GOVERNOR KRISTI NOEM

BUDGET ADDRESS

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REVENUE & RESERVES
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During her five years as commissioner, we’ve grown our budget reserves by 95%, funded important priorities, and collaborated with partners across the state to care for people.
3 years of revenue growth in 1 year

Our state’s annual growth averages around 5% year-to-year.

Last year saw a historic 15.75% increase.

Through four months of fiscal year 2022, ongoing general fund receipts are up another 7.3%, and total general fund receipts are up 11.4% above last year’s historic numbers.
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REVENUE & RESERVES
RESERVES RECOMMENDATION

14.2% of the Fiscal Year 2023 state budget;

about $300 MILLION in strategic reserves
INVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE
$600 MILLION in combined state, local, and developer funding for workforce housing and sewer construction.

COMBINED INVESTMENT $200 MILLION total funding, with $150 million from the state and $50 million in ARPA funds.
A 6% increase in compensation for all state employees, educators*, and health care providers.

*These funds are distributed directly to school districts which have discretion over where to distribute these funds. The governor is calling for this funding increase to be delivered directly to educators.

Our state employees have taken everything in stride and continued to provide our constituents with the best service possible.
$100 MILLION to provide grants for startup and one-time costs for new daycare centers.

This will allow high-quality child care facilities to open and expand around the state. And it will help existing registered facilities stay open.
$30 MILLION to facilitate new cybersecurity training at Dakota State University.
$17 MILLION
to enhance workforce training capacity at our technical colleges.

These targeted projects will increase training for nurses, farmers, ranchers, and manufacturers.
More than 20,000 visitors attend the Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup each fall. This is just one event that the Department of Tourism uses to showcase our state’s natural beauty and heritage. This year, South Dakota saw more than 1 million tourists visiting local, state and federal parks.

MARKETING

$35 MILLION

in marketing efforts to promote tourism in South Dakota. These efforts will include traditional tourism campaigns. We will promote our local communities, Native American tourism, and agritourism.
STRONGER FAMILIES

$2.5 MILLION

in combined state and federal funds to make Bright Start a statewide program serving eligible new mothers & their babies.
INFRASTRUCTURE

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE
WATER PROJECTS

$1.5 BILLION combined investment from federal, state, and local dollars.

$600 MILLION will come from federal ARPA dollars. Total investment includes matching funds from cities, counties, and loans provided by the state through the SRF program.
$6.5 MILLION to repair the Richmond Dam near Aberdeen.

$5.6 MILLION to repair public recreation areas damaged by the 2019 floods; including $3 million for the Lake Alvin project.

BELOW: Gov. Kristi Noem visits Lake Wanalain Dam, near Chamberlain. The dam was repaired with funding from the FY 2021 Budget.
$69.6 MILLION

In federal funds for a brand new State Public Health Lab.

A South Dakota Public Health Lab employee runs testing at the facility in Pierre. The funding to build a new health lab is pending federal approval.
$10 MILLION to create 175 new campsites at Custer State Park.

~12 years is about how long it will take this expansion to be paid off through park fees at the new sites.
INVESTING IN PUBLIC SAFETY
PUBLIC SAFETY

$600 MILLION

needed in reserves to fund construction of new correctional facilities. We are beginning this process, while also committing ...

$28 MILLION

to build a Community Work Center for Women in Rapid City using FY 2022 funds.

ABOVE: Gov. Kristi Noem visits with staff at the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls in September 2021. The Department of Corrections will receive $2.1 million in targeted pay increases on top of a 6% increase in compensation as part of a statewide inflationary increase for state employees.
$5 MILLION for courthouse security funding. This is a strong starting point to begin modernizing security – it’s another way that we’re making South Dakota safer.

This year alone, there have been courthouse shootings reported in Maryland, Illinois, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Texas.
$15 MILLION in one-time money to construct more regional mental health facilities across the state.
PUBLIC SAFETY

$24 MILLION

Funding a comprehensive reform proposal from our Departments of Health and Public Safety to improve emergency services.

A significant portion of this investment will go to support our EMS workers and bolster service in our rural areas.

ABOVE: Gov. Kristi Noem visits with firefighters in November at a rally point for a wildfire operation in Rapid City.
PUBLIC SAFETY

HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Recommend creating new state enforcement positions:

- Human Trafficking State Coordinator
- Training materials for law enforcement

GRANTS

$3 MILLION in victims' services grants to help those who are survivors of violent crimes as the federal government has reduced this necessary funding.

COLD CASES
The governor is also recommending funding to hire a specialist to work exclusively on cases involving missing or murdered Native Americans.
READINESS FACILITIES

maximize federal matching funds to improve ... the Wagner National Guard Readiness Center, the Sioux Falls Readiness Center, and at facilities in Rapid City.

ABOVE: Gov. Kristi Noem stands with members of the award-winning 114th Air National Guard after a homecoming ceremony in September. Our National Guard is the best. They deserve the best. So let's give them our very best.
They moved to our state because they wanted to live somewhere that still respects law enforcement. Somewhere they would be appreciated. Somewhere they would be supported.
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