

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**

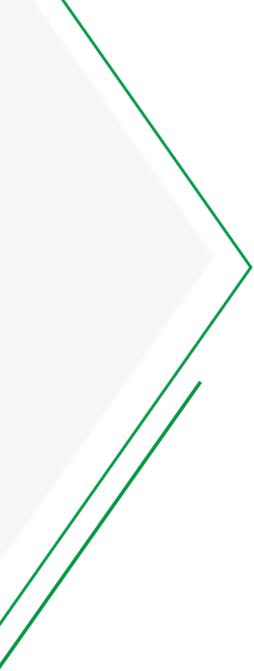


Jana Zwilling

**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

Programs our students need and where they need them

Helping to fix the state's workforce challenges

Nurturing the sense of innovation, economic impact, and discovery

Establishing and sustaining partnerships

Supporting the members of our campus community

Marching toward a right-sized and modernized campus

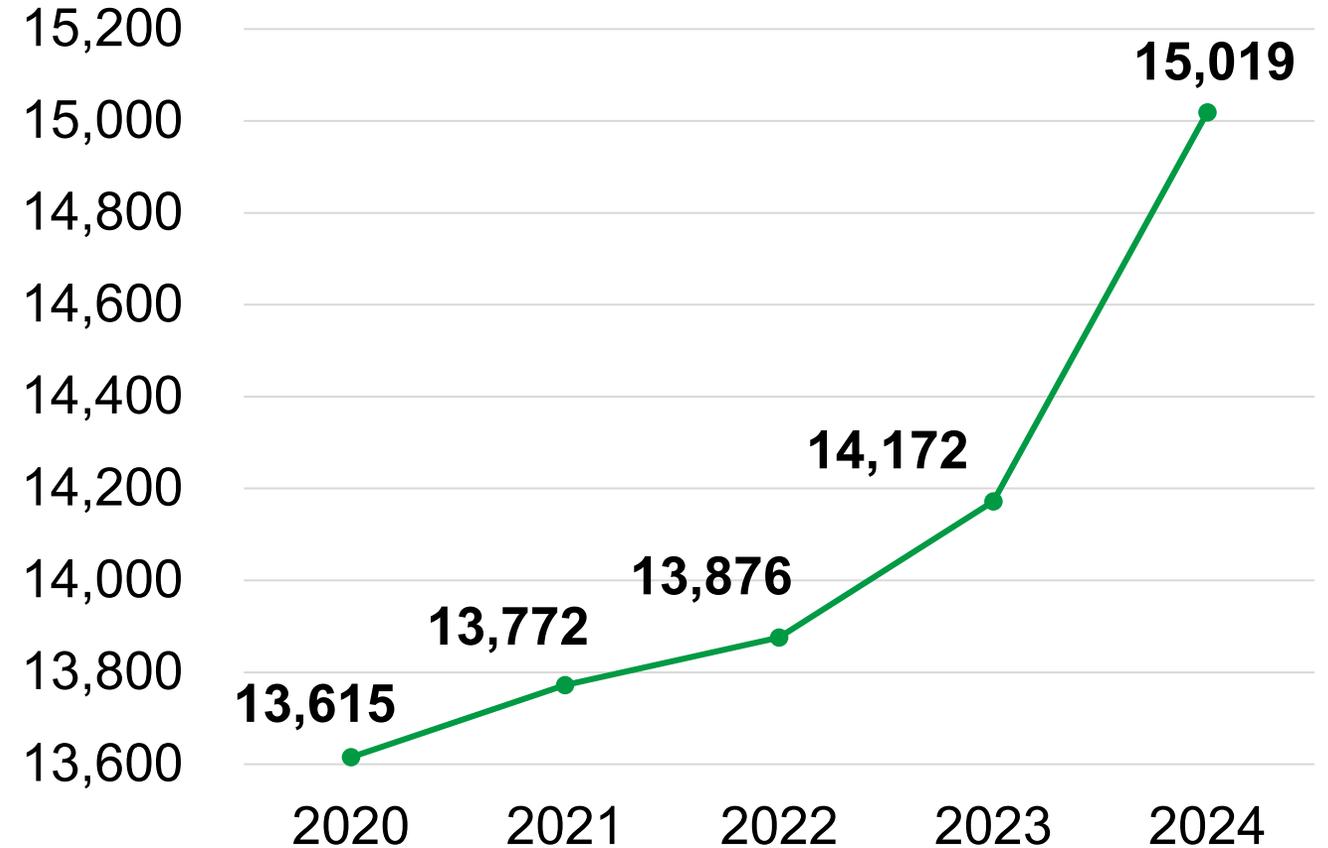
Leading and responding to the advent of artificial intelligence

UND Fall Enrollment Trends

84%
Fall 23 to Fall 24
Retention

Fall Student Headcounts

2020-2024

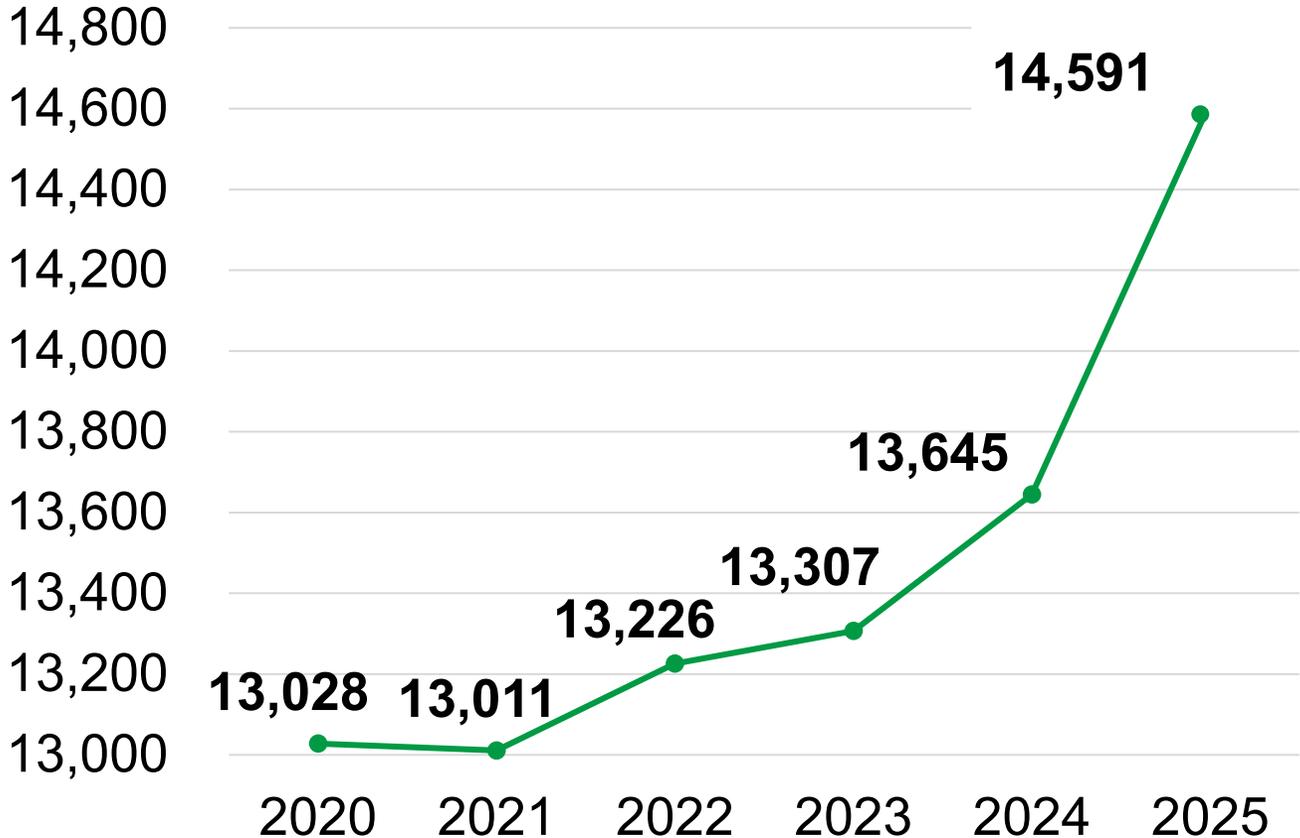


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UND Spring Enrollment Trends

Spring Student Headcounts

2020-2025



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95%

Fall 24 to Spring 25 Retention

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

FY20

\$110M

Federal \$44M
State \$14M
Other \$52M



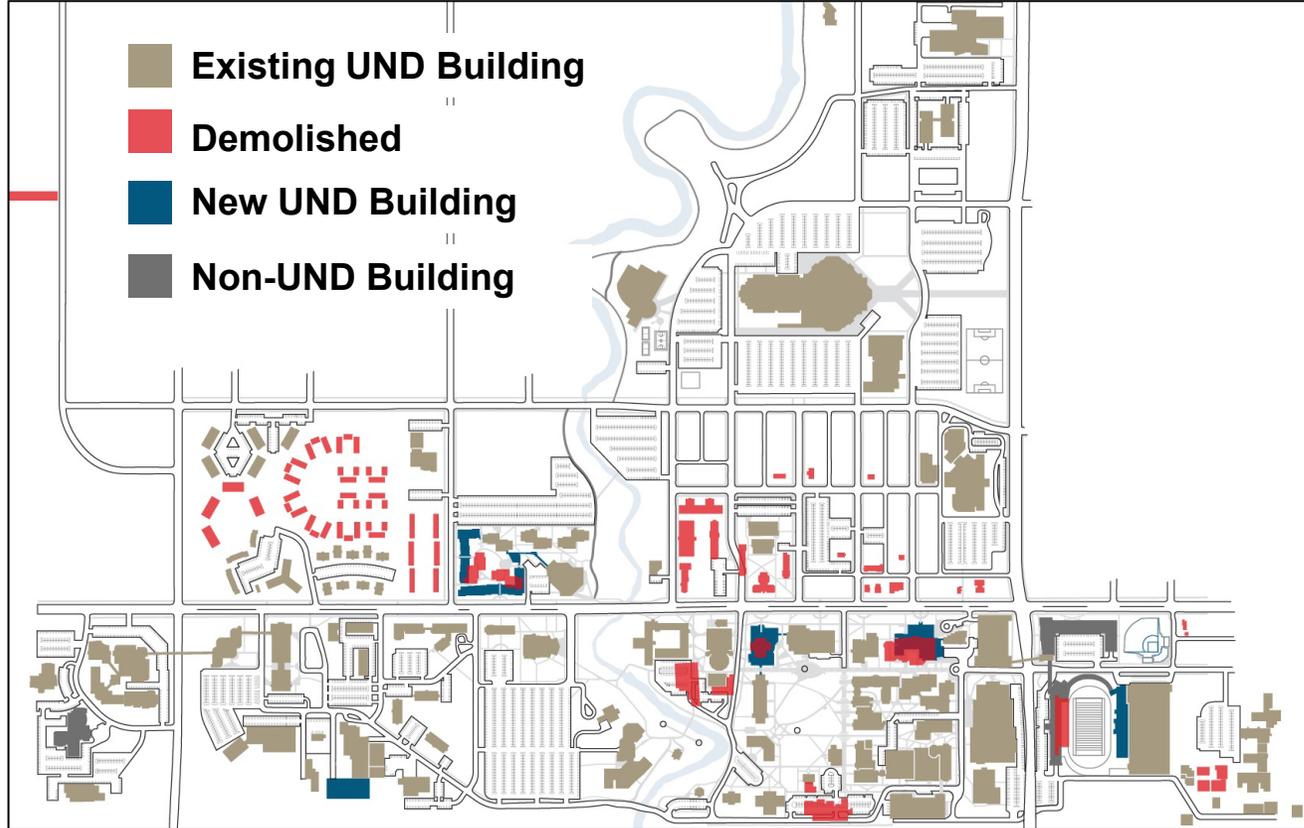
FY24

\$197M

Federal \$83M
State \$38M
Other \$76M

Changes to Physical Plant

2016 – Present Progress



UND Master Plan: Development, Renovation and Demolition Planning Map

Funding Sources

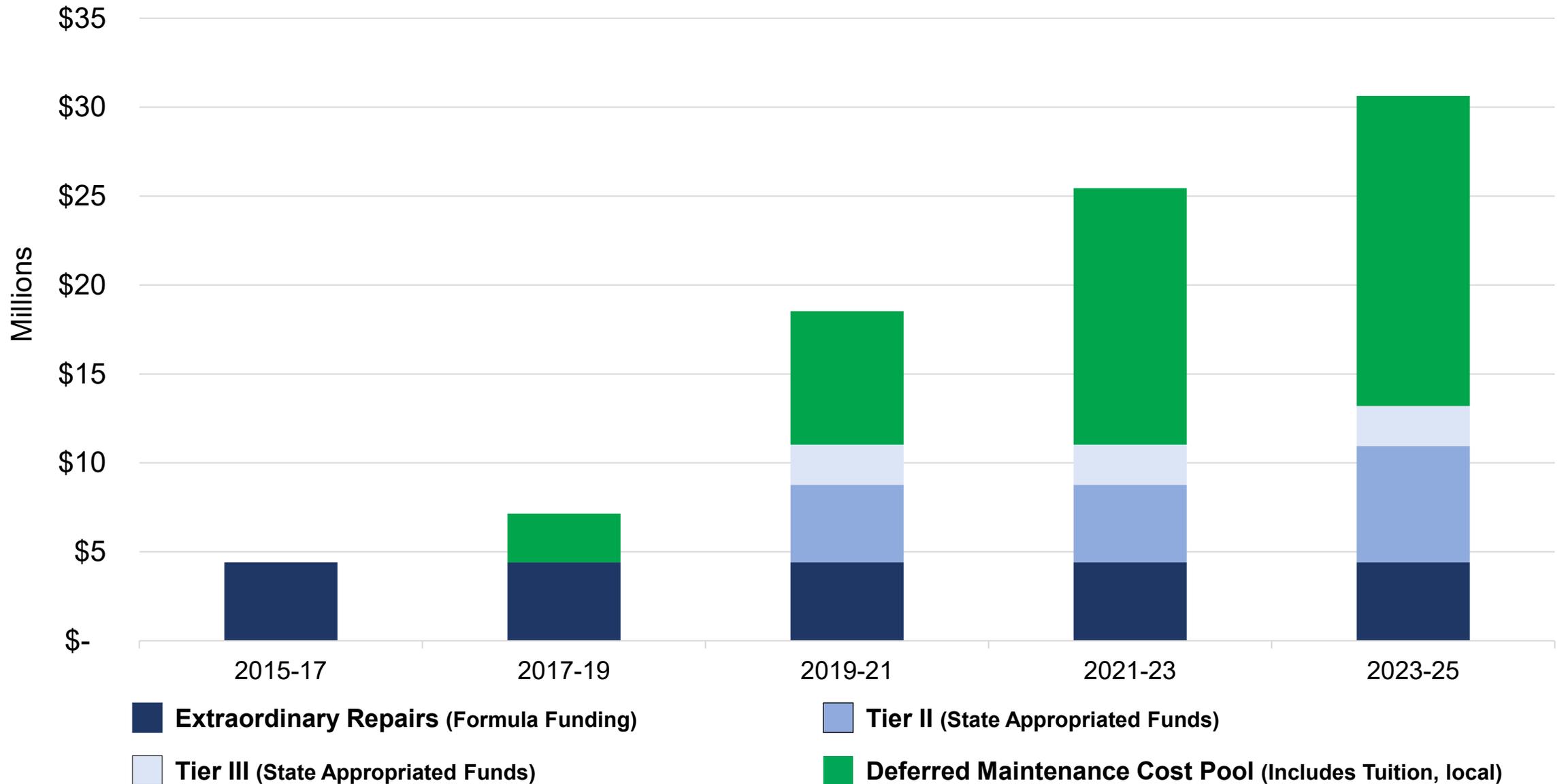
2019 – Present Progress

State funds:	\$28M
ARPA funds:	\$67.5M
Donor funds:	\$80M
Local funds:	\$291.5M

- 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

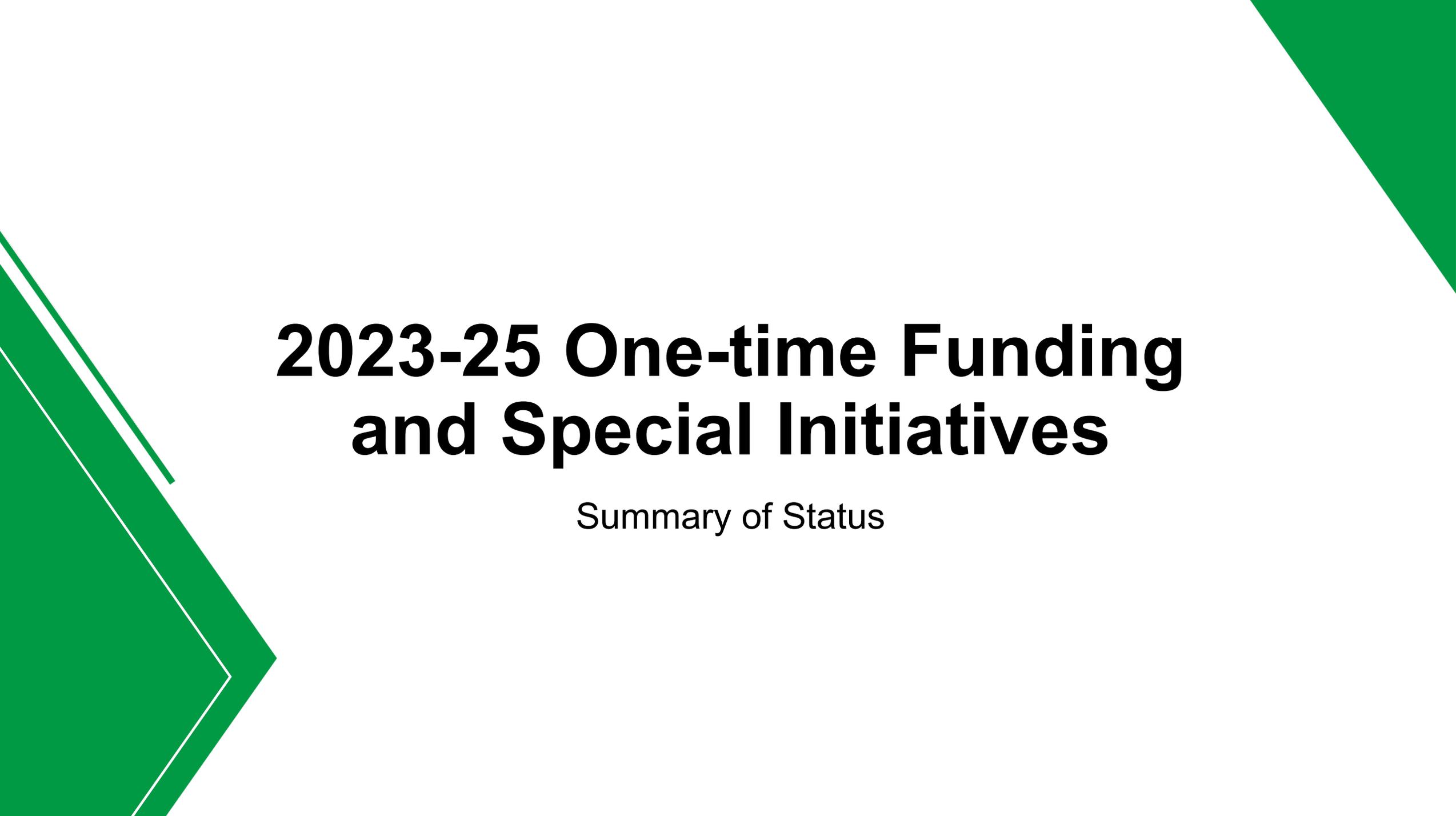
By Biennium





“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

\$25M

**North Dakota
Higher Education
Challenge Fund**

+

\$52M

**UND Private
Support**

=

\$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

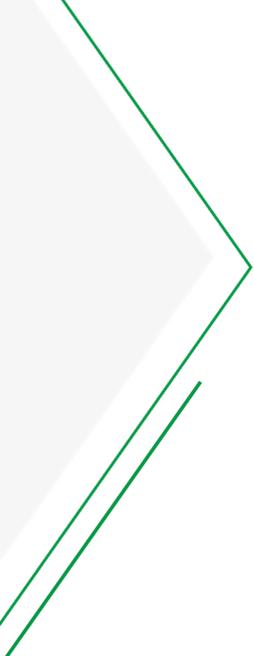
\$720K Appropriated for 2023-25 Biennium

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

Statutory **funding formula base budget**

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

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

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

Support **NDUS system-wide additional requests**

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

2025-27 Operating Expense Increases

UND and SMHS all funding sources

Continuation of Market Equity funding \$6.8M biennially

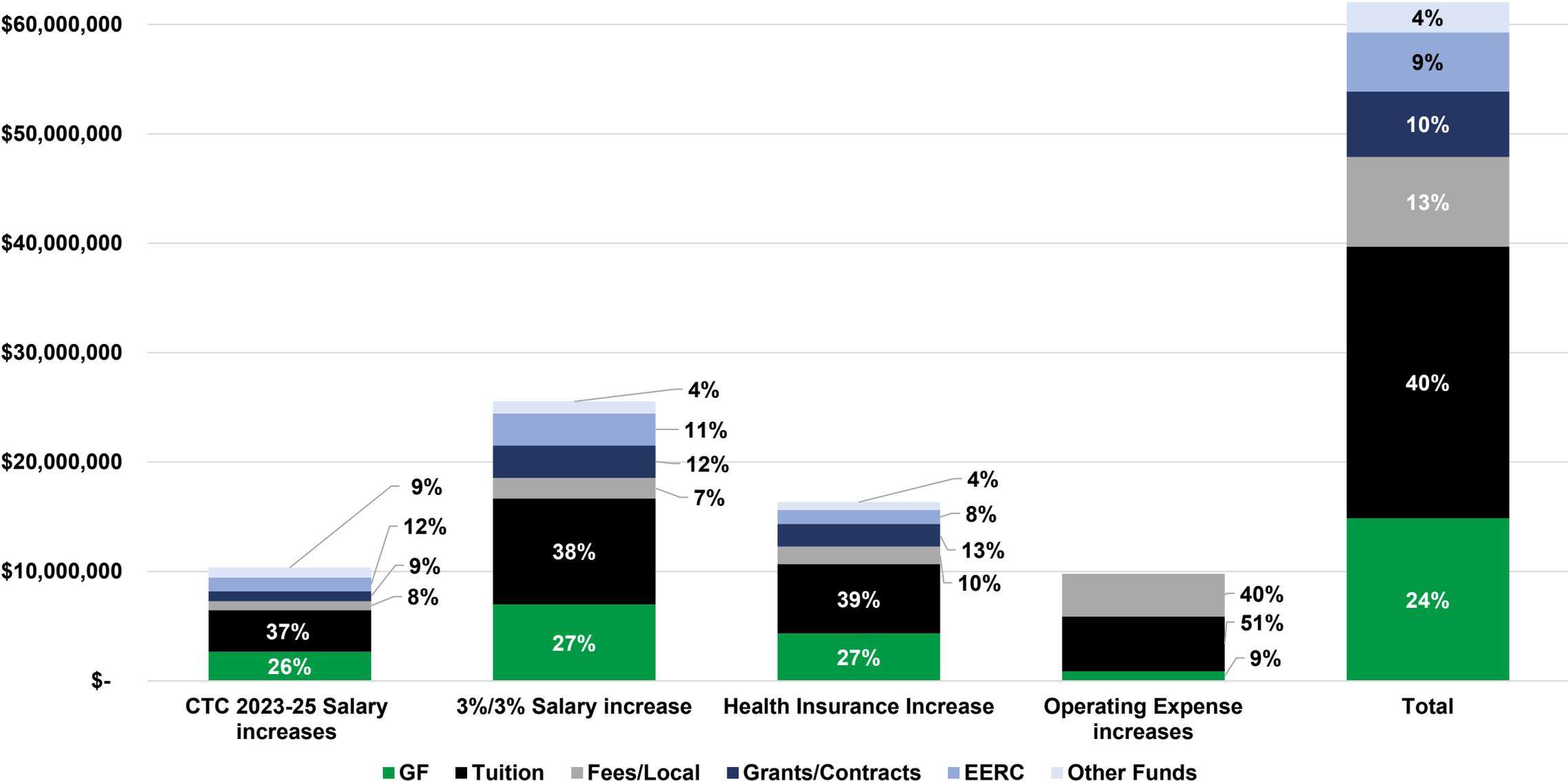
Cost to continue 23-25 salary increases \$10.35M biennially

Health insurance increases of 15.23% \$16.3M biennially

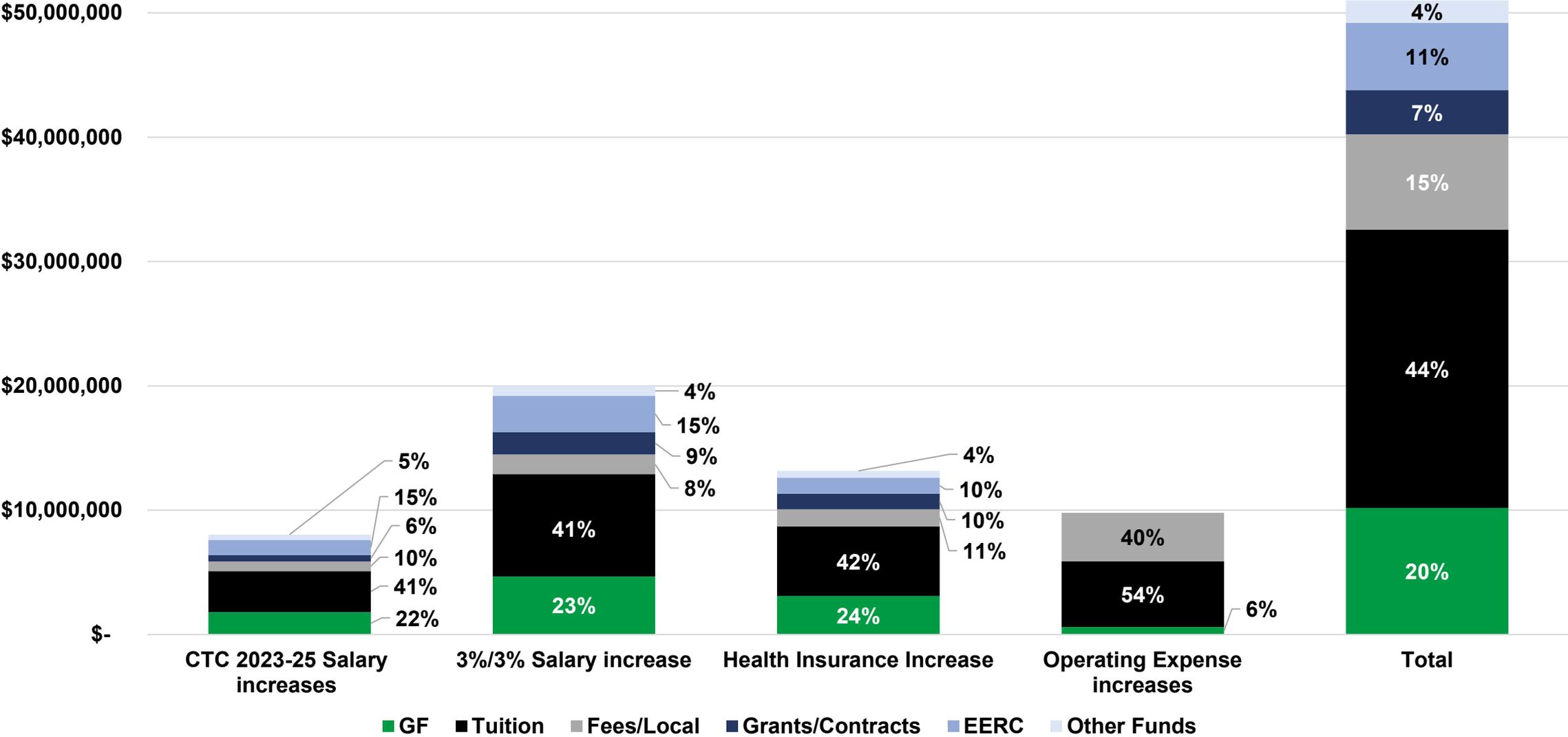
3%/3% salary increases \$25.5M biennially

Operating Expense increases \$9.8M biennially

UND Expense Increases by Funding Source (Including SMHS)



UND Expense Increases by Funding Source (Excluding SMHS)



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
Total	\$62.02M
UND tuition increase % needed	5.33%
SMHS tuition increase needed	4.42%

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

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

Health Professions Addition

Range of Options

Support for proposed Tiers funding changes and revolving loan fund

Appropriations bill amendment to authorize sale of two UND properties

STEM Complex



STEM Complex Phase I



STEM Complex Phase II



Continue & Grow Key NDUS Initiatives

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

Green indicates funding provided in Engrossed SB 2003

Statewide and NDUS Initiatives

EERC's designation as the State Energy Research Center

State-wide Artificial Intelligence initiative

Native American Repatriation Fund

NDUS Shared Services (\$200K)

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

ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION INA

**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

Ongoing maintenance for capital projects

Status of restricted and unrestricted reserves

FTE levels

Online student fees and partnerships

UND Student Body

Connor Ferguson, UND Student Body President



What Brought Me to UND

Affordability of education

Campus beautification

Ability to develop close relationships with professors

Welcoming campus culture

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

- 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

STEM complex

Workforce development

Challenge Grant and research fund growth

Support of statewide AI initiatives

Conclusion

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New Campus Leaders



Scott Snyder

Vice President for Research & Economic Development



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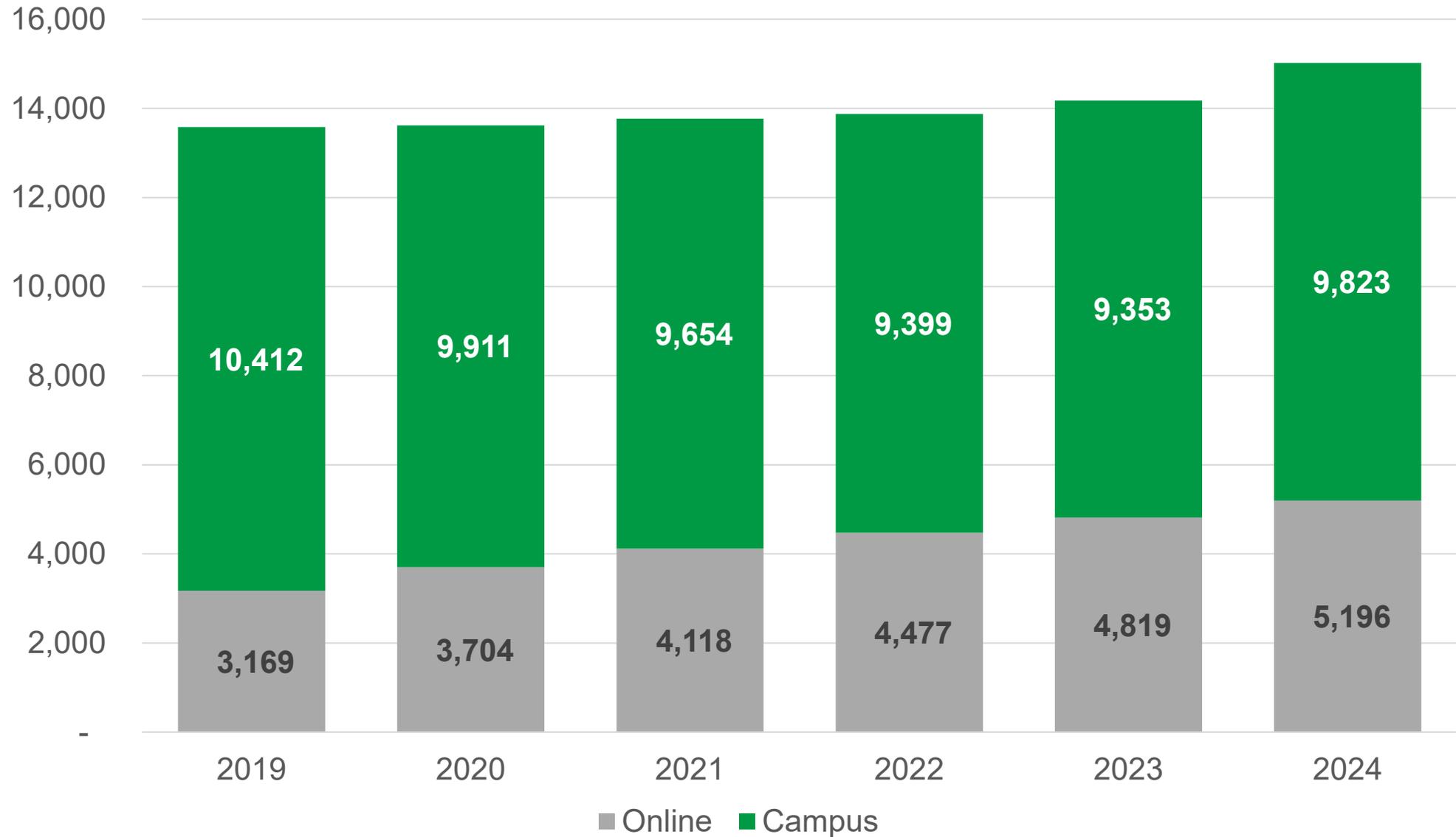
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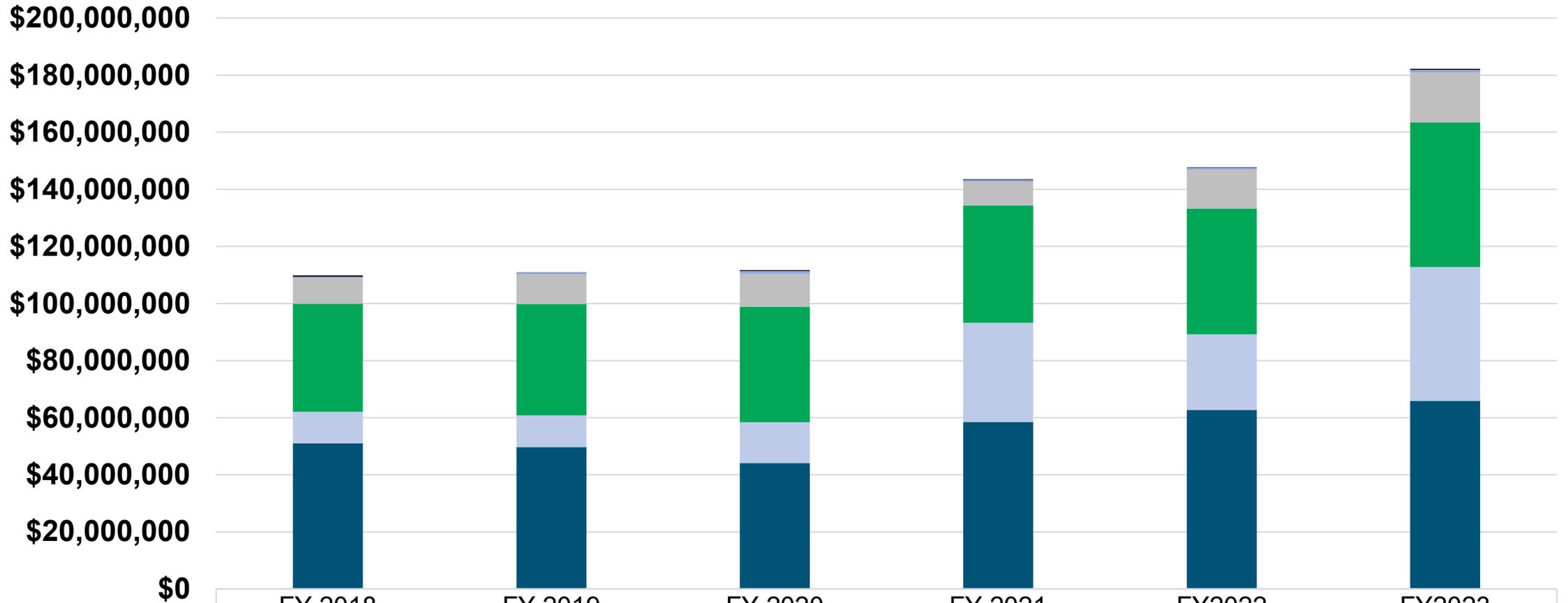


Appendix

Campus and Online Enrollment Headcount



UND Research Expenditures by Higher Education Research & Development Classification



	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
■ All other Sources	\$529,000	\$3,000	\$292,000	\$226,000	\$181,000	\$342,000
■ Nonprofit Organizations	\$494,000	\$609,000	\$1,039,000	\$740,000	\$727,000	\$955,000
■ Business	\$8,933,000	\$10,391,000	\$11,419,000	\$8,194,000	\$13,559,000	\$17,438,000
■ Institution Funds	\$37,873,000	\$38,998,000	\$40,488,000	\$41,133,000	\$44,072,000	\$50,685,000
■ State and Local	\$10,986,000	\$11,135,000	\$14,272,000	\$34,750,000	\$26,441,000	\$46,885,000
■ Federal	\$51,050,000	\$49,700,000	\$44,153,000	\$58,463,000	\$62,737,000	\$65,890,000

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%
Total Increase	111,149	100%

\$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

