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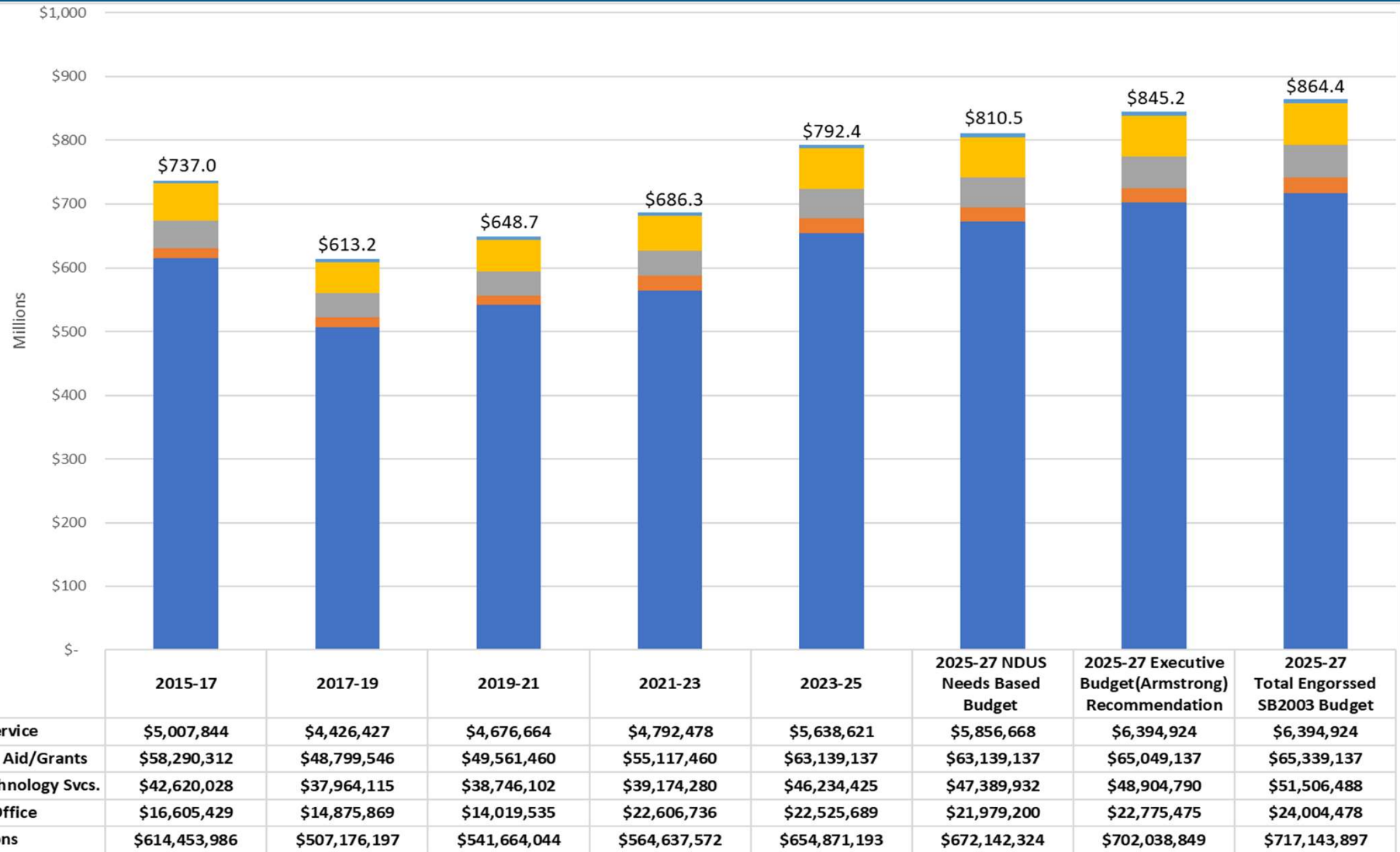
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NDUS State General Fund Appropriations (nominal dollars)

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SBHE NDUS 2025-27 Needs-Based Budget

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- Reflects statutory formula production, bond payment changes, and cost to continue 2023-25 target market equity salary and retirement increases

North Dakota University System					
2025-27 Needs-Based Budget					
<i>In Millions</i>					
	General Fund	Tuition	Other Funds	Total	
2023-25 Base	\$ 792.4	\$ 695.6	\$ 1,329.6	\$ 2,817.6	
Formula Production	\$ (0.6)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.6)	
Bond Payments	\$ (0.9)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.9)	
Cost to Continue 2023-25 target equity & retirement increases	\$ 19.2	\$ 2.7	\$ 0.0	\$ 21.8	
NDIT Rate Adjustments	\$ 0.2	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.7	
2025-27 Needs-Based Budget	\$ 810.4	\$ 698.8	\$ 1,329.7	\$ 2,838.7	
\$ Change	\$ 17.9	\$ 3.2	\$ 0.1	\$ 21.0	
% Change	2.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	

Higher Education Funding Formula (before Engrossed SB2003 amendments)

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Institution	2021-23 Completed SCH	2021-23 Weighted SCH	2021-23 WSCH Base	Credit Completion Factor	WSCH Growth Factor	Credit Growth Factor	2021-23 Adjusted SCH	2023-25 Base Per Credit Hour	Adjust	Minimum Amount Payable	Preliminary 2025-27 Base Funding	2023-25 Base Funding	2025-27 Base Incr/Decr	2025-27 Base % Incr/Decr
BSC	138,223	300,716	300,716	1.10	0	1.00	330,788	\$110.38	(\$134,156)	\$0	\$36,378,223	\$36,354,055	\$24,168	↑ 0.07%
DCB	33,535	57,802	54,267	1.80	3535	1.00	101,216	\$110.38	\$0	\$0	\$11,172,222	\$11,130,278	\$41,944	↑ 0.38%
LRSC	46,867	77,534	77,534	1.60	0	1.00	124,054	\$110.38	\$0	\$945,308	\$14,638,389	\$15,248,322	(\$609,933)	↓ -4.00%
NDSCS	109,532	285,505	285,505	1.30	0	1.00	371,157	\$110.38	\$0	\$0	\$40,968,310	\$38,761,924	\$2,206,386	↑ 5.69%
WSC	34,605	63,497	63,497	1.70	0	1.00	107,945	\$110.38	\$0	\$678,630	\$12,593,599	\$13,118,332	(\$524,733)	↓ -4.00%
DSU	61,462	159,070	159,070	1.40	0	1.00	222,698	\$103.76	\$12,790	\$0	\$23,119,934	\$23,801,610	(\$681,676)	↓ -2.86%
MASU	45,889	127,424	127,424	1.60	0	1.00	203,878	\$103.76	\$0	\$0	\$21,154,381	\$21,698,810	(\$544,429)	↓ -2.51%
MISU	123,426	370,232	370,232	1.20	0	1.00	444,278	\$103.76	\$0	\$0	\$46,098,285	\$47,677,097	(\$1,578,812)	↓ -3.31%
VCSU	64,575	166,147	161,572	1.50	4575	1.00	246,933	\$103.76	\$0	\$885,840	\$26,507,608	\$27,612,092	(\$1,104,484)	↓ -4.00%
NDSU	589,220	1,971,645	1,971,645	1.00	0	1.00	1,971,645	\$73.15	\$0	\$6,396,841	\$150,622,673	\$156,898,618	(\$6,275,945)	↓ -4.00%
UND	623,862	2,420,139	2,420,139	1.00	0	1.00	2,420,139	\$73.15	\$0	\$0	\$177,033,168	\$176,704,163	\$329,005	↑ 0.19%
SMHS	0	1,070,680	1,070,680	1.00	0	1.00	1,070,680	\$73.15	\$0	\$0	\$78,320,242	\$70,189,742	\$8,130,500	↑ 11.58%
Totals	1,871,196		7,070,391				7,615,411		(\$121,366)	\$8,906,619	\$638,607,034	\$639,195,043	(\$588,009)	-0.09%

Engrossed SB2003 Compared to SBHE Requested Budget and Armstrong Executive Budget Recommendation

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Tab	Budget Item	Total NDUS Request	Executive Recommendation	2025 Engrossed SB2003	Variance from NDUS Request
	2023-25 Base Budget	\$ 792,409,065	\$ 792,409,065	\$ 792,409,065	\$ -
	NDUS System Office, Core Technology Services & Forest Service				
	Compensation Package(3%/3% Salary/FB/Health Insurance)	-	2,400,509	2,400,509	2,400,509
	Cost to Continue 2023-25 Target Market Equity & DB Retirement	1,532,333	1,532,333	1,532,333	-
	NDIT IT Rate Adjustment	231,253	231,253	231,253	-
	State Bond Payments	(936,521)	(936,521)	(936,521)	-
	Funding Formula - SCH Production Changes including MAP	(588,009)	(588,009)	(588,009)	-
	Funding Formula Inflator of 9% Armstrong/4% Senate	17,859,140	47,755,665	62,860,713	45,001,573
3	Institution IT Infrastructure Replacement	2,600,000	-	1,000,000	(1,600,000)
6	Inflation - (Armstrong Forest Service/Senate NDUSO-CTS-Forest Service)	1,916,401	175,700	1,916,401	-
8	Student Financial Aid/Fin Aid Title IV System	180,000	-	180,000	-
9	Student Financial Aid System	273,180	273,180	273,180	-
10	Increase Shared Services	200,000	-	-	-
13	Student Financial Assistance Grants	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
15	North Dakota State Grant - remove ND HS Graduate requirement (ENVISION)	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-
	Tribal Community College grants	-	-	200,000	200,000
	Working Parent Credit - Employee child care reimbursement program	-	910,000	910,000	910,000
	2025-27 Total Budget	\$ 817,676,842	\$ 845,163,175	\$ 864,388,924	\$ 46,912,082
	Dollar Change from 2023-25 Base	\$ 25,267,777	\$ 52,754,110	\$ 71,979,859	
	Percentage Change from 2023-25 base	3.2%	6.7%	9.1%	

Engrossed SB2003 Compared to SBHE Requested Budget and Armstrong Executive Budget Recommendation

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Base Budget - Needs-Based	Total NDUS Request	Executive Recommendation	2025 Engrossed SB2003	Variance from NDUS Request
Funding Formula Inflatior of 9% Armstrong/4% Senate	17,859,140	47,755,665	62,860,713	45,001,573
Compensation Package(3%/3% Salary/FB)	-	26,522,645	-	0
Health Insurance adjustment	-	12,269,682	-	0
Cost to Continue Market Equity funding	17,320,937	17,320,937	17,320,937	0
Cost to Continue DB Retirement funding	420,191	420,191	420,191	0
NDIT IT Rate Adjustment	118,012	118,012	-	(118,012)
2-yr credits at 4-yr campus	-	(1,140)	-	0
4-yr credits at 2-yr campus	-	11,957	-	0
Minimum Amount Payable	-	(8,906,619)	(7,342,149)	(7,342,149)
Funding Formula Adjustments (Completed Credit Factor/Weighted SCH Discipline Cluster)	-	-	16,364,488	16,364,488
Restore 2023-25 Equalization Restoration	-	-	3,621,578	3,621,578
Base Rates Equalization	-	-	5,582,814	5,582,814
4% Base Rate Increase (3%/3% Salary/FB, Health Insurance, Inflation)	-	-	26,892,854	26,892,854

2025-27 Investment Opportunities - Optional Adjustment Requests

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North Dakota University System		SBHE		Governor Armstrong		Senate	
		SBHE Request	Notes	Executive Budget Recommendation	Notes	Engossed SB2003 Budget Adjustments	Notes
Tab Systemwide Projects / initiatives							
1	Nursing Education Consortium (ENVISION - CRITICAL)	\$ 2,049,000	Base	\$ 1,100,000	SIIF; One-time	\$ 1,100,000	SIIF; One-time
2	Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) (ENVISION -IMPORTANT)	3,000,000	\$1M Base; \$2M One-time	-		-	
4	High Demand Workforce Development (ENVISION)	3,000,000	One-time	-		-	
5	High Performance Computing NTN - UND/NDSU (ENVISION)	8,000,000	Base	-		2,000,000	SIIF; One-time
7	Dakota Digital Academy (ENVISION) (2023-25 ONE-TIME FUNDS)	450,000	Base	-		450,000	GF; One-time
8	Financial Aid Enhancement/Title IV Course Auditor	25,000	\$180,000 Base \$25,000 One-time	900,000	SIIF; One-time	25,000	GF; \$180,000 Base \$25,000 One-time
18	Challenge Grant	SBHE Supported	One-time	50,000,000	SIIF; One-time	25,000,000	SIIF; One-time
19	Capital Building Fund (Tier II/III)		One-time	20,000,000	SIIF; One-time	31,500,000	SIIF; One-time
20	Workforce Education Innovation Program		One-time	-		12,000,000	SIIF; One-time; Limited to 9 Institutions
21	Economic Diversification Research funding		One-time	-		8,000,000	SIIF; One-time; Appropriated to BND
25	Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) - Cloud Readiness for PeopleSoft Replacement		One-time	-		-	
	Emerald Ash Borer Initiative - Forest Service	-		950,000	SIIF; One-time	950,000	SIIF; One-time
	MiSU Advancing Students towards educational and employment program	-		-		500,000	GF; One-time
	UND National Security Crossroads	-		-		12,000,000	SIIF; One-time
	NDSU New Horizon programming	-		-		12,000,000	SIIF; One-time
NDUSO - System Governance							
11	Internal Audit Software	143,000	\$83,000 Base \$60,000 One-time	-		-	
NDUSO - Student Grants							
12	Professional Exchange Program (PSEP)	1,500,000	Base	-		1,500,000	GF; One-time
14	Dual Credit Scholarship	1,500,000	Base	-		1,500,000	BND Profits; One-time

2025-27 Investment Opportunities - Optional Systemwide Initiatives

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- SBHE supports Governor and Legislative Assembly providing state employees annual salary increases for each year of the biennium.
- SBHE supports funding general and other fund related costs for the and employee contribution increases related to the NDPERS Defined Benefit closure.(Tab 17)
- SBHE supports Challenge Grant Program continuation and funding up to \$50 million as proposed by the Governor last legislative session.(Tab 18)
 - Supports a reduced match for smaller institutions and flexibility in program uses.
- SBHE supports the Capital Building Funds Program and funding at current (\$24M) or higher levels in tier II and tier III funds for 2025-27 biennium(Tab 19)
- SBHE supports an Economic Diversification Research funding stream– A permanent research funding stream (possibly using Legacy funds) - \$25 million(Tab 21)
- Funding formula enhancements (Tab 24)
- Enterprise Resource Planning initiative - \$10M (Tab 25)

2025-27 Investment Opportunities - Optional Systemwide Initiatives

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- SBHE supports legislative action to create a Higher Education Stabilization Fund
 - Higher Education Stabilization Fund would provide resources to limit base general fund reductions due to State of ND revenue fluctuations similar to K-12's "Foundation Aid Stabilization Fund" eliminating the need for a budget allotment (NDCC 54-44.1-12)
 - Support program resilience, faculty, staff, and student success during state funding shortfalls
 - K-12 Stabilization mechanisms (Foundation Aid Stabilization Fund) has proven highly beneficial in a commodity-based economy
- SBHE supports funding the Workforce Education Innovation Program introduced by Rep. Schreiber-Beck and passed by the 68th Legislative Assembly - \$24 million (Tab 20)
 - \$10M 2-year colleges; \$8M 4-year regional universities; \$6M NDUS research universities
 - Start-up funds for institutions to establish innovative high-demand programs to meet North Dakota workforce needs
 - Provides curriculum development, purchase of equipment and technology to train or certify new and existing instructors and to promote programs to respond to workforce needs of the state

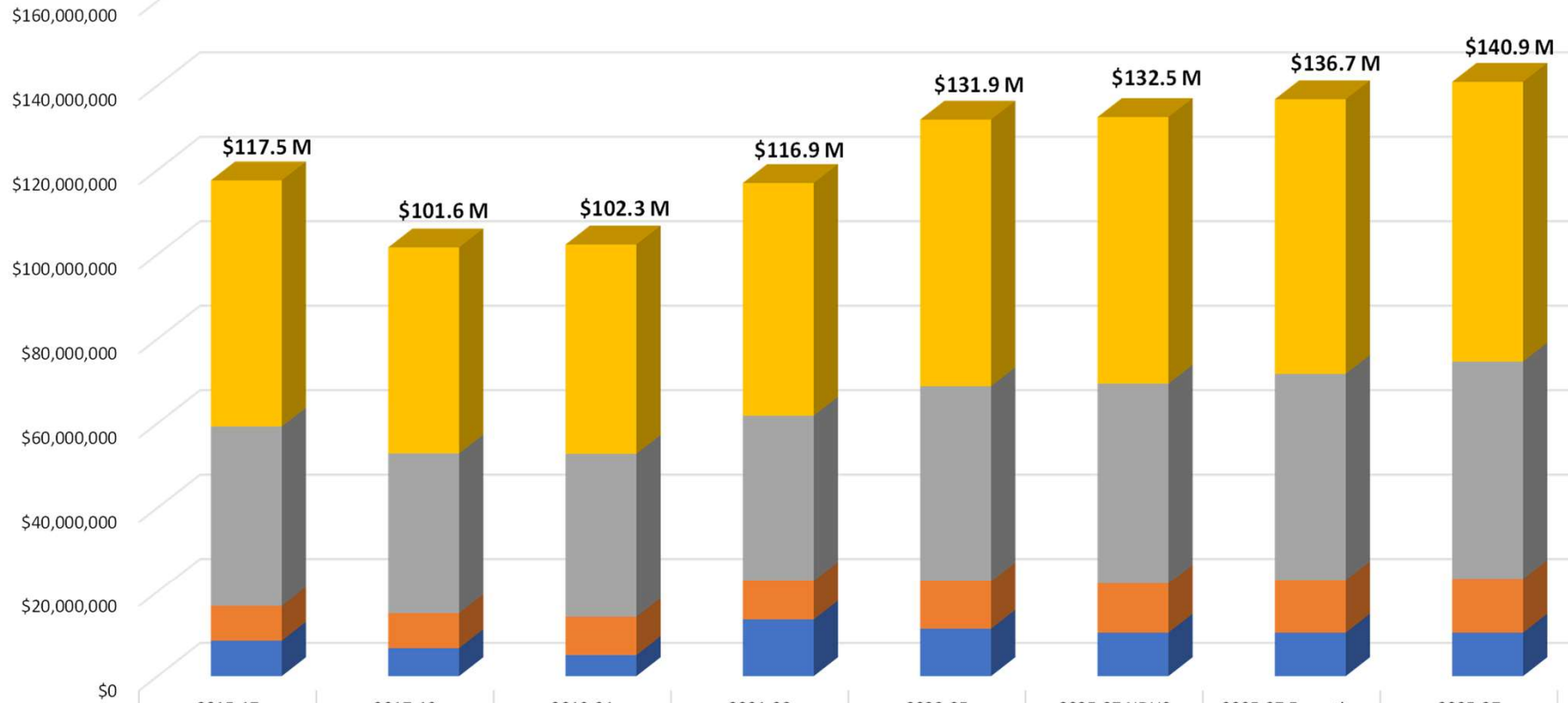
System Office Budget



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NDUSO State General Fund Appropriations (nominal dollars)

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	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27 NDUS Needs Based Budget	2025-27 Executive Budget(Armstrong) Recommendation	2025-27 Total Engorssed SB2003 Budget
Financial Aid/Grants	\$58,290,312	\$48,799,546	\$49,561,460	\$55,117,460	\$63,139,137	\$63,139,137	\$65,049,137	\$66,249,137
Core Technology Svcs.	\$42,620,028	\$37,964,115	\$38,746,102	\$39,174,280	\$46,234,425	\$47,389,932	\$48,904,790	\$51,506,488
System Office	\$8,236,593	\$8,270,543	\$9,060,087	\$9,221,472	\$11,327,793	\$11,717,825	\$12,514,100	\$12,833,103
Capital Bond Payments	\$8,368,836	\$6,605,326	\$4,959,448	\$13,385,264	\$11,197,896	\$10,261,375	\$10,261,375	\$10,261,375

2025-27 NDUS System Office Request to Engrossed SB2003 Base General Fund Budget

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Appropriation Line	2023-25 General Fund Base	2025-27 Needs-Based Request	Financial Aid Grants & System Maintenance /Operations, Dakota NEC, Shared Services	Envision Dakota Digital Academy, Remove ND High School Requirement, Inflation	Internal Audit Workpaper Software, NDIT Security Solution & Financial Aid Enhancement/ Title IV Course Auditor	2025-27 SBHE NDUS Budget Request	Armstrong Executive Budget Adjustments	Employee Compensation 3%/3% and Health Insurance	2025-27 Total Armstrong Executive Budget	Engrossed SB2003 Budget Adjustments	2025-27 Total Engrossed SB2003 Budget
Student Grants (State Financial Aid)											
Student Financial Assistance Grants	\$ 29,917,306	\$ 29,917,306	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 31,917,306	\$ (1,000,000)		\$ 30,917,306	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 31,917,306
Academic and Tech Ed. Scholarship	17,216,749	17,216,749				17,216,749			17,216,749		17,216,749
Student Exchange Program	3,699,342	3,699,342	1,500,000			5,199,342	(1,500,000)		3,699,342		3,699,342
ND Scholars Program	1,807,115	1,807,115				1,807,115			1,807,115		1,807,115
Tribal Community College Grants	1,400,000	1,400,000				1,400,000			1,400,000	200,000	1,600,000
Native American Scholarship	1,000,000	1,000,000				1,000,000			1,000,000		1,000,000
Dual Credit Scholarship		-	1,500,000			1,500,000	(1,500,000)		-		-
Subtotal	55,040,512	55,040,512	4,000,000	1,000,000	-	60,040,512	(4,000,000)	-	56,040,512	1,200,000	57,240,512
Systemwide Projects / Initiatives											
Capital Bond Payments	11,197,896	10,261,375				10,261,375			10,261,375		10,261,375
Competitive Research Program	5,685,750	5,685,750				5,685,750			5,685,750		5,685,750
NASA EPSCOR	342,000	342,000				342,000			342,000		342,000
Dakota Nursing Consortium	1,356,000	1,356,000	2,049,000			3,405,000	(2,049,000)		1,356,000		1,356,000
Veterans Assitance Programs	454,875	454,875				454,875			454,875		454,875
Education Incentive Programs	260,000	260,000				260,000			260,000		260,000
Working Parent Credit						-	910,000		910,000		910,000
Shared Campus Services	800,000	800,000	200,000			1,000,000	(200,000)		800,000		800,000
Student Mental Health	284,400	284,400				284,400			284,400		284,400
Dakota Digital Academy	-	-		450,000		450,000	(450,000)		-		-
Subtotal	20,380,921	19,444,400	2,249,000	450,000	-	22,143,400	(1,789,000)	0	20,354,400	-	20,354,400
NDUS Operations											
Core Technology Services (CTS)	46,234,425	47,389,932		1,421,698	5,346,200	54,157,830	(6,767,898)	1,514,858	48,904,790	2,601,698	51,506,488
System Governance - System Office	10,243,393	10,633,425	273,180	319,003	143,000	11,368,608	(462,003)	523,095	11,429,700	319,003	11,748,703
Subtotal	56,477,818	58,023,357	273,180	1,740,701	5,489,200	65,526,438	(7,229,901)	2,037,953	60,334,490	2,920,701	63,255,191
Total	\$ 131,899,251	\$ 132,508,269	\$ 6,522,180	\$ 3,190,701	\$ 5,489,200	\$ 147,710,350	\$ (13,018,901)	\$ 2,037,953	\$ 136,729,402	\$ 4,120,701	\$ 140,850,103

Capital Budget



2025-27 Investment Opportunities – Capital Funding Request

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- \$244.4 million Total Request
 - \$217.3 million general fund
 - \$27.1 million non-general fund
- Projects address life/health/safety issues, deferred maintenance, and program driven needs. \$129.3 million in combined deferred maintenance and life/health/safety issues

2025-27 Investment Opportunities – Capital Funding Request

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- HB1003 Section 47 Legislative Intent Capital Projects during the 68th Legislative Assembly approved by the SBHE for inclusion in the 2025-27 budget request
- Engrossed SB2003 includes all three of these projects using SIIF

Institution	Institution Priority	SBHE Priority	Project Title	Project Total	Funding Source		Project Type	% DM/L S	% PED	% Local S	Amount DM/LS \$
					General Funds	Other Funds					
UND	1	1	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Building	79,500,000	55,640,000	23,860,000	New Construction	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MiSU	1	1	Academic Building	8,132,000	8,132,000		Renovation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MaSU	**	**	Old Main Renovation or Loan Repayment	34,924,814	34,924,814		Major renovation to existing facility.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
			State General Fund Projects	122,556,814	98,696,814	23,860,000					

2025-27 Investment Opportunities – SBHE approved Capital Funding Request

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Institution	Institution Priority	Project Title	Project Total	Funding Source		Project Type	% PED	% DM	% LS	Amount DM/LS \$
				General Funds	Other Funds					
MiSU	1	Regional Health Sciences Institute – PHASE ONE	13,000,000	12,350,000	650,000	Lease Purchase Renovation / Other	90%		10%	1,300,000
DSU	1	Education Innovation & Academic Excellence Center	48,500,000	48,500,000	-	Major renovation to existing facility.	45%	25%	30%	48,400,000
DCB	1	Modernizing the Living & Learning Environment for Students	875,000	875,000	-	Demolition	20%	50%	30%	22,600,000
NDSCS	1	Revitalization of Johnson Educational Innovation Center	24,759,730	23,521,744	1,237,987	Major renovation to existing facilities	10%	75%	15%	22,283,757
MaSU	1	Campus Security: Lights, Cameras, and Card Access	1,311,630	1,311,630		Major renovation to existing facility.			100%	1,311,630
VCSU	1	McFarland Deferred Maintenance and Energy Project	27,300,000	25,935,000	1,365,000	Renovation		80%	20%	27,300,000
LRSC	1	Campus Infrastructure Repairs/Upgrades	6,087,341	6,087,341		Repairs, new construction, upgrades.		100%		6,087,341
State General Fund Projects			121,833,701	118,580,715	3,252,987					129,282,728

2025-27 Investment Opportunities – Capital Funding Request – SBHE approved non-General Fund Projects

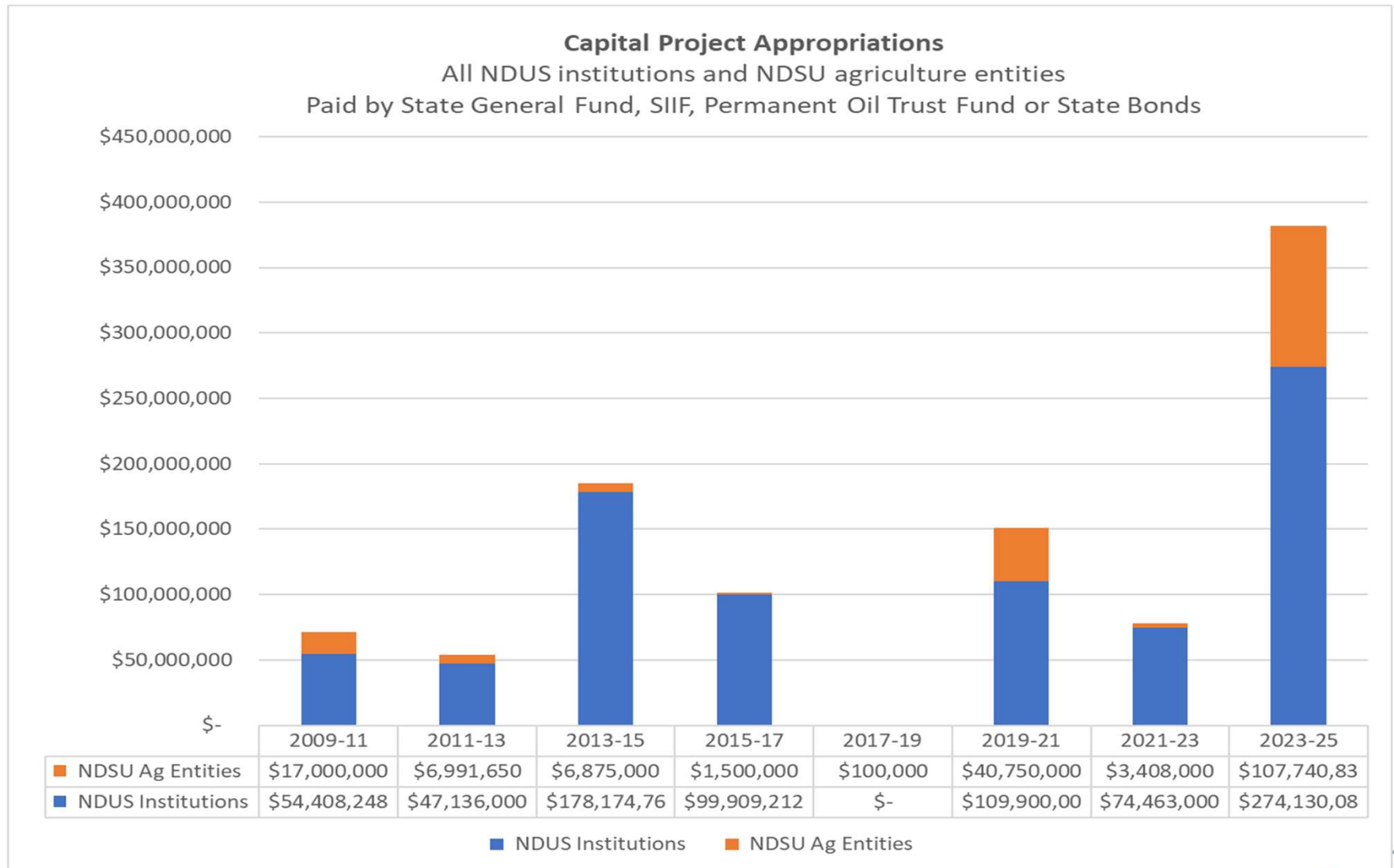
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- Engrossed SB2003 includes these projects

Institution	Project	Cost	Source of Funding
NDSU	Practice Wrestling Facility	13,000,000	Donations
NDSU	University Village	54,000,000	Self Liquidating Revenue Bond/Donations/Local Funds
NDSU	Memorial Union	50,000,000	Self Liquidating Revenue Bond/Donations/Local Funds
NDSU	Van ES Biosafety Lab	8,000,000	Grants/Local Funds
BSC	Remodel for additional Dorm rooms	1,400,000	Tier II/III Funding
DSU	Woods Hall & Agriculture and Tech Education Building/Rodeo Arena	12,500,000	Self Liquidating Revenue Bond
MiSU	Student Center Renovation	3,100,000	Self Liquidating Revenue Bond

Capital Project History – State Funded

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Appendix: Other Bills with Budget Impact

- Artificial Intelligence Bills
 - HB1167 - Artificial Intelligence disclosure requirements if used for political purposes.
 - HB1265 – State Information technology center at UND. \$5M appropriation
 - HB1448 – Advanced technology review committee and \$5M advanced technology grant program.
- Financial Aid Bills
 - HB1098 – Changes to ND Scholar program
 - HB1404 – ND Scholars Program Eligibility
 - SB2147 – North Dakota Career Builders Appropriation
 - SB2221 – Modifies the Career Builders program for master of science degree in nursing
- HB1161 – Vacancy/New FTE Reporting for Higher Education
- HB1179 – Faculty Annual Leave
- HB1331 – NDSCS Artificial Turf capital project \$1.75M Other Funds
- HB1600 – Creates & funds an immigration law clinic at UND
- HB1612 – Creates the Center for Aerospace Medicine at UND
- SB2013 – Provides appropriation to State Institutions per State Constitution article IX
- SB2019 – Provides appropriation to CTE Department, including Workforce Training & Adult Farm Management
- SB2020 – Provides appropriation to NDSU Agriculture entities and SBARE
- SB2143 – State Energy Research Center Fund
- SB2256 – Creates the NDSU Research Technology Park Fund
- SB2286 – UND Medical School \$95 million building expansion & Legislative Management study
- SB2160 - requires that State active employees and non-Medicare retirees will solely be offered the NDPERS non-grandfathered health plan.

Appendix – NDUS Line-Item Descriptions

Student Grants (State Financial Aid)

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- **Student Financial Assistance Program:** Known as the ND State Grant, this award provides non-repayable need-based grants to ND resident undergraduate students. Students who have already earned a bachelor's degree and graduate students do not qualify. Recipients must attend qualifying post-secondary institutions within the state. North Dakota residents who, because of physical or mental disabilities must attend an out-of-state institution due to lack of special services in ND, may also qualify. The maximum award is \$1,375 per semester or \$917 per quarter. Grants may be awarded for up to the equivalent of 8 full-time semesters and are awarded to students with the highest financial need based on FAFSA results. Students enrolled on a part-time basis may qualify for a pro-rated award amount. Awardees must maintain academic progress at their institution to qualify and be Title IV aid eligible. The application is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- **North Dakota Academic, Career & Technical Education (CTE) and North Dakota Scholarships:** These scholarships are designed to encourage and reward high school students for taking challenging coursework in preparation for attending an accredited North Dakota public, private or tribal college or university, or a ND registered apprenticeship program. Recipients have up to 6 years following high school graduation to utilize the scholarship. The award amount is limited to \$750 per semester, \$500 per quarter or clock-hour term, or \$500 per apprenticeship term. The total award may not exceed \$6,000. Recipients must maintain a 2.75 grade point average for renewal. Disbursement requires that the student be enrolled full-time and be making degree progress. The full-time enrollment requirement may be waived if the student is in their term to graduate. This exception applies only once in this program. Awards may be provided for certificate, undergraduate, graduate, or professional studies. The 2021 Legislative Assembly made changes to eligibility criteria wherein the Academic and CTE are being phased out. Beginning in 2025, students will only be able to earn the award through the North Dakota scholarship requirements. Students who previously earned the Academic or CTE Scholarship will be paid out through 2030.

Appendix – NDUS Line-Item Descriptions

Student Grants (State Financial Aid)

- **Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP):** PSEP provides access and support to North Dakota resident students seeking professional training in veterinary medicine, dentistry, and optometry at out of state institutions. Since these professional programs do not exist within the state, the slots secured in the out of state programs provide the opportunity for ND resident students to enroll in highly competitive programs. North Dakota currently secures admission slots through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) in the content areas of veterinary medicine, dentistry, and optometry; University of Minnesota in veterinary medicine and dentistry; Iowa State University in veterinary medicine; and Kansas State University in veterinary medicine. Applicants must apply through the North Dakota University System by October 15 preceding the first year of professional studies for priority consideration. The awards support a portion of the student's tuition cost in these professional areas of study.

- **North Dakota Scholars Program:** This program provides full regular undergraduate tuition scholarships to the top-ranked high school graduates based on ACT or SAT scores. The program encourages the best and brightest of ND high school graduates to remain in North Dakota to obtain an undergraduate education. North Dakota residents who, because of physical or mental disabilities must attend an out-of-state institution due to lack of special services in ND, may also qualify. ND resident high school juniors who score a 30 composite on the ACT, or 1,370 on the SAT will receive consideration for the award. The national placement test must be taken prior to July 1 in the calendar year preceding the student's full-time enrollment in college (junior year in high school). Recipients must be attending an eligible institution of higher education within the state of ND, be enrolled as a fulltime student and maintain a 3.50 grade point average. Recipients are eligible for a maximum of 8 semesters or the attainment of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.

- **Tribal College Assistance Grants:** These grants are awarded to tribal colleges within the state of North Dakota based on non-beneficiary student enrollment. An application from each tribal college is due annually.

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- **Native American Scholarship:** This program awards ND resident students who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian Tribe a scholarship to attain a college education in North Dakota. The scholarship provides awards not to exceed \$2,000 per academic year to full-time students who attend an eligible institution of higher education in the state of ND. The annual award amount may be reduced to accommodate eligible applications received. Awards are either merit (3.50 GPA or higher) or need-based. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required for need-based awards. An overall minimum GPA of 2.00 is required for consideration. Students apply through the North Dakota University System annually for consideration. The priority deadline for application is July 15.

- **Dual Credit Tuition Scholarship** This scholarship rewards college students for taking college coursework for credit as a high school student. The student must have successfully completed at least one dual credit course provided by an accredited public, private or tribal institution with a physical presence in the state. Students must be enrolled at a North Dakota state public, private or tribal college and have completed at least one term of study. Lifetime award amounts are \$250 for successful completion of one qualifying dual credit course, \$500 for two, and \$750 for three. Funding is provided through Bank of North Dakota profits.

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- **Skilled Workforce Scholarship and Skilled Workforce Loan Repayment** This workforce development program is known as ND Career Builders. This program is either a scholarship for students while enrolled in a qualifying program of study, or student loan repayment for new hires, or a combination of both. The high-need occupations in the state determine eligibility. ND Workforce Development Council and Job Service ND establish a list of the State's high-need and emerging occupations annually. Individuals enrolled in ND programs of study relating to a high-need occupation or those who are employed in a high-need occupation may qualify. The program is designed as a partnership and requires a private-sector funding match for each dollar of state funding provided. Scholarship recipients must enroll in an eligible certificate or degree program within ND. They also sign a Scholarship Award Agreement, obligating them to live within ND and work in a high-demand or emerging occupation within ND for at least 3 years following program completion. Loan Repayment recipients must have earned a certificate or degree and must live within ND and work within ND in a high-demand or emerging occupation. The maximum award is \$17,000 per student, which is a combination of private-sector and state dollars. Funding is provided through the Bank of North Dakota profits.

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- **Capital Bond Payments:** Base funding of \$10,261,375 is included in the budget request for capital bond payments, which was provided by the Industrial Commission and is the actual payments scheduled for the 2025-27 biennium. To provide payments for ND general obligation bond indebtedness for state bonded capital projects on the campuses of the NDUS.

This appropriation provides payments for ND general obligation bond indebtedness for the campuses. Outstanding bond indebtedness for the 2025-27 biennium is \$6.6 million principal and \$7.4 million interest on the 2020 bond issues. Bond maturity dates do not exceed 12/1/2040.

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□ **Competitive Research Program (EPSCoR) and NASA EPSCoR:** The 2025-27 general fund base request is \$5,685,750 for the EPSCoR (Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) Program and \$342,000 for the NASA EPSCoR Program, which is unchanged from current funding level. Accessing the federal EPSCoR funds requires a cash match from the state and appropriate human infrastructure in place to oversee all the administrative, education and workforce, and outreach requirements of the federal awards. UND and NDSU receive the federal funds directly and the federal funds are not included in the NDUS Office budget request.

EPSCoR's purpose is to improve research in states that have historically fared poorly in their efforts to attain federal funding. Funded through federal-state-private sector partnerships, ND EPSCoR manages a comprehensive research development plan that involves Infrastructure Improvement Programs, Science Outreach and Recruitment Programs, Technology Transfer and Commercialization Programs, and Tribal Colleges Programs.

ND EPSCoR has been able to develop, implement and administer programming to increase STEM literacy and broaden research capacity in ND. Partnering with STEM stakeholders ND EPSCoR works to expand scientific discovery, innovation, learning, and knowledge-based prosperity for ND. Forty-five unique STEM lessons plans have been developed and are available for use by ND educators on the ND EPSCoR website and more than 4,000 students have been impacted by these lesson plans. The Students in Technology Transfer and Research Program (STARR) supports ND companies provide internship opportunities for college students by providing funds to help cover the cost of wages. During the summer of 2023, 26 ND college students interned at companies throughout ND. Support was provided to institutions in ND for equipment purchases, support for undergraduate research opportunities and enhancement of research competitiveness and sustainability in alignment with institutional strategic goals. The most recent public numbers (in FY 22) put UND at \$147.7M and NDSU at \$174.9M. Reduction in state funding commitment would result in ineligibility for applying for federal funds and the reduction of a number of key infrastructure programs. Additional details can be found at <https://www.ndepscor.ndus.edu/>

The effectiveness of the ND EPSCOR development plan is best indicated by the ability of EPSCOR-supported researchers to compete for external awards:

- The 2021-23 general fund investment of \$5.686M ND EPSCOR [via NDUS] has resulted in \$15.104M to date in extramural principal investigator grants.
- Over the life of ND EPSCOR, 1985-2023, the state's investment of \$74.9M has resulted in over \$465.9M in merit-based extramural grants—a 6.42:1 **Return on Investment**.*
- ND EPSCOR has provided research opportunities for 4,332 K-12 students, 1,076 post-secondary students, and 649 faculty since 2014. Many of the students report that these “hands-on” experiences made them more “job ready,” as well as more competitive for positions after graduation.
- Six federal agencies have EPSCOR funding programs available for faculty: NSF, NIH (via the sister IDeA program), NASA, USDA, DOE, and DoD.

*To maintain consistency from prior years reporting, ROI is reported as the amount of new funding received from external sources divided by the investment by legislature.

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- **Dakota Nursing Consortium:** The nursing consortium was established to support nursing programs in ND to advance nursing programs at all universities across the state with funding provided for simulator equipment and adequate faculty. Since 2009, the Nursing Education Consortium has received funding to support high virtual simulation technology across all nursing programs in ND. This support has been instrumental to increasing student's ability to practice critical nursing skills. The total 2025-27 base budget request is \$1,356,000. The 2025-27 budget request includes an additional base budget request of \$2,049,000 to expand the support of the Nursing Education Consortium through additional simulation equipment and operational costs. The nursing consortium funding supports 13 universities in ND. Among the 13 universities there are 381 practical nursing students, 1634 registered nursing students, and 54 certified registered nurse anesthetists.

- **Veterans Assistance Program:** The 25-27 biennium base budget request totals \$454,875. The Veterans Educational Training (VET) was support by the 63rd Legislative Assembly through HB1289. Funds were appropriated to the NDUS to assist veterans who are enrolled or are in the process of enrolling at institutions in this state or an institution located in an adjacent state with a ND course exchange program.
Over the four most recent biennia, the VET program has directly assisted 636 ND veterans to prepare for and manage the ongoing challenges of college through the NDSU and UND VET program sites. Of those, 72% have completed or are still actively pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree (as of Feb 2024).

- **Education Incentive Programs:** The education incentive programs provide funding for doctoral programs at the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University. These institutions are each awarded \$130,000 per biennium to promulgate additional doctoral level graduates and programs within the state.

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■ **Shared Campus Services:** The 2025-27 base budget request for NDUS Shared Campus Services is \$800,000, this funding provides \$600,000 for membership dues for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) and the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) with remaining funds to campuses for open educational resources and other shared services. The 2025-27 budget request includes an additional base budget request of \$200,000 to continue the support of share services between institutions.

■ **Student Mental Health (SMH) Initiative:** The 2025-27 general fund base request is \$284,400. This funding is used to provide the NDUS institutions SMH Services. The budget priorities for SMH is the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) program, providing 211/988 after hours crisis prevention, funding internship opportunities, substance misuse prevention and outreach, responding to federal compliance, and sexual assault prevention, training for staff, and outreach.

The Mental Health Task Force (MHTF) is a sub-committee of the Student Affairs Council and identified areas that the System Office can provide support, including, after hours crisis intervention and emergency services, education and training, support for Behavioral Intervention Teams (BITs), and psychiatric/medication management services.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) program has trained five facilitators and provides an average of 10-15 MHFA trainings each year for students, faculty, and staff. Telemental health services are provided to all students through our partner Northern Prairie Community Clinic in Grand Forks. Crisis intervention on each NDUS institution is available through a Behavioral Intervention Team. A standing contract with FirstLink (211/988) provides after-hours crisis prevention for the institutions. Internship opportunities to counselors and supervision costs for newly licensed counselors is provided.

Substance Misuse Prevention and Outreach has an online education module called Electronic CHECKUP TO GO (eCHUG), an evidence based, best practice tool to address alcohol misuse. A biennial systemwide survey assesses students' use and perceptions regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; mental health, sexual assault; and general health and well-being. Sexual Assault Prevention and Outreach provides training to all Title IX staff regarding trauma-informed investigation strategies and how to best provide outreach and mental health resources to those impacted by sexual assault.

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□ **Dakota Digital Academy:** The Dakota Digital Academy focuses on transformational digital technologies that are impacting higher education, primarily artificial intelligence (AI) and cybersecurity/digital sciences.

The demand for training and upskilling in the areas of cybersecurity, digital technologies, and digital analytics cuts across all academic program areas. Concurrently, the social and ethical implications of a digitized society and AI continues to emerge. The DDA is coordinating existing talent across the North Dakota University System to help bring to scale opportunities for the entire state of North Dakota.

In response, the DDA supported the development of a certificate program in the ethics of artificial intelligence. This program will be offered as part of the nascent emergence of the Dakota Humanities Academy. In addition, the DDA supported the production of the Dakota Digital Review, a magazine with articles that focus on the social and ethical implications of a digitized society. The DDA also supported various cyber-related conferences and symposia across the NDUS.

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□ **Core Technology Services (CTS):** CTS delivers technology-based resources and services to NDUS institutions, students, faculty, and staff. CTS implements, maintains, and improves over 50 consolidated technical solutions used by all NDUS institutions. These solutions include student information systems, learning management systems, comprehensive human capital management systems, comprehensive financial management systems, and information security systems. CTS goals and objectives are to support ND University System infrastructure needs, improve NDUS information technology-enabled business processes and services, and improve and enhance NDUS student learning and user's focus.

The total 2025-27 base budget request for CTS equals \$70,833,307. General fund is \$45,968,235 and \$24,865,072 is from special funds. The budget supports salaries and fringe benefits support for 143.83 FTE. Other special fund sources include: ConnectND fees; charges to campuses and non-NDUS entities for IT services; and charges to ODIN libraries for maintenance and enhancement of ODIN and access to electronic databases and subscriptions. The 2025-27 budget request includes additional base budget request of \$1,421,698 for inflation increases, \$3,000,000 for Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, \$5,146,200 for NDIT Security Solutions that support the NDUS, and \$1,100,000 for Financial Aid Enhancement/Title IV Course Auditor software.

	2023-25 Legislatively Authorized FTE	Increase (Decrease)	2025-27 Executive Recommendation & SBHE Requested
CTS	138.83	5.00	143.83
NDUSO	24.00	1.00	25.00
Total	162.83	6.00	168.83

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□ **System Governance:** The SBHE is responsible for the overall management and control of the institutions and entities of the ND University System. The System Governance appropriation program provides funding for the expenses/operations of the SBHE and System Office functions needed to carry out the SBHE's constitutional and statutory responsibilities to include approval of new programs, state authorization and renewal, cost saving initiatives, the administration of surveys and data collection, and coordinated statewide training.

The NDUS Office Provides advice to the SBHE and campuses on system policy development and administration, including institutional missions, program offerings, student affairs, personnel and fiscal operations, budget development, computing, capital construction, financial aid, and all other administrative and academic functions; acts as representatives of the NDUS to governmental bodies and the general public and monitors legal issues applicable to higher education. Core Technology Services implements, maintains, and improves over 50 consolidated technical solutions used by all NDUS institutions and administers student and system grant programs.

NDUS Office budget supports the state funded salaries, operating and equipment expenses. The salary budget includes the operating expenses and per diem reimbursement for State Board of Higher Education members. The 2025-27 base budget request totals \$10,314,421, of which salaries and benefits comprise \$9,199,678, or 89.2%. The 2025-27 request supports 25 FTE. Travel, dues and professional development, professional services, and specific ongoing projects, including accountability surveys and reports are the major components of the 2025-27 \$1,114,743 operating expense budget. The 2025-27 budget request includes \$319,003 for inflation increases; \$273,180 Financial Aid system licensing and maintenance; and \$143,000 for an Internal Audit Software.