

NDTOA 57th ANNUAL MEETING
Ramada Inn, Bismarck ND
December 4th, 2023

Township Funding Developments

LOCAL TAX LEVY

UP TO 18 MILLS

36 MILLS WITH SPECIAL ELECTION

STATE AID DISTRIBUTION – SMALL % OF SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

BASED ON HISTORICAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION

TOWNSHIP MILEAGE PAYMENT – BASED ON CERTIFIED MAINTAINED MILES

2.7% OF HIGHWAY USERS FUND – FUEL TAX & VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

HIT AND MISS – ONE TIME FUNDING

NICE TO GET BUT NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN BUDGET FOR

OR DO ANY PLANNING

Township Funding Developments

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – HB 1066

OPERATION “PRAIRIE DOG”

Allocates up to \$250,000,000 of oil and gas tax revenue per biennium to infrastructure funds as follows:

- Municipal Infrastructure Fund - \$115,000,000**
- County and Township Infrastructure Fund - \$115,000,000**
- Airport Infrastructure Fund - \$20,000,000**

Township Funding Developments

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – HB 1066

OPERATION “PRAIRIE DOG”

County and Township Infrastructure Fund - \$115,000,000

(Counties, and Townships in non-oil-producing counties)

Organized and Unorganized Townships – per “Congressional Township”

Township Funding Developments

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – HB 1066

OPERATION “PRAIRIE DOG”

TOWNSHIPS GET ABOUT \$14 MILLION EACH BIENNIUM

CONTINUING FUNDING ONLY DEPENDENT ON:

- OIL PRODUCTION
- OIL MARKET
- THE LEGISLATURE

Township Funding Developments

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – HB 1066

OPERATION “PRAIRIE DOG”

FIRST BIENNIUM 2019-2021

FAILED

SECOND BIENNIUM 2021-2023

PAID

\$9,160

THIRD BIENNIUM 2023-2025

LOOKS OK

Township Funding Developments

WHY IS IT CALLED:

OPERATION “PRAIRIE DOG”?

PRAIRIE DOGS ARE BIG ON INFRASTRUCTURE

THEY WORK ON IT ALL THE TIME!

Township Funding Developments

2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**\$10 MILLION FOR TOWNSHIP
ROAD AND BRIDGE GRANTS**

TIED TO MATCHING FEDERAL GRANTS

NO GRANT APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED BY FEDS

\$10 MILLION CARRIED OVER INTO 2023-2025 BIENNIUM

Township Funding Developments

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – HB 1012

**\$10 MILLION FOR TOWNSHIP
ROAD AND BRIDGE GRANTS CARRIED
OVER INTO 2023-2025 BIENNIUM**

**FEDERAL MATCH REQUIREMENT
WAS REMOVED**

Township Funding Developments

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – HB 1012

FLEXIBLE TRANSPORTATION FUND

**50% OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX
NOW DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION**

**25% OF THAT TRANSFER IS ALLOCATED TO NON-OIL
COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP PROJECT GRANTS**

Township Funding Developments

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – HB 1012

LEGACY EARNINGS

HIGHWAY DISTRIBUTION FUND

\$100 MILLION FROM LEGACY FUND EARNINGS

10% TO LEGACY EARNINGS TOWNSHIP

HIGHWAY AID FUND

DISTRIBUTED TO NON-OIL TOWNSHIPS

BASED ON MAINTAINED MILES

Township Funding Developments

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – HB 1012

**The grant programs are administered by
NDDOT**

**For the 2021 grant program UGPTI was
contracted for grant writing. (Two positions)**

**IN 2023 THE LEGISLATURE GAVE NDDOT 2 FTEs
TO WORK WITH TOWNSHIPS FOR THE GRANT PROGRAMS**

Township Funding Developments

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – SB 2183

SNOW EMERGENCY GRANTS

\$25 MILLION FOR

COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNSHIPS, AND TRIBES

PAID ON 60% OF EXPENSES THAT

EXCEEDED 150% OF AVERAGE EXPENSES

(RECENT 5 YEARS – DROP 1 HIGHEST YEAR)

Township Policy Bills

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – HB 1236

**ALLOWS TOWNSHIPS TO HOLD THEIR
ANNUAL MEETING ANY DATE IN MARCH**

**RAISES THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COMPENSATION FOR
TOWNSHIP OFFICERS TO \$100 PER DAY OF NECESSARY SERVICE
WITH AN ANNUAL CAP OF \$4,000**

Township Policy Bills

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – SB 2178

Township Special Road Fund Limitations

INCREASED FROM \$100,000 TO \$500,000

**THIS ALLOWS A TOWNSHIP TO SAVE UP
FOR A LARGE ROAD PROJECT WITHOUT
IMPACTING THEIR LEVY ABILITY**

Other Policy Bills

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – HB 1423

**ELIMINATED THE ABILITY TO INCREASE
FEEDLOT SET-BACKS BEYOND THE STATE
MODEL ZONING ORDINANCE**

**MANDATES A TASK FORCE TO UPDATE
THE MODEL ZONING ORDINANCE**

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

NDLTAP ADVISORY BOARD – (Larry)

(North Dakota Local Technical Assistance Program)

**TownshipTransportaion Funding Committee –
(President Brandvold & Larry)**

**Township Assistance Program Committee –
(President Brandvold & Larry)**

**MODEL ZONING ORDINANCE TASKFORCE –
(President Brandvold & Larry)**

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

ENGAGED A CONSULTANT TO REVIEW AND ADVISE –
DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN & MISSION STATEMENT

ADDED PART-TIME CONTRACT LOBBYIST

ACTIVELY INCREASED CONTACT WITH
LEGISLATORS - DURING AND BETWEEN SESSIONS

HOSTED A LEGISLATIVE MEET AND GREET

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

HOSTED A TOWNSHIP DAY AT THE CAPITOL
DURING THE 2023 SESSION

PLANNING TO BE PART OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
WEEK AT THE CAPITOL 2025

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WEEK AT THE CAPITOL
FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH 21, 2025

LEGISLATIVE SOCIAL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
AT THE ND HERITAGE CENTER
(SHARED WITH THE COUNTIES, CITIES,
SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PARK DISTRICTS)

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

**POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS GROUP MEETS WEEKLY
DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION,
QUARTERLY OTHERWISE**

**WORKING WITH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS GROUP
TO OPPOSE THE INITIATED PROPERTY TAX
ELIMINATION MEASURE**

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

EMAIL DISTRIBUTION via CONSTANT CONTACT

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATES IN SESSION
PLUS SPECIAL NOTICES & NEWSLETTER

2,400 ADDRESSES

ABOUT 50% OF EMAILS GET READ

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

RENEWED WEBSITE - NDTOA.COM

**A LARGE INVESTMENT OF TIME TO MAKE
NDTOA.COM THE “GO TO” RESOURCE FOR
EVERYTHING ABOUT TOWNSHIPS**

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

RENEWED WEBSITE - NDTOA.COM

TOWNSHIP FUNDING

DETAILS ALL THE VARIOUS FUNDING SOURCES

**GIVES THE AMOUNT EACH TOWNSHIP GOT
FLAT GRANTS OR PER MILE PAYMENTS**

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RENEWED WEBSITE - NDTOA.COM

State Funding for Townships

The dues-funded lobbying efforts of NDTOA have resulted in state money coming to townships; follow the links on this page to see how the different programs worked and what they provided.

These funds benefit organized and unorganized townships alike. The funds are paid to the county for the unorganized townships and are to be used to benefit unorganized township roads.

In recognition of the importance of NDTOA efforts, nine counties pay NDTOA dues for their unorganized townships. The rest leave it to others to pay their way for them.

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZING TOWNSHIPS!

**THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INQUIRIES
ABOUT HOW TO ORGANIZE NEW TOWNSHIPS**

**ADDING INFORMATION TO THE WEBSITE
UNDER “ABOUT TOWNSHIPS”**

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

DESIGN CONTEST FOR A NEW LOGO

**THE CONTEST WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL
JUNE 1ST, 2024**

THE PRIZE HAS BEEN INCREASED TO \$500.

**ALL ENTRIES BECOME THE PROPERTY OF NDTOA
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY REJECT ANY AND ALL ENTRIES**

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

NDTOA.COM NOW ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS

REGISTER FOR CONVENTION (27)

PAY NDTOA DUES (1)

ORDER TOWNSHIP OFFICERS HANDBOOK (1)

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

TOWNSHIP TUESDAY!

**A MONTHLY ZOOM CONFERENCE FOR
TOWNSHIP QUESTIONS
AND DISCUSSIONS**

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TOWNSHIP QUESTIONS
AND DISCUSSIONS**

ALL TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ARE WELCOME

NDTOA ACTIVITIES

TOWNSHIP TUESDAY!

**WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND LINKS**

Website: NDTOA.COM

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Constant Contact Email

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Grassroots Report Newsletter

Questions?

**Thank you for being
Township Officers!**