

**State Board for Vocational and Technical Education
Budget 270
Senate Bill No. 2020, House Bill No. 1013**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 legislative appropriation	28.50	\$14,368,861	\$14,895,768	\$29,264,629
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	28.50	13,148,183	15,745,609	28,893,792
2001-03 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriation	0.00	\$1,220,678	(\$849,841)	\$370,837

NOTE: The 2001-03 appropriation amounts include \$22,932, of which \$14,906 is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$5,000,000 funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees.

Item Description

Workforce training grants - The 2001 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1,350,000 from the general fund for workforce training grants to be distributed to institutions of higher education, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 52-08. The 2001-03 biennium appropriation is an increase of \$475,000 from the amount appropriated for the 1999-2001 biennium.

Status/Result

Fiscal year 2002 distributions to institutions of higher education will be made pursuant to institution requests and in accordance with approved business plans. Fiscal year 2002 anticipated distributions and remaining amounts available for fiscal year 2003 are:

Institution	2001-03 Biennium Allocation	Anticipated Fiscal Year 2002 Distributions	Balance Available for Fiscal Year 2003
Williston State College	\$206,307	\$103,154	\$103,153
Lake Region State College	271,880	140,631	131,249
State College of Science	535,429	252,720	282,709
Bismarck State College	336,384	168,192	168,192
Total	\$1,350,000	\$664,697	\$685,303

Grant to ExplorNet - The 2001 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$422,300 from the general fund to be used by the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education to contract with ExplorNet, a nonprofit private entity, for the purpose of providing assistance to schools in information technology program development. Funds must be expended pursuant to a partnership agreement entered into between the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education and ExplorNet.

The partnership agreement entered into between the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education and ExplorNet provides that the \$422,300 appropriation will be used by ExplorNet as follows: \$168,300 for administrative expenses and \$254,000 for grants to schools for ExplorNet programs. The \$168,300 amount has been distributed to ExplorNet for its administrative costs; however, the number of schools participating in ExplorNet programs has been fewer than anticipated and only \$44,000 of the \$254,000 available has been distributed to schools as of February 28, 2002.