

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2036**

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Higher Education Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-10-48 and 15-10-49 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to matching grants for the advancement of academics at higher  
3 education institutions under the control of the state board of higher education; and to provide an  
4 appropriation.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-48 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15-10-48. Advancement of academics - Matching grants - University of North Dakota**  
9 **and North Dakota state university.**

- 10 1. a. During the period beginning July 1, ~~2015~~2017, and ending December 31,  
11 ~~2016~~2018, the state board of higher education shall award one dollar in matching  
12 grants for every two dollars raised by the institutional foundations of the university  
13 of North Dakota and North Dakota state university for projects dedicated  
14 exclusively to the advancement of academics.
- 15 b. To be eligible for a matching grant, an institution must demonstrate that:
- 16 (1) Its foundation has raised at least fifty thousand dollars in cash or monetary  
17 pledges for a qualifying project; and
- 18 (2) The project has been approved by the grant review committee established  
19 in section 15-10-51.
- 20 c. The board may award up to seven million dollars in matching grants to each  
21 institution. The first two million dollars in matching grants awarded to each  
22 institution must be used for student scholarships that comply with section  
23 15-10-53.

2. a. If any available dollars have not been awarded by the board before January 1, ~~2017~~2019, in accordance with subsection 1, either the university of North Dakota or North Dakota state university may apply for an additional matching grant.
  - b. An application submitted under this subsection must meet the same criteria as an original application.
  - c. The board shall consider each application submitted under this subsection in chronological order.
  - d. If the remaining dollars are insufficient to provide a matching grant in the amount of one dollar for every two dollars raised by the institutional foundation, the board shall award a lesser amount.
3. The state board of higher education shall retain up to one-quarter of one percent of any grant awarded under this section to assist with administrative expenses incurred in the grant review process.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-49 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15-10-49. Advancement of academics - Matching grants - Two-year and four-year institutions of higher education.**

1. a. During the period beginning July 1, ~~2015~~2017, and ending December 31, ~~2016~~2018, the state board of higher education shall award one dollar in matching grants for every two dollars raised by the institutional foundations of Bismarck state college, Dakota college at Bottineau, Dickinson state university, Lake Region state college, Mayville state university, Minot state university, North Dakota state college of science, Valley City state university, and Williston state college for projects dedicated exclusively to the advancement of academics.
- b. To be eligible for a matching grant, an institution must demonstrate that:
  - (1) Its foundation has raised at least twenty-five thousand dollars in cash or monetary pledges for a qualifying project; and
  - (2) The project has been approved by the grant review committee established in section 15-10-51.
- c. The board may award up to one million dollars in matching grants to each institution.

- 1       2.   a.   If any available dollars have not been awarded by the board before January 1,  
2               20172019, in accordance with subsection 1, any institution listed in subsection 1  
3               may apply for an additional matching grant.
- 4       b.   An application submitted under this subsection must meet the same criteria as an  
5               original application.
- 6       c.   The board shall consider each application submitted under this subsection in  
7               chronological order.
- 8       d.   If the remaining dollars are insufficient to provide a matching grant in the amount  
9               of one dollar for every two dollars raised by the institutional foundation, the board  
10              shall award a lesser amount.
- 11      3.   a.   The board may award an additional five hundred thousand dollars in matching  
12               grants to institutions that have been awarded one million dollars in matching  
13               grants under subsection 1 and apply for an additional matching grant.
- 14      b.   An application submitted under this subsection must meet the same criteria as an  
15               original application.
- 16      c.   The board shall consider each application submitted under this subsection in  
17               chronological order.
- 18      d.   If the funding provided under this subsection is insufficient to provide a matching  
19               grant in the amount of one dollar for every two dollars raised by the institutional  
20               foundation, the board shall award a lesser amount.
- 21      4.   The state board of higher education shall retain up to one-quarter of one percent of  
22               any grant awarded under this section to assist with administrative expenses incurred  
23               in the grant review process.

24       **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT LOAN TRUST FUND - STATE BOARD OF**  
25       **HIGHER EDUCATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the student loan trust fund  
26       in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$23,500,000, or so much of the  
27       sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of awarding  
28       matching grants for the advancement of academics at institutions under the control of the  
29       board, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The funding  
30       provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.