

**State Fair Association
Budget No. 665
Senate Bill No. 2009**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriation	0.00	\$642,833	\$1,550,000	\$2,192,833
2023-25 legislative appropriation	<u>0.00</u>	<u>642,833</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>642,833</u>
2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation	0.00	\$0	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000

Item Description

State Fair premiums - The 2025 Legislative Assembly provided \$642,833 from the General Fund for premiums, the same as the 2023-25 biennium appropriation.

One-time funding - The Legislative Assembly, in Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2009, identified a total of \$1.55 million from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund (SIIF) for one-time funding items as follows:

	Total
Campground rest facility	\$750,000
Safety and security infrastructure	800,000
Total	\$1,550,000

Section 4 of the bill provided the state funding, made available for the campground rest facility, is to provide a cost-share not to exceed \$750,000. The cost-share will provide \$2 of state funding for each \$1 of State Fair Association funds. In addition, Section 6 declared the funding for the campground rest facility and safety and security infrastructure an emergency measure.

Status/Result

For the 2025 State Fair, the State Fair Association hosted 40,076 entries, a decrease of 2,088 from the prior year total of 42,164 entries, and awarded premiums of \$327,060, of which \$321,417 was from the General Fund appropriation and \$5,643 was from State Fair operating revenue. The State Fair Association also used \$218,905 of operating revenue to host and judge the entries. The State Fair Association anticipates the remaining premium appropriation will be distributed to the 2026 State Fair exhibit winners.

The cost of the campground rest facility is estimated to total \$1,125,000, of which \$750,000 will be provided from SIIF and \$375,000 will be provided from State Fair Association operating revenue. Through March 31, 2026, the State Fair spent \$163,349 on construction of the campground rest facility and anticipates the project will be completed in June 2026.

Through March 31, 2026, the State Fair Association spent \$719,385 from SIIF for safety and security infrastructure, including two-way radios, security cameras, barriers, fencing, lighting upgrades, and a paging system. The State Fair Association anticipates spending \$800,000 from SIIF on safety and security updates, which will be completed by June 2026.