote innovation, and leverage resources to build resilient, thriving communities.

Funding for the North Dakota state magazine (\$150,000) and base retention grants in Minot (\$350,000) were distributed in September 2023 and December 2023, respectively. In May 2024, the department awarded \$350,000 to the Native American Development Center. It is unknown how much in discretionary funds will be spent during the 2023-25 biennium. See the **exemptions** section for additional information.

The transfer was made in August 2023. Through April 2024, the department has spent \$242,585 on the Operation Intern program and anticipates spending the entire appropriation, which is expected to provide funding for 445 student internships in 128 businesses during the biennium.

Through March 2024, the department has spent \$69,420 on rural health care grants. The department anticipates distributing the funding by the end of the biennium.

The funding and programs were transferred to the Housing Finance Agency in July 2023. The department reported no concerns with the program transition between agencies. The department continued \$115,263 of 2021-23 biennium funding for the homeless shelter program into the 2023-25 biennium to complete program obligations. See the **exemptions** section for additional information.

The department has dedicated approximately \$530,000 of discretionary funds previously reserved for main street initiative activities for the Office of Community Development and Rural Prosperity during the 2023-25 biennium. The office is organized as part of the Division of Community Services and has dedicated approximately \$5 million of existing grant programs to be administered under the office, including economic development planning grants, main street initiative vibrancy grant, community planning grants, food sustainability grants, and rural housing grants.

The 1st year of office activities will focus on achieving tangible goals, including a comprehensive needs assessment, establishment and administration of rural grant programs, regional collaboration and capacity building, and the compilation of an annual report outlining achievements and priorities. The department anticipates requesting funding during the 2025 legislative session to continue office activities that were piloted during the 2023-25 biennium.

The department continued the following unspent 2021-23 biennium funding into the 2023-25 biennium:

Exemptions - In Section 29 of House Bill No. 1018, the Legislative Assembly provided 15 exemptions to allow the department to continue unexpended prior biennium appropriations into the 2023-25 biennium for the following programs:

Section 29 Subsection:	Major Program Area	Appropriations from Previous Bienniums	
		General Fund	Other Funds
1	Nonresident nurse employment recruitment program ¹	\$320,000	\$0
2	Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Community development block grant, community services block grant, and emergency solutions grant program) ²	0	11,393,078
3	State small business credit initiative program ²	0	56,234,176
4	Discretionary funds	2,150,000	0
5	Job development and economic growth grant ³	0	1,500,000
6	UAS program	3,000,000	0
7	BVLOS UAS program ³	0	19,000,000
8	BVLOS UAS program matching funds	1,000,000	0
9	Enhanced use lease grants ³	0	7,000,000
10	Homeless shelter grants	1,330,212	0
11	Workforce community services AmeriCorps program ²	0	1,074,888
12	Community development planning grant program ²	0	1,000,000
13	Autonomous agriculture grants ^{4,5}	0	10,000,000
14	Workforce development incentive grant program ⁴	0	15,000,000
15	Technical skills training grants ⁴	0	5,000,000
Total		\$7,800,212	\$127,202,142

Section 29 Subsection:	Major Program Area	Funding Continued into the 2023-25 Biennium		Amount Spent Through March 2024
		General Fund	Other Funds	
1	Nonresident nurse employment recruitment program ¹	\$308,268	\$0	\$18,268
2	Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Community development block grant, community services block grant, and emergency solutions grant program) ²	0	11,393,078	223,708
3	State small business credit initiative program ³	0	37,730,870	1,849
4	Discretionary funds	1,585,188	0	727,344
5	Job development and economic growth grant	0	599,314	599,314
6	UAS program	89,837	0	89,837
7	BVLOS UAS program	0	714,807	714,807
8	BVLOS UAS program matching funds	148,475	0	0
9	Enhanced use lease grants	0	2,548,955	1,168,028
10	Homeless shelter grants ⁴	151,600	0	115,263
11	Workforce community services AmeriCorps program ⁵	0	1,074,888	0
12	Community development planning grant program	0	571,966	466,792
13	Autonomous agriculture grants ⁶	0	8,753,814	8,753,800
14	Workforce development incentive grant program	0	7,829,272	3,835,124
15	Technical skills training grants	0	4,249,003	1,051,345
Total		\$2,283,368	\$75,465,967	\$17,765,479

¹The 2019 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$500,000 from the general fund to the department for a nonresident nurse employment recruitment program. The department spent \$40,000 during the 2019-21 biennium and returned \$140,000

¹The department anticipates returning approximately \$290,000 of the funding available for the nonresident nurse employment recruitment program to the general fund at the end of the 2023-25 biennium.

to the general fund at the end of the 2019-21 biennium. The 2021 Legislative Assembly authorized the department an exemption to continue the remaining \$320,000 of the \$500,000 appropriation from the 2019-21 biennium into the 2021-23 biennium. The 2023 Legislative Assembly authorized the department to continue any remaining funds for the program into the 2023-25 biennium.

²Funding for these programs is from federal funds.

³Funding for these programs is from SIIF.

⁴Funding for these programs was provided from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund during the November 2021 special legislative session.

⁵Subsection 13 of Section 29 of House Bill No. 1018 provides an exemption to continue funding appropriated during the November 2021 special legislative session for the autonomous agriculture grant program into the 2023-25 biennium and provides the funding shall be awarded without any matching fund requirements.

²The department reported the grant period for the community services block grant and emergency solutions grant programs has closed. The grant period for the community development block grant is open until August 30, 2027. The department was awarded \$6,380,334 for the program.

³Through March 2024, the department has spent \$1,849 for the state small business credit initiative and is waiting for another federal grant distribution for the program.

⁴Through March 2024, the department has spent \$115,263 of the \$151,600 continued for the homeless shelter grant program and anticipates returning approximately \$26,000 to the general fund at the end of the 2023-25 biennium.

⁵The federal funding for this program has been redistributed into the traditional AmeriCorps formula grant program, which the department anticipates spending pursuant to ongoing federal funds authority for the existing program rather than the exemption for one-time funding.

⁶The department anticipates returning \$14 appropriated from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund for autonomous agriculture grants back to the fund by the end of the 2023-25 biennium.