

**OVERVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS,
FY2012-13 VS. FY2014-15**

The total difference between General Fund (GF) appropriations in fiscal years 2012-2013 and fiscal years 2014-2015 in the area of Jobs and Economic Development¹ is a little less than **\$145.3 million**.² This represents a **53% increase** from fiscal years 2012-2013 to fiscal years 2014-2015. The largest monetary increases in GF appropriations (on-going *and* one-time combined) are as follows:

1. Department of Employment and Economic Development: \$89.1 million (86% increase).
2. The Department of Commerce: \$26 million (59% increase).
3. MN Housing Finance Agency: \$18.9 million (17% increase).
4. Explore Minnesota Tourism: \$10.5 million (60% increase).

Below is an overview of significant differences between direct GF appropriations in the last two biennia, organized by agency, and by one-time and ongoing appropriations.³

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

(All dollars in thousands)

FY12-13	FY14-15	Change \$	Change %
\$103,156	\$192,288	\$89,132	86%

One-time appropriation in FY2012-13:

- MN Investment Fund: \$15 million for the Northeast Minnesota Flood & Summer Windstorm Relief.
- MN Investment Fund: \$3 million in FY 2012.
- Redevelopment Account: \$2 million in FY2012.

These three appropriations account for a total of \$20 million.

One-time appropriations in FY2014-15:

- Broadband Development Grants: \$20 million in FY 2015.
- Redevelopment Grant Program: \$6 million in FY 2014.
- Initiative Foundations (6 in total): \$3.5 million in FY 2015.
- Distressed City Economic Initiative Program: \$1.235 million in FY 2014.

These four appropriations account for a total of \$30.735 million.

Ongoing appropriations in FY2014-15:

- MN Investment Fund: \$15 million in FYs 2014 and 2015 each, for a total of \$30 million.
- MN Jobs Creation Fund: \$12 million in FYs 2014 and 2015 each, for a total of \$24 million. This is an ongoing appropriation at \$12.5 million in FYs 2016 and 2017 each, for a total of \$25 million.
- MN Film & TV Board – Jobs Production Fund: \$5 million in FYs 2014 and 2015 each, for a total of \$10 million. This is an ongoing appropriation at \$1.5 million in FYs 2016 and 2017 each, for a total of \$3 million.

These three appropriations account for a total of \$64 million in FY14-15 and \$58 million in FY16-17.

¹ This includes the following agencies: the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), the Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI), Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), the Commerce Department, Public Utilities Commission, Public Facilities Authority, Bureau of Mediation Services, Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB), Explore MN Tourism, and the MN Science and Technology Authority.

² There was no supplemental budget bill in 2012.

³ There was also an increase of \$2.4 million in FY 2015 in open appropriations to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board for the IRRRB School Consolidation Account.

Department of Commerce

(All dollars in thousands)

FY12-13	FY14-15	Change \$	Change %
\$43,930	\$69,908	\$25,978	59%

One-time appropriations in FY2014-15:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program: \$20 million in FY 2014.
- Weatherization Assistance Program: \$2 million in FY 2014.

These two appropriations account for a total of \$22 million.

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA)

(All dollars in thousands)

FY12-13	FY14-15	Change \$	Change %
\$88,816	\$103,696	\$14,880	17%

One-time appropriation in FY2012-13:

- \$12.72 million for the Northeast Minnesota Flood & Summer Windstorm Relief.

One-time appropriations in FY2014-15:

- Housing and Job Growth Initiative: \$10 million in FY 2014.
- Housing Project Grants: \$2.2 million in FY 2015.
- Rental Assistance for Highly Mobile Students: \$2 million in FY 2014

These three appropriations account for a total of \$14.2 million.

Ongoing appropriations in FY2014-15:

- Economic Development & Housing Challenge Program: \$2.248 million for program increase in FYs 2014 and 2015 each for a total of \$4.496 million. This is an ongoing increase at \$5.97 million in FYs 2016 and 2017 each for a total of \$11.94 million.
- Housing Trust Fund: \$.721 million for program increase in FYs 2014 and 2015 each for a total of \$1.442 million. This is an ongoing increase at \$1.916 million in FYs 2016 and 2017 each for a total of \$3.832 million.

These two appropriations account for a total of \$5.938 million in FY14-15 and \$15.772 million in FY16-17.

Explore Minnesota Tourism

(All dollars in thousands)

FY12-13	FY14-15	Change \$	Change %
\$17,458	\$27,976	\$10,518	60%

Ongoing appropriations in FY2014-15:

- Expanded Tourism Marketing: \$5.5 million in FYs 2014 and 2015 each for a total of \$11 million.