

**NDSU Main Research Center
Budget No. 640
Senate Bill No. 2020**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriations	364.55	\$63,700,739	\$77,074,292	\$140,775,031
2025-27 base budget	358.47	58,125,665	58,022,465	116,148,130
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	6.08	\$5,575,074	\$19,051,827	\$24,626,901

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2025-27 legislative appropriations	\$62,133,239	\$1,567,500	\$63,700,739
2023-25 legislative appropriations	58,125,665	3,708,230	61,833,895
2025-27 legislative increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	\$4,007,574	(\$2,140,730)	\$1,866,844
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	6.9%	(57.7%)	3.0%

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS
Changes to Base Budget

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for base payroll changes and FTE position adjustments pursuant to Section 10 of House Bill No. 1020 (2023)	10.06	(\$291,232)	\$291,232	\$0
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026		2,067,139	1,191,857	3,258,996
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,893 per month		1,225,890	852,118	2,078,008
Added funding to replace the 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE funding pool, including \$220,000 for new positions and \$5,339,202 for vacant positions		3,714,807	1,844,395	5,559,202
Added funding for 1 FTE veterinary toxicology resident position	1.00	275,000		275,000
Transferred \$275,000 for 1 new FTE position from the Main Research Center line item to the new and vacant FTE pool		(27,500)		(27,500)

line item and reduced the amount to \$247,500 resulting in the savings as shown

Transferred \$6,875,286 for estimated savings from vacant FTE positions from the Main Research Center line item to the new and vacant FTE pool line item and reduced the amount to \$4,812,701 resulting in the savings as shown		(1,289,612)	(772,973)	(2,062,585)
Adjusted funding source for graduate assistant salaries		(300,000)	300,000	0
Removed vacant FTE positions	(4.98)	(1,140,411)	(50,656)	(1,191,067)
Adjusted funding for supplies, operating expenses, repairs, and travel		(48,030)	(1,074,146)	(1,122,176)
Added funding for research equipment			1,000,000	1,000,000
Removed funding for bond payments		(178,477)		(178,477)
Added one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) to complete the interior of the Oakes Irrigation Research Site			620,000	620,000
Added one-time funding from SIIF for deferred maintenance			500,000	500,000
Added one-time funding , including \$950,000 from SIIF, for a seed conditioning plant at the Langdon Research Center			2,600,000	2,600,000
Added one-time funding for equipment storage sheds at the Dickinson Research Center, the Central Grasslands Research Center, and the Carrington Research Center		1,567,500		1,567,500
Added one-time funding , including \$400,000 from SIIF, to complete the Nesson Valley Irrigation Research Site project			2,300,000	2,300,000
Added one-time funding for an equipment storage shed at the Williston Research Center			200,000	200,000
Added one-time funding for a swine facility renovation			6,000,000	6,000,000
Added one-time funding for a greenhouse addition			3,250,000	3,250,000
Total	6.08	\$5,575,074	\$19,051,827	\$24,626,901

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 364.55 FTE positions for the NDSU Main Research Center for the 2025-27 biennium, an increase of 6.08 FTE positions from the 2023-25 biennium authorized level of 358.47 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly added 1 FTE veterinary toxicology resident position and removed 4.98 vacant FTE positions. In addition, 10.06 FTE positions were added pursuant to Section 10 of House Bill No. 1020 (2023), which authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions at entities under its control. Section 9 of Senate Bill No. 2020 (2025) continues the authorization of the board to adjust positions at entities under its control during the 2025-27 biennium.

One-Time Funding

The following is a summary of one-time funding items for the NDSU Main Research Center for the 2025-27 biennium:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
Interior of the Oakes Irrigation Research Site (SIIF)		\$620,000	\$620,000
Deferred maintenance (SIIF)		500,000	500,000
Langdon Research Extension Center seed conditioning plant (\$950,000 from SIIF and \$1,650,000 from local funds)		2,600,000	2,600,000
Equipment storage sheds	\$1,567,500		1,567,500
Nesson Valley Irrigation Research Site project (\$400,000 from SIIF and \$1,900,000 from local funds)		2,300,000	2,300,000
Williston equipment storage shed (local funds)		200,000	200,000
Swine facility renovation (local funds)		6,000,000	6,000,000
Main research center greenhouse addition (local funds)		3,250,000	3,250,000
Total	\$1,567,500	\$15,470,000	\$17,037,500

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2020

New and vacant FTE pool - Section 3 provides for the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.

Additional income appropriation - Section 6 provides that, in addition to the amount appropriated as other funds, any other income from federal acts, private grants, gifts, and donations, or from other sources received by the NDSU Main Research Center, is appropriated for the purposes designated in the act, grant, gift, or donation for the 2025-27 biennium.

Other funds - SIIF - Section 7 identifies \$2,470,000, including \$950,000 for the Langdon Research Extension Center seed conditioning plant, \$620,000 for the Oakes Irrigation Research Site, \$500,000 for deferred maintenance, and \$400,000 for the Nesson Valley Irrigation Research Site from SIIF.

Transfer authority - Section 8 authorizes the transfer of appropriation authority between the NDSU Main Research Center, the branch research centers, NDSU Extension Service, and Northern Crops Institute and provides that any transfers be reported to OMB.

FTE position adjustments - Section 9 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust or increase FTE positions for the NDSU Main Research Center and provides that any adjustments be reported to OMB and the Budget Section.

Unexpended general fund - Excess income - Section 10 authorizes the continuation of any unexpended general fund appropriation and excess income received by the NDSU Main Research Center into the 2027-29 biennium.

Exemption - Unexpended appropriations - Subsection 1 of Section 11 allows the Main Research Center to continue unexpended SIIF appropriation authority relating to the branch research center storage sheds appropriated in Section 1 of Chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws into the 2025-27 biennium. Subsection 2 of Section 11 authorizes the continuation of unexpended general fund appropriation authority relating to the Nesson Valley Irrigation Research Site appropriated in Section 1 of Chapter 20 of the 2023 Session Laws into the 2025-27 biennium.

Plans, drawings, and specifications exemption - Section 12 allows the Main Research Center to expend funds for storage sheds without procuring plans, drawings, and specifications from an architect or engineer.

Emergency - Section 13 declares the \$6 million from other funds for the swine facility renovation to be an emergency measure.

Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2003 - Exemptions - Subsection 1 of Section 41 of this bill provides an exemption to continue 2023-25 biennium appropriation authority from SIIF and the general fund for branch research centers capital projects inflation into the 2025-27 biennium. Subsection 3 of Section 41 provides an exemption to continue 2023-25 biennium appropriation authority from SIIF and other funds for the Main Research Center Waldron Hall replacement project into the 2025-27 biennium.