

**Aeronautics Commission
Budget No. 412
Senate Bill No. 2006**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriation	7.00	\$475,000	\$125,628,048 ¹	\$126,103,048
2023-25 legislative appropriation	<u>7.00</u>	<u>475,000</u>	<u>38,199,878²</u>	<u>38,674,878</u>
2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation	0.00	\$0	\$87,428,170	\$87,428,170

¹This amount includes \$90,000,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing other funds appropriation is \$35,628,048.

²This amount includes \$6,500,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing other funds appropriation is \$31,699,878.

Item Description

New and vacant FTE pool - The Legislative Assembly transferred \$29,279 for estimated savings from vacant FTE positions from the salaries and wages line item to the new and vacant FTE pool line item and reduced the amount to \$20,495 for estimated savings from vacant FTE positions.

Generational airport projects - The Legislative Assembly provided \$90 million from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund for generational airport infrastructure projects in Fargo (\$45 million), Grand Forks (\$20 million), and Dickinson (\$25 million) and provided any unexpended funds during the 2025-27 biennium may be continued into the 2027-29 biennium.

Airport Infrastructure Fund - Section 4 of Senate Bill No. 2006 appropriated \$20 million from the Airport Infrastructure Fund for airport grants during the 2025-27 biennium and authorized the funds to be continued into the 2027-29 biennium. Section 3 of House Bill No. 1006 (2023) appropriated \$20 million from the Airport Infrastructure Fund for airport grants during the 2023-25 biennium and authorized the funds to be continued into the 2025-27 biennium.

Exemption - International Peace Garden Airport rehabilitation - Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2006 provided an exemption to continue \$3.75 million in unexpended 2023-25 biennium appropriation authority from federal and special funds for the International Peace Garden Airport rehabilitation project into the 2025-27 biennium.

Status/Result

Through February 2026, the Aeronautics Commission had not transferred any funding from the new and vacant FTE pool to fill vacant FTE positions. The agency had estimated vacant FTE position savings of \$73,759 during the first 7 months of the 2025-27 biennium associated with 1 vacant FTE position. The agency used \$5,484 of the savings for additional salary increases and bonuses.

Through February 2026, \$28.9 million has been expended for construction activities, design, and project advancement at the Fargo (\$27.6 million) and Dickinson (\$1.3 million) airport projects. The Aeronautics Commission anticipates the full \$90 million will be expended during the 2025-27 and 2027-29 bienniums.

As of April 2026, 2023-25 biennium funding is expected to be fully allocated by the end of the 2025-27 biennium. If any 2023-25 biennium funding remains unexpended at the end of the 2025-27 biennium, the Aeronautics Commission anticipates requesting exemption authority to continue the funding into the 2027-29 biennium. The agency anticipates the 2025-27 biennium funding will be deposited into the Airport Infrastructure Fund prior to the end of the biennium.

As of April 2026, the International Peace Garden Airport rehabilitation project is 90 percent complete and anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2026 at a total cost of \$3.3 million.