

**Legislative Assembly  
Budget 150  
House Bill No. 1001; Senate Bill No. 2015**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2015-17 legislative appropriation (original)	0.00	\$15,885,367 <sup>1</sup>	\$0	\$15,885,367
2013-15 legislative appropriation	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13,921,971</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,921,971</u>
2015-17 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2013-15 appropriation	0.00	\$1,963,396	\$0	\$1,963,396
2015-17 general fund budget allotment (4.05 percent)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Adjusted 2015-17 appropriation after budget allotment	0.00	\$15,885,367	\$0	\$15,885,367

<sup>1</sup>The original legislative appropriation amount includes \$1,704,810 of one-time funding from the general fund. Excluding this amount, the agency's original ongoing general fund appropriation is \$14,180,557.

**Item Description**

**General fund budget allotment** - In February 2016 the Governor ordered a 4.05 percent general fund budget allotment for state agencies.

**One-time funding** - The Legislative Assembly, in Section 2 of 2015 House Bill No. 1001, identified \$1,544,810 from the general fund for one-time funding items, including \$400,000 for legislative wing equipment and improvements, \$603,050 for information technology equipment, \$191,760 for LEGEND maintenance, and \$350,000 for support of hosting the 2015 Council of State Governments Midwest Legislative Conference. In addition, the 2015 Legislative Assembly, in Section 10 of Senate Bill No. 2015, provided \$160,000 of one-time funding from the general fund for the installation of audio and visual equipment, tables, chairs, and other furnishings in legislative meeting rooms in the judicial facility space expansion of the former Information Technology Department space in the Capitol complex.

**Status/Result**

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-12, the legislative branch and judicial branch are not subject to the Governor's budget allotment, but may choose to voluntarily reduce spending to provide savings similar to the allotment. If possible, the Legislative Assembly will reduce general fund spending, allowing for unspent appropriation authority and general fund turnback of \$643,357. The ability of the Legislative Assembly to reduce general fund spending will depend on the number of days the Legislative Assembly meets during the 2017 session.

The following is a summary of the status of the Legislative Assembly's one-time funding through March 2016:

Legislative wing equipment and improvements	The Legislative Assembly has spent \$100,776 to install sound systems in certain meeting rooms.
Information technology equipment	None of this funding has yet been spent because replacement laptops and iPads have not yet been purchased for the Legislative Assembly. In March 2016 the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee approved the purchase of EliteBook 850 laptops and the iPad Pro for legislators. The estimated cost of the replacement laptops and iPads is approximately \$110,000 less than budgeted.

LEGEND maintenance	The Legislative Assembly has spent \$117,323 of the funds provided for LEGEND maintenance and anticipates all of the funding will be spent during the remainder of the 2015-17 biennium.
2015 Council of State Governments Midwest Legislative Conference	The Legislative Assembly spent a total of \$248,355 to support the hosting of the 2015 Council of State Governments Midwest Legislative Conference. The remaining funds will not be spent during the 2015-17 biennium.
Legislative meeting rooms in the judicial wing	No funds have been spent to date on the judicial wing meeting rooms. However, estimates for the installation of audio and visual equipment, tables, chairs, and other furnishings total approximately \$152,250 and the space is anticipated to be complete by September 2016.

**Legislative media room**

In December 2015 the interim Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee approved renovation of the legislative media room using legislative wing equipment and improvements carryover funding. The project is in progress and is anticipated to be completed by September 2016.