

**State Fair Association  
Budget 665  
House Bill No. 1009**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2011-13 legislative appropriation	0.00	\$730,000	\$0	\$730,000
2009-11 legislative appropriation	0.00	15,697,150	3,000,000	18,697,150
2011-13 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriation	0.00	(\$14,967,150)	(\$3,000,000)	(\$17,967,150)

**Item Description**

**Premiums** - The Legislative Assembly provided \$520,000 from the general fund for premiums, the same as the executive budget recommendation and \$32,850 more than the 2009-11 biennium general fund appropriation of \$487,150.

**Capital asset funding** - The Legislative Assembly provided \$210,000 from the general fund for the State Fair Association's biennial capital bond payment, the same as the 2009-11 biennium.

**The Iverson Grandstand** - Section 3 of 2011 House Bill No. 1009 provides the grandstand constructed by the State Fair Association on the state fairgrounds during the 2009-11 biennium is designated the Iverson Grandstand.

**Flood disaster** - In June 2011 flooding in Minot caused water to cover the state fairgrounds for approximately 30 days.

**Emergency Commission** - In August 2011 the Emergency Commission approved, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 54-16-13, a \$6 million line of credit at the Bank of North Dakota for recovery and prevention efforts related to the flood disaster at the state fairgrounds. The State Fair Association is to use funding received from FEMA to repay the loan.

**Status/Result**

Due to flooding and the cancellation of the 2011 State Fair, the State Fair Association spent only \$17,000 of the \$260,000 provided for premiums and awards for the 2011 State Fair. The funding was used for preordered trophies and awards. The association will not spend the remaining \$243,000 but anticipates spending the entire \$260,000 provided for premiums and awards for the 2012 State Fair.

The State Fair Association has spent the \$210,000 appropriation to buy down the interest rate on capital construction project payments. The revenue bonds secured by these appropriations matured on December 1, 2011; therefore, funding will no longer be requested for this purpose.

The State Fair Association is in the process of ordering a sign identifying the designation.

Except for the State Fair Center and the grandstand, all of the structures on the state fairgrounds were flooded with 8 feet to 10 feet of water. Landscaping plants covered with water for 30 days have died, and the water washed away gravel on parking lots and damaged asphalt. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) does not reimburse for these types of repairs. The cancellation of the 2011 State Fair resulted in the loss of approximately \$3 million of income. The State Fair does not have sufficient funding in its operating fund to pay for the cost of these repairs and other extraordinary maintenance and operating costs; therefore, the State Fair Association anticipates requesting funding from the Legislative Assembly in 2013 for the following extraordinary maintenance and flood-related repairs:

- \$2,881,500 - Asphalt overlay and repair.
- \$619,650 - Gravel for parking lots.
- \$353,882 - Expo barn roof repair.

The State Fair Association borrowed \$4.2 million from the Bank to pay flood-related costs and anticipates FEMA will reimburse the association for 90 percent of qualified expenditures. Reimbursements received from FEMA used to repay a portion of the loan through March 2012 total \$3.3 million. The association currently owes the Bank approximately \$895,000 and anticipates requesting funding from the Legislative Assembly in 2013 to repay the balance of the loan plus interest through June 2013 of approximately \$53,000.