



# MINERAL ROYALTY DIVISION

## OVERVIEW

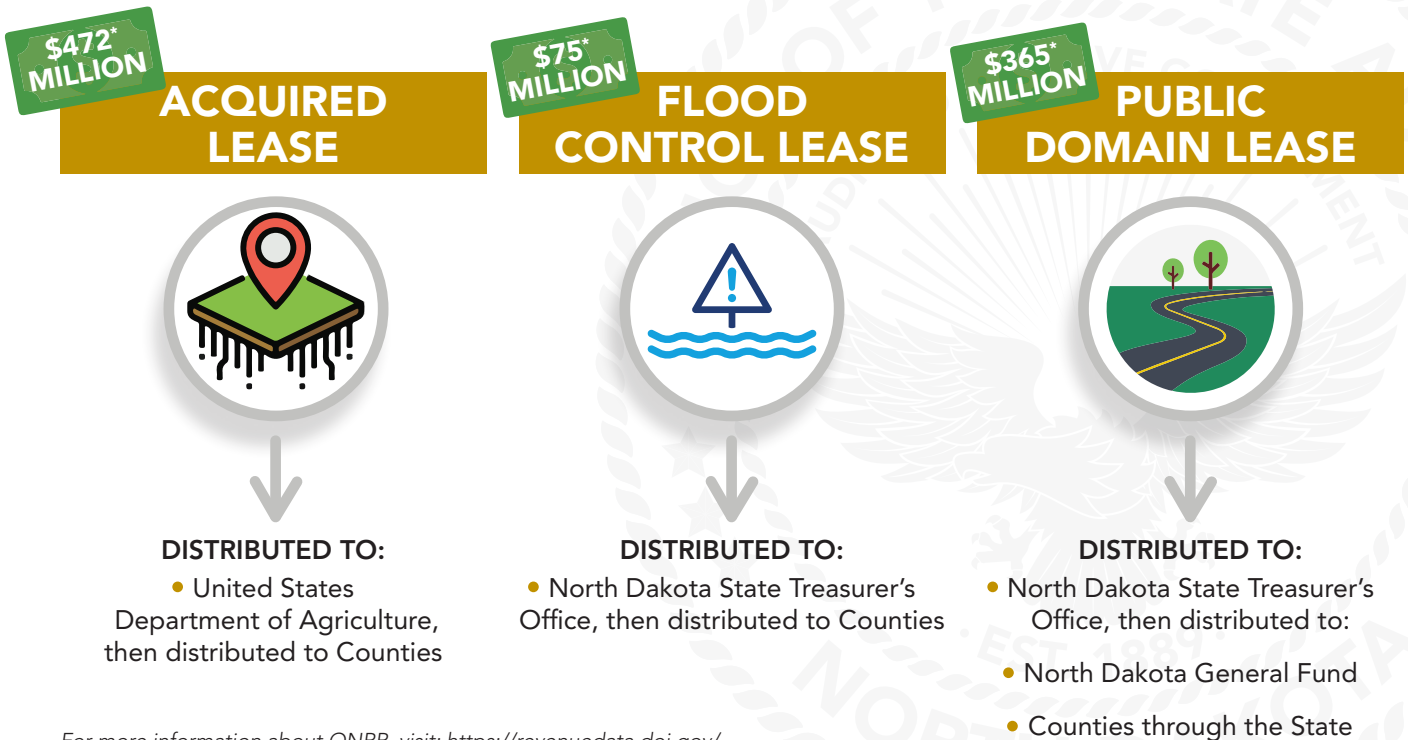
The Mineral Royalty Division is **fully funded by the federal government** and operates within the North Dakota State Auditor's Office. This division uses audits and compliance reviews to verify that the federal government received the **correct lease royalty money from energy companies** that extract minerals (such as **gas, oil, and coal**) from **federal leases** within North Dakota.

## BENEFITS TO NORTH DAKOTA

Federal lease royalty money is **divided** between the federal government, the State of North Dakota, and counties. The percentage of dollars returned to the State of North Dakota and counties **depends on the lease type**. The royalty payments are a percentage of the revenue from the sale of the extracted minerals.

A portion of the money goes to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), and then is distributed to **federal programs** across the country. The percentage of money that is allocated to North Dakota is: Acquired Lease 25%\*\* , Flood Control Lease 75%\*\* , Public Domain Lease 48%\*\*.

After the federal government receives their portion of the money, the rest is allocated to 16 counties and the General Fund in the **State of North Dakota** through the following methods:



For more information about ONRR, visit: <https://revenue.data.doi.gov/>  
For more information about the ND Treasurers Office, visit: <https://www.treasurer.nd.gov/distribution-dashboard>  
\*Total amount of Federal and State numbers current from 7-1-21 to 6-30-23  
\*\*The remaining portion is allocated to ONRR