

**Mill and Elevator Association
Budget No. 475
Senate Bill No. 2014**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 legislative appropriation	156.00	\$0	\$88,377,209	\$88,377,209
2019-21 legislative appropriation	<u>156.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>77,111,514¹</u>	<u>77,111,514</u>
2021-23 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriation	0.00	\$0	\$11,265,695	\$11,265,695

¹The 2019-21 legislative appropriation amount includes \$116,690 of one-time funding from federal coronavirus relief funds for overtime salaries, cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, and freight costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Item Description

Projects - During the 2021 legislative session, the Mill and Elevator Association identified potential future projects, including terminal receiving scales and conveyors, construction of new H and I mills, an increase in whole wheat milling capacity, and a flour and millfeed distribution system.

Transfer to agricultural products utilization fund - North Dakota Century Code Section 54-18-21, enacted by the Legislative Assembly in 2009, provides that within 30 days after the conclusion of each fiscal year, the Industrial Commission transfer 5 percent of the net income earned by the Mill and Elevator Association during that fiscal year to the agricultural products utilization fund. Money in the fund is available to the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission to provide grants to develop and expand the use of agricultural products.

Transfer to general fund - Section 54-18-19, enacted by the Legislative Assembly in 2009, requires the Industrial Commission transfer to the general fund 50 percent of the annual earnings and undivided profits of the Mill and Elevator Association after any transfers to other state agricultural-related programs. The money must be transferred on an annual basis in the amounts and at the times requested by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Status/Result

The Mill and Elevator Association is in the process of completing a project to add terminal receiving scales and conveyors and a project to construct new H and I mills to increase wheat capacity by 8,000 hundredweight (cwt) per day and durum wheat capacity by 3,000 cwt per day. Both projects are anticipated to be completed in June 2022.

The Mill and Elevator Association had fiscal year 2021 income of approximately \$13.5 million and transferred \$673,016 to the agricultural products utilization fund for the 2nd year of the 2019-21 biennium (fiscal year 2021). The total transferred for both years of the 2019-21 biennium was \$1,243,946. The estimated transfer to the agricultural products utilization fund during the 2021-23 biennium is \$1.6 million.

The Mill and Elevator Association had fiscal year 2021 income of approximately \$13.5 million and transferred \$6,393,652 to the general fund for the 2nd year of the 2019-21 biennium (fiscal year 2021). The total transferred for both years of the 2019-21 biennium was \$11,817,493. The 2021 Legislative Assembly estimated the 2021-23 biennium transfer to the general fund would be \$15.5 million.