

**HISTORY:**

Since 2001, the Legislature has appropriated to 40 organizations and for a variety of programs. Overwhelmingly, funds have been provided for prevention, cessation, and treatment services for tobacco, alcohol, and other substances. Recipients of these funds have been government entities, non-profit entities, and for-profit entities. The Joint Millennium Fund Committee solicited and accepted grant applications from interested state and non-state entities in the past, and also recommended direct appropriations for state entities (with or without an application). The Legislature has also chosen to use funds to address revenue shortfalls on the General Fund, and to cover state obligations that would otherwise be covered from the General Fund (such as Medicaid Expansion). Regardless of reason or history – the Legislature has full authority to use these funds pursuant to Section 67-1806, Idaho Code, which states the uses of the Idaho Millennium Income Fund shall be “determined by legislative appropriation.” The Committee has also recommended that Income Fund moneys be transferred back to the Traditional and Endowment funds.

**JOINT MILLENNIUM FUND COMMITTEE:**

The Joint Millennium Fund Committee is established in Section 67-1807 and 67-1808, Idaho Code. One of the committee’s duties, is to make a recommendation to the Legislature each year. This has historically been done by a presentation made directly to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC). Consistent with all other recommendations made to JFAC, JFAC is not obligated to implement the recommendation, but has historically done so for most years.

**CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS:**

**MEDICAID:**

- 1) Medicaid Administration: \$247,300. Funds were initially added in the FY 2020 Original Appropriation for personnel costs and operating expenditures to implement Medicaid expansion services. Today, these funds are used as match to federal funds just like the General Fund.
- 2) Medicaid Enhanced Program: \$1,886,100. In FY 2020, \$1,886,100 was available for appropriation and added to this program to pay normal Medicaid bills.
- 3) Medicaid Expansion Program: \$13,451,900. In FY 2020, the Legislature first began appropriating funds for Expansion. This included \$9,267,000 from the General Fund and \$10,496,700 from the Millennium Income Fund. Combined these amounts were used to meet the state’s FMAP match requirement. Currently, these funds are used solely to pay claims for Medicaid Expansion participants. At the request of Chairman Vander Woude, here is the history of the Millennium Income Fund in Medicaid Expansion:

	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>
<b>Millennium Income Fund</b>	\$10,496,700	\$12,561,700	\$13,451,900	\$13,451,900	\$13,451,900
				<i>Gov Rec</i>	<i>\$3,420,900</i>
				<i>Total W/ Gov</i>	<i>\$16,872,800</i>

**PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES:**

- 4) Idaho Public Television: \$310,000. Funding was provided to produce vaping prevention and cessation content; funding was one-time and not intended for a second year.

- 5) Project Filter: \$2,706,700. This program has received funding from the Millennium Fund in almost every year since FY 2001. These funds historically were separated out into two categories: (1) counter marketing; and (2) tobacco cessation. In FY 2018, the two uses were combined into a single row for tracking purposes only as the funds continue to be for both purposes. Funding has historically been approved to provide marketing/cessation services to populations with the highest uses of tobacco products.
- 6) Public Health Districts: \$779,100. The 7 Public Health Districts are the only entity to have received funding every year since inception as they provide “boots on the ground” cessation services in all 7 Health Districts. The districts provide these services directly to citizens that voluntarily want to quit tobacco products.
- 7) Public Health Districts: \$999,800. In FY 2023, the Legislature, through recommendations from the Joint Millennium Fund Committee, wanted to place more resources in youth prevention and cessation services. As a result, the Legislature appropriated \$500,000 of onetime funding for equipment, supplies, and materials related to youth prevention and cessation. The districts also received ongoing funds of \$499,800 to provide youth prevention and cessation direct-services, especially with vaping.

**LEGAL & COMPLIANCE:**

- 8) Department of Health & Welfare: \$160,000. Funding is provided to cover the costs of conducting tobacco compliance checks; Idaho does not charge retailers a fee for acquiring a retailer license to sell tobacco products. The Millennium Funds are used to cover a portion of those costs. This work is done in full partnership with the Idaho State Police.
- 9) Office of the Attorney General: \$205,300. Funding is provided to cover a portion of the personnel and operating expenses related to arbitration of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. Current arbitration is related to 2005-2007. Funding to the AG Office began in FY 2019 with the addition of 1 FTP and \$106,000. FY 2023 appropriated 2.00 FTP and \$205,300. The AG is requesting \$35,000 as a current year supplemental for increased pay raises provided by the office. Finally, FY 2024 would be a total request of 2.00 FTP and \$247,700.

**COMMUNITY-BASED:**

- 10) Community Based Recovery Centers: \$900,000. Community Based Recovery Centers have received support from the Millennium Income Fund since their first year of operations in FY 2016. Funding began with \$500,000 for three centers (included a small portion for onetime start up costs). In FY 2017, this amount increased to \$600,000. The 9 centers received \$450,000 in FY 2022 and \$900,000 in FY 2023. These centers are voluntary, community-based organizations, that provide a safe place for Idahoans to go for sobriety assistance from the substance they are/were addicted to. The centers work with local and state partners to improve lives of participants.

**FINANCE:**

- 11) Office of the State Treasurer: \$80,000. The Office of the State Treasurer has received a direct appropriation from the Millennium Income Fund since FY 2012; the amount remains at \$80,000. These funds are used to pay for the direct investment costs for the Permanent Endowment Funds. The state Treasurer directly invests the Traditional and Income funds -as they are liquid and subject to legislative action. Most years, the investment cost is closer to \$65,000, with any unspent funding being retained in the Income fund.