

**Attorney General
Budget No. 125
House Bill Nos. 1003, 1193, and 1199; Senate Bill Nos. 2018 and 2209**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriation	270.00	\$63,368,936 ¹	\$55,803,294	\$119,172,230
2023-25 legislative appropriation	<u>266.00</u>	<u>60,460,611</u>	<u>48,746,942</u>	<u>109,207,553</u>
2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation	4.00	\$2,908,325	\$7,056,352	\$9,964,677

¹This amount includes \$2,143,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing General Fund appropriation is \$61,225,936.

Item Description

Full-time equivalent changes - The Legislative Assembly authorized 270 FTE positions for the Attorney General for the 2025-27 biennium, an increase of 4 FTE positions from the 2023-25 biennium authorization of 266 FTE positions, as follows:

FTE Position Description	FTE Position Authorization
Attorneys	(3.00)
Evidence technician	1.00
Executive staff officer	1.00
Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) cybercrime agents	2.00
BCI guardianships agent	1.00
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit attorney	1.00
Tobacco compliance auditor	1.00
Total	4.00

In addition to the FTE position authorizations noted above, in Senate Bill No. 2029, the Legislative Assembly authorized the Attorney General to submit a request to the Emergency Commission in accordance with North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-16 during the 2025-26 interim to request authorization and related funding for 1 FTE position for BCI related to guardianship and conservatorship case investigations. Prior to submitting the request, the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship must be operational, and the Attorney General must identify an increase in workload related to guardianship and conservatorship case investigations that results in the need for an additional FTE position.

New and vacant FTE pool - The Legislative Assembly transferred \$1,423,969 for 7 new FTE positions and \$3,716,742 for estimated savings from vacant FTE positions from the salaries and wages line item to the new and vacant FTE pool line item.

Status/Result

Through March 2026, the Attorney General has hired 5 of the 7 new FTE positions authorized for the 2025-27 biennium, including 2 FTE BCI cybercrime agent positions, the FTE BCI guardianship agent position, the FTE evidence technician position, and the FTE tobacco compliance auditor position. The Attorney General intends to hire the FTE executive staff officer position and FTE Medicaid Fraud Control Unit attorney position by the end of the biennium.

The Attorney General has indicated that the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship's caseload and other duties justifies the need for an additional FTE BCI guardianship agent position and intends to request authorization for the position from the Emergency Commission and Budget Section in June 2026.

Through January 2026, the Attorney General had estimated vacant FTE position savings of \$1,354,156. The agency used \$146,863 for accrued leave payouts, extra salary increases, bonuses, extra temporary salary funding, and extra overtime funding. The agency had between 14 and 23 vacant FTE positions from July 2025 through January 2026. The Attorney General has not requested a transfer of appropriation authority from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to other lines items for new FTE positions.

One-time funding - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$14.03 million of one-time funding to the Attorney General for the 2025-27 biennium as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
State Crime Laboratory equipment and supplies (\$233,000 from federal funds and \$321,000 from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund (SIIF))	\$400,000	\$554,000	\$954,000
Information technology network switches	32,000		32,000
BCI undercover vehicle replacements (SIIF)		540,000	540,000
Portable handheld dual-band radios (SIIF)		105,000	105,000
Intoxilyzers (federal funds)		188,000	188,000
BCI cybercrime agent equipment	161,000		161,000
Human trafficking victims grants	650,000		650,000
Statewide litigation funding pool (SIIF)		5,000,000	5,000,000
Criminal justice information sharing (CJIS) jail management system	650,000		650,000
Statewide automated victim information and notification (SAVIN) system (SIIF)		1,500,000	1,500,000
Additional income from federal or special funds (Section 4 of House Bill No. 1003)		250,000	250,000
Peace Officer and Correctional Officer Appreciation Grant Program (House Bill No. 1193) (SIIF)		3,500,000	3,500,000
Efforts to identify, report, and find missing indigenous people (House Bill No. 1199)	250,000		250,000
Autonomous technology grants (Senate Bill No. 2018) (SIIF)		250,000	250,000
Total	\$2,143,000	\$11,887,000	\$14,030,000

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

State Crime Laboratory equipment and supplies	Through March 2026, the Attorney General spent \$84,000 on State Crime Laboratory equipment and supplies, including light source units (\$10,000), thermal cyclers units (\$20,000), and a DNA analysis instrument (\$54,000). The Attorney General anticipates spending the entire appropriation during the 2025-27 biennium on hydrogen generators, intoxilyzers, a temperature monitoring system, a bead ruptor homogenizer for toxicology analyses, a diode array detector for forensic chemistry analyses, and other equipment.
Information technology network switches	The Attorney General purchased the IT network switches in November 2025.
BCI undercover vehicle replacements	Through March 2026, BCI has replaced 6 undercover vehicles for approximately \$150,000 and anticipates spending the entire appropriation to purchase a total of 18 to 22 vehicles during the 2025-27 biennium.
Portable handheld dual-band radios	The Attorney General purchased 15 portable radios for approximately \$104,000 and anticipates returning the remaining appropriation to SIIF at the end of the biennium.
Intoxilyzers	The Attorney General spent the entire \$188,000 from July 2025 through September 2025 for the purchase of intoxilyzers.
BCI cybercrime agent equipment	Through March 2026, the Attorney General has spent \$28,699 on BCI agent vehicles, radios, firearms, body armor, helmets, and ammunition and anticipates using the remaining funding by the end of the 2025-27 biennium.
Human trafficking victims grants	See the Human trafficking victims grants section.
Statewide litigation funding pool	See the Statewide litigation funding pool section.
CJIS jail management system	Through March 2026, the Attorney General has spent \$107,000 and anticipates the system will be completed in late 2026 or early 2027. The Attorney General anticipates the entire appropriation will be spent during the 2025-27 biennium.
SAVIN system	Through March 2026, the Attorney General has spent \$67,410 and anticipates the system will be completed in early 2027. It is unknown how much will be spent on the system during the 2025-27 biennium.
Additional income from federal or special funds	In Section 4 of House Bill No. 1003, the Legislative Assembly authorized the Attorney General to receive and spend up to \$250,000 of federal or special funding for defraying the expenses of the office. Through March 2026, the Attorney General has not received any additional funding pursuant to this section.

Peace Officer and Correctional Officer Appreciation Grant Program	The Attorney General distributed \$3,499,989 to 101 city and county law enforcement agencies in October 2025, including 39 agencies with 10 or fewer employees working in a law enforcement capacity.
Efforts to identify, report, and find missing indigenous people	Through March 2026, the Missing Indigenous People Task Force held two meetings and is working on criteria for the expenditure of efforts to identify, report, and find missing indigenous people. No funding has been spent through March 2026.
Autonomous technology grants	The Attorney General anticipates the grant application will be available for potential recipients in May 2026.

Deficiency appropriations - In House Bill No. 1024 (2025), the Legislative Assembly provided a \$3.05 million deficiency appropriation from the General Fund to the Attorney General, of which \$3 million is for the statewide litigation funding pool and \$50,000 is for prosecution witness fees. See the **Statewide litigation funding pool** section below.

Statewide litigation funding pool - In Section 4 of Senate Bill No. 2003 (2023), the Legislative Assembly authorized the transfer of \$2,760,000 from the Lottery Operating Fund to the Gaming and Excise Tax Allocation Fund during the 2021-23 biennium for the statewide litigation funding pool. The bill included a total appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Attorney General for a statewide litigation funding pool to be transferred to eligible state agencies for litigation expenses incurred during the 2023-25 biennium, of which \$1,797,748 was from the General Fund and \$3,202,252 was from the Gaming and Excise Tax Allocation Fund.

During the 2023-24 interim, the Emergency Commission and Budget Section authorized the Attorney General a \$3 million line item transfer from the operating expenses line item to the state litigation funding pool line item from the Charitable Gaming Operating Fund for the 2023-25 biennium; however, because the Legislative Assembly appropriated the \$3 million General Fund deficiency appropriation in House Bill No. 1024 (2025), the Attorney General did not anticipate using any of the line item transfer funding during the 2023-25 biennium as of the end of the 2025 legislative session.

In House Bill No. 1003 (2025), the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$5 million from SIIF to the Attorney General for the statewide litigation funding pool. In addition, in Section 18 of House Bill No. 1003, the Legislative Assembly authorized the Attorney General to continue any remaining funding of the \$3 million appropriated as a General Fund deficiency appropriation in House Bill No. 1024 for the 2023-25 biennium into the 2025-27 biennium, resulting in a total of \$8 million available for the statewide litigation funding pool for the 2025-27 biennium.

The Attorney General spent \$38,153 of the deficiency appropriation for prosecution witness fees during the 2023-25 biennium and the remaining \$11,847 was canceled and retained in the General Fund at the end of the biennium. See the **Prosecution witness fees** section below.

The Attorney General spent \$92,135 of the deficiency appropriation for litigation costs during the 2023-25 biennium and the remaining \$2,907,865 was continued into the 2025-27 biennium. See the **Statewide litigation funding pool** section below.

The Attorney General did not spend any of the \$3 million line item transfer funding during the 2023-25 biennium. Including \$92,135 of the \$3 million General Fund deficiency appropriation provided by the Legislative Assembly, statewide litigation funding pool expenses for the 2023-25 biennium were as follows:

Agency	Litigation Expenses
108 - Secretary of State	\$148,298
108 - Secretary of State/101 - Governor	72,262
108 - Secretary of State/125 - Attorney General	57,018
125 - Attorney General	1,864,912
226 - Department of Trust Lands	9,956
405 - Industrial Commission	2,931,339
701 - State Historical Society	8,350
Total	\$5,092,135

Through March 2026, the Attorney General has spent \$612,157 from the statewide litigation funding pool. After continuing \$2,907,865 of the 2023-25 biennium deficiency appropriation into the 2025-27 biennium, total statewide litigation funding pool funding available to the Attorney General for the 2025-27 biennium is \$7,907,865. It is unknown how much funding will be spent on the statewide litigation funding pool during the biennium. Current litigation expenses are as follows:

Agency	Litigation Expenses
108 - Secretary of State	\$63,962
125 - Attorney General	441,235
195 - Ethics Commission	12,210
405 - Industrial Commission	65,031
408 - Public Service Commission	25,324
624 - Beef Commission	4,395
Total	\$612,157

Opioid Addiction Prevention and Treatment Program - Section 5 of House Bill No. 1003 (2021) provided for a transfer of up to \$2 million from opioid-related lawsuit settlement proceeds deposited in the Attorney General Refund Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), which was appropriated to DHHS for the purpose of defraying the expenses of an Opioid Addiction Prevention and Treatment Program during the 2021-23 biennium. The Department of Health and Human Services was required to consult with the Attorney General regarding the use of this funding.

In House Bill No. 1447 (2023), the Legislative Assembly required the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to transfer all opioid-related lawsuit settlement proceeds deposited in the Attorney General Refund Fund since March 1, 2021, to the newly created Opioid Settlement Fund during the 2021-23 biennium. The bill allowed political subdivisions to remit opioid-related funds to the state for deposit in the Opioid Settlement Fund and included an \$8 million appropriation from the Opioid Settlement Fund to DHHS for opioid remediation and abatement efforts during the 2023-25 biennium.

In House Bill No. 1012 (2025), the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$8 million from the Opioid Settlement Fund to DHHS for opioid remediation and abatement efforts during the 2025-27 biennium.

No transfer was made from the Attorney General to DHHS for the Opioid Addiction Prevention and Treatment Program during the 2021-23 biennium. Decisions regarding abatement strategies, including addiction prevention and treatment programs, are made by the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee in collaboration with DHHS.

In January 2024, OMB transferred \$9,598,002 from the Attorney General Refund Fund to the Opioid Settlement Fund. An additional \$13,650,407 was deposited directly in the Opioid Settlement Fund, resulting in \$23,248,409 of opioid settlement funding collected during the 2023-25 biennium.

Through March 2026, \$3,369,794 has been deposited directly into the Opioid Settlement Fund during the 2025-27 biennium.

Through March 2026, opioid settlement proceeds received and deposited in the Opioid Settlement Fund are as follows:

Settlement	Received Through March 2026	Estimated Through 2025-27 Biennium
McKinsey & Company, Inc.	\$1,076,659	\$1,076,659
Distributors - McKesson Corporation; Cardinal Health, Inc.; AmerisourceBergen	8,843,451	10,499,645
Mallinckrodt, PLC	644,925	644,925
Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies	5,276,098	5,790,102
Allergan, PLC	1,351,764	1,803,933
CVS Pharmacy, Inc.	1,691,229	3,289,889
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.	1,310,202	1,763,477
Walgreens	1,359,980	2,136,298
Walmart, Inc.	3,916,682	3,916,682
Endo International, PLC	559,027	559,027
Publicis Groupe	588,186	588,186
Purdue Bankruptcy	0	Unknown
Purdue/Sacklers	0	1,019,012
Total	\$26,618,203	\$33,087,835

Attorney General leased facility - In response to a June 2022 request from the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee, the State Auditor issued an investigative report in September 2022 related to a 10-year lease agreement and remodel costs of a facility leased by the Attorney General's office. The State Auditor was asked to investigate the lease and excess costs of approximately \$1.74 million for renovations to the leased facility.

The \$224,855 check was deposited on June 28, 2023. Of this amount, \$123,160 was a refund of costs paid during the 2019-21 biennium and was transferred to the General Fund (\$55,256), Attorney General Refund Fund (\$35,949), and Lottery Operating Fund (\$31,955). The remaining \$101,695 was a refund of costs paid during the 2021-23 biennium and was transferred to the General Fund (\$68,907), Attorney General Refund Fund (\$11,710), Attorney

The investigation included a review of the lease entered by the Attorney General for the property located at 1720 Burlington Drive in Bismarck; interviews with representatives of the Attorney General's office, OMB, Stealth Properties, LLC, Parkway Property Management, and Frontier Contracting, LLC; a review of emails made available by each interested party; and other records, including floor plans, invoices, and banking information.

The investigation revealed the total cost to the Attorney General's office to relocate to the Burlington Drive facility was \$2.4 million. Of the total, \$1.74 million is considered excess costs to renovate and relocate to the facility. Of the \$1.74 million, \$1.34 million was paid by the Attorney General at the end of the 2019-21 biennium from existing funds remaining in the agency's operating expenses (\$470,187), law enforcement (\$197,900), criminal justice information sharing (\$325,876), and North Dakota Lottery (\$348,247) line items. The remaining \$400,000 was included in the ongoing lease cost beginning in the 2021-23 biennium.

The Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee forwarded the report from the State Auditor to the Attorney General and encouraged the Attorney General to arrange for an independent organization to conduct an additional investigation on the lease and events leading up to the lease.

In September 2023, the Montana Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation released an investigative report that revealed in December 2022, Stealth Properties, LLC, was no longer requiring the \$400,000 to be included in ongoing lease costs. In addition, Stealth Properties, LLC, issued a \$224,855 check to the Attorney General's office in December 2022 that Stealth Properties, LLC, determined was owed to the Attorney General after an internal reconciliation of lease costs was performed.

Charitable gaming technology system - In Senate Bill No. 2003 (2019), the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$400,000 of one-time funding from the Attorney General Operating Fund to the Attorney General to purchase equipment and software for a charitable gaming technology system to address charitable gaming needs in the state during the 2019-21 biennium. Section 12 of the bill provided an exemption from Section 53-06.1-12(3) to allow the Attorney General to retain \$400,000 of gaming tax revenues and deposit the revenue in the Attorney General Operating Fund during fiscal year 2020.

In House Bill No. 1003 (2021), the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$475,000 from the Charitable Gaming Operating Fund for Phases 3 and 4 of the charitable gaming technology system project.

In Senate Bill No. 2003 (2023), the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$736,000 from the Charitable Gaming Operating Fund for defraying the expenses related to the continued development and implementation of Phases 3 and 4 of the charitable gaming technology system, of which \$37,000 is ongoing funding and \$699,000 is one-time funding.

In House Bill No. 1003 (2025), the Legislative Assembly authorized the Attorney General an exemption to continue any unspent funding from the

General Operating Fund (\$7,062), Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund (\$2,307), and Lottery Operating Fund (\$11,710) to restore funding previously spent from these funds on lease-related costs.

The current lease is for 33,000 square feet with a base rate of \$9.50 per square foot and \$5.70 per square foot for common area maintenance through June 2026. The lease terms were for 10 years until June 30, 2031, with an option to renew for an additional 10 years until June 30, 2041.

In December 2025, the Attorney General's office and Stealth Properties, LLC, reported to the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee that a final reconciliation of lease and remodeling costs has been agreed to by all parties. As a result, Stealth Properties, LLC, issued an additional \$14,465 check to the Attorney General's office. The Attorney General's office deposited the check in December 2025 in the following funds:

- General Fund - \$6,490
- Attorney General Refund Fund - \$4,222
- Lottery Operating Fund - \$3,753

The project consisted of four phases. Phase 1 is for the development of the charitable gaming organization system. Phase 2 is for a core system rewrite. Phase 3 is for development of the gaming distributor system. Phase 4 is for enhancing the functionality of the three systems developed in Phases 1, 2, and 3.

The Attorney General spent the 2019-21 biennium appropriation of \$400,000 to complete Phase 1 and a portion of Phase 2. Phase 1 was completed in February 2021. Phase 2 was completed in March 2022 using the entire \$475,000 appropriated for the 2021-23 biennium.

The Attorney General completed Phase 3 in November 2024 for \$183,500. Phase 4 of the project was completed in April 2026 for a total cost of \$240,110. The Attorney General anticipates using the remaining \$312,390 for additional system enhancements during the 2025-27 biennium.

\$736,000 appropriated for the charitable gaming technology system during the 2023-25 biennium into the 2025-27 biennium.

Human trafficking victims grants - In House Bill No. 1003, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$2,452,514 from the General Fund to the Attorney General for human trafficking victims grants during the 2025-27 biennium. Section 7 of the bill authorizes the Attorney General to provide grants for the development and implementation of direct care emergency or long-term crisis services, residential care, training for law enforcement, support of advocacy services, and programs promoting positive outcomes for victims.

Forensic Nurse Examiners Grant Program - In House Bill No. 1003, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$254,244 from the General Fund to the Attorney General for the Forensic Nurse Examiners Grant Program for the 2025-27 biennium. Section 8 of the bill requires the Attorney General to report to the Appropriations Committees of the 70th Legislative Assembly on the number of nurses trained, the number and location of nurses providing services related to the sexual assault nurse examiner programs, and documentation of collaborative efforts to assist victims which includes nurses, the hospital or clinic, law enforcement, and state's attorneys.

Medical examinations and children's forensic interviews - In House Bill No. 1003, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$964,560 from the General Fund to the Attorney General for medical examinations (\$660,000) and children's forensic interviews (\$304,560) authorized in Section 12.1-34-07.

Domestic violence forensic medical examinations - In Senate Bill No. 2209, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$200,000 of ongoing funding from the General Fund for the Domestic Violence Forensic Medical Examination Program for community- or hospital-based domestic violence examiner programs and related administrative costs.

Prosecution witness fees - In House Bill No. 1003, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$360,056 from the General Fund to the Attorney General for prosecution witness fees in a new prosecution witness fees line item, an increase of \$265,000 from the 2023-25 biennium appropriation of \$95,056.

Concealed weapon rewrite project - Section 16 of Senate Bill No. 2003 (2023) provided the Attorney General an exemption to continue unexpended 2015-17 biennium funding that was continued into the 2017-19, 2019-21, and 2021-23 bienniums for a concealed weapon rewrite project into the 2023-25 biennium.

Through March 2026, the Attorney General reimbursed grant recipients \$188,978 for allowable expenses under the program. It is unknown how much will be spent in total during the biennium.

Through March 2026, the Attorney General spent \$80,760 of the \$254,244 appropriation. It is unknown how much will be spent in total during the biennium.

Through March 2026, the Attorney General has spent \$208,800 of the \$660,000 appropriation for medical examinations and \$85,032 of the \$304,560 appropriation for children's forensic interviews. It is unknown how much will be spent in total for these programs during the biennium.

Through March 31, 2026, the Attorney General has spent \$20,400 of the \$200,000 appropriation for domestic violence forensic medical examinations. It is unknown how much will be spent in total during the biennium.

Through March 31, 2026, the Attorney General has spent \$20,549 of the \$360,056 appropriation for prosecution witness fees during the 2025-27 biennium. It is unknown how much will be spent in total during the biennium.

The Attorney General continued \$155,711 of unexpended 2015-17 biennium funding into the 2017-19 biennium, then again into the 2019-21 biennium. During the 2019-21 biennium, the Attorney General spent \$12,180 of this funding, resulting in \$143,531 being continued into the 2021-23 biennium. During the 2021-23 biennium, the Attorney General spent \$89,712, resulting in \$53,819 being continued into the 2023-25 biennium. The Attorney General completed the project during the 2023-25 biennium.

Legal case management system - Section 17 of House Bill No. 1003 provides the Attorney General an exemption to continue unexpended 2017-19 biennium funding that was continued into the 2019-21 biennium for the SAVIN system and was continued into the 2021-23 and 2023-25 bienniums as repurposed funding for the legal case management system to be continued into the 2025-27 biennium for the legal case management system.

Exemptions - The Legislative Assembly authorized six exemptions in Section 17 of House Bill No. 1003 to allow the Attorney General to continue an estimated \$2,617,936 of unexpended prior biennium appropriations into the 2025-27 biennium, including \$100,000 from the General Fund and \$2,517,936 from other funds as follows:

House Bill No. 1003, Section 17, Subsection	Major Program Area	Appropriations from Previous Bienniums	Estimated Amount to be Continued into 2025-27 Biennium
1	SAVIN/Legal case management system	\$815,000	\$80,000
2	Criminal history improvement project	400,000	337,936
3	Prosecuting case management system	1,000,000	1,000,000
4	Charitable gaming technology system	736,000	350,000
5	Licensing and deposit software system	177,000	100,000
6	Anti-Methamphetamine Program	1,772,038	750,000
Total		\$4,900,038	\$2,617,936

Dakota Access Pipeline Lawsuit - In Section 4 of House Bill No. 1015 (2025), the Legislative Assembly provided a contingent appropriation of \$13.6 million from the General Fund to OMB for the purpose of paying the

The replacement of the legal case management system began in January 2023. The Attorney General entered into a contract with Spartan Technology Solutions, Inc., to replace the system. The Attorney General continued \$107,643 of unspent funding from the 2021-23 biennium into the 2023-25 biennium. The Attorney General spent an additional \$23,619 on the project during the 2023-25 biennium. In January 2024, the Attorney General terminated the contract due to the vendor's inability to adequately meet the Attorney General's system needs. The Attorney General entered litigation against Spartan Technology Solutions, Inc., to recoup approximately \$350,000 paid to the vendor for work on the system. The Attorney General was awarded a \$172,500 settlement in November 2024. Litigation costs incurred for the lawsuit totaled \$22,408.

The Attorney General entered a contract with Journal Technologies, Inc., to continue development of the legal case management system project. Through March 2026, the Attorney General spent \$1,048,583 from federal funds on the project. The new system became available to 34 state attorney's offices in April 2026 and the system will be available for the Attorney General's office use in June 2026.

The Attorney General continued \$2,637,010 into the 2025-27 biennium, and anticipates spending the remaining funding for all projects by the end of the biennium, as follows:

Program	Amount Remaining on June 30, 2025	Amount Spent Through March 31, 2026	Anticipated Amount Remaining on June 30, 2027
SAVIN/Legal case management system	\$94,062	\$61,040	\$0
Criminal history improvement project	338,373	57,344	0
Prosecuting case management system	1,000,000	0	0
Charitable gaming technology system	298,091	148,992	0
Licensing and deposit software system	127,744	65,474	0
Anti-Methamphetamine Program	778,740	363,836	0
Total	\$2,637,010	\$696,686	\$0

In April 2025, the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota ordered the United States government to pay North Dakota \$28 million in damages related to unlawful protests during the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

outstanding Adjutant General loan obligation and accrued interest relating to state costs incurred for responding to unlawful protests. The appropriation is effective upon OMB certifying to the Legislative Council that the state has received and deposited in the General Fund at least \$13.6 million related to the judgement awarded by the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota on April 24, 2025, in the case of State of North Dakota vs. United States of America.

In House Bill No. 1024 (2025), the Legislative Assembly provided legislative intent that the Attorney General seek reimbursement from the federal government for the costs of responding to unlawful activity associated with the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. The Legislative Assembly provided that the reimbursements be used to repay the Bank of North Dakota loans authorized by the Emergency Commission and the Legislative Assembly which were obtained to provide the funding necessary to respond to the unlawful activity associated with the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

The federal government appealed the case to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

In May 2026, the federal district court indicated the \$28 million judgement will be nullified to allow United States Department of Justice and North Dakota to reach a settlement.

At the time of this report, court proceedings have not been finalized, and it is unknown how much North Dakota may receive as a result of the lawsuit related to the Dakota Access Pipeline.