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**Statutory Authority**

North Dakota Century Code Chapter 4-08.

**Agency Description**

The North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension Service is part of a nationwide, university-based educational system that provides research-based educational programs to citizens in all 53 counties and four American Indian reservations in North Dakota. Programs focus on selected needs and issues affecting the state's agriculture, youth, families, communities and natural resources. The staff is located at state, area and local/county offices. The NDSU Extension Service combines funding from federal, state, county and grant sources to specifically address local concerns.

**Agency Mission Statement**

The purpose of the NDSU Extension Service is "to create learning partnerships that help youth and adults enhance their lives and communities." This purpose is accomplished through the dissemination of research-based information and the implementation of educational programs geared to the changing needs of North Dakotans. Major program areas include agriculture and natural resources; youth development; family and consumer sciences; and community economic development and leadership.

**Agency Performance Measures**

Per North Dakota Century Code 4-05.1-19, the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE) presents a status report to the budget section of the Legislative Council. SBARE's most recent presentation to the budget section was on March 11, 2010. The report they gave and provided in written form included the status of the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and the NDSU Extension Service. A copy of the information is on file in the Legislative Council office.

**Major Accomplishments**

1. Received excellent or good ratings from 83.0 percent of North Dakota residents surveyed in a 2008 national Extension survey.
2. Conducted educational workshops with corn industry leaders, Extension agents and producers on proper methods to grade discolored corn and drying methods to reduce the amount of discoloration.
3. Continued to coordinate surveys, predict and generate risk maps, provide recommendations and provide training to manage key crop pests like fusarium head blight and wheat streak mosaic virus through the IPM program.
4. Improved confidence in developing or improving an existing estate plan for their family farm/ranch in 138 participants through a farm estate/transition planning pilot program held in 2010 over interactive video
5. Provided risk management education to 900 North Dakota farm/ranch women through the Annie's Project.
6. Educated more than 400 people through workshops in the past year on the topics of wind energy financing and regulation, energy efficiency and wind turbine leases.
7. Engaged more than 350 North Dakota families to participate in the country's largest trial program to select superior vegetable varieties, including asparagus, beans and zucchini.
8. Utilized the Horizons program to help 42 small North Dakota communities combat poverty, population loss and economic decline. The program also helped communities gain child-care facilities, affordable housing, cell phone service, community gardens and farmers markets, and food pantries.
9. Certified 2,700 commercial and 4,500 private pesticide applicators annually through the NDSU Extension Pesticide Program.
10. Helped 73 North Dakotans from 32 counties develop skills to become effective leaders and obtain the tools to overcome challenges facing rural North Dakota through the Rural Leadership North Dakota program.
11. Delivered the Junior Master Gardener program in 24 counties with an estimated 1,190 participants.
12. Involved 23,455 North Dakota youth in educational programs during the 2009 programming year. This includes 6,345 youth enrolled in organized clubs.
13. Made over 590,000 face-to-face educational contacts in North Dakota during the 2009 programming year.
14. Continued to provide educational programs and resources on parenting and family issues through regional Parent Resource Centers.
15. Continued to assist in expanding the state's livestock industry through research and education.
16. Provided nutrition education to limited-resource families in the state. Every dollar invested in nutrition education in North Dakota reduces limited-resource families' health-care costs by \$8.82.

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17. Collaborated with NDSU Bison Athletics to build awareness about the importance of making more healthful food choices and getting physically active through the "Eat Smart. Play Hard." statewide campaign.

**Future Critical Issues**

Areas that need continued emphasis and emerging issue areas that need to be addressed include educational assistance and technical support for North Dakota rural communities impacted by oil, coal and bioenergy development; youth development through expanded 4-H efforts in leadership education, science, engineering and technology, and the camping program as a 4-H delivery method; childhood obesity; sustainable energy; food safety; technical support to help plant science specialists with applied research activities; soil health and land management; livestock stewardship; agents-in-training and the summer internship program; crop protection to address crop yield and quality losses due to plant pests; technical support for Web tool development; agricultural entrepreneurship and rural business transition; parent education; identity-preserved and specialty agriculture; and increased operating.

**REQUEST SUMMARY**

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Description	Expenditures 2007-2009 Biennium	Present Budget 2009-2011	Budget Request Change	Requested Budget 2011-2013 Biennium	Optional Budget Request
<b>By Major Program</b>					
COOP Extension Service	41,152,828	47,929,289	5,638,874	53,568,163	312,000
<b>Total Major Program</b>	<b>41,152,828</b>	<b>47,929,289</b>	<b>5,638,874</b>	<b>53,568,163</b>	<b>312,000</b>
<b>By Line Item</b>					
NDSU Extension Service	40,415,028	47,091,489	5,488,874	52,580,363	312,000
Soil Conservation Committee	737,800	837,800	150,000	987,800	0
<b>Total Line Items</b>	<b>41,152,828</b>	<b>47,929,289</b>	<b>5,638,874</b>	<b>53,568,163</b>	<b>312,000</b>
<b>By Funding Source</b>					
General Fund	18,512,190	22,000,412	7,158,357	29,158,769	312,000
Federal Funds	5,850,596	7,142,393	(110,625)	7,031,768	0
Special Funds	16,790,042	18,786,484	(1,408,858)	17,377,626	0
<b>Total Funding Source</b>	<b>41,152,828</b>	<b>47,929,289</b>	<b>5,638,874</b>	<b>53,568,163</b>	<b>312,000</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>266.33</b>	<b>255.75</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>268.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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<b>NDSU Extension Service</b>					
Salaries - Permanent	23,469,451	28,536,388	318,756	28,855,144	0
Salaries - Other	143,868	234,915	(234,915)	0	0
Temporary Salaries	604,756	833,514	446,486	1,280,000	0
Overtime	13,690	15,807	(15,807)	0	0
Fringe Benefits	7,462,724	9,951,713	2,146,911	12,098,624	0
Travel	1,795,577	1,517,890	13,859	1,531,749	0
Supplies - IT Software	120,023	94,280	0	94,280	0
Supply/Material-Professional	626,997	379,016	(100,000)	279,016	0
Food and Clothing	311,287	283,285	0	283,285	0
Bldg, Ground, Maintenance	17,489	12,010	0	12,010	0
Miscellaneous Supplies	498,447	427,919	(186,416)	241,503	0
Office Supplies	576,832	453,345	0	453,345	0
Postage	427,416	295,917	10,000	305,917	0
Printing	903,688	607,665	15,000	622,665	0
IT Equip Under \$5,000	317,297	239,433	0	239,433	0
Other Equip Under \$5,000	283,018	233,505	(10,000)	223,505	0
Utilities	45,478	41,001	0	41,001	0
Insurance	12,704	11,103	0	11,103	0
Rentals/Leases-Equip & Other	318,325	98,211	0	98,211	0
Rentals/Leases - Bldg/Land	94,558	67,774	80,000	147,774	0
Repairs	401,941	398,778	0	398,778	0
IT - Communications	239,990	212,925	0	212,925	0
IT Contractual Srvcs and Rprs	0	0	0	0	50,000
Professional Development	23,940	30,737	0	30,737	0
Operating Fees and Services	816,641	777,571	(110,000)	667,571	0
Fees - Professional Services	535,538	686,624	(35,000)	651,624	0
Medical, Dental and Optical	127	154	0	154	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	153,461	0	0	0	0
Interest Expense	22	9	0	9	0
Land and Buildings	1,482	0	3,800,000	3,800,000	0
Equipment Over \$5000	183,852	650,000	(650,000)	0	0
IT Equip/Sftware Over \$5000	14,409	0	0	0	262,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,415,028</b>	<b>47,091,489</b>	<b>5,488,874</b>	<b>52,580,363</b>	<b>312,000</b>
<b>NDSU Extension Service</b>					
General Fund	17,774,390	21,162,612	7,008,357	28,170,969	312,000
Federal Funds	5,850,596	7,142,393	(110,625)	7,031,768	0
Special Funds	16,790,042	18,786,484	(1,408,858)	17,377,626	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,415,028</b>	<b>47,091,489</b>	<b>5,488,874</b>	<b>52,580,363</b>	<b>312,000</b>

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<b>Soil Conservation Committee</b>					
Operating Fees and Services	737,800	837,800	150,000	987,800	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>737,800</b>	<b>837,800</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>987,800</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Soil Conservation Committee</b>					
General Fund	737,800	837,800	150,000	987,800	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Special Funds	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>737,800</b>	<b>837,800</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>987,800</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>					
General Fund	18,512,190	22,000,412	7,158,357	29,158,769	312,000
Federal Funds	5,850,596	7,142,393	(110,625)	7,031,768	0
Special Funds	16,790,042	18,786,484	(1,408,858)	17,377,626	0
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>41,152,828</b>	<b>47,929,289</b>	<b>5,638,874</b>	<b>53,568,163</b>	<b>312,000</b>

**CHANGE PACKAGE SUMMARY**

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Description	Priority	FTE	General Fund	Federal Funds	Special Funds	Total Funds
<b><u>Base Budget Changes</u></b>						
<b>One Time Budget Changes</b>						
A-B 2 Major Capital Projects		0.00	2,500,000	0	1,300,000	3,800,000
<b>Total One Time Budget Changes</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,300,000</b>	<b>3,800,000</b>
<b>Ongoing Budget Changes</b>						
A-A 1 SBARE Priorities		13.00	4,000,000	0	0	4,000,000
A-A 4 Other Revenue Change		0.00	(738,047)	0	(14,510)	(752,557)
A-F 3 Remove Base Funding Equip over 5,000		0.00	0	0	(650,000)	(650,000)
Base Payroll Change		0.00	1,396,404	(110,625)	(2,044,348)	(758,569)
<b>Total Ongoing Budget Changes</b>		<b>13.00</b>	<b>4,658,357</b>	<b>(110,625)</b>	<b>(2,708,858)</b>	<b>1,838,874</b>
<b>Total Base Budget Changes</b>		<b>13.00</b>	<b>7,158,357</b>	<b>(110,625)</b>	<b>(1,408,858)</b>	<b>5,638,874</b>
<b><u>Optional Budget Changes</u></b>						
<b>One Time Optional Changes</b>						
A-D 2 IVN Equipment Upgrades	1	0.00	262,000	0	0	262,000
A-D 3 Update of ND Agricultural Land Valuation Model	2	0.00	50,000	0	0	50,000
<b>Total One Time Optional Changes</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>312,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>312,000</b>
<b>Total Optional Budget Changes</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>312,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>312,000</b>

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SBARE Priorities

**NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE 2011-13 Needs-based Budget as Ranked by SBARE**

An increase of \$4,000,000 would provide funds to address the following priorities of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education and related needs of North Dakota agriculture.

***In addition to Cost to continue FY11 salary increases plus 2011-13 salary and health insurance increases.[Extension cost to continue FY11 salary increases = \$508,357 GF; 2011-13 salary and health insurance increases to be determined], SBARE identified the following priorities:***

**1. Infrastructure: Technical Support****\$450,000 Total General Fund Increase**

\$150,000 salary support funding change for existing position, no new FTE, technician shared by Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology

\$150,000 salary support funding change for existing position, no new FTE, technician, Entomology

\$150,000 salary support funding change for existing position, no new FTE, technician, Nutrition

NDSU Extension is one deep in most state specialist positions. While most states have multiple Extension specialists dealing with just one crop, NDSU's specialists are responsible for multiple crops. Extension specialists also undertake significant applied research to support their Extension work. Consequently, NDSU Extension specialists need technical support to help with applied research activities along with effective Extension program delivery.

**2a. Soil Health and Land Management****\$690,000 Total General Fund Increase**

\$210,000 salary and fringe benefits, 1.0 new FTE, salinity/sodicity specialist, Natural

Resource Sciences

\$360,000 salary and fringe benefits, 2.0 new FTEs, area specialists at the LREC and NCREC

\$120,000 operating

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Saline and sodic soils affect 25 percent (12.6 million acres) of North Dakota agricultural land. Salinity may affect up to 2 million acres of Red River Valley soils alone. These affected soils reduce both range and crop plant growth even if symptoms are not evident. Soil chemical, physical and biological properties underlie all crop decisions that agricultural producers make. Soil properties help prescribe which crops to grow, what rotation to use and the potential productivity. Plants absorb water or water evaporates from the soil leaving behind salts in the soil water that eventually produce levels toxic to vegetation. Poor drainage and/or poor irrigation water cause the salinity buildup. Years of higher-than-average rainfall leads to shallow ground water depth and movement of this water and its salts to the soil surface. Plants are less able to absorb water when there are high salt levels in the soil. Growth reductions occur as the salinity level in the soil increases.

Many land managers are considering expensive land modifications, such as tiling, to deal with this issue. Some are utilizing non-conventional cover crops as a means to improve soil health.

NDSU Extension has a history of providing this type of support, however current staffing is not adequate to address this emerging need. More Extension soils and land management help is needed.

**2b. Livestock Stewardship****\$250,000 Total General Fund Increase**

\$210,000 salary and fringe benefits, 1.0 new FTE, Animal Sciences

\$40,000 operating

Livestock production, which is very important to North Dakota's economy, is under increasing scrutiny, and producers face many challenges including rising production costs, increased accountability in the area of animal welfare/animal rights, biosecurity and environmental concerns. Animal welfare and humane animal handling are increasingly important to consumers and the livestock industry. Several states are passing laws intended to define the proper care and treatment of animals. Funding for this initiative would enable Extension to provide proactive education that would address potential concerns in these areas.

**3a. Agents-in-Training and Summer Internship Program****\$500,000 Total General Fund Increase**

\$400,000 salary and fringe benefits, 4.0 new FTEs, agents-in-training located throughout

North Dakota

\$100,000 salary support, no new FTE, 5 college internships for summer programming

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NDSU Extension could experience historic levels of retirements in the next few years with 36% of counties having Extension agents who are or will be eligible for retirement in the next five years. The complexity of Extension work can be extremely challenging for recent college graduates who make up the majority of the hiring pool. Agent-in-training positions have proven to be a successful avenue for equipping candidates with the skills needed to be successful as an Extension agent. Summer internships have also proven to be an effective means of recruiting students to consider Extension careers. Funding support is needed for the agent-in-training and summer internship programs which both provide needed program support at the county level.

**3b. Crop Protection****\$440,000 Total General Fund Increase**

\$360,000 salary and fringe benefits, 2.0 new FTEs, area specialists, HREC and LREC

\$80,000 operating

The magnitude and consistency of crop yield and quality losses due to plant pests is a persistent problem, and it continues to increase. The wide variety of crops grown in North Dakota, along with the significant diversity in growing conditions that exists across the state, makes it very difficult for Extension specialists to cover the specific needs of every region. Crop diseases present significant issues in northeastern North Dakota while weeds and insects, like wheat stem sawfly, present significant issues in the southwest. Failure to control these pests cost producers millions of dollars in lost crop yield and quality. Funding to expand educational opportunities in crop protection is needed.

**4a. Infrastructure: Information Technology****\$150,000 Total General Fund Increase**

\$150,000 salary support funding change for existing position, no new FTE, technician, Agriculture Communication

North Dakotans' use of the Web for collaboration and information is rapidly increasing. The Extension staff is using a variety of Web tools to work together to develop information and to share information with clients via distance education. eXtension (pronounced E-Extension) provides the foundation to collaborate and educate nationally. NDSU Agriculture Communication is understaffed to support these needs.

**4b. Agricultural Entrepreneurship and Rural Business Transition****\$500,000 Total General Fund Increase**

\$420,000 salary and fringe benefits, 2.0 new FTEs, state specialists, Agribusiness and

Applied Economics

\$80,000 operating

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North Dakota's rural economy requires increased entrepreneurial activity plus the retention of existing businesses for continued growth. While individuals or groups possess the ideas and motivation to pursue rural business ventures, they lack the knowledge, training, skill set, and, many times, local support required to successfully implement their vision. This program would provide agricultural entrepreneurs with the knowledge needed to confront the challenges of starting and/or operating an ongoing business, plus the skills to manage the added complexity of introducing or refining a new process, product or service.

Many North Dakota farm, ranch and rural business owners are also aging and contemplating retirement. A recent Extension program found that about 50% of attending farmers had not planned for the transition of the ownership of their farm/ranch business. To sustain local ownership and maintain continued existence of rural businesses, transition planning is a critical need in rural communities.

This initiative would provide the planning and skill sets needed by agricultural entrepreneurs to start or expand rural businesses and provide education to both entering and exiting farm, ranch and rural business owners and managers to make their business transition successful. Funding of this initiative would complete the "Institute of Agribusiness Enterprise and Rural Development" that was partially funded in the 2009 legislative session.

#### 5. Health, Wealth and Quality of Life for North Dakotans

\$500,000 Total General Fund Increase

\$500,000 salary support funding change for existing positions, no new FTE, for Parent Resource Center network

Social capital investments yield economic savings and increased quality of life for North Dakotans. Recent statewide hearings concluded that parent education is a significant need in the state, and the Parent Resource Center network is the only entity offering consistent, prevention education programming across the entire state. NDSU Extension has taken leadership in developing the "Parent Education Center Network." Limited state funding received in the FY 2007 and FY 2009 legislative sessions has been leveraged with grants/contracts. Additional funding is needed to secure a regional presence, and investing in regional centers makes it possible to secure more grants and contracts.

#### 6. Identity-preserved and Specialty Agriculture

\$440,000 State General Fund Increase

\$180,000 salary support funding change for existing position, no new FTE, area specialist, DREC

\$180,000 salary and fringe benefits, 1.0 new FTE, area specialist, NDSU Extension Service

\$80,000 Operating

Specialty agricultural systems are gaining interest from food consumers, and interest in sustainable agriculture is growing. While sustainable agriculture can be defined in many ways, most agree that it encompasses cultural and agricultural practices that ensure the health and diversity of the land and the life it supports. The concept of "local foods" is also gaining interest in many communities. And many producers are exploring the production and marketing of food grade crops that require strict identity-preservation protocols. NDSU Extension is currently able to provide only minimal educational support to farmers and ranchers who seek information about these types of specialty agricultural systems. Funding is needed to boost educational efforts in these areas.

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7. Infrastructure: Operating

\$80,000 Total General Fund Increase

\$80,000 operating for rental of Extension office space at Bismarck

Nine Extension state staff, along with support staff, are located at three different office locations in Bismarck. This arrangement is inefficient in utilizing support staff, office equipment and work flow, and it provides very limited public visibility. A more efficient office arrangement and adequate meeting space is needed.

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Base Funding for Equipment over 5,000

Change code not used.

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Other Revenue Change

70 - To reduce general fund operating expenses.

71 - Soil Conservation - increase in soil conservation funding

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Major Capital Projects

**Learning/Conference Center at Western 4-H Camp, Washburn - \$3,800,000**

*\$2,500,000 general fund request*

*\$1,300,000 special fund request*

Western 4-H Camp along the Missouri River near Washburn, North Dakota, is used extensively during summer months for day and overnight youth camps, meetings and Extension staff trainings. The addition of a modern, year-round learning/conference center would expand youth camping opportunities and provide an affordable alternative for new opportunities such as a rural entrepreneurship center, school-based educational tours, corporate conferences, intergenerational programs, governmental workshops, and community and family events. Funding of this capital request would enable participants to meet, eat and sleep in a productive and unique environment in a panoramic setting of agriculture production, energy development and the aesthetics of the Missouri River.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> D	<b>Change No:</b> 2	<b>Priority:</b> 1
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IVN Equipment Upgrades

NDSU Agriculture and University Extension has 35 videoconference sites that are used extensively for educational outreach to the public, credit courses, internal training, meetings, program planning and other purposes. These sites hosted nearly 450 events involving three or more sites in 2009 alone. Another 130 workshops and meetings were delivered using other entities' videoconference sites where we don't have equipment. This does not take into account the numerous point-to-point meetings done by

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videoconference. NDSU Agriculture and University Extension must upgrade the videoconference equipment at 20 of these sites because the current equipment will no longer be supported by the Polycom company or the North Dakota Interactive Video Network (ND IVN) after September 2010. This upgrade would enable these 20 locations to continue to be viable interactive video meeting sites, ultimately saving the public and the institution travel costs, with the equipment requested consistent with the ND IVN upgrade plan. This request of **\$262,000** is for 50% of the cost of 10 county units and the full cost of 10 units at RECs and NDSU campus locations. The balance would be covered with local funds.

<b>Change Group:</b> A	<b>Change Type:</b> D	<b>Change No:</b> 3	<b>Priority:</b> 2
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Update of ND Agricultural Land Valuation Model

The North Dakota Agricultural Land Valuation Model is used each year to estimate the average value of agricultural land, by county, based on productivity value, and the results are provided to the North Dakota State Tax Department each December. The average value for each county serves as the starting point for local valuation of each tract of land, so this effort has a direct impact on all North Dakota land owners. North Dakota Century Code assigns the land valuation duty to the NDSU Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics. Numerous amendments to the original legislation since the mid 1990s have required changes to the model, rendering it now difficult for someone unfamiliar with the process to use. The existing model is in Lotus 123 format, a program no longer supported by NDSU Information Technology Services. Funding of this **\$50,000** request would provide the support needed to convert the program to a supported format (Microsoft Excel); write a technical manual that details the input data, the model output and how to update the model from year to year permitting someone unfamiliar with the model to be able to run an analysis; and write a descriptive manual for general distribution to the public that would describe the data used, sources of data and how each input impacts the resulting values.

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Remove Base Funding Equip over 5,000

To remove \$650,000 base funding for equipment &gt; \$5,000.

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Retirement Rate Correction

This adjustment corrects the retirement rate for TIAA-CREF participants of the agency from the 16.4% used during budget submission to the actual rate of 10.4%.

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SBARE Extension Priorities

Recommends \$1.39 million from the general fund for the top three extension priorities as determined by the State Board for Agriculture Research and Extension and approved by the State Board for Higher Education. This adjustment reduces the funding level from the submitted needs-based budget to the Executive Recommendation level.

Priorities funded within the Extension Service are as follows:

- Technician Salary Support - \$450,000
- Soil Health and Land Management - \$690,000
- Livestock Stewardship - \$250,000

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Soil Conservation Technical Assistance Grants

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Provides \$50,000 from the general fund for technical assistance grants to the Soil Conservation Districts.

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Education Commission - Gearing Up for Kindergarten

Recommends \$830,000 from the general fund to expand the "Gearing Up For Kindergarten" program at the NDSU Extension Service to a statewide scope.

\$330,000 will support the administrative and organizational costs of expanding the program across the state. \$500,000 will cover roughly one-third of the cost of 125 program sessions per year.

<b>Change Group:</b> R	<b>Change Type:</b> B	<b>Change No:</b> 4	<b>Priority:</b>
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Capital Projects

The Extension Service capital project request for the 4-H Conference Center was not approved in the Executive Budget. This adjustment removes the \$2.5 million from the general fund and \$1.3 million special fund authority included in the needs-based budget for the project.