



## ***House Bill 1004***

House Appropriations Committee; Human Resources Division  
Representative Nelson, Chairman

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Department of Health and Human Services

Public Health Division | January 9, 2023

NORTH  
**Dakota**  
Be Legendary.

Health & Human Services

# Public Health in North Dakota

- 100 years of public health outreach in North Dakota.
- Integration with Human Services to streamline pathways for citizen service.
- Shared agency administration of shared services - separate public health budget/bill.





# North Dakota Century Code & Major Statutory Responsibilities

Division of Public Health established in Chapter 23 Health and Safety.

## Regulatory responsibility

- *ND Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act*  
Chapter 19-02.1
- *Medical Marijuana statute*  
Chapter 19-24.1

# HHS Goal: Help ND become the healthiest state in the nation

We'll focus on three actions to accomplish this:

Invest in the  
**FOUNDATIONS**  
of well-being



Economic  
Health



Behavioral  
Health



Physical  
Health

Ensure everyone has the  
opportunity to realize  
their **POTENTIAL**



Strong, Stable  
Families



Services Closer  
to Home



Early Childhood  
Experiences

Efficiency  
Through  
Redesign

High-  
Performing  
Team

Give everyone the  
**OPPORTUNITY** to  
decide to:



Be Healthy

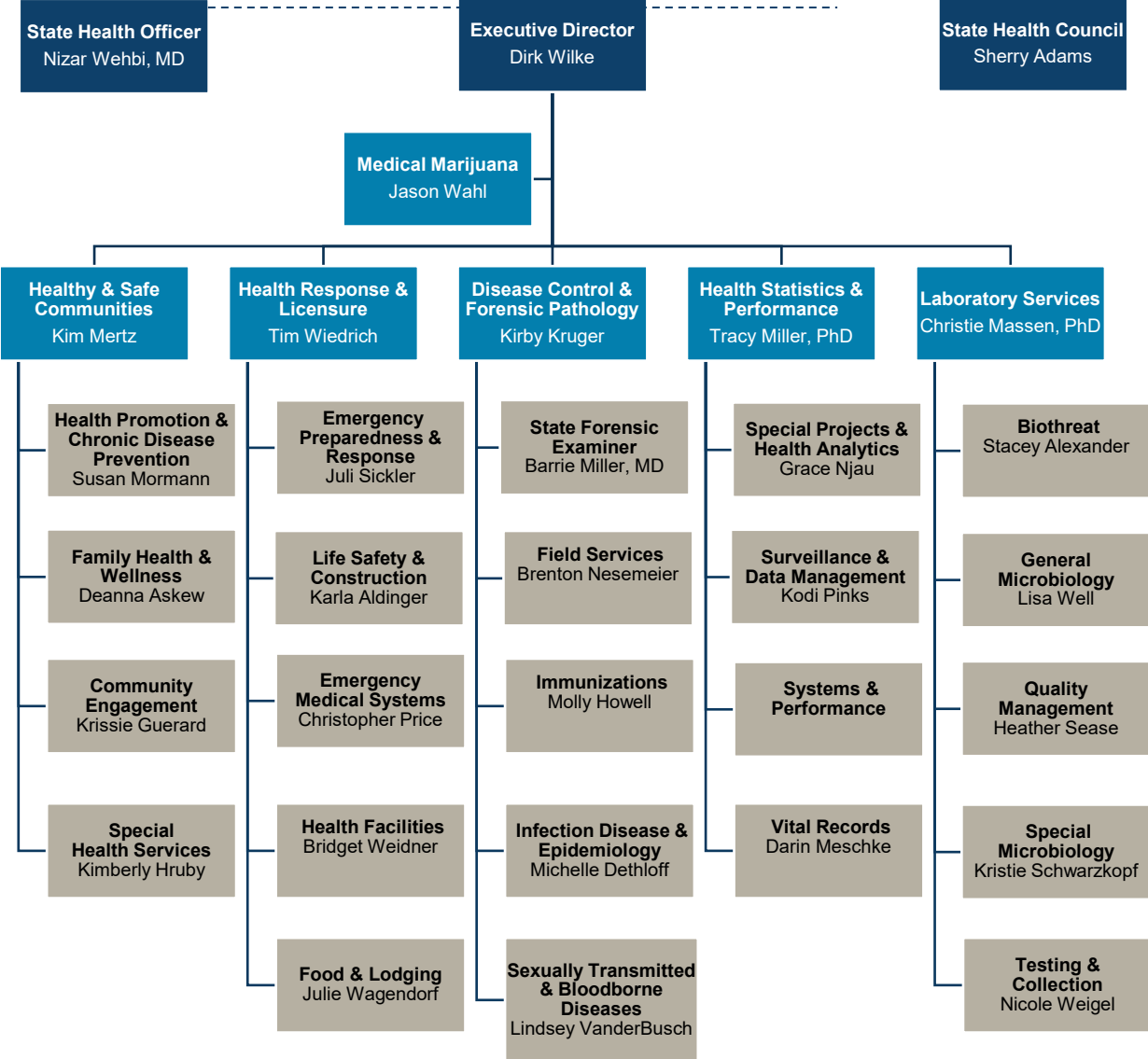


Be Active



Find Disease  
Early

# Public Health Division Overview



# How We Serve North Dakotans



## Create Healthy & Vibrant Communities

- Reduce the risk of infectious disease.
- Prevent and reduce chronic diseases.
- Promote safe and sanitary food establishments.
- Support communities in building resiliency.
- Promote community-driven wellness.
- Increase healthy lifestyles and behaviors.

## Enhance & Improve Systems of Care

- Improve access to care in underserved and rural areas.
- Enhance health care through technology.
- Ensure access to equitable health and preventative services.
- Enhance quality and safety through regulation and education.
- Promote health in all policies.
- Foster system-level partnerships across continuums of care.

## Strengthen Population-based Health Interventions

- Prevent and reduce tobacco and other substance misuse.
- Prevent violence, intentional and unintentional injury.
- Reduce the risk of vaccine-preventable diseases.
- Reduce adverse health outcomes through early detection.
- Promote healthy weight across the lifespan.

## Promote Public Health Readiness & Response

- Ensure effective communication systems.
- Maintain systems to sustain medical and emergency services.
- Ensure capacity to detect and respond to hazardous threats.

# 2021-23 Accomplishments



## Agency Integration

Integrated with Human Services  
Sept 1, 2022.



## SealND!

School-based sealant program provided services in 50 schools, 1,159 students received services and 930 were referred for additional treatment.



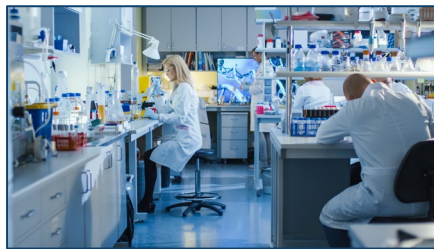
## Public Health Accreditation

Achieved national reaccreditation status by the Public Health Accreditation Board demonstrating high-quality practices.



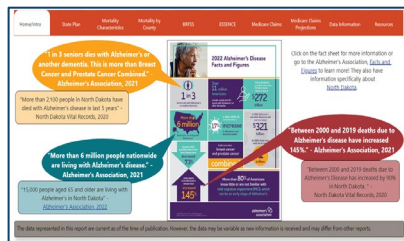
## Emergency Operation Missions

Conducted 6,698 missions including 456 public health-led vaccine events, 983 long-term care staffing assistance missions, 1,675 testing missions and 3,584 courier missions.



## Laboratory Testing

Since July 2021, performed more than 296,000 diagnostic & environmental tests at State Lab and more than 135,000 tests at static test sites.



## New Dashboards

Launched the State Health Assessment, State Alzheimer Dashboard and State Tobacco Dashboard to increase access to data and support state plans.

# Challenges Ahead

## A Return to Normal Services

- Preventative Screenings.
- Routine Wellness Checks.







# A Future of **Continued Progress**

## 2023-2025 is focused on local services

- Increase State Aid for Local Public Health.
- Increase Funding for Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Agencies.
- Investment in Tribal Liaisons.

# Audit Findings

The audit reviewed testing of compliance and financial records, contact tracing, COVID-19 vaccine storage, handling, and distribution, COVID-19 testing and reporting, and COVID-19 dashboards and information systems.

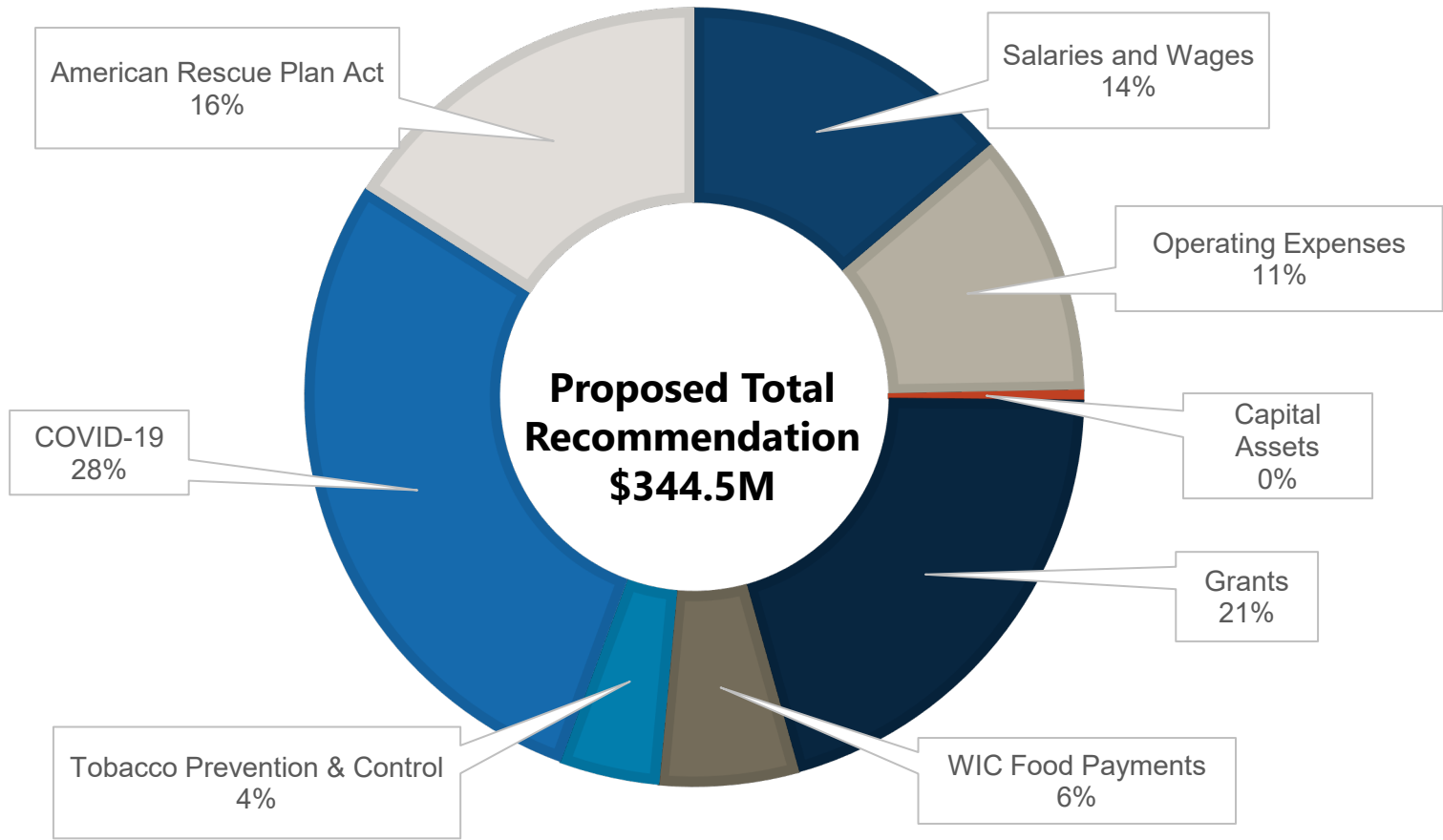
I	II	III	IV
<p>✓ Reconcile all vaccines in storage on a monthly basis, including verifying the location in ICAM to maintain accurate vaccine inventory records.</p>	<p>✓ Record accurate storage locations in ICAM records and/ or properly store vaccines according to manufacturer temperature requirements and monitor vaccine shelf life according to storage temperatures.</p>	<p>✓ Ensure data logger data is identifiable by transport.            ✓ Improve training and perform internal monitoring procedures to ensure complete and accurate vaccine chain of custody records and cold chain temperature readings.            ✓ Ensure records retention, document internal monitoring procedures, and perform subsequent corrective actions.</p>	<p>✓ Document approval and perform monitoring procedures that ensure lead laboratory technicians review and approve PCR runs with greater than 25% positivity rates for COVID-19 in accordance with their Standard Operating Procedures.</p>
<p><b><u>ACTION TAKEN:</u></b>            New ICAM system updates and staff training implemented to address recommendations 1-3.</p>			<p><b><u>ACTION TAKEN:</u></b>            Updated operating procedure.</p>

# Comparison

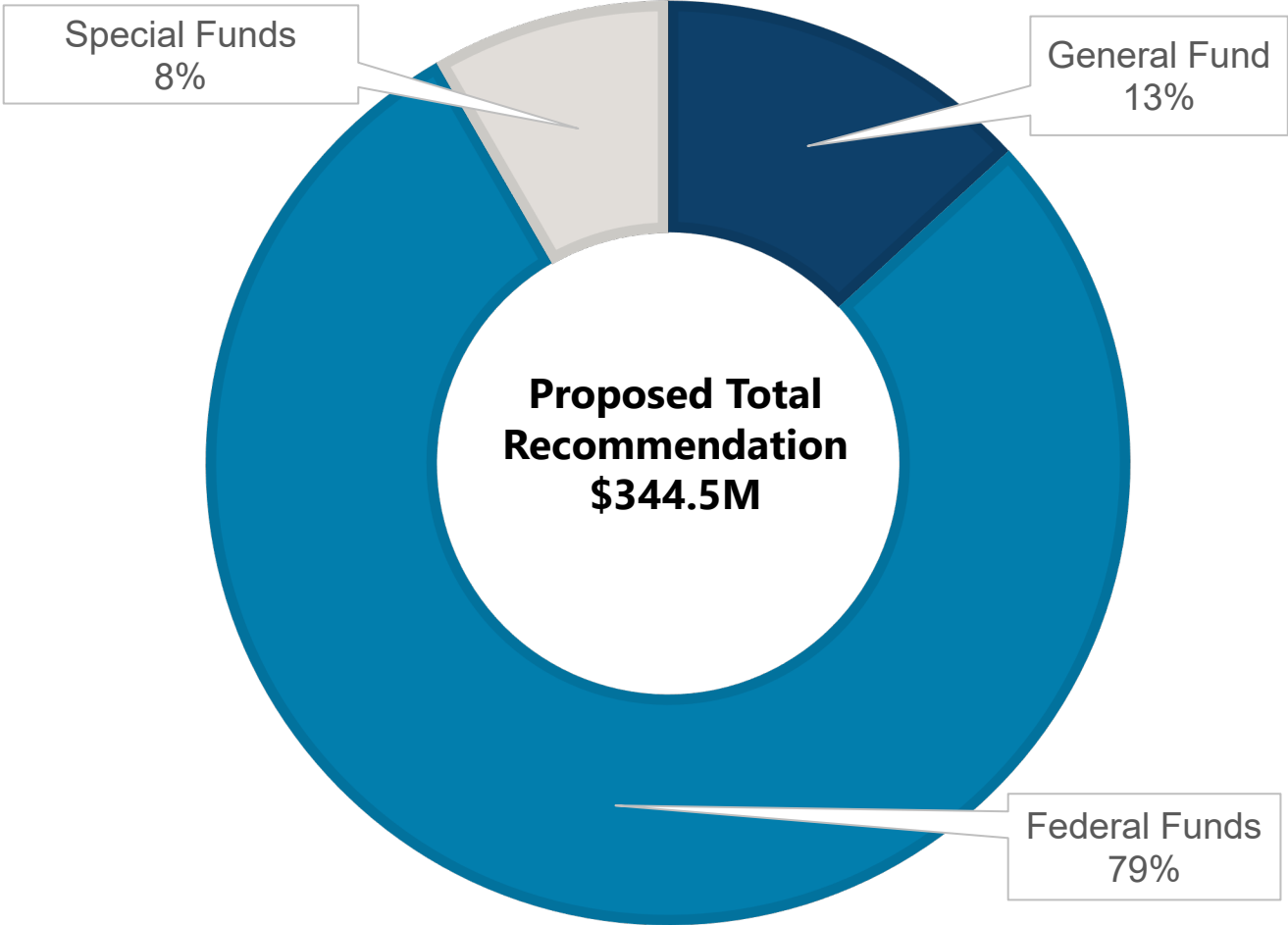
## Base Budget To Executive Recommendation

Description	2021-23	2023-25	Increase / (Decrease)
	Base Budget	Executive Rec.	
Salaries and Wages	41,362,968	47,481,742	6,118,774
Operating Expenses	31,242,543	37,721,213	6,478,670
Capital Assets	1,796,393	1,469,780	(326,613)
Grants	55,812,575	70,739,703	14,927,128
Tobacco Prevention & Control	13,410,022	14,274,295	864,273
WIC Food Payments	19,900,000	19,900,000	0
COVID-19	4,459,766	97,840,525	93,380,759
American Rescue Plan Act	0	55,120,000	55,120,000
<b>Total By Line Item</b>	<b>167,984,267</b>	<b>344,547,258</b>	<b>176,562,991</b>
General Fund	38,575,155	45,438,167	6,863,012
Federal Funds	105,837,535	270,392,653	164,555,118
Special Funds	23,571,577	28,716,438	5,144,861
<b>Total By Fund</b>	<b>167,984,267</b>	<b>344,547,258</b>	<b>176,562,991</b>
<b>FTE</b>	<b>210.50</b>	<b>215.50</b>	<b>5.00</b>

# 2021-23 Executive Recommendation By Line Item



# 2021-23 Executive Recommendation By Funding Source



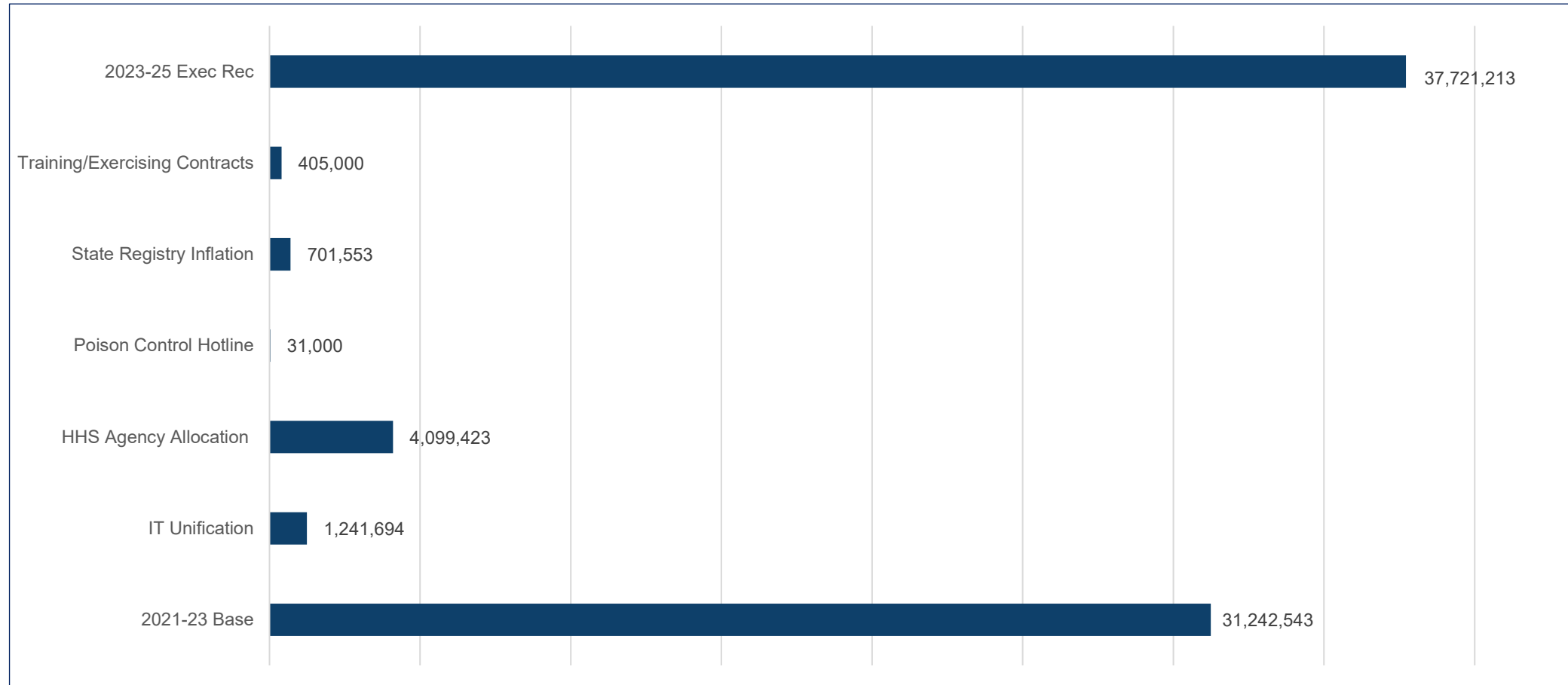
# Funding Changes

Description	General Fund	Federal Funds	Special Funds	Total
<b>Base Budget 2021 - 2023</b>	<b>38,575,155</b>	<b>105,837,535</b>	<b>23,571,577</b>	<b>167,984,267</b>
OMB Cost to Continue	295,035	1,101,409	165,051	1,561,495
HHS Agency Allocation	1,692,991	12,684,402	259,653	14,637,046
Covid-19 Funding (HB 1394 / 1395)	-	93,203,286	-	93,203,286
<b>Total Adjustments to Base Budget</b>	<b>1,988,026</b>	<b>106,989,097</b>	<b>424,704</b>	<b>109,401,827</b>
<b>Public Health Division Requested Budget</b>	<b>40,563,181</b>	<b>212,826,632</b>	<b>23,996,281</b>	<b>277,386,094</b>
<b>Executive Budget Changes</b>				
Executive Compensation Package	914,117	2,396,013	470,157	3,780,287
Tobacco Treatment Service Grants to ND Pharmacies			500,000	500,000
Youth Vaping/Nicotine Prevention			300,000	300,000
Local Public Health Unit State Aid			2,750,000	2,750,000
Autopsy Technician Temp to FTE	67,473			67,473
Poison Control Hotline	31,000			31,000
Grants to Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Agencies	2,686,285			2,686,285
Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Program Grants			700,000	700,000
State Registries - Inflationary Increases	771,111			771,111
ARPA Funds - New State Lab		55,120,000		55,120,000
Emergency Preparedness Training/Exercising Contracts	405,000			405,000
Tribal Liaisons Temp to FTE		50,008		50,008
<b>Executive Budget Recommendation</b>	<b>45,438,167</b>	<b>270,392,653</b>	<b>28,716,438</b>	<b>344,547,258</b>

# Changes in Salaries and Wages



# Changes in Operating Expenses

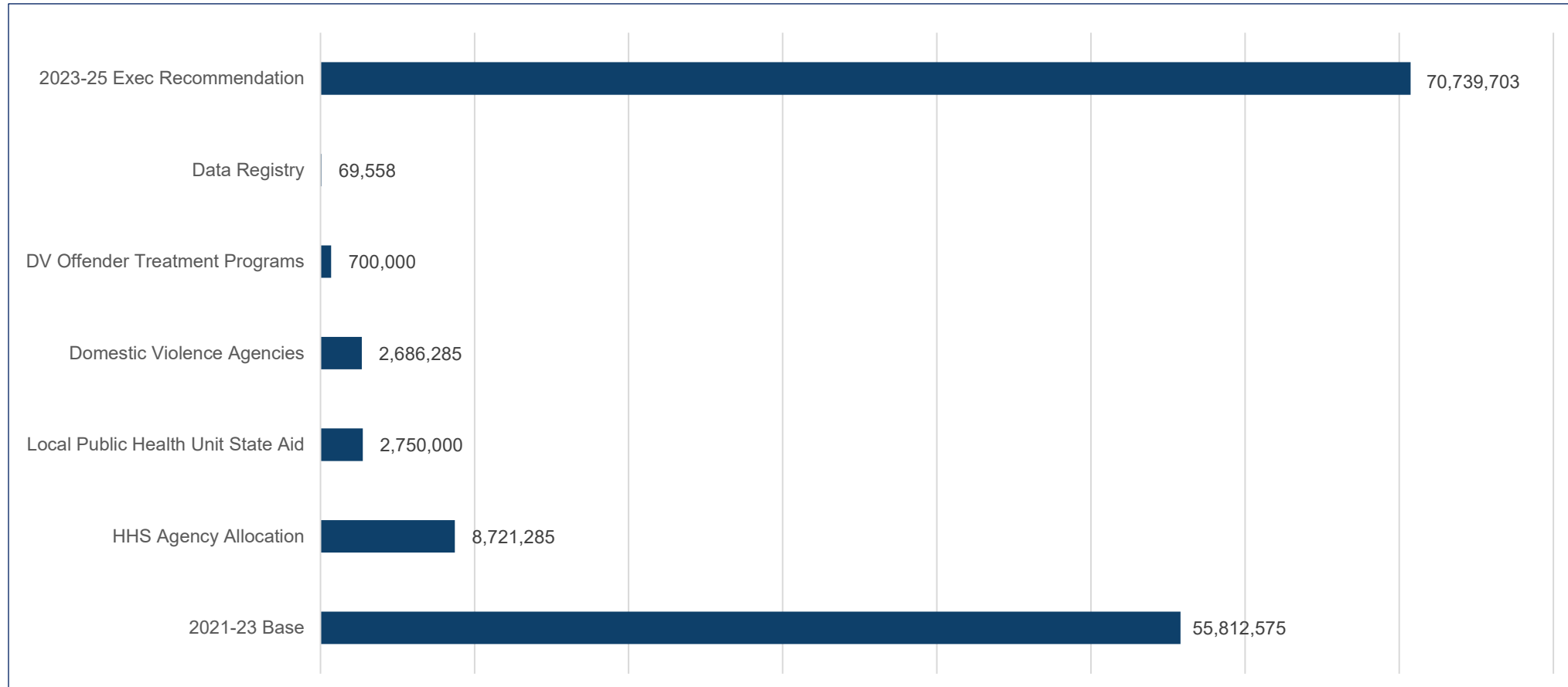




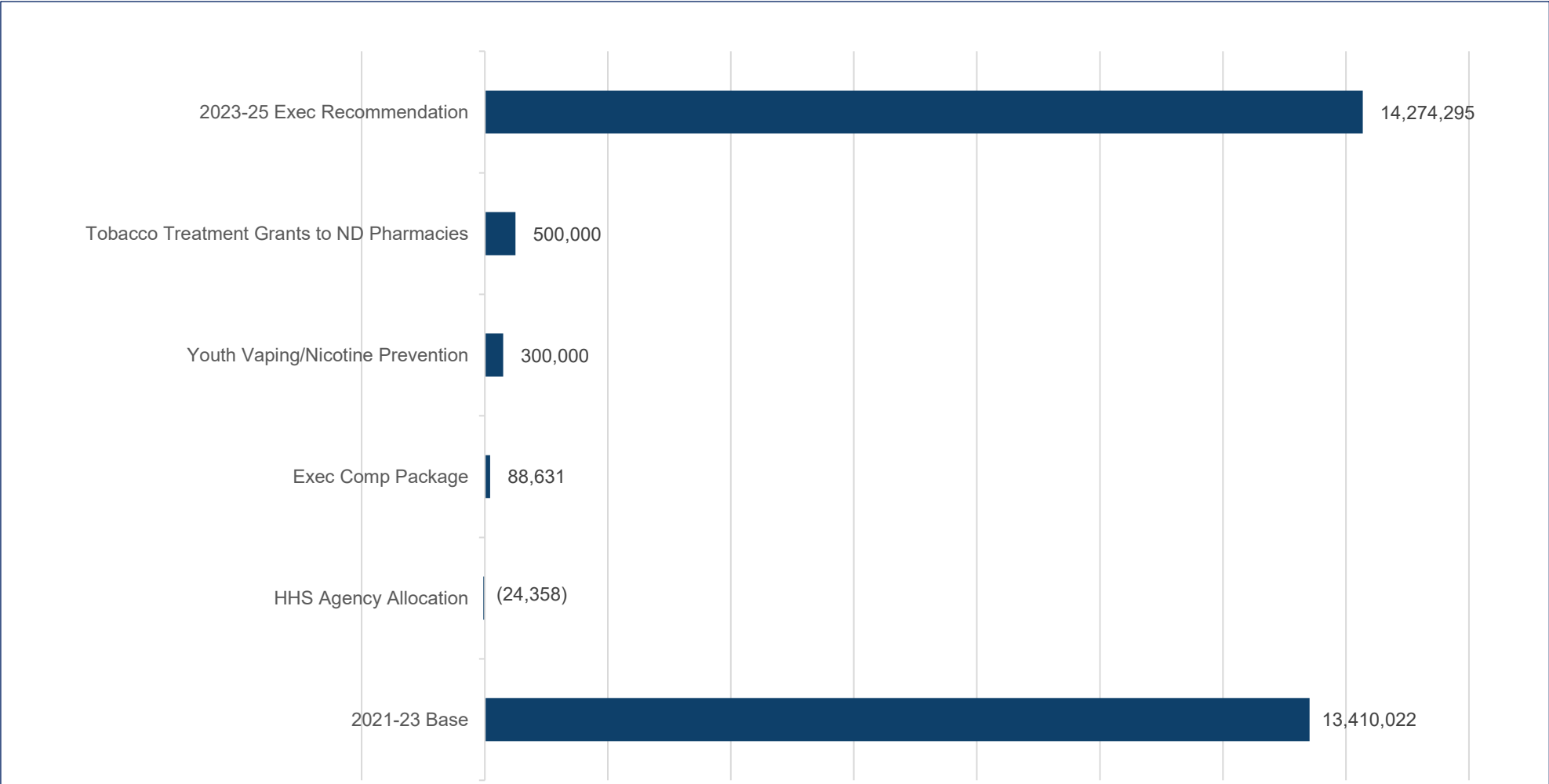
# Changes in Capital Assets

Description	2021-23	2023-25	Increase / (Decrease)
	Base Budget	Executive Rec.	
Capital Assets	1,796,393	1,469,780	(326,613)

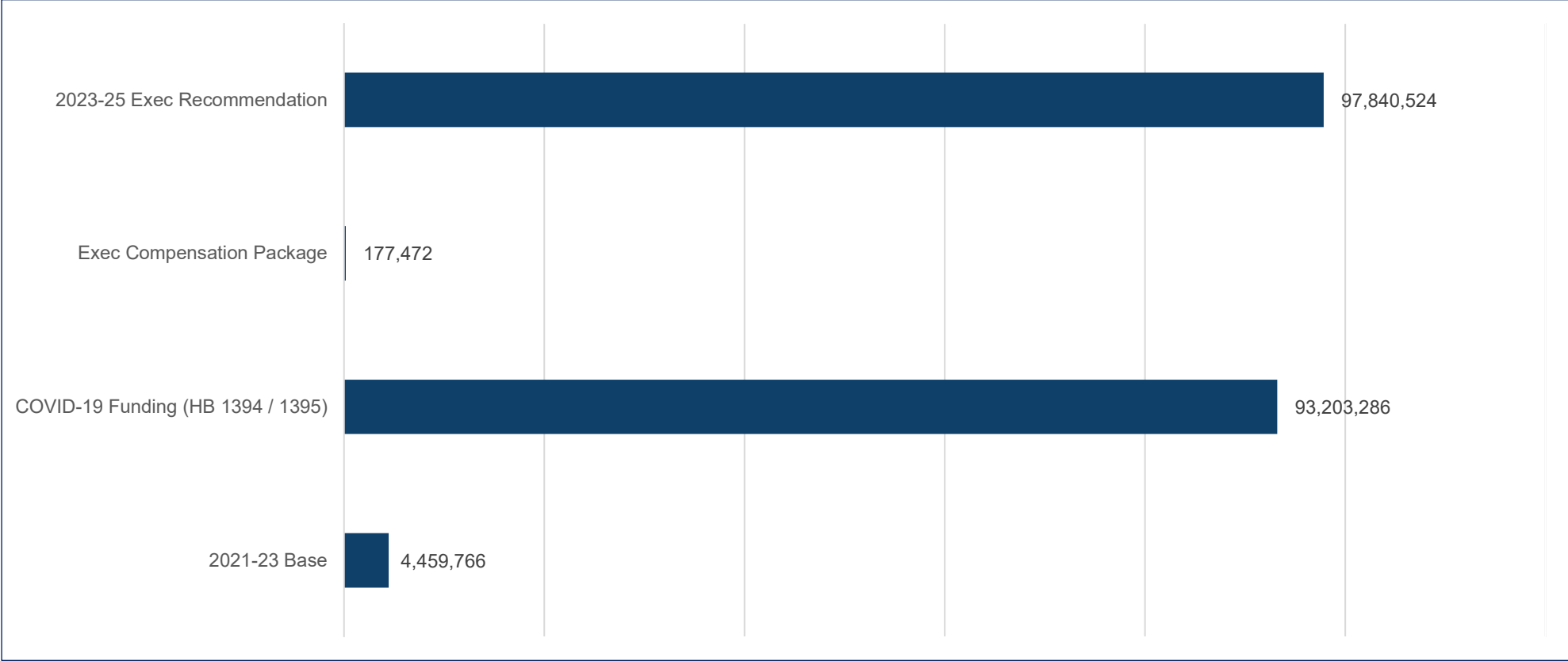
# Changes in Grants



# Changes in Tobacco Prevention & Control



# Changes in COVID-19 Funding



# One-time funding 2021-2023



Vital Records System Technology Updates

\$ 275,000



Statewide Health Strategies Initiative

\$3,000,000



COVID-19 Response

\$9,262,341



Forensic Examiner Upgrades

\$ 910,000



COVID-19 response House Bill No. 1395

\$87,290,597

# One-time funding 2023-2025

**State Laboratory**    **\$55,120,000**  
**ARPA Federal Funds**



## Current facility

The original building was built in 1974.

The addition was built in 2004.

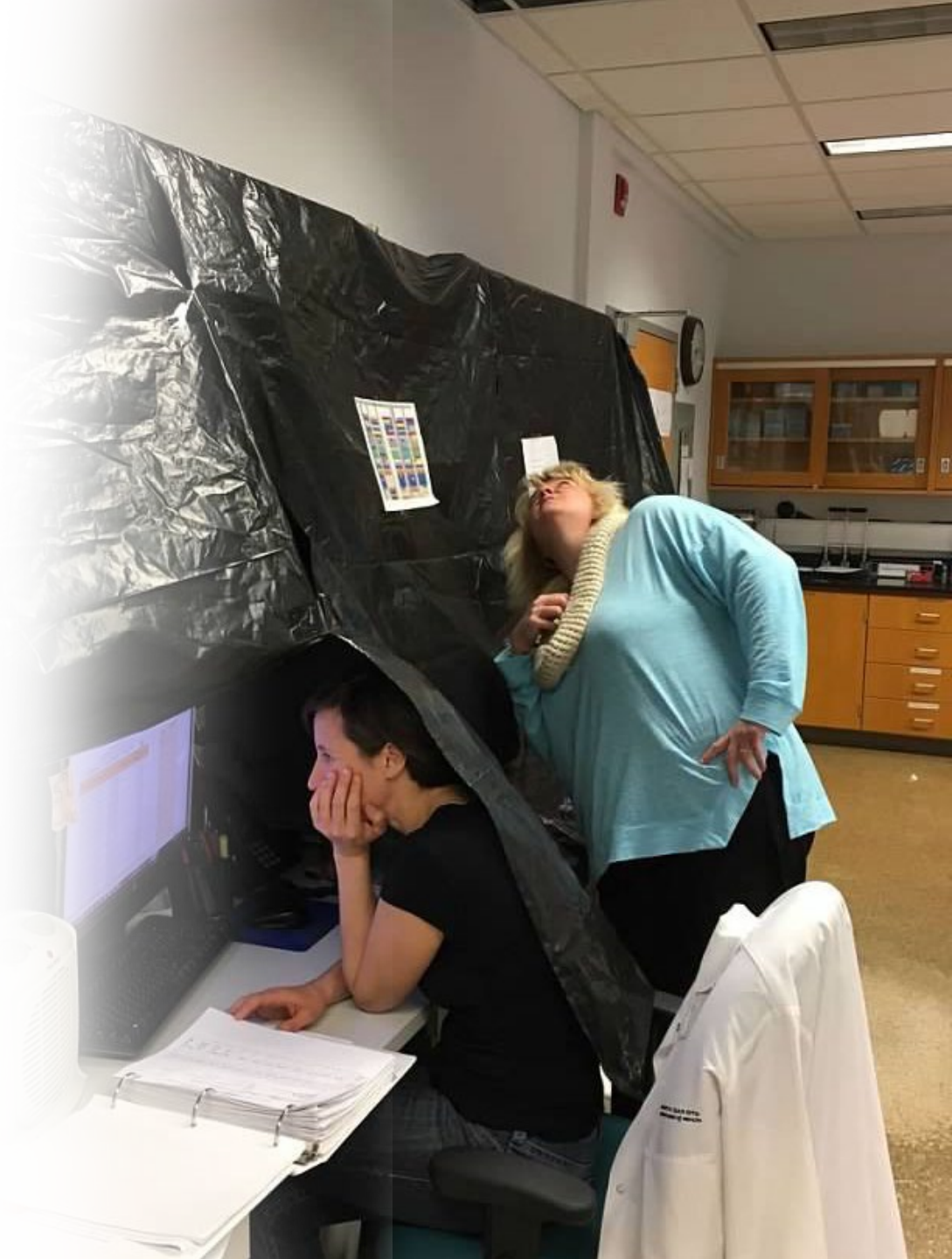
Temporary trailers were added during the pandemic response to support testing needs in the state.



## New State Lab

### Regional, Ready & Responsive

Will increase the ability to be agile and to respond to changing demands in our region, increase the emergency preparedness of the laboratory, and allow for an expanded test menu in areas of toxicology, chemistry and hematology services.



# November 2021 Special Session Appropriations

## State Laboratory



### Initial Funding - \$15M

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.
- Planning and development phase.



### Funds Spent as of 12/31/2022 - \$252,049

- Funds to this point have been spent on the initial study, architect selection, design and operation planning.
- Remaining funds requested to continue through 2023-25; see HB 1004 Section 8 Exemption.
- Total amount is expected to be obligated by December 2024.





## Collections

The only area that is expected to experience increased collections is vital records due to requests for birth certificates related to the Real ID mandate.



# New Sections

## **SECTION 3. FUNDING TRANSFERS – EXEMPTION- AUTHORIZATION - REPORT**

- Allows transfer of appropriation authority between budget line items within Section 1 HB 1004, Subdivisions 1, 2, and 3 of Section 1 of SB 2012, and any other remaining appropriation authority. The Subdivisions referred to in SB 2012 include Management, Program and Policy and Field Services.
- Must notify Legislative Council of any such transfers made and report to budget section and appropriations committees.

## **SECTION 4. FUNDING TRANSFERS – EXEMPTION- AUTHORIZATION - REPORT**

- Allows transfer of appropriation authority as in Section 3, extending specifically to Subdivision 4: County Social Service Financing.
- Must notify Legislative Council of any such transfers made and report to budget section and appropriations committees.

## **SECTION 5. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY**

- Combines appropriation authority of HB 1004 and SB 2012 into one budget as of July 1, 2023.
- The integrated Department of Health and Human Services will submit a single biennial budget beginning July 1, 2025.

# New Sections, cont.

## **SECTION 8. EXEMPTION- STATEWIDE HEALTH STRATEGIES**

- Identifies \$3,000,000 appropriated for the statewide health strategies initiative in chapter 32 of the 2021 Session Laws are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44. 1-11 and are available for the 2023-25 biennium.
- Amount appropriated is contingent on DHHS securing dollar-for-dollar matching funds.

## **SECTION 9. EXEMPTION – PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY CAPITAL PROJECT**

- The \$15,000,000 appropriated for this project in chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session - Session Laws are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44. 1-11 and are available for the 2023-25 biennium.

# DHHS Public Health Division Related Bills

## Fiscal Impact

Bill	Description
HB 1028	To provide for a community health worker task force; to provide for a legislative management report; and to provide an appropriation.
HB 1029	Relating to regulation of community health workers and Medicaid reimbursement for community health worker services; and to provide a contingent effective date.
SB 2012	To provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of various divisions of the department of health and human services; to provide an exemption; and to provide for a report.
SB 2127	Relating to the student loan repayment program; to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the behavioral health loan repayment program; and to declare an emergency.

## Non-fiscal Impact

Bill	Description
HB 1032	Relating to high-demand certificates scholarships; and to provide an appropriation.
HB 1042	Relating to autopsies, determination of cause of death, and certification of coroner fees in situations involving the unexplained sudden death in infant or child with or without intrinsic or extrinsic factors, or both.
HB 1045	Relating to a life safety survey process of any health care facility licensed by the department of health and human services.
HB 1111	Relating to international health regulations.

# DHHS Public Health Division Related Bills

## Non-fiscal Impact, cont.

Bill	Description
HB 1139	Relating to required elements of birth records.
HB 1164	Relating to limitations on cannabinoid edible products; and to amend and reenact section 19-24.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of cannabinoid edible products.
HB 1165	Relating to powers and duties of the department of health and human services public health division, central public health laboratory, and surge staffing; relating to the powers and duties of the department of health and human services, state health officer, state health council and the executive director of the department of health and human.
SB 2068	Relating to the maximum concentration or amount of tetrahydrocannabinol permitted in a thirty-day period.
SB 2078	Relating to the appeals process for a medical marijuana registry identification card for qualified patients and designated caregivers, referral of credible criminal complaints, and the appeals process for a compassion center agent or compassion center.
SB 2085	Relating to system registries for a comprehensive emergency cardiovascular medical system.
SB 2088	Relating to assisted living facilities; and to repeal sections 50-32-02.1 and 50-32-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensing of assisted living facilities and powers and duties of the department of health and human services.
SB 2096	Relating to administrative rules, hemp commodities or products, powers of the commissioner, and civil enforcement remedies; to amend and reenact sections 4.1-18.1-01 and 4.1-18.1-04.3, subparagraph a of paragraph 2 of subdivision m of subsection 5 of section 19-03.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions, prohibited acts by licensees, schedule I controlled substances tetrahydrocannabinols; and to provide a penalty.
SB 2102	Relating to fingerprint-based criminal history record checks for the department of health and human services, and compassion centers.

# Comparison of Public Health Division Request to Executive Budget Recommendation

Department of Health and Human Services						Fully funded budget items				
Public Health Division						Partially or differently funded				
Comparison of Agency Requests to Executive Budget Recommendations						Unfunded budget item				
Description	Public Health Division Requests					Executive Budget Recommendation				
	FTE	Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Special Funds	FTE	Total	General Funds	Federal Funds	Special Funds
Tobacco Treatment Svc Expansion / NDQC Grant to ND Pharmacies		500,000			500,000		500,000			500,000
Community Health Specialist (Childhood/Adult Obesity Prevention)	1.0	231,830	231,830							
Emergency Medical Services for Children Coord (Temp to FTE)	1.0	11,670		11,670						
Funding for Safe Havens / Safe Parenting time/exchanges		1,775,000	1,775,000				-			
Youth Vaping and Nicotine Prevention Proposal		300,000			300,000		300,000			300,000
Health Facility Surveyors for Basic Care & Assisted Living	4.0	676,120	676,120							
Autopsy Tech (Temp to FTE)	1.0	65,094	65,094			1.00	67,473	67,473		
External-focused Comms (DoH Health Equity)	1.0	188,658	188,658				-			
FTE Addition for Medical Marijuana	1.0	-	-	-	-		-			
Hepatitis Surveillance Epidemiologist (Temp to FTE)	1.0	13,112		13,112			-			
Local Public Health Unit State Aid		2,750,000	2,750,000				2,750,000			2,750,000
Poison Control Hotline		31,000	31,000				31,000	31,000		
Regional Field Epidemiologists (Temp to FTE)	8.0	104,896		104,896			-			
Toxicology testing for controlled substances		105,000	105,000				-			
West Nile Virus Surv Coord & Gen Disease Epidemiologist (Temp to FTE)	1.0	13,866		13,866			-			
Child Sexual Abuse Prev Task Force support		486,285	486,285							
Domestic Violence Offender Treatment program grants		1,150,000			1,150,000		700,000			700,000
Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis (DV/RC) Program Specialist	1.0	231,830	231,830							
Grants for Sexual Violence Primary prevention programs		3,800,000	3,800,000							
Grants to Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault agencies		8,090,000	8,090,000				2,686,285	2,686,285		
Cardiac Registry		69,558	69,558				139,116	139,116		
CARES		40,000	21,000		19,000		21,000	21,000		



# Summary of Federal Funds

Purpose	Amount
Administrative Services	6,551,607
Disease Control	22,595,876
Health Statistics and Performance	6,931,295
Healthy and Safe Communities	41,430,784
WIC Food	19,900,000
Tobacco Prevention	2,111,566
Health Response and Licensure	19,056,065
Laboratory Services	3,252,223
ARPA Funds - New Lab Building	55,120,000
COVID Funds (included in various sections)	93,443,237
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>270,392,653</b>

# Summary of COVID-19 Grants

Grant	Award Amount	Expenditures		Start Date	End Date
		Biennium to date thru 11/30/22	Remaining		
FEMA	54,540,000	49,515,422	5,024,578	3/1/20	Unknown
ELC Care Act COVID 19	5,125,000	1,762,735	3,362,265	4/23/20	7/31/24
ELC Care Enhanced Act COVID 19	52,621,819	15,794,542	36,827,277	4/23/20	7/31/24
ELC COVID19 Infection Control	904,829	151,801	753,028	5/28/20	7/31/24
ELC COVID Supp AMD	131,000	101,873	29,127	12/16/20	7/31/24
ELC COVID Suppl PHL	515,000	260,409	254,591	12/16/20	7/31/24
ELC COVID Suppl Traveler's Health	200,000	131,590	68,410	1/14/21	7/31/24
ELC COVID Enhancing Expansion	43,863,056	2,416,112	41,446,944	1/14/21	7/31/24
ELC - School Testing	22,952,934	2,405,959	20,546,975	4/1/21	7/31/24
COVID ELC AMD (round 2)	1,318,662	424,547	894,115	5/12/21	7/31/24
COVID ELC PHL (round 2)	142,473	50,830	91,643	5/12/21	7/31/24
Immunization COVID 19	240,831	325	240,506	6/5/20	6/30/24
Immunization COVID19 Vaccine Services	584,919	177,166	407,753	9/23/20	6/30/24
Immunization COVID19 Immunization Warp Speed	7,395,665	4,267,714	3,127,951	1/15/21	6/30/24
Immunization COVID4	29,297,083	7,400,553	21,896,530	3/31/21	6/30/24
Immunization COVID19 Vaccine Confidence Strategy and Media Campaign	559,478	500,000	59,478	5/3/21	6/30/24
Immunization COVID	2,451,143	0	2,451,143	3/31/21	6/30/24
Immunization COVID IIS	340,730	20,655	320,075	7/1/22	6/30/24
Immunization COVID Ukrainian	20,780	0	20,780	7/1/22	6/30/24

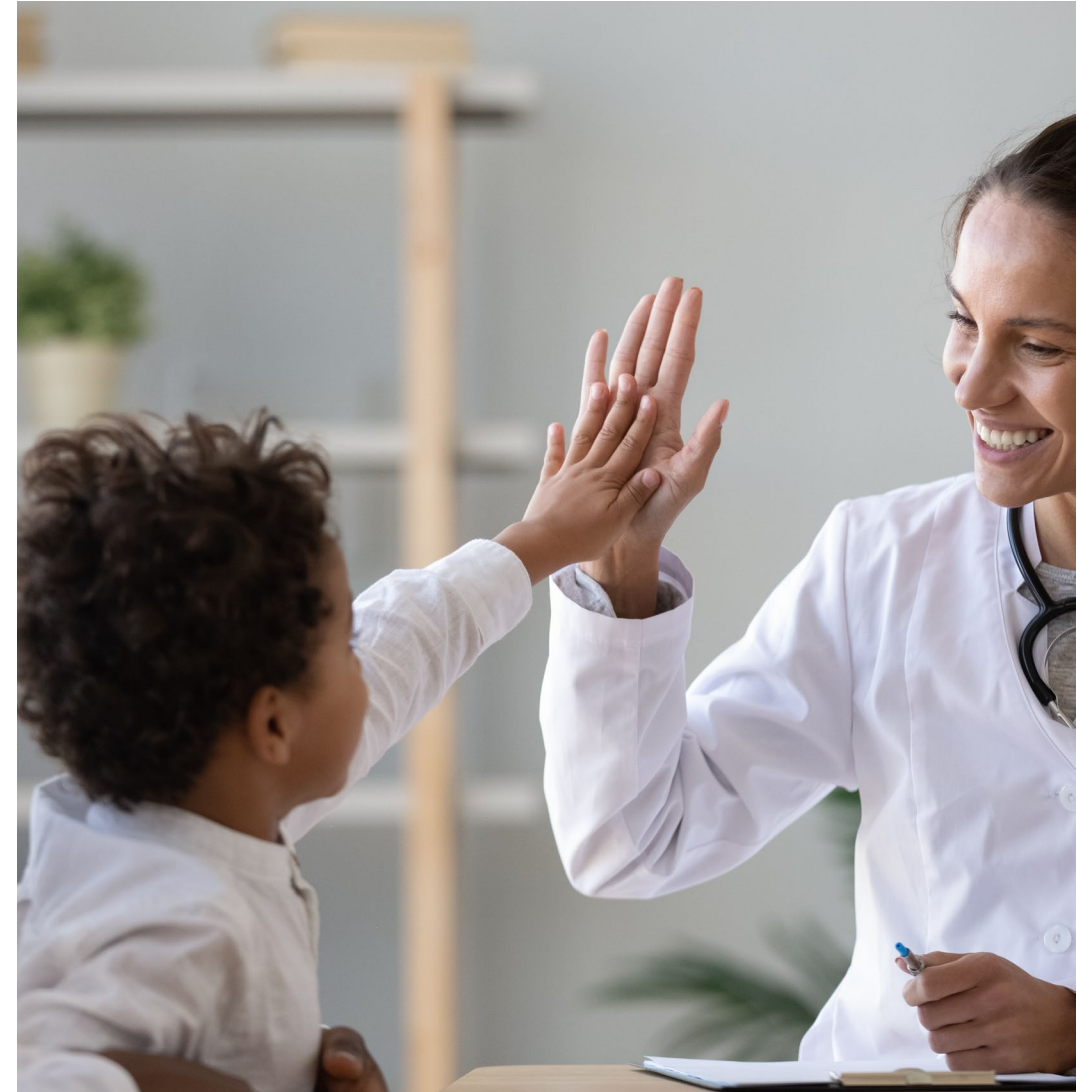


# Summary of COVID-19 Grants, cont.

Grant	Award Amount	Expenditures		Start Date	End Date
		Biennium to date thru 11/30/22	Remaining		
Medicaid CARES FY23	100,000	2,250	97,750	10/1/22	9/30/23
COVID-19 Health Disparities	31,278,243	8,687,058	22,591,185	6/1/21	5/31/24
Family Violence- ARP Testing (COVID-19 related)	1,288,954	153,691	1,135,263	10/1/20	9/30/25
Family Violence- ARP Sexual Assault (COVID-19 related)	890,649	46,693	843,956	10/1/20	9/30/25
ELC COVD Traveler's Health Year 2	200,000	87,935	112,065	10/26/21	7/31/24
ELC COVID-19 HIS	75,101	65,476	9,625	8/1/21	7/31/24
ELC COVID-19 VPD	98,280	42,827	55,453	8/1/21	7/31/24
ELC COVID-19 Data Modernization	2,949,394	805,426	2,143,968	8/1/21	7/31/24
ELC COVID-19 HAI / AR	1,190,000	14,053	1,175,947	8/1/21	7/31/24
ELC COVID-19 HAI/Leadership	4,464	0	4,464	8/1/21	7/31/24
ELC COVID-19 HAI/Antimicrobial Resistance	2,526,937	81,817	2,445,120	8/1/21	7/31/24
ELC COVID-19 HAI SNF Strike Team	1,270,273	9,739	1,260,534	8/1/21	7/31/24
ELC COVID-19 HAI LTC NA Strike Team	1,216,364	13,253	1,203,111	8/1/21	7/31/24
ELC COVID-19 Homelessness	449,760	48,597	401,163	8/1/21	7/31/24
Infrastructure Workforce and Data Systems A1	8,433,656	0	8,433,656	12/1/22	11/30/27
Infrastructure Workforce and Data Systems A2	495,924	0	495,924	12/1/22	11/30/27
<b>Total:</b>	<b>276,255,706</b>	<b>95,586,606</b>	<b>180,669,100</b>		

# Summary and Key Takeaways

- Strengthen public health capacity at the state and local levels to meet the needs of a growing population.
- Utilize remaining federal funds to return to normal services and encourage preventative care.
- Increase State Aid for local public health units.
- Build a new State Laboratory to serve the needs of North Dakota.





**THANK YOU**

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