

**Attorney General
Budget 125
House Bill No. 1003**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 legislative appropriation	160.50	\$14,879,731	\$17,635,022	\$32,514,753
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	159.50	14,078,406	15,922,565	30,000,971
2001-03 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriation	1.00	\$801,325	\$1,712,457	\$2,513,782

NOTE: The 2001-03 appropriation amounts include \$106,109, \$75,346 of which is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$5,000,000 funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees.

Item Description

Uniform crime reporting system - The 2001 Legislative Assembly provided \$200,000 from the general fund for rewriting the uniform crime reporting system.

Attorney General refund fund - The Attorney General estimated that North Dakota would receive \$640,000 from a multistate lawsuit settlement involving Indirect Vitamin Products. The Legislative Assembly appropriated these settlement funds for land purchases at the Northwest (\$61,000) and North Central (\$260,000) Research Extension Centers for addressing Johne's disease (\$177,500) and for the Agriculture in the Classroom program (\$75,000) in the Agriculture Department and for a grant to the Stockmen's Association for environmental impact activities involving livestock (\$50,000).

Local gaming enforcement grants - The Legislative Assembly changed the funding source for the local gaming enforcement grants from the general fund to the gaming and excise tax allocation fund and appropriated \$629,000 for these grants. The gaming and excise tax allocation fund consists of 3 percent of the gaming and excise taxes collected under North Dakota Century Code Section 53-06.1-12.

State Fire Marshal services - The 2001 Legislative Assembly required the State Fire Marshal, as requested by a political subdivision, to conduct inspections of publicly or privately owned buildings and to charge a fee for these services, the proceeds of which are deposited in the general fund. In addition, the Attorney General may charge fees totaling up to \$35,000 for State Fire Marshal services provided to entities covered by the petroleum release compensation fund, the proceeds of which are deposited in the Attorney General's operating fund.

Status/Result

The project is underway and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the biennium within the appropriated amount.

North Dakota's share (\$640,000) of the lawsuit settlement involving Indirect Vitamin Products is expected to be received in May 2002. In addition, the Attorney General's office received a \$500,000 lawsuit settlement involving Bridgestone/Firestone. These funds are currently in the refund fund. The Attorney General anticipates the majority of these funds to be transferred to the general fund at the end of the biennium.

As of March 12, 2002, \$215,733 has been deposited in the gaming and excise tax allocation fund. Of this amount, \$147,680 has been distributed to cities and counties for local gaming enforcement. The projected revenues for the biennium remain at \$629,000.

Through March 2002, political subdivisions have not yet requested the State Fire Marshal to conduct any building inspections.

Through January 2002, the Attorney General has charged \$4,882 to entities covered by the petroleum release compensation fund for State Fire Marshal services.

Clandestine laboratory cleanup costs - The Legislative Assembly added a section of legislative intent providing that the Attorney General request Emergency Commission approval for funding from the state contingencies appropriation if additional funding is needed for cleanup costs relating to clandestine laboratories and if federal funds are not available for paying these costs.

Through February 2002, the Attorney General has not requested any funding from the state contingencies appropriation for cleanup costs relating to clandestine laboratories since the federal government has been paying these costs.