

**State Historical Society  
Budget 701  
Senate Bill No. 2020**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	54.00	\$6,504,168	\$1,037,662	\$7,541,830
1997-99 legislative appropriation	<u>54.00</u>	<u>4,860,446</u>	<u>1,208,157</u>	<u>6,068,603</u>
1999-2001 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1997-99 appropriation	0.00	\$1,643,722	(\$170,495)	\$1,473,227

**NOTE:** The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$47,486, of which \$42,262 is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$5.4 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for special market equity adjustments for classified employees and \$1,242 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000.

**Item Description**

**Fort Totten development project** - The 1999 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$350,000 from the general fund for improvements at Fort Totten. The agency anticipated completing improvements on the first and second floors and annex of building #4 at Fort Totten.

**Lewis and Clark Bicentennial-related activities and projects** - The 1999 Legislative Assembly provided the following general fund appropriation of \$931,345 to the State Historical Society for activities and projects relating to the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial:

Seasonal salaries	\$106,345
Museum exhibits	278,900
Public programming at Lewis and Clark-related historic sites	66,766
Improvements at Double Ditch, Fort Clark, and Fort Buford historic sites	665,000
Undesignated reduction to be determined by the agency	(185,666)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$931,345</b>

**Status/Result**

Due to higher than anticipated bids, the State Historical Society plans to limit the project to foundation, wall, and roof improvements; completion of the first floor renovation; and limited improvements on the second floor at a cost of \$495,000, \$145,000 more than originally estimated for the entire project. The project will be completed by October 31, 2000.

The agency anticipates receiving federal transportation enhancement funds from the Department of Transportation to fund the additional \$145,000 cost relating to the Fort Totten project. General fund moneys appropriated for the project and moneys in the agency's gift and bequest fund will be used to provide the matching funds required for the federal transportation funds.

The agency anticipates spending the following amounts for Lewis and Clark Bicentennial activities and projects during the 1999-2001 biennium:

Seasonal maintenance staff	
Fort Clark	\$45,000
Fort Buford	45,000
Other	13,345
<b>Total seasonal maintenance staff</b>	<b>\$103,345</b>
Exhibits planning and development	
Planning for frontier exhibit at Heritage Center	\$150,000
Traveling exhibits	10,000

Other	2,000
Total exhibits planning and development	\$162,000
Educational programming	\$20,500
Capital improvements	
Fort Clark (entrance, signage, overlook)	\$88,000
Double Ditch (parking lot, fencing)	63,500
Fort Buford (field officers quarters restoration, signage, parking, and road improvements)	494,000
Total capital improvements	\$645,500
Total Lewis and Clark amount	\$931,345

The agency anticipates using its gift and bequest fund to deposit and spend the federal funds.

On May 22, 2000, the Emergency Commission approved a request submitted by the State Historical Society to transfer \$134,229 from the state contingencies appropriation to the agency's operating expenses line item to pay costs relating to a negotiated settlement between the State Historical Society and the general contractor.

**Claims for construction delay damages relating to the Pembina State Museum** - The general contractor for the Pembina State Museum project has submitted a claim against the State Historical Society for construction delay damages in the amount of \$170,000. The State Historical Society contracted with an electrical contractor whose contract was eventually terminated, resulting in a five-month period during which no substitute electrical contractor was retained to complete the project. The general contractor is claiming that the state is responsible for the delay because of its contractual relationship with the electrical contractor.

The State Historical Society has submitted a counterclaim against the general contractor for approximately \$75,000 to recover construction and architectural costs incurred as a result of construction delays caused by the general contractor.