

**DEPARTMENT 414 - SECURITIES DEPARTMENT
2025-27 BASE-LEVEL BUDGET**

Base Budget - Summary

	<u>Base Level</u>
Salaries and wages	\$2,412,763
Operating expenses	<u>756,430</u>
Total other funds	\$3,169,193
Full-time equivalent positions	10.00

Selected Base Budget Information

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Includes funding for permanent salaries and wages, including \$48,690 of targeted market equity	\$0	\$2,412,763	\$2,412,763
2. Includes funding for operating expenses, including \$278,813 for professional fees and services, \$94,756 for operating fees, and \$63,000 for building leases	\$0	\$756,430	\$756,430

Continuing Appropriations

Investor education and technology fund - North Dakota Century Code Section 10-04-03 - This fund receives funding from tuition, grants, donations, and certain civil penalties assessed by the Securities Commissioner. The money in the fund can be used for public education services and for the technology needs of the Securities Department. For the 2021-23 biennium, the fund had revenues of \$613,208 and expenses of \$156,574.

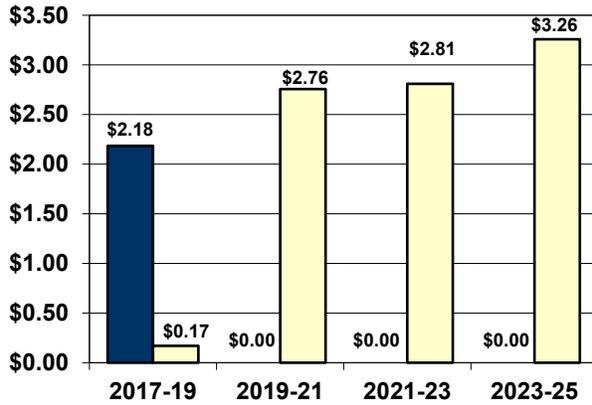
Investor restitution fund - Section 10-04-03 - This fund is used to deposit civil penalties collected from enforcement action to be distributed to aggrieved investors. For the 2021-23 biennium, this fund had revenues of \$4,900,971 and payouts of \$4,180,911.

Restitution assistance fund - Section 10-04-21 - This fund receives up to \$1 million each biennium from securities registrations and filing fees to provide restitution assistance for victims of securities violations. This fund was created by the Legislative Assembly in 2023.

Historical Appropriations Information

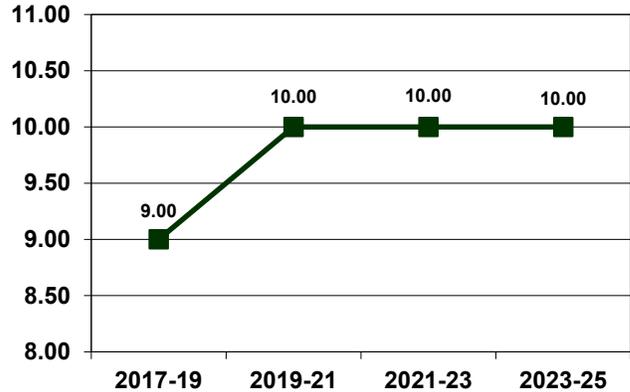
Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



■ General Fund □ Other Funds

FTE Positions



Ongoing General and Other Funds Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
Ongoing appropriations	\$2,237,326	\$2,184,714	\$2,757,119	\$2,808,984	\$3,169,193
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(\$52,612)	\$572,405	\$51,865	\$360,209
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(2.4%)	26.2%	1.9%	12.8%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	(2.4%)	23.2%	25.6%	41.7%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund and Other Funds Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

- Restored a portion of funding from the general fund for operating expenses that was removed as a result of the August 2016 general fund budget reductions \$46,545

2019-21 Biennium

- Added funding for 1 FTE financial technology research and investigation position (\$209,294) and related operating expenses (\$23,000) \$232,294
- Added funding for rent and for the statewide cost allocation plan \$64,000

2021-23 Biennium

- Added funding for Microsoft Office 365 licensing expenses \$1,542

2023-25 Biennium

- Adds funding for blockchain analytics software licenses \$150,000
- Adds funding for increased audit costs \$10,000

One-Time Other Funds Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
One-time other funds appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000

Major One-Time Other Funds Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium		
None		\$0
2019-21 Biennium		
None		\$0
2021-23 Biennium		
None		\$0
2023-25 Biennium		
1. Added one-time funding for enhancements to the case management system and securities filing portal		\$150,000