

**State Historical Society
Budget No. 701
Senate Bill No. 2018**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 legislative appropriation	83.50	\$22,038,910 ¹	\$27,339,183	\$49,378,093 ²
2021-23 legislative appropriation	<u>78.75</u>	<u>19,411,350</u>	<u>8,379,952</u>	<u>27,791,302</u>
2023-25 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2021-23 appropriation	4.75	\$2,627,560	\$18,959,231	\$21,586,791

¹This amount includes \$1,906,839 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$20,132,071.

²This 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 approved 83.5 FTE positions for the State Historical Society for the 2023-25 biennium, an increase of 4.75 FTE positions from the 2021-23 biennium. The Legislative Assembly added 1 FTE digital specialist position, .25 interpretive resource specialist position, 1 FTE trade services III position, 1 FTE trade services IV position, .5 FTE brand marketing position, and 1 FTE program management position.

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 \$1,768,392 of 2023-25 biennium appropriation authority for the State Historical Society for the new and vacant FTE funding pool, of which \$1,131,016 was for new FTE positions and \$637,376 was for estimated vacant salary savings. Of the total, \$919,203 was from the general fund and \$849,189 was from other funds.

Historical site and extraordinary repairs - In House Bill No. 1505 (2021), the Legislative Assembly provided \$4.2 million from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund for historical site and extraordinary repairs and in Senate Bill No. 2345 (2021), provided \$950,000 from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund for essential infrastructure at historic sites.

In Section 10 of Senate Bill No. 2018, the Legislative Assembly authorized the State Historical Society to continue any remaining funding from House Bill No. 1505 (2021) into the 2023-25 biennium.

Status/Result

The .25 interpretive resource specialist position, 1 FTE trade services III position, 1 FTE trade services IV position and 1 FTE program management position were employed by the agency during the 2021-23 biennium and were converted to permanent FTE positions on July 1, 2023. The FTE digital specialist position was hired in August 2023. The .5 FTE brand marketing position was combined with an existing .5 FTE position to create a 1 FTE position in September 2023.

The State Historical Society received \$457,259 for targeted market equity increases, of which \$414,871 was from the general fund and \$42,388 was from federal funds. Equity increases were provided to 49 employees.

Through January 2024, the State Historical Society received \$1,097,836 from the new and vacant FTE funding pool, including \$895,721 to fill 4.75 new FTE positions and \$202,115 to fill 2 vacant FTE positions. The agency had estimated vacant FTE position savings of \$596,382. The department used \$132,361 of the savings for other purposes including accrued leave payouts, extra salary increases, temporary salary funding, and overtime funding. The number of vacancies in the agency has ranged from one to three with an average monthly vacancy rate of 2 FTE positions.

The State Historical Society spent \$2,944,122 of the \$4,200,000 appropriated in House Bill No. 1505 during the 2021-23 biennium and continued \$1,255,878 into the 2023-25 biennium.

Of the \$950,000 appropriated in Senate Bill No. 2345, the agency spent \$314,447 during the 2021-23 biennium, returned \$9,550 to the State Fiscal Recovery Fund at the end of the 2021-23 biennium, and continued \$626,003 into the 2023-25 biennium.

In July 2023, the capital construction carryover committee approved the agency to continue any remaining funding from Senate Bill No. 2345 (2021) into the 2023-25 biennium.

One-time funding - The Legislative Assembly appropriated one-time funding of \$26.9 million for the State Historical Society for the 2023-25 biennium, as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Operating expense inflationary costs	\$120,795		\$120,795
GIS remote access and upgrade	225,000	\$25,000	250,000
Digital interactive initiative	425,000		425,000
Medora site planning	150,000		150,000
Digital humanities advancement grant ¹		30,000	30,000
Newspaper preservation	236,044		236,044
Historic building improvements ²		3,250,000	3,250,000
Army Corps of Engineers grant ¹		400,000	400,000
Opera house restoration	250,000		250,000
Whitestone Hill monument	250,000		250,000
Improving exhibit engagement ³		375,000	375,000
Military museum ⁴		20,000,000	20,000,000
Paul Bruhn historic revitalization grant ¹		750,000	750,000
Underrepresented community grant program ¹		125,000	125,000
America's 250 th celebration	250,000		250,000
Total	\$1,906,839	\$24,955,000	\$26,861,839

¹This funding is from federal funds.
²This funding is from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF).
³Of this funding, \$300,000 is from SIIF and \$75,000 is from donations.
⁴This funding is from a Bank of North Dakota line of credit.

The agency anticipates spending all remaining funding from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund by the end of the 2023-25 biennium, primarily on a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

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

Operating expense inflationary costs	Through March 2024, the State Historical Society has spent approximately 26.5 percent, or \$32,011, of the \$120,795 appropriation. It is unknown if the entire appropriation will be spent during the 2023-25 biennium.
GIS remote access and upgrade	Through March 2024, the State Historical Society has begun planning for this project but has not spent any funding. It is unknown how much will be spent on the project during the 2023-25 biennium.
Digital interactive initiative	Through March 2024, the State Historical Society has begun planning for this project but has not spent any funding. The agency is researching types of panels to be used for an inspiration gallery and plans to use funding for the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center in Medora to replace a temporary exhibit. The Capitol Grounds Planning Commission approved the agency request to install digital history trail signs on the Capitol grounds. It is unknown how much will be spent on the project during the 2023-25 biennium.
Medora site planning	Through March 2024, the State Historical Society has spent \$43,136 of the \$150,000 appropriation on a strategic review of state-owned land near Medora. The agency expects to spend the entire appropriation during the 2023-25 biennium, including approximately \$60,000 to implement the strategic review.
Digital humanities advancement grant	The federal grant application period opens in August 2024 and is due by June 2025. The agency intends to apply for \$30,000 and anticipates continuing any funding awarded to the agency into the 2025-27 biennium.
Newspaper preservation	Through March 2024, the State Historical Society has not spent funding for this project but has agreed to purchase an archiver writer for \$99,000, anticipates purchasing an overhead scanner for approximately \$100,000, and is considering purchasing a microfilm processor with the remaining funds.
Historic building improvements	Through March 2024, the State Historical Society has spent \$118,922 of the \$3.25 million appropriation. The agency anticipates spending the entire appropriation during the 2023-25 biennium.
Army Corps of Engineers grant	Through March 2024, the State Historical Society is in process of negotiating with the Army Corps of Engineers and has not received or spent any grant funding. The agency estimates the funding could be between \$400,000 and \$1 million but the amount and when the funding will be awarded is unknown, which may result in a need to continue the funding for the 2025-27 biennium.

Opera house restoration	The State Historical Society distributed the entire \$250,000 appropriation to O.P.E.R.A., Inc. for the restoration of the Ellendale Opera House.
Whitestone Hill monument	Through March 2024, the State Historical Society has requested quotes for an architect and designer for the Whitestone Hill monument. The agency has not spent any of the \$250,000 appropriation but anticipates spending the entire amount during the 2023-25 biennium.
Improving exhibit engagement	Through March 2024, the State Historical Society has hired an exhibit firm to update an exhibit at the Pembina State Museum. The agency has not spent any of the \$375,000 appropriation but anticipates spending the entire amount during the 2023-25 biennium.
Military museum	The State Historical Society and the Bank of North Dakota have agreed to a line of credit of \$4 million of the \$20 million authorized for the 2023-25 biennium. Through March 2024, the State Historical Society has not drawn funding from the line of credit but has spent \$80,000 from the State Historical Society gifts and bequests fund for architecture costs. The \$4 million from the line of credit will be used for schematic design and design development for the military museum project. The total cost of the project is approximately \$60 million. The State Historical Society anticipates requesting additional funding for the 2025-27 biennium.
Paul Bruhn historic revitalization grant	The State Historical Society applied for federal funds through the Paul Bruhn historic revitalization grant program during fiscal year 2023 but was not awarded any funding. The fiscal year 2024 application was submitted in March 2024. Grant awards will be announced in September 2024.
Underrepresented community grant program	Through March 2024, the State Historical Society has received federal funds of \$50,770 for the underrepresented community grant program. The agency anticipates to use the funding for research work in June 2024 and has selected Northwind, LLC, to perform updates and repairs at Fort Totten. The agency anticipates applying for additional funding during the 2023-25 biennium.
America's 250 th celebration	Through March 2024, the State Historical Society has not spent funding on this project. The agency anticipates hiring a temporary coordinator position to assist with the project. The agency anticipates spending the entire appropriation on exhibit costs in the Governor's gallery during the 2023-25 biennium.