Governor Budget 101 Senate Bill Nos. 2001, 2304; House Bill No. 1021

2015-17 legislative appropriation	FTE Positions 18.00	General Fund \$4,499,475 ¹	Other Funds \$0	Total \$4,499,475
2013-15 legislative appropriation	18.00	4,033,873	0	4,033,873
2015-17 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2013-15 appropriation	0.00	\$465,602	\$0	\$465,602
2015-17 general fund budget allotment (4.05 percent)	0.00	(\$182,229)	\$0	(\$182,229)
Adjusted 2015-17 appropriation after budget allotment	18.00	\$4,317,246	\$0	\$4,317,246

¹The legislative appropriation amount includes \$160,200 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$4,339,275. These amounts have not been adjusted for allotment amounts.

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 Governor's office by \$182,229. The agency reduced its budget for salaries and wages (\$84,500), operating expenses (\$47,729), and temporary housing for the Governor (\$50,000). The salary and operating expenses savings are a result of 1 vacant FTE position. See the **New Governor's residence** section below for additional detail relating to expenses for temporary housing for the Governor.

The status of the one-time funding items is as follows:

- Transition costs The funding has not yet been used. The Governor's office anticipates using the funding during the transition to a new Governor after the November 2016 election.
- Desktop support services The funding is anticipated to be used by the end of the biennium.
- Temporary housing expenses The funding has not been used and was identified as part of the general fund budget allotment. See the **New Governor's residence** section below for additional detail relating to expenses for temporary housing for the Governor.

One-time funding from the general fund - The Legislative Assembly identified the following one-time funding items for the 2015-17 biennium:

	General Fund
Transition costs if a new Governor is elected in 2016	\$65,000
(Senate Bill No. 2001)	
Desktop support services (House Bill No. 1021)	45,200
Temporary housing expenses during construction of a new	50,000
Governor's residence (Senate Bill No. 2304)	
Total	\$160,200

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New Governor's residence - Senate Bill No. 2304 (2015) provides an appropriation of \$4 million from the Capitol building fund and \$1 million from other privately raised funds to the Office of Management and Budget for the demolition of the existing Governor's residence and the construction of a new residence. The bill also provides a general fund appropriation of \$50,000 to the Governor's office for temporary housing expenses of the Governor during construction of the new residence.

Additional income appropriation - Section 3 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2001 appropriates any additional federal or other funds made available to the Governor's office during the 2015-17 biennium. The Governor's office must provide a report to the Legislative Management regarding any funds received or expended pursuant to this appropriation authority.

Desktop support services - Section 7 of 2015 House Bill No. 1021 requires certain agencies, including the Governor's office, to obtain desktop support services from the Information Technology Department. Section 8 of the bill appropriated \$97,760 from the general fund, of which \$45,200 is considered one-time funding, for desktop support services for the Governor's office.

The Governor's Residence Project Oversight Committee has selected a design for the new residence. The design provides for the new residence to be located next to the existing residence. Therefore, the Governor's office will not need to utilize funding for temporary housing for the Governor. The preliminary estimate provides for a project completion date by November 2017.

In March 2016 the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee received an update on fundraising for the project. The Friends of the North Dakota Governor's Residence Committee has raised the first \$500,000 of private funds for the project. The committee anticipates the remaining \$500,000 of private funds will be available by the summer of 2016.

The Governor's office has not reported receiving any additional federal or other funds that would be appropriated under the section.

The Information Technology Department implemented desktop support services for the Governor's office in September 2015. The agency anticipates spending all funding appropriated for desktop support services by the end of the biennium.