

The Council

Legislative Council

Major State Infrastructure Funding

During the 2023-25 biennium, the Legislative Assembly appropriated approximately \$3.6 billion for improving state infrastructure. The 2025 Legislative Assembly continued to support infrastructure development by providing significant funding during the 2025-27 biennium, including:

1. \$1.7 billion, of which \$1.2 billion is from federal funds and \$500 million is from state and local matching funds, to the Department of Transportation for transportation projects.
2. \$242.3 million to be distributed to counties, cities, and townships through the highway tax distribution fund for road purposes.
3. \$230 million for deposit in the flexible transportation fund for grants and allocations for state and local road projects.
4. \$300 million for construction of a new state hospital in Jamestown.
5. \$30.8 million for airport grants.
6. \$90 million for generational airport projects in Fargo (\$45 million), Grand Forks (\$20 million), and Dickinson (\$25 million).
7. \$708.5 million for water projects, including:
 - a. \$101 million for the Southwest Pipeline Project;
 - b. \$106.9 million for the Northwest Area Water Supply Project;
 - c. \$70 million for rural water supply projects;
 - d. \$40 million for municipal water supply projects;
 - e. \$205 million for the Red River Valley water supply project;
 - f. \$17 million for a Bismarck flood control project; and
 - g. \$81.1 million for the Mouse River flood control project.
8. \$330 million for major higher education building projects, including:
 - a. \$8.5 million for a regional health sciences institute and \$8.1 million for academic facilities projects at Minot State University;
 - b. \$5 million for an allied health facility project and \$55.6 million for a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics facility at the University of North Dakota;
 - c. \$34.9 million to complete the renovation of Old Main at Mayville State University; and
 - d. \$214.2 million from revenue bond proceeds, university system capital building fund money, and other local funds, for various projects, including student housing, athletic, and other facilities at campuses.
9. \$35.6 million to complete the Heart River Correctional Center in Mandan.
10. \$78.6 million for a military gallery and regimental room expansion at the Heritage Center.



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Legislative Task Force on Government Efficiency

House Bill No. 1442 (2025) created Section 54-35-02.11 of the North Dakota Century Code, which is effective through July 2031, to require the Legislative Management to create a Legislative Task Force on Government Efficiency.

The task force is required to meet at least once each calendar quarter; review and analyze budgets and reports from executive branch agencies and the Supreme Court; collaborate with and receive testimony from executive branch agencies and the Supreme Court; identify areas to increase efficiency and methods to implement cost-saving measures; determine areas of state government deemed unnecessary or duplicative; target outdated or overly restrictive regulations; find areas in which partnerships between the state and private industry would create innovative financing models to drive economic growth and job creation; review the effectiveness and necessity of programs and laws created by the Legislative Assembly; and request the State Auditor or an independent private auditing firm to conduct program evaluations using generally accepted performance audit standards for state and local governments.

The first meeting of the task force will be on Wednesday, July 30th. The task force will receive information from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Commerce, and the Information Technology Department regarding opportunities to increase efficiencies and implement cost-saving measures, reduce unnecessary or duplicative processes and regulations, increase partnerships with the private sector, and receive suggestions to improve agency operations. In addition to the six legislators on the task force, the task force includes the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Chief Operating Officer for the Governor's office, and an elected statewide officer and an individual residing in the state, both appointed by the Governor.



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