

**North Dakota University System
Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Grants Program Update**

Background Information

The North Dakota University System received applications from the five tribal colleges located in North Dakota for funding under the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Program (N.D.C.C. 15-70) for academic year 2011-2012. All five tribal colleges received awards under the program. Changes of note from the last biennium included new reporting items (graduation rate and financial ratios) and an increased appropriation from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000.

Funds are awarded to institutions on the basis of enrollment data for non-beneficiary, North Dakota resident students. A non-beneficiary student is defined as a student who is a resident of North Dakota but who is not an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe or the child of an enrolled member. The funds awarded per full time equivalent (FTE) student cannot exceed the reimbursement rate provided through Federal appropriations to tribal colleges for Native American students.

Award Information

The five tribal colleges reported and FTE of 125 non-beneficiary students enrolled during the 2011-12 academic year. Based on the available funds, retaining one-half of the \$1.0 million appropriation for the second year of the biennium, the program was able to award \$3,977.46 per FTE in FY12. Combined, the five institutions served 169 (headcount) non-beneficiary students.

Table 1 AY 2011-12 Non-beneficiary Credit Hours By Institution, FTE Enrollment, and Funds Awarded				
Institution:	Headcount of Non-beneficiary Students	FTE of Non-beneficiary Students	Number of Non- beneficiary Credit Hours Submitted	2011-12 Institutional Award
Cankdeska Cikana Community College	16	11.75	282	\$46,735.18
Fort Berthold Community College	19	8.8333	212	\$35,134.12
Sitting Bull College	5	5.9167	142	\$23,533.45
Turtle Mountain Community College	38	26.75	642	\$106,397.11
United Tribes Technical College	91	72.4583	1,739	\$288,200.14
Total	169	125.7083	3,017	\$500,000.00

Expenditure Report for 2010-11 Awards

Applicants are required to report on the expenditure of the prior year award as part of the application for funding for a new award. All institutions submitted reports of their expenditures according to the categories in the application.

Table 2 Institutional Expenditures by Expense Category¹, Academic Year 2010-11					
Institution	Salaries & Wages	Operating Expenses	Other	Unspent	Institutional Total
CCCC	\$33,577.41	-	-	-	\$33,577.41
FBCC	\$40,550.35	-	\$3,550.00	\$1,401.75	\$45,502.10
SBC	\$19,246.86	-	-	-	\$19,246.86
TMCC	\$47,878.00	\$23,441.00	\$6,819.07	-	\$78,138.07
UTTC	\$34,714.40	\$8,679.59	\$10,644.30	\$119,497.27	\$173,535.56
Total	\$175,967.02	\$32,120.59	\$21,013.37²	\$120,899.02³	\$350,000.00
(percent total)	(50.28%)	(9.18%)	(6.00%)	(34.54%)	(100%)

¹The application categories of equipment and capital expenditures have been omitted since no institution reported expenditures in those categories.

²Expenditures reported as "other" included classroom books and supplies, scholarships, and indirect costs.

³Some unspent awards were budgeted on fiscal years which had not yet concluded at the time of reporting.

Graduation Rate and Financial Reporting

Applicants for funding under this program are required to provide certain background data in addition to student enrollment information. For the first time, the colleges were required to provide graduation rate data. Due to the small sample size, the graduation rate formula used by NDUS institutions could not be applied, as explained below. A modified formula was developed to demonstrate progress to degree of students funded in a given year. Additional data was provided to account for students who had transferred or who remained enrolled.

Table 3 Formulas Used to Calculate Student Progress Academic Year 2011-12		
Graduation Rate Formula	Additional Data	
	Transfer Rate	Continuing Students
Non-beneficiary students enrolled in 2008-09 who graduated from the institution by AY 2010-11	Non-beneficiary students who transferred to another institution	Non-beneficiary students who remain enrolled in the institution
Non-beneficiary students funded in 2008-09	Non-beneficiary students funded in 2008-09	Non-beneficiary students funded in 2008-09

Formulas are derived from reporting requirements in N.D.C.C. 15-70-04 and NDUS Procedure 1913 and reported as percentages in Table 4. The federal IPEDS 150% completion time for two-year colleges was used, however, some tribal college students are enrolled in four-year programs. Continuing to use two-year college timeframes follows normal procedure for IPEDS reporting at institutions with largely two-year programs.

The participating institutions reported an average graduation rate of 31.15% for the non-beneficiary students reported in AY 2008-09. This graduation rate, while calculated through a different methodology, can be compared to the most recent national average three year graduation rate at 2-year institutions which is 27% for first time students entering the institutions in Fall, 2006. The NDUS adjusted graduation rate at 2-year colleges in the North Dakota University System (43%) is not directly comparable since it includes students who began attendance at a 2-year institution, transferred, and graduated elsewhere, and only reports on first-time, full-time freshmen students.

Table 4 Graduation Rates and Additional Data for Non-beneficiary Students At North Dakota Tribal Colleges Reported in Academic Year 2008-2009				
Institution	2008-09 Cohort Size	Graduation Rate (# of students)	Transfer Rate (# of students)	Continuing Students
Cankdeska Cikana Community College	6	33.33% (2)	16.67% (1)	0.00% (0)
Fort Berthold Community College	34	8.82% (3)	8.82% (3)	11.76% (4)
Sitting Bull College	13	53.85% (7)	0.00% (0)	23.08% (3)
Turtle Mountain Community College	40	25.00% (10)	17.50% (7)	10.00% (4)
United Tribes Technical College	29	55.17% (16)	3.45% (1)	0.00% (0)
Total	122	31.15% (38)	9.84% (12)	9.02% (11)

Institutions applying for funds in 2012 were also required to report on the ratio of funding received from under this program compared to overall expenditures. Data on educational and general expenditures reported to the U. S. Department of Education was used as a uniform comparison point among all institutions, in order to provide consistent reporting based on comparable data.

Table 5 Funding Ratio Data for North Dakota Tribal Colleges, Fiscal Year 2010			
Institution	Total 09-10 Education and General (E&G) Expenditures	2009-10 Grant Award Under N.D.C.C. 15-70	Ratio (Award as a percent of E&G expenditures)
Cankdeska Cikana Community College	\$1,990,756.00	\$20,428.52	1.03%
Fort Berthold Community College	\$5,929,729.00	\$70,465.46	1.19%
Sitting Bull College	\$4,150,499.00	\$14,998.15	0.46%
Turtle Mountain Community College	\$10,250,078.00	\$91,928.32	0.89%
United Tribes Technical College	\$12,848,329.00	\$152,179.55	1.18%
Total	\$35,169,391.00	\$350,000.00	1.00%

Audit Reports

As before, institutions submitted audited financial statements. The statements, as well as all other application documents, are on file with the NDUS Director of Financial Aid and have also been submitted to the Legislative Council.