

**DEPARTMENT 720 - GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
2025-27 BASE-LEVEL BUDGET**

Base Budget - Summary

	<u>Base Level</u>
Salaries and wages	\$37,008,098
Operating expenses	17,788,258
Capital assets	5,400,661
Grants - game and fish	10,089,976
Land habitat and deer depredation	27,183,516
Noxious weed control	725,000
Missouri River enforcement	313,869
Grants, gifts, and donations	677,970
Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000
Lonetree reservoir	2,156,714
Wildlife services	500,000
Shooting sports grant program	250,000
Aquatic nuisance species program	<u>2,533,452</u>
Total all funds	\$104,727,514
Less other funds	<u>104,727,514</u>
Total general fund	\$0
Full-time equivalent (FTE) positions	170.00

Selected Base Budget Information

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Includes funding for salaries and wages, including \$1,956,082 of temporary salaries. Of the total, \$13,327,669 is from federal funds and \$23,680,429 is from the game and fish operating fund.	\$0	\$37,008,098	\$37,008,098
2. Includes funding for operating expenses, primarily related to travel (\$4,867,560), professional and operating fees (\$5,311,803), and information technology (IT) costs (\$2,700,750), printing and postage (\$1,128,000), supplies (\$963,500), and utilities (\$453,000). Of the total, \$7,422,995 is from federal funds and \$10,365,263 is from the game and fish operating fund.	\$0	\$17,788,258	\$17,788,258
3. Includes funding for capital assets, of which \$2,136,358 is from federal funds and \$3,264,303 is from the game and fish operating fund.	\$0	\$5,400,661	\$5,400,661
4. Includes funding for game and fish grants, of which \$7,030,835 is from federal funds and \$3,059,141 is from the game and fish operating fund. Grant programs from federal funds include grants for shooting ranges (\$3,300,000), fisheries production (\$637,500), fisheries management (\$320,478), motor boat access development (\$517,500), beef and birds (\$457,041), wildlife surveys (\$318,490), and wild turkey translocation (\$267,144). Grant programs from the game and fish operating fund include grants for giant Canadian geese (\$1,002,513), communications and conservation administration and coordination (\$830,720), fisheries production (\$212,500), fisheries management (\$106,826), and motor boat access development (\$172,500).	\$0	\$10,089,976	\$10,089,976
5. Includes funding for land habitat and deer depredation, of which \$2,664,597 is for permanent salaries, \$108,000 is for temporary salaries, \$20,067,458 is for building and land rent and lease expenses, \$3,608,461 is for other operating expenses and capital assets, and \$735,000 is for federal Recovering America's Wildlife Act grants. Of the total, \$17,621,966 is from federal funds, \$1,717,212 is from the game and fish operating fund, and 7,844,338 is from the habitat and depredation fund.	\$0	\$27,183,516	\$27,183,516
6. Includes funding for noxious weed control, primarily related to professional services and operating fees (\$328,386), buildings, grounds, and vehicle supplies (\$160,643), travel (\$126,740), and temporary salaries (\$80,000). Of the total, \$543,749 is from federal funds and \$181,251 is from the game and fish operating fund.	\$0	\$725,000	\$725,000

7. Includes funding for Missouri River enforcement, of which \$99,120 is for permanent salaries, \$30,000 is for overtime salaries, \$134,749 is for operating expenses, and \$50,000 is for grants. Of the total, \$156,670 is from federal funds and \$157,199 is from the game and fish operating fund.	\$0	\$313,869	\$313,869
8. Includes funding from the game and fish operating fund for grants, gifts, and donations, of which \$201,451 is for permanent salaries, \$241,519 is for operating expenses, and \$235,000 is for grants.	\$0	\$677,970	\$677,970
9. Includes funding from the nongame wildlife fund for nongame wildlife endangered species conservation grants.	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
10. Includes federal funding for the Lonetree Reservoir near Harvey, North Dakota, of which \$824,606 is for permanent salaries, \$44,000 is for temporary salaries, and \$801,108 is for operating expenses, and \$487,000 is for capital assets.	\$0	\$2,156,714	\$2,156,714
11. Includes funding from the game and fish operating fund for a grant provided to the Agriculture Commissioner for the wildlife services program. The program assists individuals and businesses with damages or concerns caused by wildlife, such as damage to crops, trees, and waterways, which is conducted in collaboration with the Game and Fish Department, Department of Water Resources, and United States Department of Agriculture.	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
12. Includes funding for the shooting sports grant program, of which \$245,077 is from federal funds and \$4,923 is from the game and fish operating fund.	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
13. Includes funding for the aquatic nuisance species program, of which \$570,148 is for permanent salaries, \$525,000 is for temporary salaries, \$1,112,804 is for operating expenses, \$107,500 is for capital assets, and \$218,000 is for grants. Of the total, \$510,792 is from federal funds and \$510,793 is from the game and fish operating fund, and \$1,511,867 is from the aquatic nuisance species program fund. The program is for preventing, monitoring, and controlling the spread of nonindigenous aquatic species in the state that can be harmful to aquatic ecosystems.	\$0	\$2,533,452	\$2,533,452

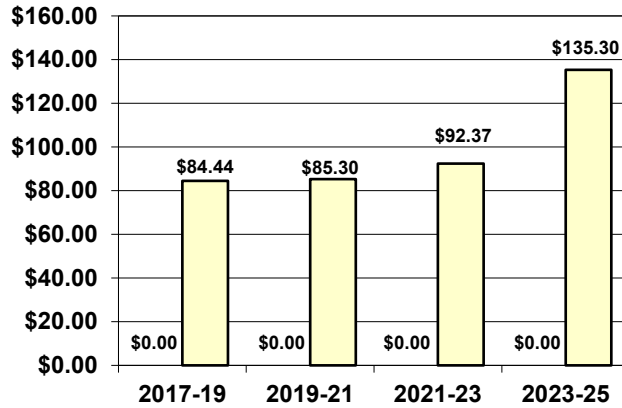
Continuing Appropriations

There are no continuing appropriations for this agency.

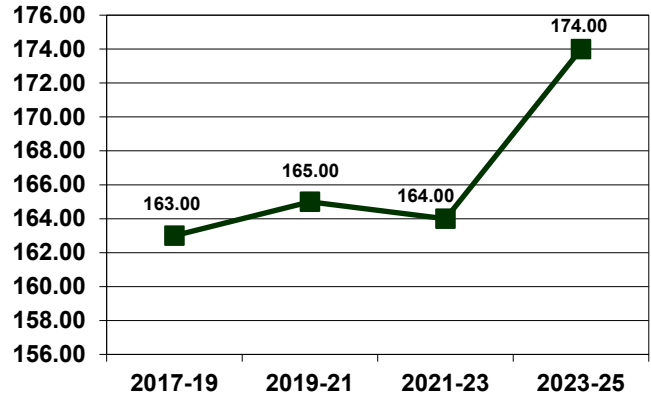
Historical Appropriations Information

Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



■ General Fund □ Other Funds

Ongoing Other Funds Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
Ongoing other funds appropriations	\$77,231,739	\$83,227,498	\$85,303,632	\$89,581,634	\$104,727,514
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	\$5,995,759	\$2,076,134	\$4,278,002	\$15,145,880
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	7.8%	2.5%	5.0%	16.9%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	7.8%	10.5%	16.0%	35.6%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing Other Funds Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

1. Increased funding for credit card fee changes on the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses	\$180,000
2. Reduced funding for rent allowance for oil-impacted areas	(\$100,000)
3. Added funding for replacement of pond liners	\$572,000
4. Added funding for replacement of lighting in the salmon building	\$130,000
5. Increased funding for capital assets	\$200,000
6. Added funding for equipment replacement	\$747,000
7. Increased funding for grants from Pittman-Robertson federal funds	\$1,590,000
8. Increased funding for operating expenses	\$839,186
9. Reduced funding for capital assets	(\$1,063,040)
10. Provided funding for the Parks and Recreation Department for operating of boating access at state parks	\$122,000
11. Increased funding for grants	\$1,353,772
12. Increased funding for land and deer depredation	\$1,153,880
13. Increased funding for noxious weed control operating expenses	\$120,135
14. Added increased funding for a grant to the Agriculture Commissioner for wildlife services	\$115,600

2019-21 Biennium

1. Underfunded salaries and wages and reduced funding for temporary salaries	(\$385,721)
2. Reduced grant funding	(\$1,703,549)
3. Increased funding for operating expenses, primary for fees and services and reclassified funding from grants for boat access and development, Save Our Lakes program, and aquatic nuisance species (\$400,000) and for state wildlife grant projects (\$200,000)	\$1,074,294

- 4. Increased federal funds for shooting range grants to provide a total of \$1,762,500 \$500,000
- 5. Reduced funding for motor vehicles (\$179,859)
- 6. Reduced funding for capital assets (\$213,930)
- 7. Reduced other IT funding (\$207,000)
- 8. Added funding for Microsoft Office 365 licensing expenses \$122,634
- 9. Increased funding for equipment over \$5,000 \$108,344
- 10. Added funding from the aquatic nuisance species program fund for use in aquatic nuisance species education, inspection, and monitoring programs under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 20.1-17 and authorized 2 FTE positions for the program (Senate Bill No. 2293) \$1,500,000

2021-23 Biennium

- 1. Added funding for capital assets by increasing extraordinary repairs (\$527,679), motor vehicles (\$568,180), and other capital payments (\$111,292), and reducing land, building and maintenance (\$50,000), and equipment over \$5,000 (\$243,505) \$913,646
- 2. Increased funding for operating expenses by increasing land, buildings, and maintenance (\$172,440), IT (\$233,000), Microsoft Office 365 licenses (\$18,507), and other operating expenses (\$843,653) \$1,267,600

2023-25 Biennium

- 1. Added 6 FTE positions, including 1 FTE enforcement warden position, 2 FTE biologist II positions, and 3 FTE biologist I positions and related operating expenses \$2,303,266
- 2. Adjusted funding for base budget changes including an increase of \$1,383,088 in salaries and wages, an increase of \$185,442 in operating expenses, a decrease of (\$1,374,109) in capital assets, an increase of \$1,166,633 in grants - game and fish, an increase of \$1,285,000 in land habitat and deer depredation, an increase of \$13,754 in Missouri River enforcement, and an increase of \$306,585 in Lonetree Reservoir \$2,966,393
- 3. Increased funding for fleet services and motor pool increases to provide a total of \$4,867,560 \$1,157,192
- 4. Added funding for midterm conservation agreements relating to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation program \$2,777,778
- 5. Increased funding for private land open to sportsmen program to provide a total of \$20.3 million \$5,000,000

One-Time Other Funds Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
One-time other funds appropriations	\$0	\$748,724	\$0	\$2,786,500	\$30,574,090

Major One-Time Other Funds Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

- 1. Airplane replacement \$250,000
- 2. Dakota Access Pipeline protest \$423,724
- 3. Electronic payment processing system \$75,000

2019-21 Biennium

None \$0

2021-23 Biennium

- 1. Private land open to sportsmen payments \$1,485,000
- 2. Red River basin wildlife and water quality enhancement program \$500,000
- 3. Radio equipment replacement \$801,500

2023-25 Biennium

- 1. Equipment for new FTE positions \$294,090
- 2. Aquatic nuisance species laboratory and storage facility \$850,000
- 3. In-car video system and body cameras \$550,000
- 4. Fisheries pond liners \$1,000,000
- 5. Fisheries dam repairs at Camel Hump and Baukol Noonan \$380,000
- 6. Devils Lake bunkhouse improvements \$350,000

7. Contingent funding for implementation of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act. The appropriation included funding for 4 contingent FTE positions. Congress did not pass this Act and the contingency was not met. \$27,150,000