Historical Commission
Summary of Budget Recommendations - House

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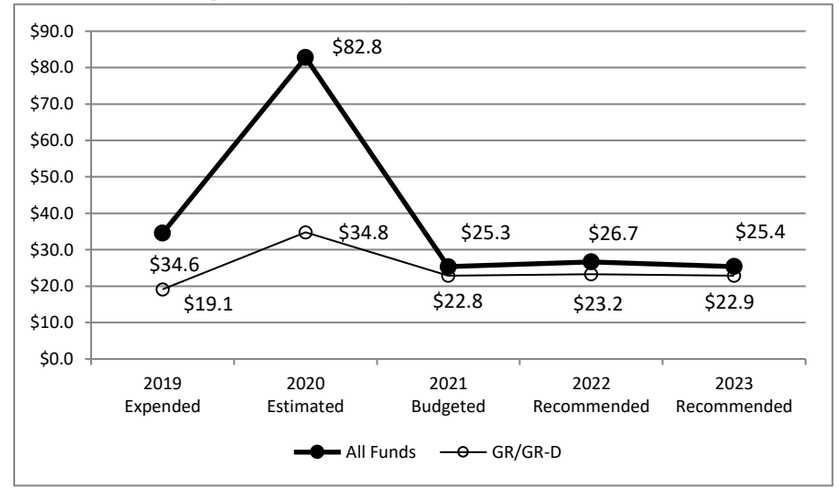
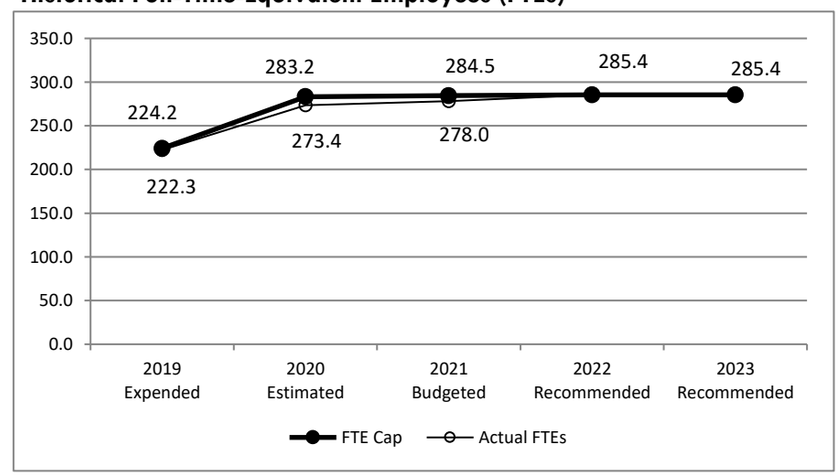
Method of Financing	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change ($)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	$55,990,303	$44,451,408	($11,538,895)	(20.6%)
GR Dedicated Funds	$1,630,583	$1,630,583	$0	0.0%
Total GR-Related Funds	*$57,620,886*	*$46,081,991*	*($11,538,895)*	*(20.0%)*
Federal Funds	$12,581,666	$3,774,370	($8,807,296)	(70.0%)
Other	$37,912,608	$2,163,128	($35,749,480)	(94.3%)
All Funds	**$108,115,160**	**$52,019,489**	**($56,095,671)**	**(51.9%)**

	FY 2021 Budgeted	FY 2023 Recommended	Biennial Change	Percent Change
FTEs	278.0	285.4	7.4	2.7%

Historical Funding Levels (Millions)



Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



The bill pattern for this agency (2022-23 Recommended) represents an estimated 80.9% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2022-23 biennium.

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	Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2022-23 Biennium compared to the 2020-21 Base Spending Level (in millions)	General Revenue	GR-Dedicated	Federal Funds	Other Funds	All Funds	Strategy in Appendix A
SIGNIFICANT Funding Changes and Recommendations (each issue is explained in Section 3 and additional details are provided in Appendix A):							
A)	Decrease in one-time funding items from the 86th Legislative Session, out of General Revenue.	($12.1)	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	($12.1)	A.1.1, A.1.2, A.1.4, A.2.1, A.3.1, B.1.1
B)	Increase out of Sporting Goods Sales Tax to provide the full 93.0 percent allocation required by statute and restore the five percent reduction the agency allocated to that method of finance.	$0.7	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	$0.7	A.1.4
OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (these issues are not addressed in Section 3 but details are provided in Appendix A):							
C)	Recommendations provide an overall increase of $0.2 million in state park fee revenue from Historic Sites. Amounts shown reflect a reclassification of $0.1 million in General Revenue - Fees from Historic Sites to GR-Dedicated Historic Sites Fund 5139 due to legislation re-dedicating Fund 5139.	($0.1)	$0.4	$0.0	$0.0	($0.2)	A.1.4, A.1.5
D)	Recommendations provide a decrease of $0.4 million in GR-Dedicated Texas Preservation Trust Fund 664 related to expenditure of balances for preservation grants in the 2020-21 biennium.	$0.0	($0.4)	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	A.1.4, A.1.5
E)	Recommendations include a decrease in Federal Funds primarily in Strategy A.1.1, Architectural Assistance for funds related to the Emergency Historic Preservation grant for recovery and mitigation efforts related to Hurricane Harvey.	$0.0	$0.0	($8.8)	$0.0	($8.8)	A.1.1, A.1.2, A.1.4, B.1.1
F)	Recommendations include a decrease in Other Funds, including $33.5 million in Economic Stabilization Funds for Courthouse Preservation grants and Historic Sites projects and a $2.2 million decrease in General Obligation Bond Proceeds.	$0.0	$0.0	$0.0	($35.7)	($35.7)	A.1.3, A.1.4
TOTAL SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (in millions)		**($11.5)**	**$0.0**	**($8.8)**	**($35.7)**	**($56.1)**	As Listed
SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Increases		$0.7	$0.4	$0.0	$0.0	$1.1	As Listed
SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Decreases		($12.2)	($0.4)	($8.8)	($35.7)	($57.1)	As Listed

NOTE: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

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Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House

1. **One-time Projects.** Recommendations reflect a decrease of $12.1 million in one-time General Revenue funding items. These include the following items. Amounts reallocated within the 2022-23 base request are not included in the recommendations.

    - **Star of the Republic Museum** – Recommendations include a decrease of $7.6 million in General Revenue provided for the Star of the Republic Museum. The $8 million appropriation for exhibit and facility upgrades at the museum was reduced in the five percent reduction plan to $7.6 million. Management and jurisdiction of the site was transferred from Blinn College District to the agency, after the enactment of Senate Bill 2309, Eighty-sixth Legislature. Recommendations for fiscal years 2022-23 include unexpended balance authority for this long-term museum renovation and exhibit upgrades. According to the agency, the $7.6 million contract is under review and repairs and renovations are expected to begin in fiscal year 2021. The agency reallocated this amount to deferred maintenance and a new visitors center at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site in the 2022-23 biennium.
    - **Caddo Mounds Visitor Center** – Recommendations include a decrease of $2.4 million in General Revenue provided for the restoration of the Caddo Mounds Visitor Center, following tornado damage in 2019. The contract for repairs was awarded in fiscal year 2020. The appropriation was reduced from $2.5 million in the five percent reduction plan. The agency reallocated this amount to a new education center at the site and other operating expenses in the 2022-23 biennium.
    - **Gibson-Grant Cabin** – Recommendations include a decrease of $1.5 million in General Revenue for the removal of funding provided for a grant related to the Gibson-Grant Historic Cabin Restoration. The $1.5 million for the grant was disbursed in fiscal year 2020. The agency reallocated this amount to website upgrades and vehicle replacement in the 2022-23 biennium.
    - **St. Anthony Cemetery Preservation** – Recommendations include a decrease of $100,000 in General Revenue provided for a grant for the preservation of the St. Anthony Cemetery in the City of Peñitas. The agency reallocated this amount to replace computers and other operating expenses in the 2022-23 biennium.
    - **Vehicle Replacement** – Recommendations include a decrease of $369,768 in General Revenue for funds provided for vehicle replacement. The agency reallocated this amount to additional vehicle replacement in the upcoming biennium.
    - **CAPPS** – Recommendations include a decrease of $156,250 in General Revenue provided for the implementation of the Centralized Accounting Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS). The appropriation was reduced from $226,250 in the five percent reduction plan. The agency reallocated this amount to operating expenses in the 2022-23 biennium.

2. **Sporting Goods Sales Tax and Historic Sites Fund No. 5139** – Three pieces of legislation during the Eighty-sixth Legislature affected the allocation of Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST) to the Texas Historical Commission (THC).
    - House Bill 1422, increased the allocation of SGST from six percent to seven percent, while the allocation for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) was reduced from 94.0 to 93.0 percent.
    - Senate Bill 26, established that SGST and fees from historic sites be allocated to the newly created General Revenue-Dedicated account 5139. Funds were transferred to this account on January 1, 2020. The fund is exempt from benefits proportionality.
    - Senate Joint Resolution Number 24, proposed a constitutional amendment automatically appropriating revenue received from SGST to THC and TPWD and established that these funds are not considered available for certification, as of September 1, 2021. The constitutional amendment passed in November 2019.

The methods of finance for THC has been updated to reflect the transfer of SGST to a newly establish General-Revenue Dedicated account, Historic Sites Fund No. 5139. This is similar to the presentation used for TPWD. Additionally, recommendations provide an increase of $0.7 million in SGST, for total funding of $23,947,000. This amount reflects the Comptroller's estimate for the current biennium identified in the July 2020 Certification Revenue Estimate. The increase is allocated for Historic Sites operations. As previously mentioned, the full allocation of SGST for THC and TPWD is automatically appropriated beginning with the 2022-23 biennium.

Funding levels will need to be revised to reflect the recently released Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE). The BRE increased the allocation for SGST for fiscal year 2021 by $3.2 million. For the 2022-23 biennium, the allocation increased by $4.4 million. The revised total is $28.3 million, compared to the $23.9 million included in recommendations.

3. **Strategic Fiscal Review.** The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission is currently under Sunset review, and as a result is subject to the Strategic Fiscal Review process outlined in Senate Bill 68, Eighty-sixth Legislature, 2019. Historical program and financial information was collected and analyzed to inform the budget process. Significant findings are outlined in the report, but highlights include evaluating the programs outlined by agency staff and the administrative structure. THGC is administratively attached to THC, through Rider 12, Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission. The report discusses how this structure may impede the regular reporting of performance measures, strategic plans, and budget information to the Legislature.

4. **Sunset Review.** THGC is currently under Sunset Review and will be abolished on September 1, 2021 unless continued by the Eighty-Seventh Legislature, 2021. Sunset staff recommendations proposed abolishing the agency, due to its failure to meet the Sunset Act's review criteria. The Sunset Commission modified the recommendation and voted to improve the oversight and operations of THGC, by continuing it as an advisory committee under the authority of THC.

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Rider Highlights - House

Modification of Existing Riders

2. **Capital Budget.** Recommendations revise this rider to remove capital projects, including the Mission Dolores Site, computer replacement, vehicle replacement, and the implementation of the Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System. Recommendations include capital budget authority from unexpended balances related to the Caddo Mounds Visitors Center and repairs and renovations for the Star of the Republic Museum.

8. **Historic Sites.** Recommendations reflect revised estimates and new method of finance for fees from historic sites, now deposited to the General Revenue-Dedicated Historic Sites Fund 5139. Revised language also streamlines authority regarding appropriation of additional fees from historic sites, providing appropriation authority for up to $1 million above amounts identified in the bill pattern. Current rider language appropriates up to $1 million above the Biennial Revenue Estimate.

9. **Appropriation Authority: Debt Service for the National Museum of the Pacific War.** Rider revised to update estimated revenue bond debt service payments for the museum.

11. **Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission: Funding and Sunset Contingency.** Recommendations reflects revised funding for the Holocaust and Genocide Commission due to the five percent reduction and provide that the funding is contingent on continuation of the Commission by the Eighty-Seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

24. **Star of the Republic Museum.** Revised to provide UB authority for the repair and renovation of the Star of the Republic Museum.

Deleted Riders

11. **Appropriation Authority: Revenue Bond Debt Service for Historic Sites.** Debt service obligations for this bond repayment ended in fiscal year 2020.

21. **Internship Program Full Time Equivalent Exemption.** Delete rider which is duplicative of exemptions for interns from FTE restrictions in Article IX, Section 6.10, Limitation on State Employment Levels, Subsection (i).

23. **Unexpended Balances: Mission Delores.** The Mission Delores renovation project was completed in the 2020-21biennium.

24. **Sunset Contingency.** HB 1422, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, passed resulting in the continuation of the Texas Historical Commission through August 31, 2031.

28. **St. Anthony Cemetery Preservation.** Grant funds were dispersed in fiscal year 2020.

29. **Gibson-Grant Historic Cabin Restoration Project.** Grant funds were dispersed in fiscal year 2020.

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Items Not Included in Recommendations - House

		2022-23 Biennial Total					
		GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs	Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2024-25
Agency Exceptional Items Not Included (in agency priority order)							
1)	Restoration of 2020-21 biennium 5% reduction to the agency base, and restore CAPPS support funding and FTE.	$2,352,668	$2,352,668	4.6	No	No	$2,352,668
2)	Vehicle Replacement - Funding to replace 21 vehicles at historic sites transferred from Parks and Wildlife pursuant to HB 1422, Eighty-sixth Legislature.	$655,495	$655,495	0.0	No	No	$0
3)	Deferred Maintenance at state historic sites and the Austin Capitol complex offices.	$2,500,000	$2,500,000	0.0	No	Yes	$0
4)	Courthouse Grant Program - Continued funding for the Courthouse Preservation Program to provide for 3-4 full restorations of courthouses and additional emergency and planning grants.	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	0.0	No	Yes	$25,000,000
5)	Increase Agency FTEs for historic sites and program support. - 3.5 FTEs at the Star of the Republic Museum to reconcile the number of FTEs at the museum before the transfer. Funding is including in item 8. - 3.0 FTEs for the Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight Ranch, a heritage site that was gifted to the agency in June 2020 - 2.0 FTEs to support Levi Jordan Plantation Site - 1.0 FTE for IT support at National Museum of the Pacific War	$960,000	$960,000	9.5	No	No	$960,000
6)	Agency Website and Technology Upgrade - Software and web platform upgrades and updated IT equipment for additional historic sites. The current website platform will not be supported after November 2021. Capital authority is requested if the website platform is not fully funded, and $20,000 in additional authority is requested for Computer Replacement.	$240,000	$240,000	0.0	Yes	Yes	$190,000

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		2022-23 Biennial Total					
		GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs	Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2024-25
7)	National Museum of the Pacific War Capital Upgrades - Updates to the exhibits in the Bush Gallery to enhance educational value and reach a wider audience.	$5,500,000	$5,500,000	0.0	No	Yes	$0
8)	Star of the Republic Museum Operations Technical Correction - Additional funding required to biennialize the FY 2021 funding for the Star of the Republic Museum ($410,400). The museum was transferred in January 2020, pursuant to SB 2309, Eighty-sixth Legislature and therefore appropriations for the current biennium do not reflect a full biennium of costs to operate the museum.	$136,800	$136,800	0.0	No	No	$136,800
9)	Mission Socorro Archeological Site - The Mission Socorro Site is surrounded by residential development. THC has acquired 10 acres of the 20 acre site. The remaining amount is up for sale, and the agency would like to acquire and secure the site.	$500,000	$500,000	0.0	No	Yes	$0
10)	Restoration of 5% Reduction to Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission.	$66,602	$66,602	0.0	No	Yes	$66,602
11)	TxDOT Maintenance - TxDOT Rider 21 Road Construction and Maintenance at State Facilities - revision request - increase Rider 21 amount from $500,000 per biennium to $1 million to construct and maintain roads and parking lots in state historic sites. The agency cannot receive State Highway Funds, Account No. 006, but has requested this amount be increased in TxDOT's bill pattern.	$0	$500,000	0.0	No	Yes	$500,000
12)	Agency Mobile Travel App - Funding to create a mobile application for tourists and travelers to showcase agency resources for tourists and travelers. The agency requests capital authority even if funding is not provided and the agency is able to complete this project if funding is available during the biennium.	$150,000	$150,000	0.0	Yes	Yes	$0

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Items Not Included in Recommendations - House

		2022-23 Biennial Total					
		GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs	Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2024-25
Agency Requested Rider Revisions Not Included							
A)	New Rider - Request to provide unexpended and unobligated balance authority of Sporting Good Sales Tax transferred to the Historic Sites Account No. 5139 between biennia when the Comptroller determines the maximum allocation exceeds the amount appropriated.	$0	$0	0.0	No	No	$0
B)	Rider 16, Appropriation Authority: Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Review Fees: Requested increase of $103,000 to adjust the appropriated receipts from $97,000 to $200,000 in each fiscal year due to an increase in applications.	$0	$206,000	0.0	No	No	$206,000
TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations		**$38,061,565**	**$38,767,565**	**14.1**			**$29,412,070**

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Appendices - House

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* Appendix is not included - no significant information to report

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Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - House -- ALL FUNDS

Strategy/Goal	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANCE A.1.1	$11,921,183	$3,077,683	($8,843,500)	(74.2%)	Recommendations include: 1) $8.5 million decrease in Federal Funds for Emergency Historic Preservation for the recovery and mitigation efforts related to Hurricane Harvey. 2) $0.3 decrease in Economic Stabilization Funds appropriated for deferred maintenance.
ARCHEOLOGICAL HERITAGE PROTECTION A.1.2	$2,680,491	$3,135,252	$454,761	17.0%	Recommendations include a $0.4 million increase in Federal Funds for emergency preservation grant funds to be used in fiscal year 2022 for an archeological sites survey for areas heavily impacted by hurricanes to mitigate the damage.
COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION A.1.3	$27,501,979	$1,361,221	($26,140,758)	(95.1%)	Recommendations primarily include a $25.9 million decrease in Economic Stabilization Fund No. 599 for Courthouse Preservation grants.
HISTORIC SITES A.1.4	$47,806,155	$28,301,641	($19,504,514)	(40.8%)	Recommendation include: 1) $10.3 million decrease in General Revenue for one-time appropriations received in the 2020-21 biennium for the Star of the Republic Museum and Caddo Mounds Visitors Center, and other capital expenses. 2) $0.7 million increase out of Sporting Goods Sales Tax to provide the full 93 percent allocation required by statute and restore the 5 percent reductions the agency allocated to that method of finance. 3) $7.2 million decrease in Economic Stabilization Fund No. 599 appropriated for the Levi Jordan Planation State Historic Site, deferred maintenance, and renovations at the National Museum of the Pacific War. 4) $2.7 million decrease in Federal Funds for Emergency State Historic Preservation grants and General Obligation Bond proceeds used for historic sites.
PRESERVATION TRUST FUND A.1.5	$877,053	$497,250	($379,803)	(43.3%)	Recommendations reflect a $0.4 million decrease for expenditure of balances on grants in the 2020-21 biennium.
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE A.2.1	$3,312,681	$3,312,166	($515)	(0.0%)	Recommendations reflect a decrease in estimated fees collected from the Main Street program and a reduction in one-time appropriations reallocated to this strategy for operating expenditures.
TEXAS HERITAGE TRAIL A.2.2	$1,900,000	$1,900,000	$0	0.0%	

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Strategy/Goal	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
EVALUATE/INTERPRET RESOURCES A.3.1	$7,994,077	$6,416,940	($1,577,137)	(19.7%)	Recommendation include a decrease of $1.6 million in General Revenue from one-time appropriations received in the 2020-21 biennium for the Gibson-Grant Cabin Restoration and St. Anthony Cemetery Preservation.
Total, Goal A, HISTORIC PRESERVATION	**$103,993,619**	**$48,002,153**	**($55,991,466)**	**(53.8%)**	
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION B.1.1	$4,121,541	$4,017,336	($104,205)	(2.5%)	Recommendations include a decrease of $0.1 million in General Revenue reallocated from one-time expenditures for website technology upgrades and operating expenditures.
Total, Goal B, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	**$4,121,541**	**$4,017,336**	**($104,205)**	**(2.5%)**	
Grand Total, All Strategies	**$108,115,160**	**$52,019,489**	**($56,095,671)**	**(51.9%)**	

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FTE Highlights - House

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2019	Actual 2020	Budgeted 2021	Recommended 2022	Recommended 2023
Cap	224.2	283.2	284.5	285.4	285.4
Actual/Budgeted	222.3	273.4	278.0	NA	NA

Schedule of Exempt Positions (Cap)					
Executive Director, Group 5	$150,652	$161,027	$161,027	$161,027	$161,027

Notes:
a) The State Auditor's Office is the source for the FY 2019 and FY 2020 annual average (actual) FTE levels.

b) The State Auditor's Office Report, Executive Compensation at State Agencies (Report 20-706, August 2020), indicates a market average salary of $169,724 for the Executive Director position at the Texas Historical Commission. The agency is not requesting any changes to its exempt position.

c) The differences in the 2020-21 caps and actual/budgeted amounts are a result of the estimated number of vacancies necessary to implement the agency's five percent reduction plan. In 2020, 12.4 FTEs were lapsed for this purpose. In 2021, 11.0 FTEs were lapsed. This decrease is offset by the addition of 4.5 federally funded FTEs.