



REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION
SECRETARY OF STATE
 (See SFN 02580)

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Request #: 2166

Requestor Information

Department name: North Dakota Office of Attorney General
 Department number: 12500
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Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No
 Purpose of request: Increase in line item spending authority

Line Item	Amount
12510-Salaries and Wages	\$129,998
12530-Operating	\$46,402.50
12550-Capital Assets	\$64,100

Funding Information

What is the source of funds for the requested increase? State contingency funds
 Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? No
 Does the request require a general fund match in this bienium? No
 Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? Yes
 Amount of funding match required: \$0

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? Yes
 Provide explanation:
 SB 2029 created the ND Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship (NDOGC). The North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (NDBCI) under the ND Office of Attorney General (NDOAG) was assigned investigative responsibility for all OGC criminal cases. NDBCI requested (4) Criminal Investigators to effectively respond to OGC criminal complaints across the state. NDBCI was given (1) Criminal Investigator FTE in the NDOAG's budget for the 2025-2027 biennium. SB 2029 (Section 12) allows the NDOAG to request funding for a second FTE as an additional Criminal Investigator during the 2025-2026 interim. The ND Emergency Commission request could not be submitted before the OGC was operational (April 1, 2026). The NDOAG must identify an increase in workload related to guardianship and conservatorship case investigations which necessitates the addition of (1) FTE position.

Is the request for a new program? Yes
 Provide explanation:
 SB 2029 created the ND Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship (NDOGC) during the 2025 Legislative Session. The NDOGC went into effect on 04/01/26.

Will funding be required in future bienniums? Yes



Provide explanation:

The NDOGC and the NDOAG will be requesting continued general funds for the additional requested FTE (Criminal Investigator within the NDBCI). The additional funding for the FTE would be placed in the NDOAG budget for future biennium. The NDOGC and the NDBCI have identified an outstanding caseload of over (100) OGC referrals directly related to court actions. This outstanding caseload does not take into account the anticipated public and agency referrals which the OGC has started to receive. During the NDOGC's initial month (April 2026), OGC received (14) referrals of which (4) were cleared and (10) were assigned. Of the assigned referrals (6) were administrative and (4) were criminal. If criminal case referrals were similar to the first month of incoming cases alone, NDBCI would investigate a minimum of (48) criminal cases per year. A single NDBCI agent can investigate a maximum of (25) neglect, abuse, and fraudulent theft cases involving ND vulnerable and/or aging victims each year.

Does the request require an FTE increase? Yes

Number of FTEs: 1

Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes

Provide explanation:

Section 12 of SB 2029 allows the NDOAG to request funding from the ND Emergency Commission for a second FTE for an additional Criminal Investigator assigned to NDBCI during the 2025-2026 interim.

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:

This request is based in the permission outlined in Section 12 of SB 2029.

Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:

The additional NDBCI Criminal Investigator FTE supports the legislative creation of the ND Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship (NDOGC). The request is outlined in Section 12 of SB 2029 and meets the need for the NDBCI to be able to effectively and efficiently meet the need for criminal investigations into suspects of neglect, abuse, and fraudulent theft from ND's vulnerable and aging population. The criminal investigations are very complex financial reviews requiring obtaining, analyzing, and creating trace patterns related to financial records. Additional work includes coordinating with financial institutions for subpoenas, gathering facility billing records, confirming the vulnerable adult's income sources, and determining whether the transfers constitute criminal financial exploitation or theft. These cases require extensive documentation, multi-agency coordination, and detailed financial analysis, making it highly time intensive for NDBCI.

Provide any other relevant information:

Please find attached the fiscal note related to this request and a document providing the ND Emergency Commission with a synopsis of an active criminal investigation NDBCI has been working on since NDOGC began in April of 2026.

Signature

I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

Lonnie Grabowska

Sign Here

05/15/2026

Date

**** Operating (One-Time) - Detail**

Flashlight	130	Concealment holster	44
Reflective police vests	25	Concealment magazine and handcuff pouch	40
Rain gear	80	Tactical glove pouch	10
Pants	60	Tactical belt keepers	15
First aid kit	50	Tactical Pistol Magazine Pouch	10
Leatherman	70	Tactical Handcuff Pouch	18
Laser Distance Meter	80	Tactical vest med kit	80
Heat sealer	180	TacticalAR mag pouch	30
Coat	250	Hearing Protection	41
Duffel Bag	125	Binoculars	220
Faraday bag	65	Fingerprint kit	304
Battery pack	33	360 camera	387
Evidence tents	46	Video camera	178
Search kit	80	Digital Camera	1,200
Nikon Camera Case	45	Lens zoom	600
360 camera case	16	Lens	250
Battery (additional)	55	Lens (macro/micro)	649
Remote Flash cord	75	Speedlight	327
Filters	23	Handgun	2,500
Memory card x4	80	Rifle	3,200
MicroSD card x2	25	Shotgun	1,200
Remote shutter release	18	Pistol light	130
Tripod	370	plate carrier	400
Gun cleaning kit	40	Rifle Plate	200
AR Magazines	99	Tactical holster	184
Hearing Protection	41	Tactical helmet with face shield	575
Handcuffs	25	vehicle gun vault	1,000
Handcuff key	12		<u>15,990</u>

new agent/FTE - one time

Desk	2,200
Chair	770
file cabinet	825
	<u>3,795</u>