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PRELIMINARY PLANNING REVOLVING FUND

The preliminary planning revolving fund was created in 1975 when the Legislative Assembly approved Senate Bill No. 2019, which created a preliminary planning revolving fund for the prepayment of consulting and planning fees for capital improvement projects and provided an appropriation of \$200,000 from the state general fund. Due to state budget difficulties in 1989, the Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to transfer the remaining balance in the preliminary planning revolving fund, as of the end of the 1987-89 biennium, to the general fund. The 1997 Legislative Assembly reestablished the preliminary planning revolving fund with a \$200,000 general fund appropriation, and the 2001 Legislative Assembly provided an additional general fund appropriation of \$95,000.

Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-27-22, funds are available to all state agencies, institutions, and departments from the preliminary planning revolving fund in the state treasury under the control of the director of the Office of Management and Budget for studies, planning, architectural programming, schematic designs, and cost estimates relating to proposed new capital improvements and major remodeling of existing facilities. State agencies, institutions, and departments interested in obtaining planning money are to submit a written request detailing the scope and purpose of such project to the director of the Office of Management and Budget. The director shall file such request with and shall present the director's recommendations regarding the proposed project and necessary planning money to the Budget Section of the Legislative Council. Funds may be advanced only in the event that an authorization has first been received from the Budget Section. Such funds advanced **must be repaid** to the preliminary planning revolving fund as money becomes available through legislative appropriation or other sources for the commencement of the project.

The June 30, 2003, balance of the preliminary planning revolving fund was \$124,820, as shown in the table below:

Agency	Project Authorized	Fund Activity Per Biennium			Balance
		1997-99	1999-2001	2001-03	
	Transfer from general fund	\$200,000		\$95,000	\$295,000
North Dakota State University	Minard Hall renovation (\$62,000)		(\$62,000)	62,000	0
Minot State University	Main Hall/McFarland Auditorium renovation (\$65,000)*		(65,000)	44,500	(20,500)*
Dickinson State University	Murphy Hall renovation (\$45,000)*		(45,000)		(45,000)*
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	Multipurpose/food service building at the Missouri River Correctional Center (\$19,500)		(19,500)		(19,500)
University of North Dakota	O'Kelly Hall renovation (first phase) (\$35,000)			(12,475)	(12,475)
Lake Region State College	Science building and associated spaces renovation (\$22,000)			(22,000)	(22,000)
North Dakota State College of Science	Horton Hall renovation (\$59,000)			(36,705)	(36,705)
Valley City State University	Graichen gymnasium egress and health/safety project (\$14,000)*			(14,000)	(14,000)*
Total		\$200,000	(\$191,500)	\$116,320	\$124,820

*Projects that have been funded by the Legislative Assembly and have repayments due to the preliminary planning revolving fund are Minot State University Main Hall/McFarland Auditorium renovation, Dickinson State University Murphy Hall renovation, and Valley City State University Graichen gymnasium egress and health/safety project.