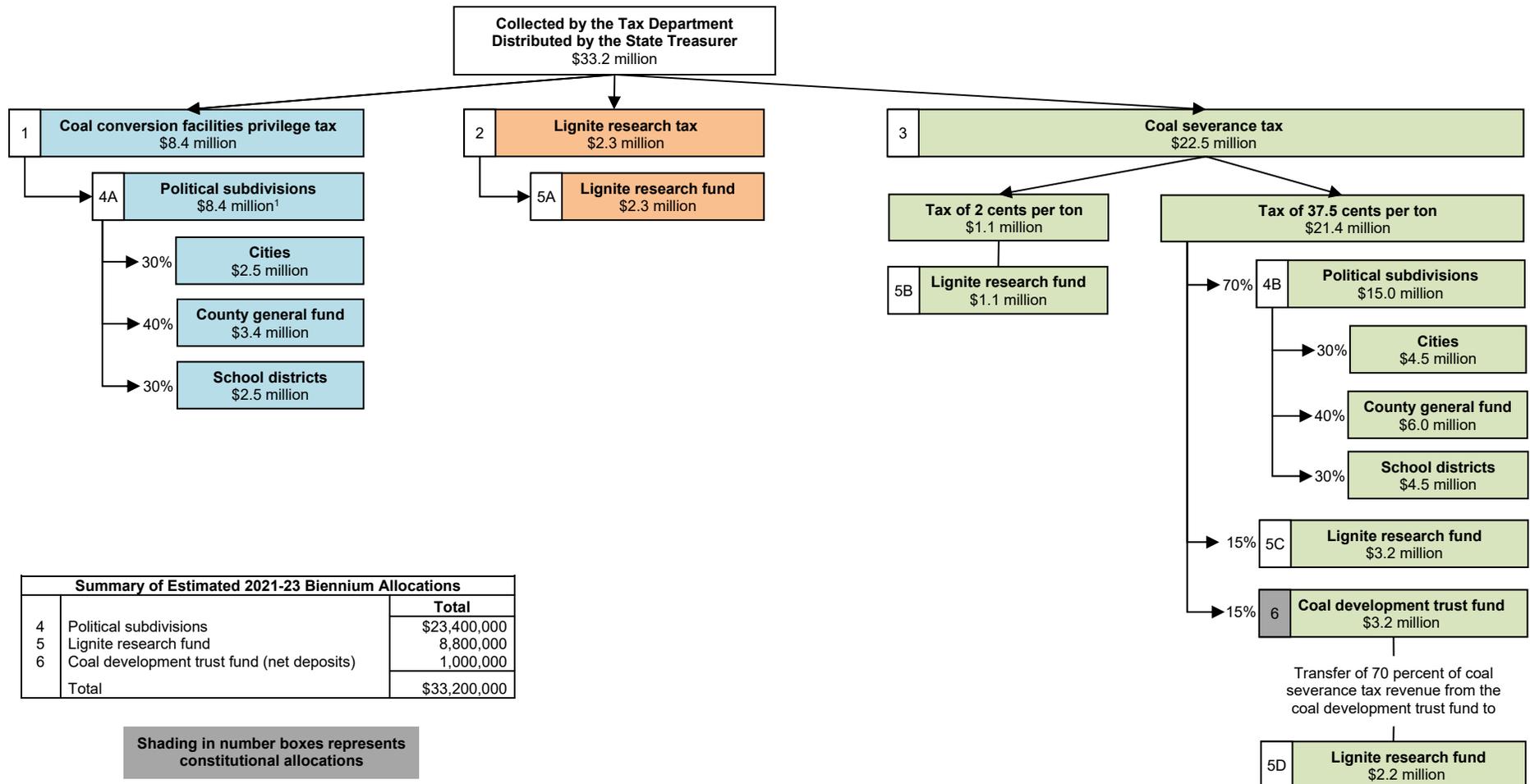




2021-23 BIENNIUM ESTIMATED COAL TAXES - ALLOCATION FLOWCHART

This memorandum provides information on the estimated coal-related tax collections and allocations for the 2021-23 biennium. Footnotes and a summary of the taxes and funds are included on the second page.



Summary of Estimated 2021-23 Biennium Allocations		
		Total
4	Political subdivisions	\$23,400,000
5	Lignite research fund	8,800,000
6	Coal development trust fund (net deposits)	1,000,000
	Total	\$33,200,000

Shading in number boxes represents constitutional allocations

FOOTNOTES

¹The amounts shown for the allocations to the political subdivisions and the state general fund from the coal conversion tax may not reflect the statutory percentages due to minimum allocation requirements for political subdivisions.

NOTE: The amounts reflected in these schedules are preliminary estimates. **The actual amounts allocated for the 2021-23 biennium may differ significantly from these amounts** based on actual coal production and electricity generation.

SUMMARY OF TAXES AND FUNDS

The table below provides a brief description of the taxes and funds included in the flowchart on the previous page. Changes approved by the 2021 Legislative Assembly are shown in boldface.

Box	Tax/Fund	Description
1	Coal conversion facilities privilege tax	North Dakota Century Code Section 57-60-02 provides for a tax on coal conversion facilities. The tax is in lieu of property taxes. For electrical generating plants, the tax is calculated by applying one mill rate to the capacity of the facility and by applying another mill rate to the electrical production. Coal gasification plants are subject to a tax on the natural gas produced from the facility. Coal beneficiation plants are subject to a tax on the beneficiated coal or on the gross receipts from the sale of beneficiated coal products. For all other coal conversion facilities, a tax is applied to the gross receipts from the facility. House Bill No. 1412 exempts coal conversion facilities from 85 percent of the coal conversion tax, eliminating the state's share of the collections, through June 30, 2026.
2	Lignite research tax	House Bill No. 1412 imposes a lignite research tax of 5 percent based on 85 percent of the coal conversion tax to maintain the same level of allocations prior to the implementation of the coal conversion tax exemption, through June 30, 2026.
3	Coal severance tax	Section 57-61-01 provides for a tax of 37.5 cents per ton of coal mined in the state, and the tax collections are deposited in the coal development fund for allocations by the State Treasurer. Section 57-61-01.5 provides for a separate tax of 2 cents per ton of coal mined in the state, and the tax collections are deposited in the lignite research fund.
4	Political subdivisions	The coal conversion facilities privilege tax collections are distributed to political subdivisions pursuant to Section 57-60-15, and the coal severance tax collections are distributed to political subdivisions pursuant to Section 57-62-02.
5	Lignite research fund	The lignite research fund is established under Section 57-61-01.6 for research, development projects, and marketing activities related to the lignite industry.
6	Coal development trust fund	The coal development trust fund is established in Section 21 of Article X of the Constitution of North Dakota. The fund is used to provide loans to coal-impacted counties, cities, and school districts and to provide loans to any school district for school construction.