



Department of Water Resources
Department No. 770
2025 House Bill No. 1020

REVISED EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
2025-27 BIENNIUM

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Burgum budget recommendation	102.00	\$0	\$750,965,046	\$750,965,046
Revisions - Increase (decrease)	(2.00)	0	(3,869,846)	(3,869,846)
Armstrong budget recommendation	100.00	\$0	\$747,095,200	\$747,095,200
Base level	93.00	0	699,660,783	699,660,783
Increase (decrease)	7.00	\$0	\$47,434,417	\$47,434,417
Percentage increase (decrease)	7.5%	0.0%	6.8%	6.8%

NOTE:

More detailed information on the revised executive budget recommendation is attached as an appendix.

Selected Highlights

- **Salary increases of up to 3 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026**
- Health insurance increase of \$250 per month (15.2 percent), from \$1,643 to \$1,893, per employee
- **Adds \$2.2 million of ongoing funding for 7 new FTE positions**
- Adds \$6.9 million of ongoing funding for Biota water treatment plant operations
- Reduces ongoing funding by \$127.5 million for water supply grants to provide total funding of \$238.7 million, including \$50 million of one-time funding from a Bank of North Dakota line of credit

Deficiency Appropriations

House Bill No. 1024, as recommended in the executive budget, would appropriate \$10 million from the water infrastructure revolving loan fund to the Department of Water Resources.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

Agency Fees

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

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1385 - Water-related permits - Establishes deadlines for the Department of Water Resources to make a final decision on a permit application.



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Agency Worksheet - House Bill No. 1020

	Armstrong Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	93.00	\$0	\$699,660,783	\$699,660,783
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base payroll changes			\$416,661	\$416,661
Salary increase			979,370	979,370
Health insurance increase			618,544	618,544
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 new FTE pool			703,398	703,398
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool			912,231	912,231
Adds accountant position	1.00		289,442	289,442
Adds deputy director position	1.00		427,980	427,980
Adds northwest area water supply (NAWS) operator position	1.00		349,154	349,154
Adds general counsel position	1.00		452,162	452,162
Adds assistant national flood insurance program coordinator position	1.00		312,624	312,624
Adds RiskMAP program specialist position	1.00		350,706	350,706
Converts temporary "Silver Jacket" flood risk position to an FTE position	1.00			0
Adds funding for State Water Commissioner salaries and operating expenses			138,960	138,960
Adds funding for overtime and temporary salaries			60,000	60,000
Adds funding for NAWS on-call pay			106,954	106,954
Adds funding for Board of Water Well Contractors administrative services			66,023	66,023
Adds funding for internship program			100,000	100,000
Adds funding for NAWS Biota water treatment plant operations			6,900,000	6,900,000
Increases funding from federal funds for travel and professional services			2,051,788	2,051,788
Increases funding for operating expenses, including professional fees and services			1,509,270	1,509,270
Decreases funding for capital assets, including state-owned water projects			(9,467,114)	(9,467,114)
Reduces funding for water supply grants			(127,467,199)	(127,467,199)
Reduces funding for rural water supply grants			(6,200,000)	(6,200,000)
Increases funding for flood control grants			13,400,000	13,400,000
Adds funding for discretionary funding			5,000,000	5,000,000
Increases funding for general water grants			4,972,500	4,972,500
Total ongoing funding changes	7.00	\$0	(\$103,016,546)	(\$103,016,546)
One-Time Funding Items				
Adds new FTE one-time funding			\$49,000	\$49,000
Adds funding for emergency pumps replacement			480,000	480,000
Adds funding for an excavator replacement			400,000	400,000
Adds funding for a data logger replacement			60,000	60,000
Adds funding for a Missouri River intake sites field investigation			600,000	600,000
Adds funding for the Southwest Pipeline Project, including \$50 million from a Bank of North Dakota (BND) line of credit			58,650,000	58,650,000

Adds funding for the NAWS project			40,211,963	40,211,963
Adds funding for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project from a BND line of credit			50,000,000	50,000,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$150,450,963	\$150,450,963
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	7.00	\$0	\$47,434,417	\$47,434,417
2025-27 Total Funding	100.00	\$0	\$747,095,200	\$747,095,200

Federal funds included in other funds

\$62,910,358

Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level

7.5%

N/A

(14.7%)

(14.7%)

Total changes - Percentage of base level

7.5%

N/A

6.8%

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