

# House Appropriations Committee Hearing

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Our ***mission*** is to provide exceptional educational experiences that enrich the lives of North Dakotans and the global community through excellence in teaching, innovative research, and meaningful engagement.

Our ***vision*** is to inspire a sense of wonder, a love of discovery, and a commitment to serve.





**Pages & Pathways Conference**



**SEA OTTR  
Education Career Day**



**Chantel Vazquez  
SAMHSA Fellowship**



**North Dakota Nursing  
Research Collaborative**

# Accomplishments

- Providing opportunities to K-12 students and resources to teachers
- Addressing challenges in nursing practice and education
- National student recognition
- HLC re-accreditation
- Continued campus transformation
- Increase in headcount and student credit-hours
- 79% research expenditure growth since 2020



# 2025-27 Goals and Plans

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Programs our students need and where they need them

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Helping to fix the state's workforce challenges

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Nurturing the sense of innovation, economic impact, and discovery

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Establishing and sustaining partnerships

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Supporting the members of our campus community

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Marching toward a right-sized and modernized campus

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Leading and responding to the advent of artificial intelligence

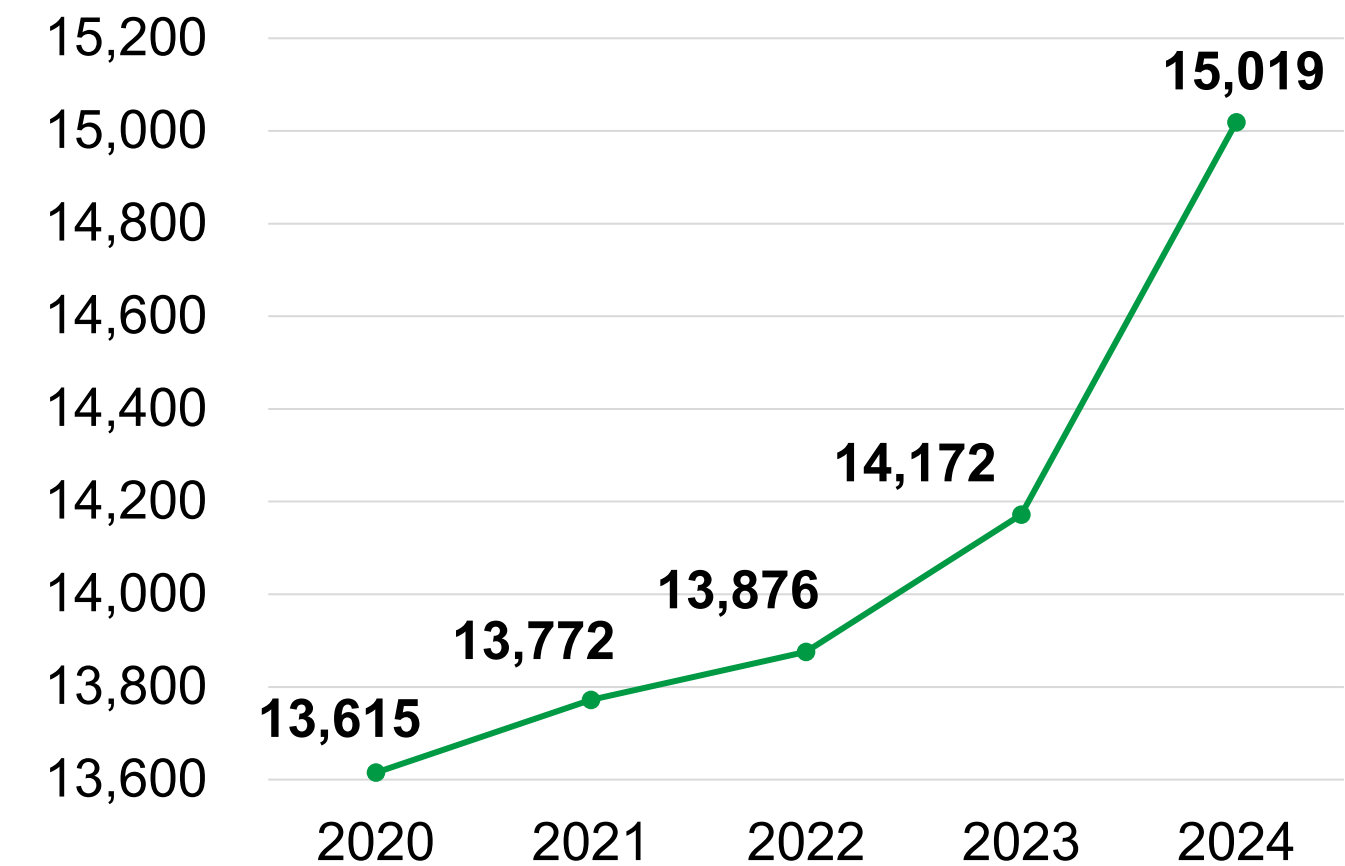
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# UND Fall Enrollment Trends

**84%**  
**Fall 23 to Fall 24**  
**Retention**

**Fall Student Headcounts**  
2020-2024

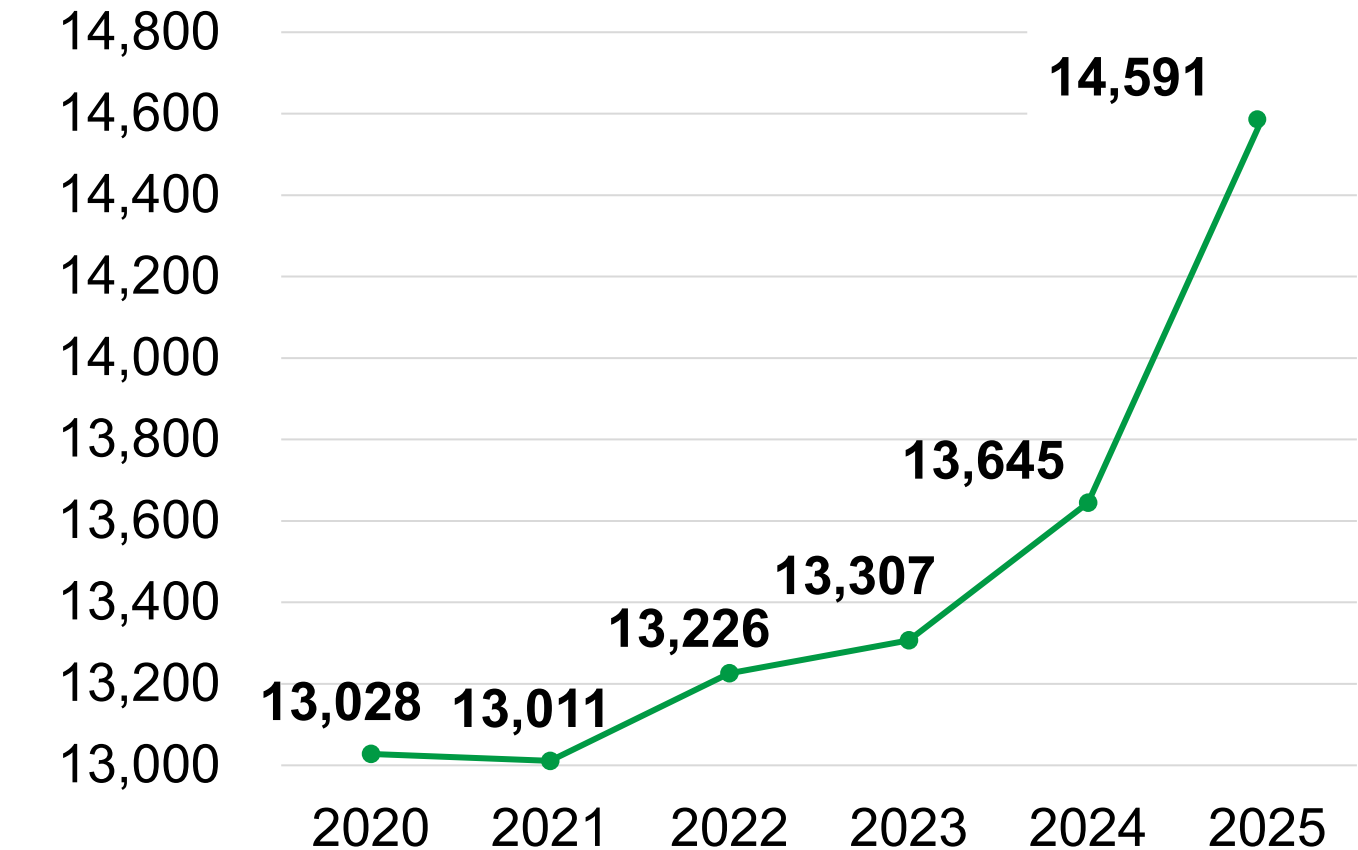


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# UND Spring Enrollment Trends

**95%**  
**Fall 24 to Spring 25**  
**Retention**

**Spring Student Headcounts**  
2020-2025



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# Focus on Partnerships

## Collaboration Across NDUS

### 2+2 Agreements



## Collaboration with ND Tribal Colleges



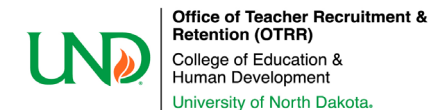
## Research and Education



### Mountains and Plains University Innovation Alliance



## Industry



# Research Expenditure Growth

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**FY20**

**\$110M**

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<b>Federal</b>	<b>\$44M</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>\$14M</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$52M</b>



**FY24**

**\$197M**

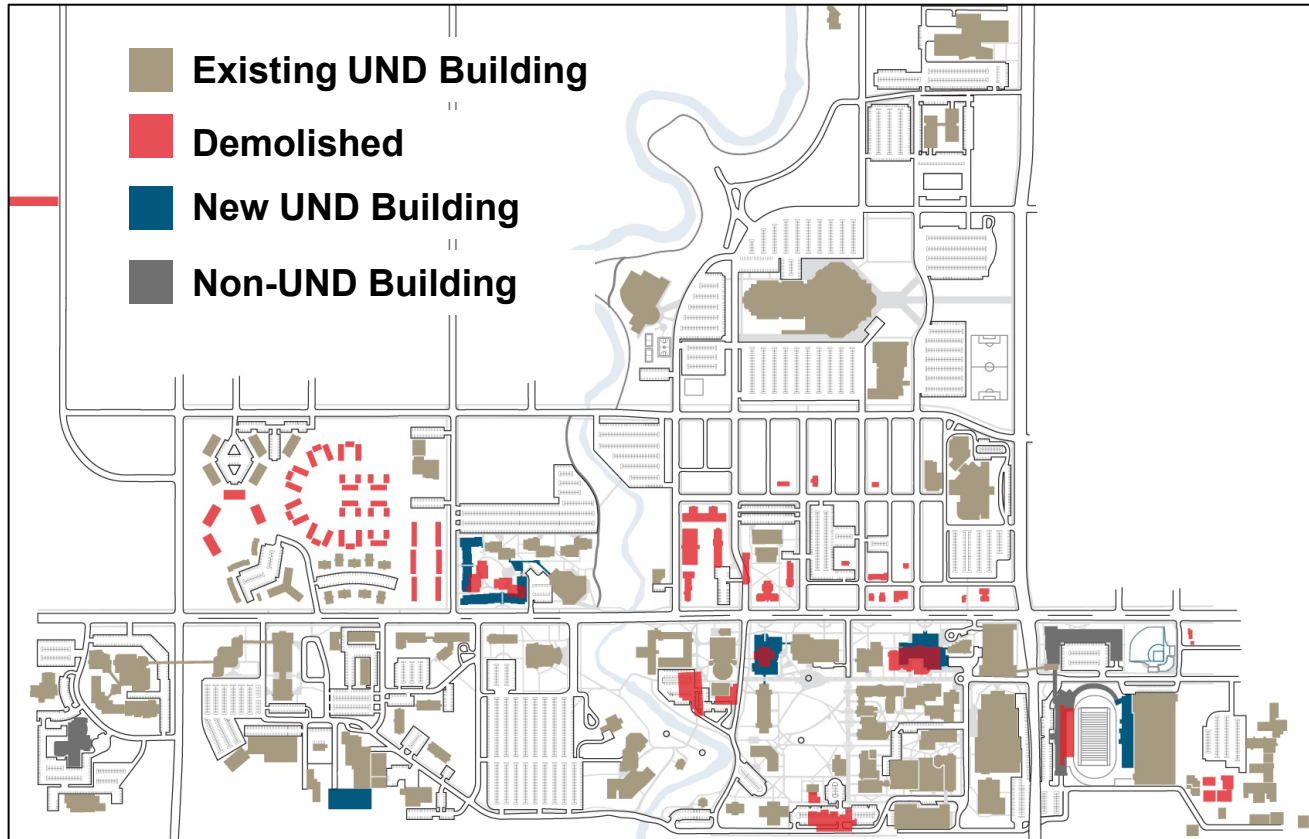
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<b>Federal</b>	<b>\$83M</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>\$38M</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$76M</b>



# Changes to Physical Plant

## 2016 – Present Progress



UND Master Plan: Development, Renovation and Demolition Planning Map

# Funding Sources

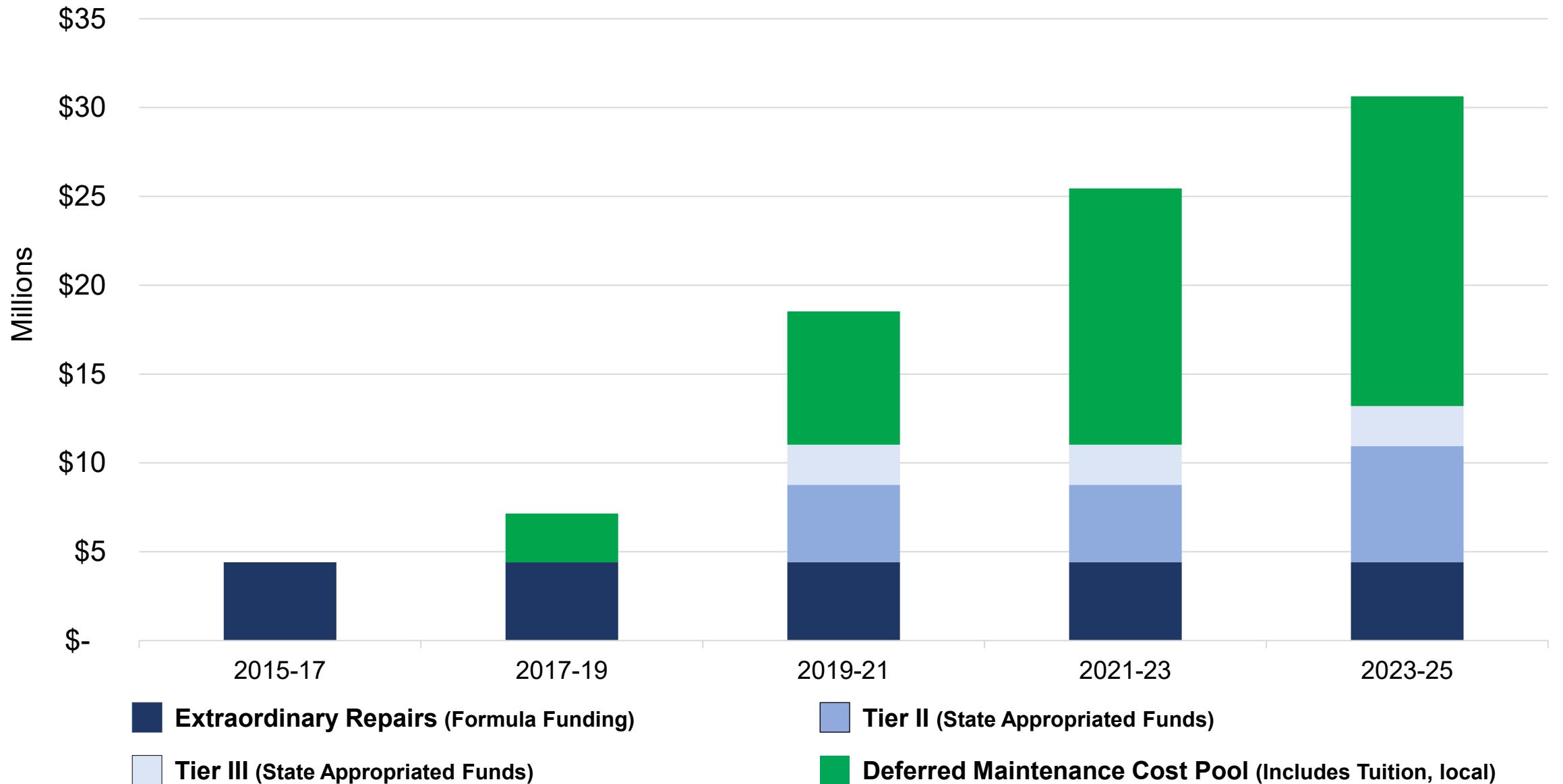
## 2019 – Present Progress

<b>State funds:</b>	<b>\$28M</b>
<b>ARPA funds:</b>	<b>\$67.5M</b>
<b>Donor funds:</b>	<b>\$80M</b>
<b>Local funds:</b>	<b>\$291.5M</b>

Steam Plant construction  
Memorial Union construction  
Chester Fritz Library renovation  
Nistler College construction  
Residence Hall renovation & construction  
O'Kelly Hall renovation  
Memorial Village construction  
Pollard Center addition  
Carnegie renovation  
Merrifield renovation  
Softball stadium

# Deferred Maintenance Funds

## By Biennium







“My favorite part of UND is how beautiful the campus is. I love to go on long walks and just take in the true beauty. While being here I've made great connections with my classmates and professors, and I already feel like UND is the perfect place for me to continue reaching my goals.”

Jayden Johnson, Biology, Valley City, ND



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# **2023-25 One-time Funding and Special Initiatives**

Summary of Status





# Economic Diversification Research Funds

\$2.5M Appropriated for 2023-25 Biennium

Early career faculty research awards	\$280K
New technology readiness program	\$300K
UND-NDSU research w/ NDUS and Tribal Colleges	\$201K
Post-doc funding	\$255K
Undergraduate research	\$66K
UND Connect	\$91K
AI computation support	\$1.3M

# Challenge Fund Grants

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**\$25M**

**North Dakota  
Higher Education  
Challenge Fund**

**+**

**\$52M**

**UND Private  
Support**

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**\$77M**

**For Endowed  
Scholarships, Faculty  
Positions and Programs**

TOTALS ARE SINCE THE PROGRAM'S INCEPTION IN 2013

# Space & National Security Appropriations

2021-23

**\$4M**

100% allocated

Satellite Ops Center  
Digital Engineering/Big Data  
Satellite Design/Engineering Lab  
Satellite Fabrication Lab (I)

2021-23

Special Session

**\$10M**

100% allocated

Advanced Materials Lab  
Classified Lab  
Satellite and Debris Tracking  
Lab Configuration  
Satellite Fabrication Lab (II)

2023-25

**\$9M**

100% allocated

Laser for Optical Communication  
Satellite and Debris Tracking  
Molecular Beam Epitaxy



**National Security Corridor**  
Clean Room



# Behavioral Health

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\$720K Appropriated for 2023-25 Biennium

One additional psychologist position hired*	\$256K
Two psychologist intern positions hired*	\$180K
Expanded six student practicum opportunities	\$84K
Enhanced evaluation services	\$150K
Increased operating expenses for additional staff	\$50K

\*The new positions' one-time start-up costs (furniture, computers, etc.) were funded by position savings while recruiting occurred.



# **2025-27 Appropriations Request**





# Support for 2025-27 SBHE Budget Proposal

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## Statutory **funding formula base budget**

Increase of \$329K for UND and \$8.1M for SMHS

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Continue **equity pay and retirement increases** from previous biennium (funded in OMB bill SB2015 in 23-25)

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Support **annual merit pay increases** for each year of biennium

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## Support **NDUS system-wide additional requests**

(e.g., nursing education consortium, AI/digitization requests, inflation factor, workforce initiatives, student grants)

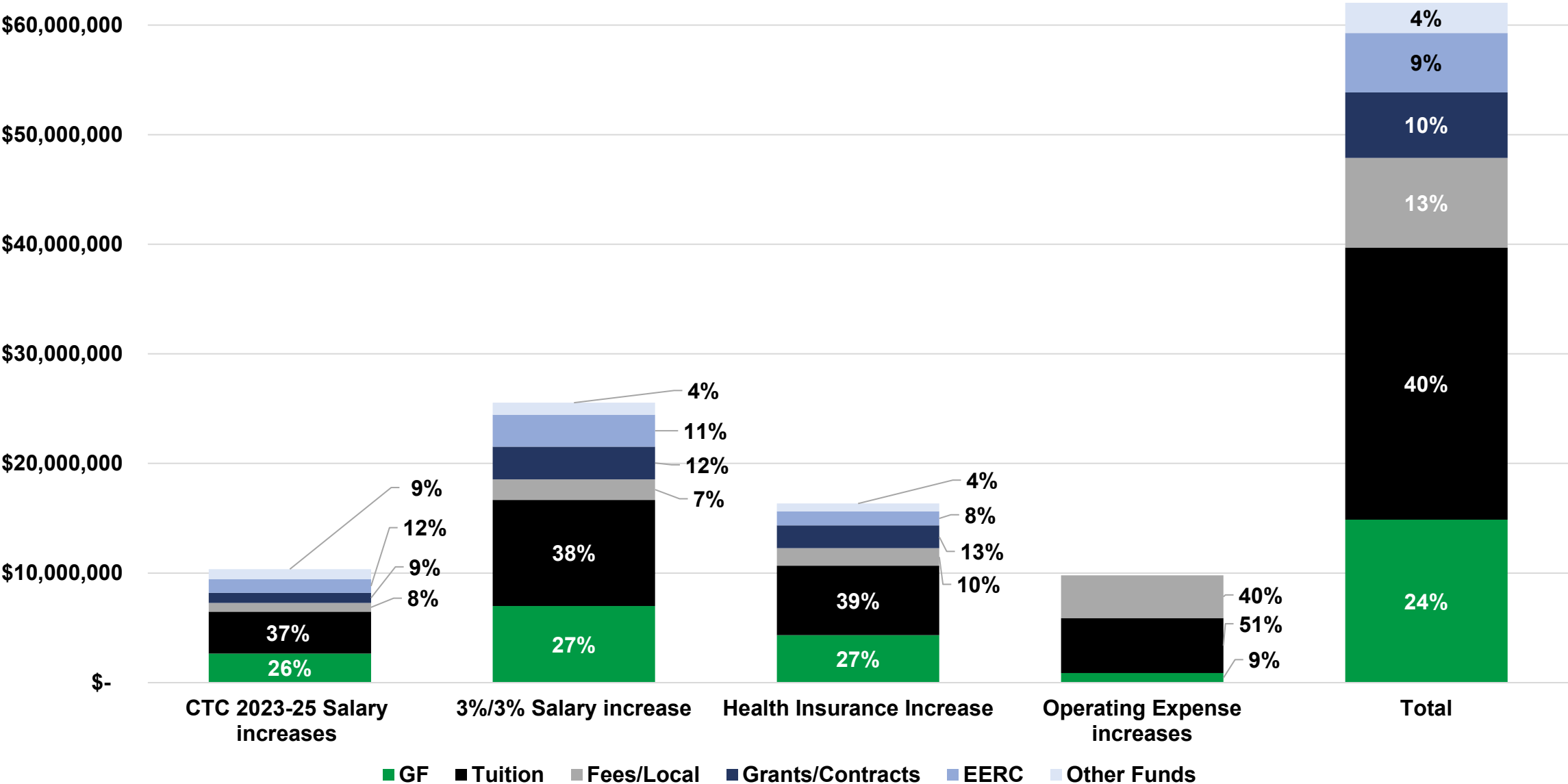
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# 2025-27 Operating Expense Increases

UND and SMHS all funding sources

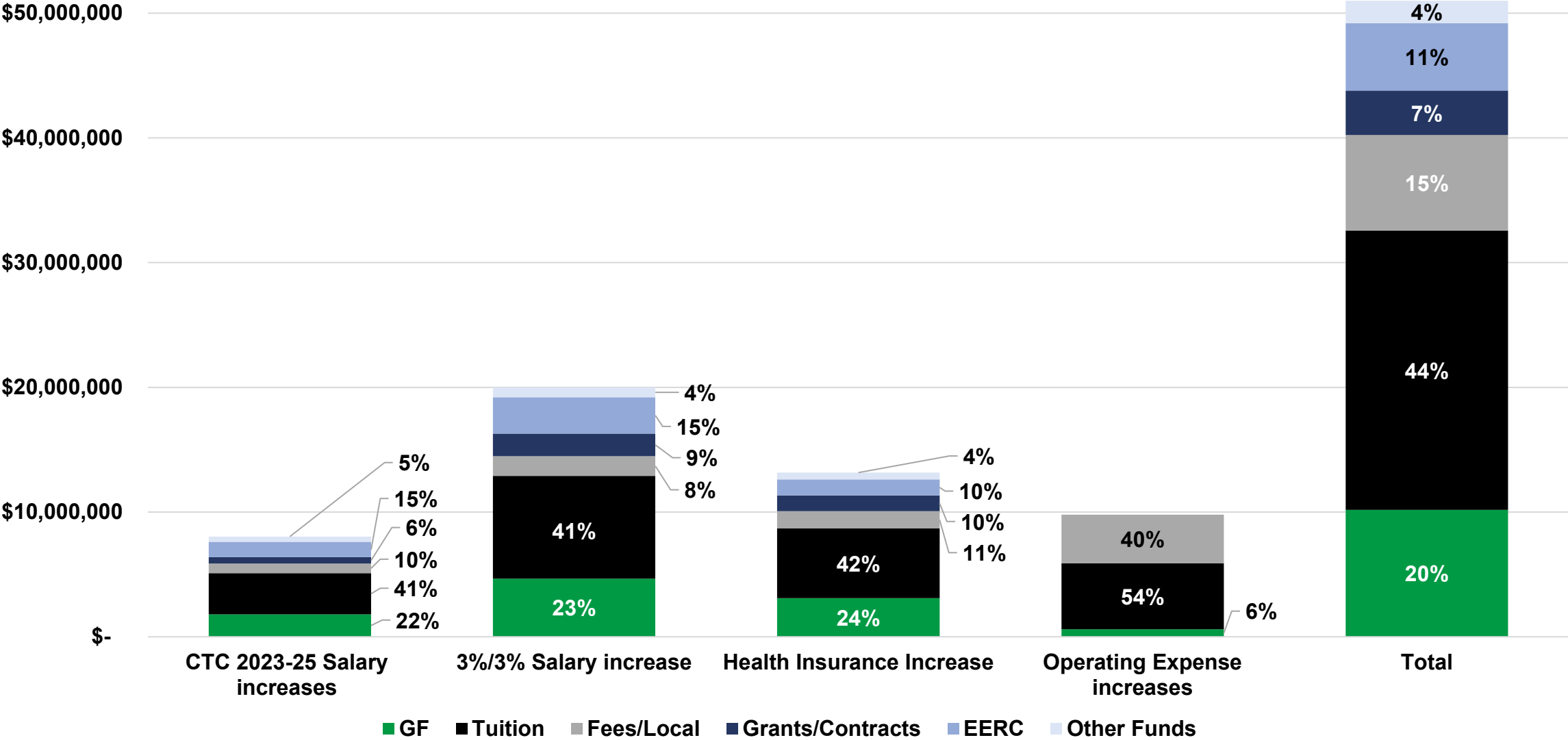
Continuation of Market Equity funding	\$6.8M biennially
Cost to continue 23-25 salary increases	\$10.35M biennially
Health insurance increases of 15.23%	\$16.3M biennially
3%/3% salary increases	\$25.5M biennially
Operating Expense increases	\$9.8M biennially

# UND Expense Increases by Funding Source (Including SMHS)





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# Tuition Impact Based on SB 2003 Current Version

Funding Source	SB 2003 v1
General Fund Share	\$14.86M
Tuition Share	\$24.84M
Other Funding	\$22.32M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62.02M</b>
<b>UND tuition increase % needed</b>	<b>5.33%</b>
<b>SMHS tuition increase needed</b>	<b>4.42%</b>

**SB 2003 v1:** Base funding with increased personnel expenses, 3%/3% salary increase and market equity only.

# Additional Requests and Bills of Interest

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# UND Capital Projects and Land Transactions

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STEM Complex

**Phase I: \$82.4M**

\$57.4M State / \$25M Local  
Funded in 2023-25 Biennium

**Phase II: \$79.6M**

\$55.6M State / \$24M Local

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Health Professions Addition

Range of Options

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Support for proposed Tiers funding changes and revolving loan fund

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Appropriations bill amendment to authorize sale of two UND properties

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# STEM Complex





# STEM Complex Phase I





# STEM Complex Phase II





# Continue & Grow Key NDUS Initiatives

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Challenge Grant Fund	Increase to \$50M ( <b>\$25M</b> )
Economic Diversification Research Fund	Increase to \$25M ( <b>\$8M</b> )
National Security Crossroads	\$36M ( <b>\$12M</b> )
Nursing Education Consortium	Increase by \$2M ( <b>\$1.1M</b> )
High-Performance Computing & Northern Tier Network	Increase by \$8M ( <b>\$2M</b> ) <i>Split between UND and NDSU</i>

*Green indicates funding provided in Engrossed SB 2003*





# Statewide and NDUS Initiatives

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EERC's designation as the State Energy Research Center

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State-wide Artificial Intelligence initiative

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Native American Repatriation Fund

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NDUS Shared Services (\$200K)

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Engrossed HB 1234: Premium increase is funded for General Fund share only

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# ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN AI

**Preparing our students for  
the technology-rich future**

**Connecting our disciplines  
to this new environment**

**Thoughtfully examining the  
impact on being human**

**Promoting open discourse  
and collective discovery**





# Committee Interest Items

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Ongoing maintenance for capital projects

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Status of restricted and unrestricted reserves

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FTE levels

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Online student fees and partnerships

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# UND Student Body

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# What Brought Me to UND

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Affordability of education

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Campus beautification

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Ability to develop close relationships with professors

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Welcoming campus culture

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# Student Life at UND

## Student Events

10,646 Fall '24 attendees  
700 cultural event attendees  
29 separate SIPP events

## Student Organizations

324 student organizations  
32 new organizations  
\$230,000 allocated

## Student Fees

11 fee-funded departments  
Remote and in-person  
Developing new services





# Behavioral Health Funding Impact on Students

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- Green Bandana expanded and now have Green Tag, too
- Development of Healthy Hawks Coalition
  - Employee wellness
  - Health equity
  - Mind and body health
  - Peer education
  - Substance use
  - Suicide prevention, awareness, and response
- Development of SafeUND



# Student Interest in State Initiatives

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STEM complex

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Workforce development

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Challenge Grant and research fund growth

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Support of statewide AI initiatives

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# Conclusion

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# New Campus Leaders

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**Scott Snyder**

Vice President for Research &  
Economic Development



**Marjorie Jenkins**

Vice President for Health Affairs  
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Interim Dean  
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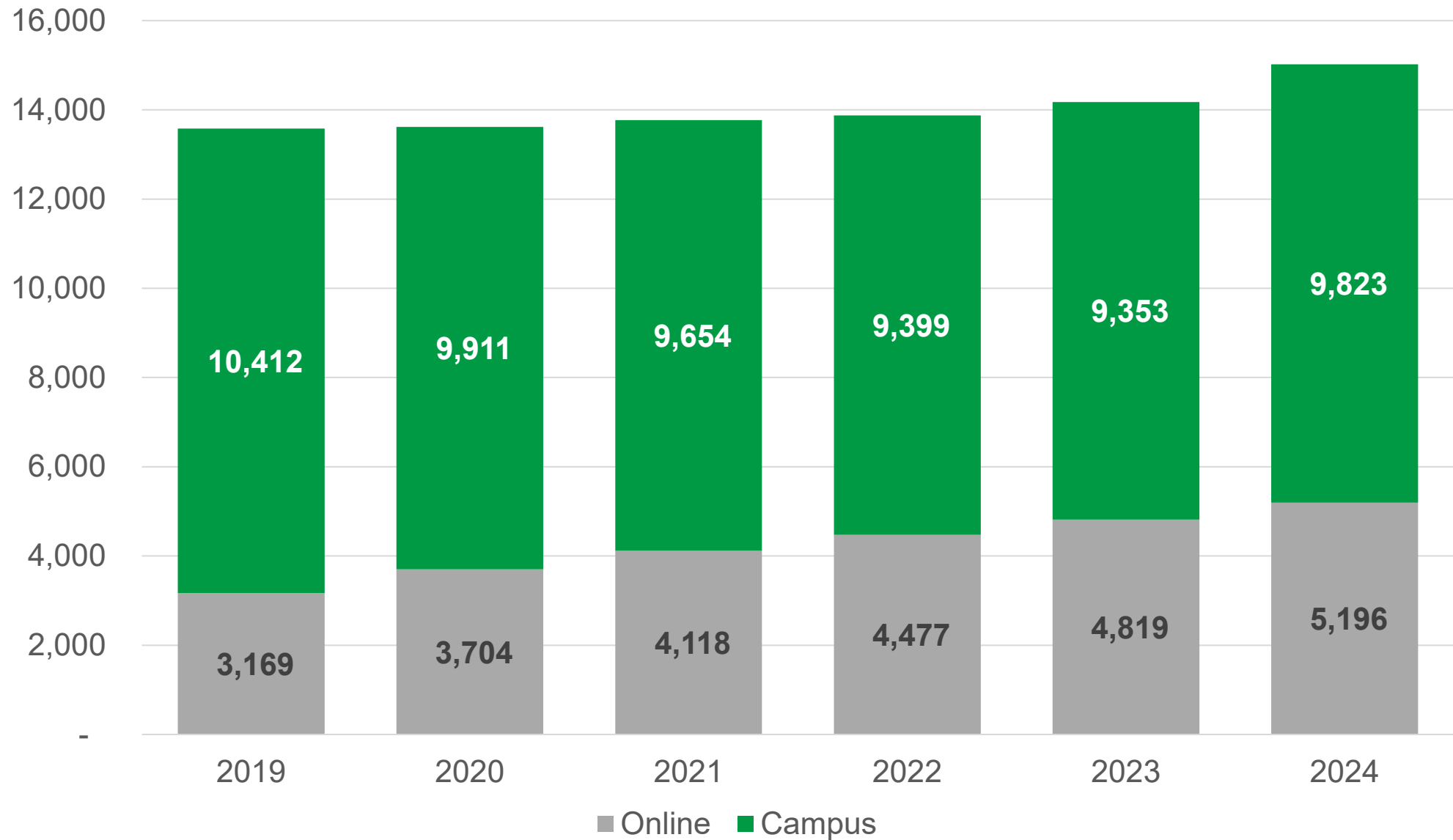
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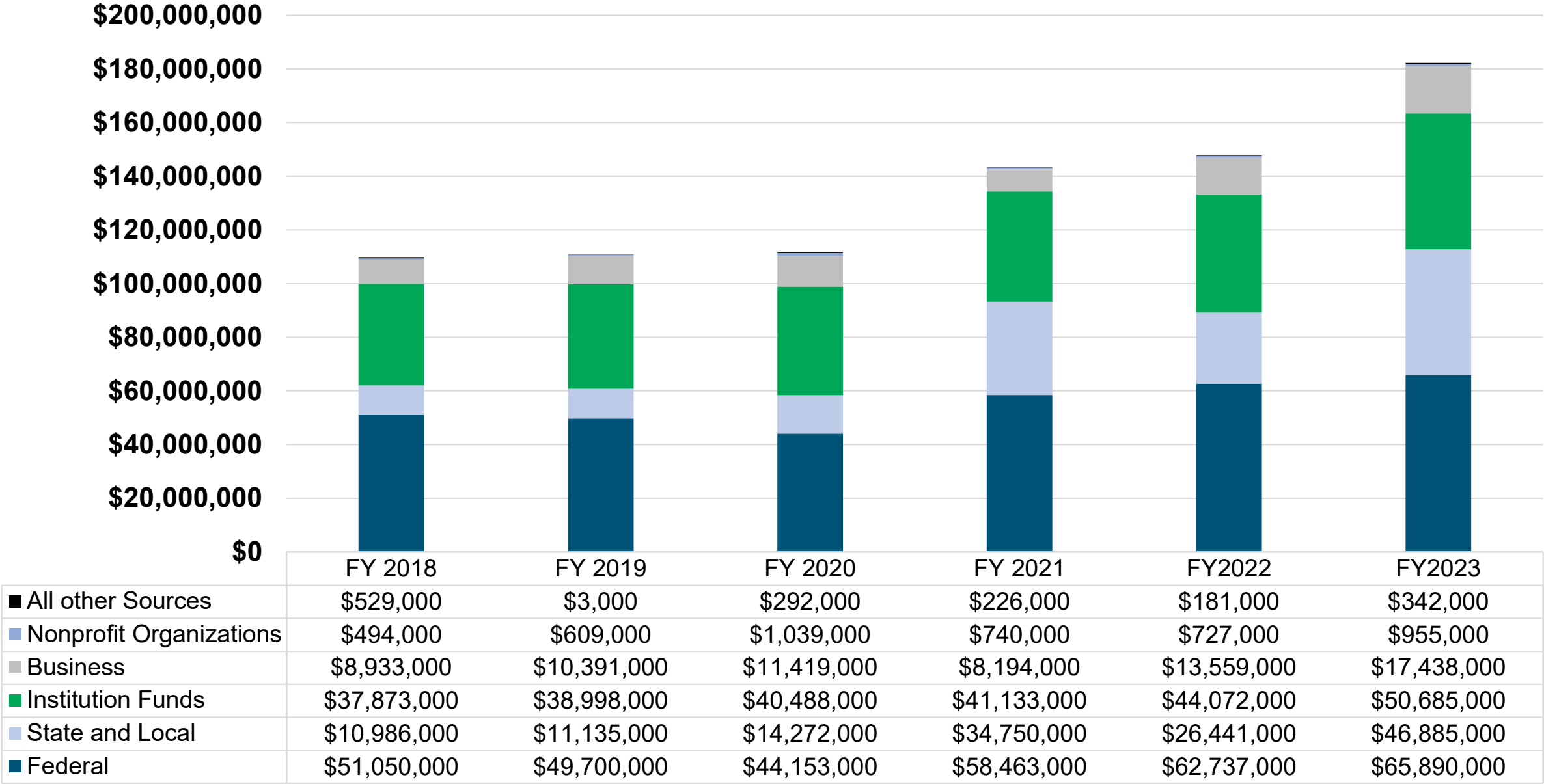
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# Campus and Online Enrollment Headcount





UND Research Expenditures  
by Higher Education Research & Development Classification



# Increased Formula Funding for SMHS

Category	Total Weighted Student Credit Hour Increases	% of Total
MD Curriculum Changes*	61,444	55.28%
Physical Therapy Doctoral Change*	11,352	10.21%
Occupational Therapy Doctoral Change*	15,090	13.58%
Athletic Training Master's Change*	456	0.41%
Indigenous Health PhD program launch	9,048	8.14%
Credit growth in all other areas	13,759	12.38%
<b>Total Increase</b>	<b>111,149</b>	<b>100%</b>

**\$73.15**

Formula Funding Rate

**\$8,130,513**

Estimated Dollar Impact

\*Overall enrollment changes would also be reflected in the figures.

# Summary of SBHE Funding and SB 2003

Comparison of Original Budget Request to SB 2003	Original Request	SB 2003	Difference
Nursing Education Consortium	\$2,049,000	\$1,100,000	\$(949,000)
AI and Machine Learning	\$3,000,000	\$ -	\$(3,000,000)
High Performance Computing	\$8,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$(6,000,000)
Challenge Grant	\$50,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$(25,000,000)
Economic Diversification Research Funding	\$25,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$(17,000,000)
ERP Cloud Readiness	\$10,000,000	\$ -	\$(10,000,000)
National Security Crossroads	\$36,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$(24,000,000)

# **\$68.8 Increase in Biennial Operating Expenses**

Shown by Expense Type

