

**Adjutant General, including the National Guard and the Department of Emergency Services
Budget 540
Senate Bill No. 2016; House Bill No. 1018**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2015-17 legislative appropriation (original)	234.00	\$33,033,118 ¹	\$208,152,527	\$241,185,645
2013-15 legislative appropriation	<u>246.00</u>	<u>31,150,829</u>	<u>254,844,597²</u>	<u>285,995,426</u>
2015-17 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2013-15 appropriation	(12.00)	\$1,882,289	(\$46,692,070)	(\$44,809,781)
2015-17 general fund budget allotment (4.05 percent)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(\$1,337,841)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$1,337,841)</u>
Adjusted 2015-17 appropriation after budget allotment	234.00	\$31,695,277	\$208,152,527	\$239,847,804

¹The original legislative appropriation amount includes \$2,945,500 of one-time funding from the general fund. Excluding this amount, the agency's original ongoing general fund appropriation is \$30,087,618.

²The 2013-15 biennium other funds appropriation amount includes a \$5 million deficiency appropriation from the state disaster relief fund made in 2015 Senate Bill No. 2023 to repay a Bank of North Dakota loan for the state's share of disaster costs.

NOTE: The 2015-17 biennium legislative appropriation amounts do not include \$71,323 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$4.49 million targeted market equity funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for targeted market equity adjustments for employees in certain agencies.

Item Description

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

Status/Result

The budget allotment reduced general fund appropriations for the Adjutant General by \$1,337,841. The National Guard has reduced its salaries and wages line item (\$60,694), operating expenses line item (\$637,344), army guard contracts line item (\$72,644), and the Department of Emergency Services has reduced its operating expenses line item (\$567,159). Specific reductions include the elimination of a temporary administrative staff officer, delaying hiring certain positions, reducing travel, delaying and reducing equipment purchases, and delaying building maintenance and repair.

One-time funding - In 2015 Senate Bill No. 2016, the Legislative Assembly provided for \$6,715,000 of one-time funding, including \$2,945,500 from the general fund as shown in the schedule below.

Veterans' bonus program	\$500,000
Veterans' Cemetery land purchase	139,000
Next generation 911 initial purchase	386,000
Radio tower infrastructure redundancy	80,000
Microsoft SQL Enterprise for CAD	90,000
Emergency response supplies	550,000
Disaster recovery assistance	1,000,000
Disaster volunteer coordination	200,000
Message switch test server	70,000
Rice Lake flood mitigation	2,000,000
Firefighter training grant	1,200,000
Firefighter training stipends	500,000
Total	\$6,715,000

The following is a summary of the status of the Adjutant General's one-time funding:

Veterans' bonus program	As of April 2016 the Adjutant General has not spent any of the \$500,000 appropriation for the veterans' bonus program. Section 16 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2016 authorized the carryover of \$172,306 from the 2013-15 biennium appropriation for the veterans' bonus program. Of that carryover amount, \$36,850 has been spent. The Adjutant General does not anticipate using all available funding in the 2015-17 biennium, but expects need for the funding to increase with increased deployments in the 2017-19 biennium.
Veterans' Cemetery land purchase	The Adjutant General completed the land purchase in October 2015 for \$139,000, including \$69,500 from the general fund.
Next generation 911 initial purchase	The Adjutant General has spent \$135,500 and anticipates spending the entire appropriation of \$386,000 from the general fund by the end of the biennium.
Radio tower infrastructure redundancy	As of April 2016 the Adjutant General has not spent any of the \$80,000 appropriated for radio tower infrastructure redundancy. The Adjutant General anticipates spending the full amount by the end of the biennium, depending on staff availability and weather conditions.
Microsoft SQL Enterprise for CAD	The Adjutant General has completed the project at a total cost of \$99,462. The Adjutant General anticipates using cost-savings from other projects to provide for the budget shortfall for this project.
Emergency response supplies	As of April 2016 the Adjutant General has not spent any of the \$550,000 appropriated for emergency response supplies. The Adjutant General may reduce funding for emergency response supplies by \$275,000 as part of the 4.05 percent general fund budget allotment. The Adjutant General anticipates spending the remaining funds by the end of the biennium.
Disaster recovery assistance contract	As of April 2016 the Adjutant General has not spent any of the \$1 million appropriated for a disaster recovery assistance contract. Section 12 of Senate Bill No. 2016 authorized the carryover of \$468,782 from the 2013-15 biennium appropriation for the disaster recovery assistance contract. Of that carryover amount, \$34,810 has been spent. Spending of available funding is dependent upon the occurrence of disasters in the 2015-17 biennium.

Disaster volunteer coordination	The Adjutant General has spent \$50,000 and anticipates spending the entire appropriation of \$200,000 by the end of the biennium.
Message switch test server	As of April 2016 the Adjutant General has not spent any of the \$70,000 appropriated for the message switch test server. The Adjutant General anticipates spending the entire amount by the end of the biennium, depending on staff availability.
Rice Lake flood mitigation	The Adjutant General is working with Ward County to provide for repair and replacement of infrastructure and removal of debris and other health hazards related to Rice Lake flooding. The Adjutant General has spent \$452,000 to complete the removal of debris and other health hazards from the lake. The Adjutant General anticipates spending the remaining funds for sewer replacement and repair.
Firefighter training grant	As of April 2016 the Adjutant General has not spent any of the \$1.2 million appropriated for a firefighter training grant. Upon a signed agreement between the Security and Emergency Response Training Center and the City of Grand Forks, the Adjutant General was to provide a grant for expanding the current Grand Forks Responder Training Center. The Security and Emergency Response Training Center has abandoned the joint project. Therefore, the Adjutant General does not anticipate spending any of the funding appropriated for a firefighter training grant.
Firefighter training stipends	The Adjutant General has spent \$3,553 of the \$500,000 appropriated from the insurance tax distribution fund for firefighter training stipends. The Adjutant General received a transfer of \$50,000 from the insurance tax distribution fund in September 2015 to pay requested training stipends. The Adjutant General stated future spending is dependent upon requests received and any funds not spent will remain in the insurance tax distribution fund.

Mortuary response training - In Section 10 of 2015 House Bill No. 1018, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$200,000 from the general fund to the Adjutant General for coordinating and conducting joint training involving the Department of Emergency Services, the federal Health and Human Services' Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team, and other state and local emergency personnel.

The Adjutant General has reduced the funding available by 4.05 percent as part of the agency's general fund budget allotment. The Adjutant General is awaiting a request from the State Department of Health to use the remaining funds for training.

ND Cares Task Force - In Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2016, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$260,000 from the general fund to the Adjutant General for operating costs of the ND Cares Task Force.

Statewide radio interoperability network - In Sections 4 and 5 of Senate Bill No. 2016, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1.5 million from the general fund to the Information Technology Department for planning and coordinating the implementation of a statewide radio interoperability network.

Targeted market equity - In Section 4 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2015, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$3.75 million from the general fund and \$740,000 from other funds to the Office of Management and Budget for a state agency targeted market equity salary funding pool.

The Adjutant General has reduced the funding available by 4.05 percent as part of the agency's general fund budget allotment. The Adjutant General is in the process of creating a website for the ND Cares Task Force and symposiums relating to the task force have been planned throughout the 2015-17 biennium. The Adjutant General has spent \$3,400 of the appropriation for the ND Cares Task Force and anticipates spending the remaining amount available by the end of the biennium.

The Information Technology Department is determining the feasibility and desirability of implementing a statewide radio interoperability network. If it is determined to be feasible and desirable, the Information Technology Department will enter into agreements with affected entities to delineate the roles and responsibilities of each entity to implement the project. Through a request for proposal process, the Information Technology Department selected Televate, LLC as the vendor to complete this process. Local meetings have been held and periodic reports have been provided to the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee.

As of March 31, 2016, the Adjutant General has received \$35,662 of general fund appropriation authority from the funding pool. The funding is being used throughout the agency for employees with extremely low compensation ratios. The Office of Management and Budget anticipates providing the same amount of distributions from the funding pool in fiscal year 2017.