

# DEPARTMENT 474 - DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES 2027-29 BASE-LEVEL BUDGET

## Base Budget - Summary

	<u>Base Level</u>
Salaries and wages	\$25,786,997
New and vacant FTE pool	2,121,618
Operating expenses	<u>7,228,681</u>
Total all funds	\$35,137,296
Less other funds	<u>976,965</u>
Total General Fund	\$34,160,331
FTE positions	113.00

## Selected Base Budget Information

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Includes funding for state employee salaries and benefits for 113 FTE positions (\$25,551,997) and temporary salaries (\$235,000). The other funds includes \$284,000 from federal funds.	\$25,502,997	\$284,000	\$25,786,997
2. Includes a portion of the funding removed from the salaries and wages line item for estimated savings from new and vacant FTE positions. This line item includes \$1,159,436 related to vacant positions and \$962,182 for new positions. Funding may be transferred from this line if needed for filling new positions or if savings from vacant positions is less than estimated. The other funds includes \$499,195 from special funds.	\$1,622,423	\$499,195	\$2,121,618
3. Includes funding for operating expenses, related to travel and professional development (\$3,231,528), information technology (IT) costs (\$1,577,143), rent and utilities (\$1,503,129), supplies and equipment (\$341,885), professional services (\$225,364), repairs and insurance (\$167,427), a transfer to the Industrial Commission for administrative services (\$115,000), and postage and printing (\$67,205). The other funds includes \$193,770 from special funds.	\$7,034,911	\$193,770	\$7,228,681

## Continuing Appropriations

**Abandoned Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund** - North Dakota Century Code Section 38-08-04.5 - Abandoned oil and gas reclamation. For the 2023-25 biennium, the fund had revenues totaling \$46,672,258, including \$15,000,000 of oil and gas tax revenue allocations, \$10,072,603 of fee and penalty revenues, and \$21,599,655 of federal funds deposited in the fund; expenses and transfers totaling \$30,637,337, including \$30,226,717 of well site reclamation expenses, \$167,468 of other expenditures, \$104,650 transferred to the Environmental Quality Restoration Fund, and \$138,502 transferred to the Agriculture Commissioner for a Pipeline Restoration and Reclamation Oversight Program and a Postproduction Royalty Oversight Program; and a June 30, 2025, fund balance of \$41,347,225.

**Carbon Dioxide Storage Facility Administration Fund** - Section 38-22-14 - For defraying costs of processing applications for regulating carbon dioxide storage facilities. For the 2023-25 biennium, the fund had \$84,978 of revenues, \$15,169 of expenditures, and a June 30, 2025, fund balance of \$143,290.

**Carbon Dioxide Storage Facility Trust Fund** - Section 38-22-15 - For costs associated with long-term monitoring and management of a closed carbon dioxide storage facility. For the 2023-25 biennium, the fund had \$135,813 of revenues, \$0 of expenditures, and a June 30, 2025, fund balance of \$141,558.

**Cartographic Products Fund** - Section 54-17.4-10 - Topographic map sales and purchases. For the 2023-25 biennium, the fund had \$106 of revenues, \$151 of expenditures, and a June 30, 2025, fund balance of \$35,600.

**Cash Bond Fund** - Section 38-08-04.11 - For defraying costs incurred in plugging and reclamation of abandoned oil and gas wells and related activities. For the 2023-25 biennium, the fund had \$230,145 of revenues, \$0 of expenditures, and a June 30, 2025, fund balance of \$1,732,627.

**Fossil Excavation and Restoration Fund** - Section 54-17.4-09.1 - Excavation and restoration of fossils. For the 2023-25 biennium, the fund had \$250,000 transferred in from the General Fund, \$154,405 of other revenues, \$259,547 of expenditures, and a June 30, 2025, fund balance of \$168,965.

**Geological Data Preservation Fund** - Section 54-17.4-13 - Data preservation. For the 2023-25 biennium, the fund had \$500,500 of revenues, \$475,201 of expenditures, and a June 30, 2025, fund balance of \$349,658.

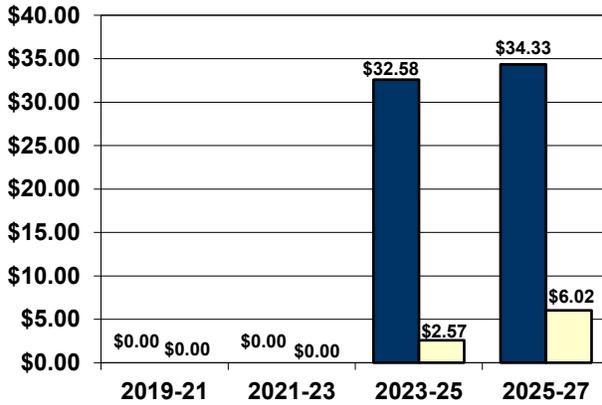
**Geophysical, Geothermal, Subsurface Minerals, and Coal Exploration Fund** - Section 38-21-03 - Reclamation of orphaned facilities and exploration holes. For the 2023-25 biennium, the fund had \$8,200 of revenues, \$283 of expenditures, and a June 30, 2025, fund balance of \$92,794.

**Oil and Gas Reservoir Data Fund** - Section 38-08-04.6 - Oil and gas reservoir data. For the 2023-25 biennium, the fund had \$406,751 of revenues, \$788,066 of expenditures, and a June 30, 2025, fund balance of \$165,674.

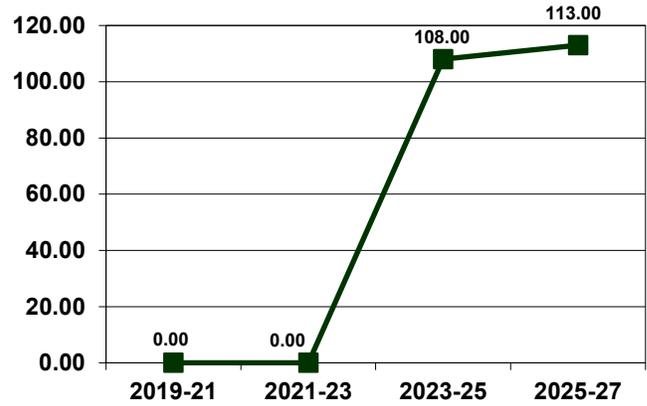
# Historical Appropriations Information

## Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



■ General Fund □ Other Funds

### Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Ongoing General Fund appropriations	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$28,113,785	\$34,160,331
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$6,046,546
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.5%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2017-19 biennium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.5%

### Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

#### 2019-21 Biennium

N/A

N/A

#### 2021-23 Biennium

N/A

N/A

#### 2023-25 Biennium

Funding for the agency was appropriated separately from the Industrial Commission

\$28,113,785

#### 2025-27 Biennium

- Added funding for salaries and wages for 1 FTE administrative assistant position \$163,030
- Added funding for 1 FTE deputy director position, including \$351,400 for salaries and wages and \$12,727 for operating expenses \$364,127
- Added funding to convert an administrative assistant position to a geologist position, including \$101,785 for salaries and wages and \$70,159 for operating expenses \$171,944
- Adjusted funding for operating expenses, including a decrease of \$511,293 as a budget reduction for operating efficiency savings, an increase of \$108,065 for information technology rate adjustments, and an increase of \$2,235,000 for state fleet rate adjustments \$1,831,772

### One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
One-time General Fund appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,468,851	\$169,435

### Major One-Time General Fund Appropriations

#### 2019-21 Biennium

N/A

N/A

**2021-23 Biennium**

N/A

N/A

**2023-25 Biennium**

1. Added one-time funding for equipment for new FTE positions (\$68,335), inflationary increases (\$886,868), core and mineral analyses (\$100,000), drones and computers (\$83,648), computer server transition costs (\$80,000), and oil and gas litigation (\$3 million) \$4,218,851
2. Added one-time funding for a transfer to the Fossil Excavation and Restoration Fund pursuant to Section 6 of House Bill No. 1014 \$250,000

**2025-27 Biennium**

1. Added one-time funding for new FTE position operating expenses (\$24,435), mineral analyses (\$100,000), and portable mineral detection equipment (\$45,000) \$169,435

**Other Funds****Major sources of special funds include:**

- Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Plugging and Site Reclamation Fund - Funding source for reclamation specialist positions
- Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund - One-time funding source for projects and litigation expenses

**Major sources of federal funds include:**

- Underground injection control grants - Funding for underground injection control regulation in the oil and gas industry
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act - One-time funding source for administration of a federal Abandoned Well Reclamation Program

**Other Funds Appropriations**

	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Other funds appropriations	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$2,568,000	\$6,022,837
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$3,454,837
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	134.5%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2017-19 biennium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	134.5%

**Major Increases (Decreases) in Other Funds Appropriations****2019-21 Biennium****Ongoing**

N/A

N/A

**One-time**

N/A

N/A

**2021-23 Biennium****Ongoing**

N/A

N/A

**One-time**

N/A

N/A

**2023-25 Biennium****Ongoing**

1. Adjusted federal funding to separate the Department of Mineral Resources from the Industrial Commission \$238,004
2. Added funding from federal funds for salary adjustments \$29,996

**One-time**

Added one-time funding from federal funds for administrative costs related to an Abandoned Well Reclamation Program \$2,300,000

**2025-27 Biennium****Ongoing**

1. Added funding from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Plugging and Site Reclamation Fund for 3 FTE reclamation specialist positions, including \$499,195 for salaries and wages and \$193,770 for operating expenses \$692,965
2. Added funding from federal funds for salaries and wages related to a federal program administration \$16,000

**One-time**

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| 1. Added one-time funding from federal funds for the administration of a federal Abandoned Well Reclamation Program, including \$500,727 for salaries and wages and \$943,650 for operating expenses                            | \$1,444,377 |
| 2. Added one-time funding from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Plugging and Site Reclamation Fund for new FTE position operating expenses  | \$51,495    |
| 3. Added one-time funding from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund, including \$400,000 for a rare earth elements study, \$150,000 for a paleontology excavation project, and \$3 million for oil and gas litigation | \$3,550,000 |