

DEPARTMENT 701 - STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2027-29 BASE-LEVEL BUDGET

Base Budget - Summary

	<u>Base Level</u>
Salaries and wages	\$20,099,847
New and vacant FTE pool	934,276
Operating expenses	3,748,875
Capital assets	695,809
Grants	970,840
Repatriation compliance	<u>500,000</u>
Total all funds	\$26,949,647
Less other funds	<u>3,356,145</u>
Total general fund	\$23,593,502
FTE positions	85.50

Selected Base Budget Information

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Includes funding for salaries and wages of 85.50 FTE positions, including \$2,723,848 for temporary salaries and \$97,202 for overtime salaries. Of the total, \$1,382,588 is from federal funds and \$595,010 is from the State Historical Society Concession Fund.	\$18,122,249	\$1,977,598	\$20,099,847
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 \$349,988 related to 2 new positions and \$584,288 related to vacant positions. Funding may be transferred from this line if needed for filling new positions or if savings from vacant positions is less than estimated.	\$874,658	\$59,618	\$934,276
3. Includes funding for operating expenses, primarily related to information technology costs, professional and operating fees, utilities, travel, supplies, and building, repairs, and insurance costs. Of the total, \$82,280 is from federal funds and \$100,000 is from the State Historical Society Gifts and Bequests Fund.	\$3,566,595	\$182,280	\$3,748,875
4. Includes funding for capital assets, including \$165,809 from federal funds	\$530,000	\$165,809	\$695,809
5. Includes federal funding for National Historical Publications and Records Commission grants for the preservation and use of American documents and heritage.	\$0	\$970,840	\$970,840
6. Includes funding for compliance with the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), including the establishment of a compliance committee consisting of tribal historic preservation officers or their designees from each North Dakota tribe with an agreement under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-40.2	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000

Continuing Appropriations

State Historical Society Gifts and Bequests Fund - Section 55-01-04 - Gifts and bequests for support of museum operations. For the 2023-25 biennium, the fund had \$5,772,543 of revenue, \$5,164,229 of expenditures, and a fund balance of \$2,012,436 on June 30, 2025.

America 250 Commission - Section 55-01-14 - Provides the America 250 Commission may accept gifts, grants, and donations from public and nonpublic sources and may expend these funds for the purpose of coordinating and engaging in semiquincentennial activities in the state. Funding is deposited in the State Historical Society Gifts and Bequests Fund. For the 2023-25 biennium, \$750 of revenue was received and deposited in the fund, \$1,777 was expended, and the balance was \$8,973 on June 30, 2025.

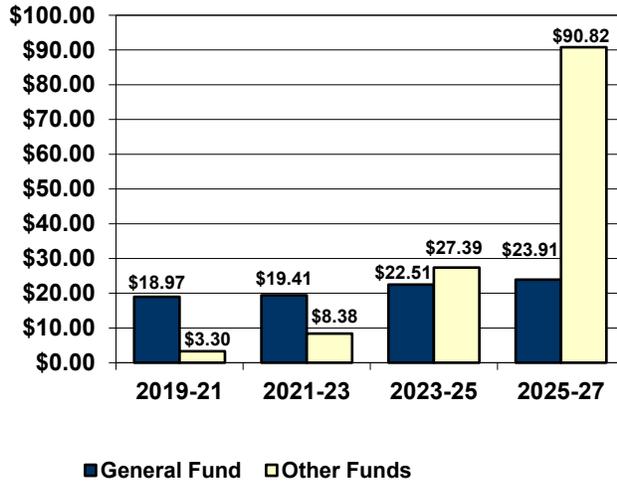
Concession Fund - Section 55-02-04 - Operation of the State Historical Society museum store. For the 2023-25 biennium, the fund had \$2,111,349 of revenue, \$2,078,173 of expenditures, and a fund balance of \$2,032,669 on June 30, 2025.

State Historical Society Revolving Fund - Section 55-03-04 - For archaeological permits and the management and analysis of records and artifacts. For the 2023-25 biennium, the fund had \$3,594,750 of revenue, including \$3,550,000 transferred from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund (SIIF) for one-time funding projects, \$2,095,411 of expenditures, and a fund balance of \$1,650,680 on June 30, 2025.

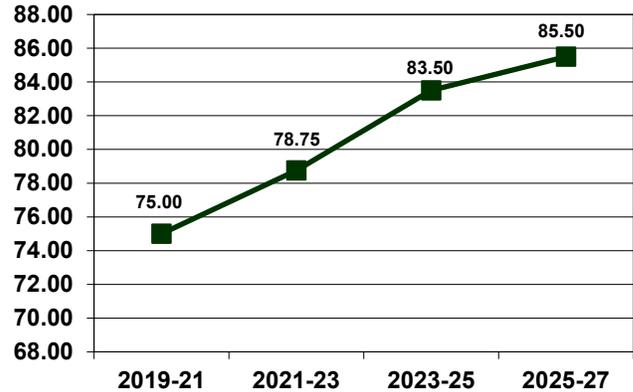
Historical Appropriations Information

Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Ongoing General Fund appropriations	\$16,673,644	\$17,368,691	\$19,386,350	\$20,600,349	\$23,593,502
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	\$695,047	\$2,017,659	\$1,213,999	\$2,993,153
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	4.2%	11.6%	6.3%	14.5%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2017-19 biennium	N/A	4.2%	16.3%	23.6%	41.5%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

2019-21 Biennium

1. Removed ongoing funding for extraordinary repairs (\$307,357)
2. Reduced funding for bond payments to provide a total of \$1,144,542 (\$214,754)
3. Added funding for cultural heritage grants \$500,000

2021-23 Biennium

1. Transferred 3.75 FTE positions, funding of \$1,428,594, of which \$287,999 was from other funds, and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations from the Parks and Recreation Department to the State Historical Society \$1,140,595
2. Increased funding for temporary employees to provide a total of \$1,965,545 \$400,000
3. Added ongoing funding for the State Archives Digital Repository subscription expenses \$125,000

2023-25 Biennium

1. Reduced funding for bond payments to provide a total of \$592,375 (\$586,640)
2. Added funding for ongoing historic building improvements \$500,000
3. Added 1 FTE digital specialist position, a 0.25 FTE interpretive resource specialist position, 1 FTE trade services III position, 1 FTE trade services IV position, 1 FTE program management II position, a 0.5 FTE brand marketing position, and \$1,171,016 of funding, of which \$770,038 was from other funds \$400,978

2025-27 Biennium

1. Added funding for 2 FTE positions, including a FTE exhibition preparator position (\$190,080) and a FTE tribal liaison position (\$208,076). Of the total, \$388,876 is for salaries and wages and \$9,280 is for operating expenses. \$398,156
2. Added funding for temporary salaries to provide a total of \$2,723,848 \$945,088

3. Added funding for NAGPRA compliance, including temporary salaries of \$376,436 and operating expenses of \$13,920 \$390,356
4. Added funding for NAGPRA compliance, including the establishment of a compliance committee consisting of tribal historic preservation officers or their designees from each North Dakota tribe with an agreement under Chapter 54-40.2 \$500,000
5. Removed funding for bonds related to the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center which were repaid in January 2024 (\$592,375)
6. Removed funding for cultural heritage grants (\$500,000)

One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
One-time General Fund appropriations	\$0	\$1,597,000	\$25,000	\$1,906,839	\$317,725

Major One-Time General Fund Appropriations

2019-21 Biennium

1. Historic site and extraordinary repairs \$1,000,000
2. Exhibit and collections care \$372,000
3. Auditorium chair replacement project \$75,000
4. Pioneer Village relocation \$150,000

2021-23 Biennium

1. State Archives Digital Repository upgrade \$25,000

2023-25 Biennium

1. Operating expense inflationary costs \$120,795
2. Geographic information system remote access and upgrade \$225,000
3. Digital interactive initiative \$425,000
4. Medora site planning \$150,000
5. Newspaper preservation \$236,044
6. Ellendale Opera House restoration \$250,000
7. Whitestone Hill Monument \$250,000
8. America's 250th Celebration \$250,000

2025-27 Biennium

1. NAGPRA repatriation compliance costs \$100,000
2. Temporary staff salaries and operating expenses (\$10,225) and state archive storage updates (\$207,500) \$217,725

Other Funds

Major sources of special funds include:

- **State Historical Society Revolving Fund** - For archaeological permits and the management and analysis of records and artifacts.
- **State Historical Society Gifts and Bequests Fund** - Gifts and bequests for support of museum operations.
- **Concession Fund** - Operation of the State Historical Society museum store.

Major sources of federal funds include:

- **Historic preservation funds** - Funding provided by the United States National Park Service as a result of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 to assist states in historic preservation efforts, including surveys and repair of historic resources, training, and grants to local government units or other entities for local historical preservation efforts.
- **Paul Bruhn grant funds** - Funding provided by the United States National Park Service for the restoration of historic buildings in rural communities. The State Historical Society has budget authority available if funding is awarded from the federal government, however, the State Historical Society has not been awarded this funding to date.

Other Funds Appropriations

	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Other funds appropriations	\$4,155,795	\$3,298,252	\$8,379,952	\$27,389,264	\$90,815,680
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(\$857,543)	\$5,081,700	\$19,009,312	\$63,426,416
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(20.6%)	154.1%	226.8%	231.6%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2017-19 biennium	N/A	(20.6%)	101.6%	559.1%	2,085.3%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Other Funds Appropriations

2019-21 Biennium

Ongoing

None \$0

One-time

Auditorium chair replacement project \$85,000

2021-23 Biennium

Ongoing

1. Transferred 3.75 FTE positions, funding of \$1,428,594, of which \$1,140,595 was from the General Fund, and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center operations from the Parks and Recreation Department to the State Historical Society \$287,999
2. Reduced federal funds spending authority for salaries and wages (\$276,235)

One-time

1. Historical site and extraordinary repairs (federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund) \$4,200,000
2. Essential infrastructure at historic sites (State Fiscal Recovery Fund) \$950,000

2023-25 Biennium

Ongoing

1. Added 1 FTE digital specialist position, a 0.25 FTE interpretive resource specialist position, 1 FTE trade services III position, 1 FTE trade services IV position, 1 FTE program management II position, a 0.5 FTE brand marketing position, and \$1,171,016 of funding, of which \$400,978 was from the General Fund \$770,038

One-time

1. Historic building improvements (SIIF) \$3,250,000
2. Army Corps of Engineers grant (federal funds) \$400,000
3. Improving exhibit engagement (SIIF and other funds derived from the State Historical Society Foundation) \$375,000
4. Military gallery expansion project (Bank of North Dakota line of credit) \$20,000,000
5. Paul Bruhn historic revitalization grant (federal funds) \$750,000
6. Underrepresented Community Grant Program (federal funds) \$125,000

2025-27 Biennium

Ongoing

1. Added federal funding for a temporary historic preservation specialist position, of which \$170,122 is for temporary salaries and \$2,280 is for operating expenses \$172,402

One-time

1. Pembina State Museum exhibit designs and objects (SIIF) \$638,000
2. Repayment of 2023-25 biennium line of credit for military gallery expansion project (SIIF) \$4,200,000
3. Military gallery expansion project (\$15,000,000 from SIIF, \$20,000,000 from a Bank of North Dakota line of credit, and \$38,744,524 from donations) \$73,744,524
4. Inspiration gallery updates (SIIF) \$700,000
5. Medora area planning (SIIF) \$2,000,000
6. Historical structures and buildings improvements (SIIF) \$3,000,000
7. Historic museum repairs grant (SIIF) \$200,000
8. Historic armory restoration grant (SIIF) \$100,000
9. America 250th Celebration activities \$2,000,000
10. Paul Bruhn historic revitalization grant (federal funds) \$750,000