

**Housing Finance Agency
Budget 473
Senate Bill No. 2014**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2009-11 legislative appropriation	46.00	\$0	\$71,424,343	\$71,424,343
2007-09 legislative appropriation	<u>43.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,564,176</u>	<u>41,564,176</u>
2009-11 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2007-09 appropriation	3.00	\$0	\$29,860,167	\$29,860,167

NOTE: The 2009-11 legislative appropriation amounts include \$80,000 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$16 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for executive branch employees.

Item Description

FTE changes - The 2009-11 biennium appropriation includes funding for 46 FTE positions, an increase of 3 FTE positions from the 2007-09 biennium authorized level of 43 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly authorized 3 new FTE positions related to program growth and outreach.

Federal fiscal stimulus funding - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$30,360,574 of federal fiscal stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Housing Finance Agency for the HOME tax credit assistance program (\$4,860,574) and the housing tax credit exchange program (\$25.5 million). Any program expenditures made with these funds will not be replaced with state funds after the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds are no longer available.

Financing pilot project - Section 17 of Senate Bill No. 2014 authorizes the Housing Finance Agency to establish a pilot project to provide incentives for private sector investment in single-family residential dwelling units and multifamily housing facilities in difficult-to-develop areas of the state for the 2009-11 biennium. The Housing Finance Agency is to report on the status of the pilot project to the Budget Section at its last interim meeting prior to the 2010 legislative organizational session.

Status/Result

As of March 29, 2010, the Housing Finance Agency has not filled any of the 3 new FTE positions authorized for the 2009-11 biennium. The agency anticipates filling the positions by the end of the 2009-11 biennium.

The Housing Finance Agency plans to use \$4,832,722 of the \$4,860,574 available for the HOME tax credit assistance program. Five projects have received environmental review clearance from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and are eligible to sign program documents and receive funding.

The agency plans to use \$7.2 million of the \$25.5 million available for the housing tax credit exchange program for three projects. The projects are at various stages in contracting for asset management. The application deadline for the program has passed; however, federal legislation is being considered to extend the deadline.

The Housing Finance Agency has developed a rural housing investment incentive pilot program and has provided \$400,000 from its reserve fund for the program. The agency has committed all funds available to seven projects in Maddock, New Rockford, Parshall, Stanley, Underwood, Velva, and Wishek.

Salary equity adjustments - The Housing Finance Agency received an allocation of \$80,000 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$16 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees.

The following is a summary of the salary equity adjustments provided to the Housing Finance Agency employees beginning July 1, 2009:

	Biennial Amount	Number of Employees
Administrative assistant I	\$1,037	1
Administrative assistant II	224	1
Computer and network specialist III	5,661	1
Housing program technician I	3,587	2
Housing program technician II	3,054	2
Housing program specialist I	10,649	4
Housing program specialist II	4,120	1
Housing program specialist III	6,025	2
Account budget specialist III	7,679	3
Housing program representative	4,175	3
Housing program administrator II	15,048	4
Investment and financial planning manager	7,735	1
Public information specialist I	1,597	1
Public information specialist III	4,568	1
Administrative staff officer III	4,820	1
Total	\$79,979	28