



**State Fair  
Department No. 665  
2025 Senate Bill No. 2009**

**EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION  
2025-27 BIENNIUM**

**Budget Summary**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Executive budget recommendation	0.00	\$642,833	\$0	\$642,833
Base level	0.00	642,833	0	642,833
Increase (decrease)	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Percentage increase (decrease)	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%

**NOTE:**

More detailed information on the executive budget recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

A copy of the draft appropriations bill reflecting the executive budget recommendation is attached as Appendix B.

**Selected Highlights**

The executive budget did not change the base level funding for the State Fair.

**Deficiency Appropriations**

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

**Significant Audit Findings**

The audit of the North Dakota State Fair Association's (association) financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, included the following findings:

- The Independent Auditor's Report included an unmodified opinion regarding the association.
- The Independent Auditor's Report included an adverse opinion regarding the discretely presented component unit, the North Dakota State Fair Foundation (foundation). The financial statements for the foundation were not included in the financial statements of the association as required by generally accepted accounting principles.
- The Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* identified one deficiency in internal control considered to be a material weakness:

Audit finding 2023-001 - Financial Statement Presentation.

**Finding** - The Independent Auditor's Schedule of Findings and Responses identified a deficiency in internal control considered to be a material weakness. For financial reporting purposes, the association excluded the foundation, a component unit of the association. Exclusion of the component unit's financial statements results in a departure from generally accepted accounting principles and causes the primary entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

**Recommendation** - The auditor recommends that management report the foundation as a discretely presented component unit in the association's financial statements. Management agreed with the finding.

- There were no instances of noncompliance or other matters of the association that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* identified in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Agency Fees**

As reported to the Legislative Management, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-27, this agency did not have any fees.

**Major Related Legislation**

As of the date of this report, there is no major related legislation for this agency.

**NOTE:**

Please see the Fiscal Impact Report for additional information regarding bills under consideration which contain either a state revenue impact, an appropriation, or a state fiscal impact.



**State Fair Association - Budget No. 665  
Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2009**

	Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
<b>2025-27 Biennium Base Level</b>	0.00	\$642,833	\$0	\$642,833
<b>2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes</b>				
The executive budget did not change the base level funding for State Fair premiums				\$0
Total ongoing funding changes	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>One-Time Funding Items</b>				
No one-time funding items				\$0
Total one-time funding changes	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Changes to Base Level Funding</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>2025-27 Total Funding</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$642,833</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$642,833</b>

*Federal funds included in other funds* \$0

*Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level* N/A 0.0% N/A 0.0%  
*Total changes - Percentage of base level* N/A 0.0% N/A 0.0%

**Other Sections in State Fair Association - Budget No. 665**

Section Description	Executive Budget
No other sections	

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2009**  
**(Governor's Recommendation)**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the premiums of the state fair association.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the state fair association for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the premiums of the state fair association, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Premiums	<u>\$642,833</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$642,833</u>
Total General Fund	<u>\$642,833</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$642,833</u>