

**Williston State College
Budget No. 229
House Bill No. 1003**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 legislative appropriation	102.83	\$13,118,332	\$69,030,927	\$82,149,259 ¹
2021-23 legislative appropriation	<u>101.29</u>	<u>11,286,737</u>	<u>24,019,535</u>	<u>35,306,272</u>
2023-25 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2021-23 appropriation	1.54	\$1,831,595	\$45,011,392	\$46,842,987

¹This amount does not include any transfers of appropriation authority from the Office of Management and Budget funding pools for targeted market equity adjustments or retirement contribution increases.

Item Description

Targeted market equity - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$82.5 million, of which \$45.1 million is from the general fund and \$37.4 million is from other funds, to the Office of Management and Budget for a targeted market equity pool to be distributed to state agencies.

Enrollment - At the end of the 2023 regular legislative session, the WSC FTE student enrollment projection for the 2023-25 biennium was 659 for the fall 2023 semester and 672 for the fall 2024 semester.

Tuition collections - In the 2023-24 fiscal year budget approved by the State Board of Higher Education, tuition revenue for WSC for the 2023-24 fiscal year was estimated to be \$2.9 million.

Higher education challenge matching grant program - In Section 1 of House Bill No. 1003, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$20 million from the general fund to the North Dakota University System office for the higher education challenge matching grant program. Williston State College may be awarded up to \$600,000 under the program.

Extraordinary repairs - The Legislative Assembly, in House Bill No. 1003, appropriated \$197,801 from the general fund to WSC for extraordinary repairs. In Section 4 of the bill, the Legislative Assembly required institutions to match extraordinary repairs funding on a \$1 to \$1 basis using operations or other funding. The funding is considered Tier I of the capital building fund program, but it is included in the institution's capital assets line item.

Capital building fund program - In addition to appropriating funding for specific capital projects, the 2019 Legislative Assembly established a capital building fund program for the 2019-21 biennium. The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$10 million from Bank of North Dakota profits as Tier II funding under the capital building fund program. The Tier II funding is appropriated directly to each institution and must be matched by the institutions with \$1 from operations or other sources for each \$1 from Bank profits. The Legislative

Status/Result

Williston State College (WSC) received \$365,292 from the general fund for targeted market equity increases. Equity increases were provided to 55 employees.

The actual fall 2023 semester FTE enrollment was 658, which was 1 student fewer than projected and 12 more than the fall 2022 semester.

Williston State College did not change resident tuition rates for the 2023-24 academic year. The current estimate for tuition collections for the 2023-24 fiscal year is \$2.97 million, approximately \$70,000 more than projected.

Through March 31, 2024, the WSC Foundation has received \$600,000 in grant funding through the program.

Williston State College anticipates matching and spending the entire general fund amount appropriated in Tier I by the end of the biennium.

Williston State College plans to match and spend all funding allocated to the institution in Tiers II and III of the capital building fund program for the medical health care building project. The Legislative Assembly, in Section 40 of House Bill No. 1003, authorized the institution to expend up to \$637,947 from its allocation in the University System capital building fund for the medical health care building project without any matching funds. See the **One-time funding** section below for additional information regarding the medical health care building project.

Assembly appropriated \$9 million, including \$7 million from Bank profits and \$2 million from the general fund, as Tier III funding under the capital building fund program. The Tier III funding is appropriated to the University System office, to be allocated to the institutions as matching funds are committed and must be matched by the institutions with \$2 from operations or other sources for each \$1 appropriated as Tier III funding. After an institution has matched 75 percent of the funding appropriated from the general fund as Tier I for institution extraordinary repairs and subject to State Board of Higher Education approval, each institution may use money from Tier II and Tier III of its capital building fund for extraordinary repairs and deferred maintenance projects that do not increase the square footage of a building.

The 2021 Legislative Assembly continued the higher education capital building fund program with a transfer of \$19,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) to a newly created University System capital building fund. The Legislative Assembly provided continuing appropriation authority from the fund and allowed the University System to continue unspent 2019-21 biennium appropriation authority of \$3,335,478.

The 2023 Legislative Assembly continued the higher education capital building fund program with a transfer of \$24,000,000 from SIIF to the University System capital building fund. Williston State College was allocated \$206,920 in Tier II and \$500,000 in Tier III of the capital building fund program for the 2023-25 biennium.

One-time funding - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$43,913,939 of one-time funding, including \$637,947 from the University System capital building fund, \$27,962,053 from SIIF, and \$15,313,939 from other local funds, for WSC as follows:

	SIIF	Capital Building Fund	Other Local Funds	Total Funds
Medical health care building	\$27,962,053	\$637,947	\$8,000,000	\$36,600,000
Turf replacement project			7,313,939	7,313,939
Total	\$27,962,053	\$637,947	\$15,313,939	\$43,913,939

The following is a summary of the status of WSC's one-time funding:

Medical health care building	As of April 2024, the architect and construction manager at-risk have been selected for the medical health care building project. Construction is expected to begin in May 2024 with a target completion date in October 2025. The institution has expended approximately \$1.4 million for architect fees and paid \$67,622 for utility services.
Turf replacement project	Williston State College reported the turf replacement project has been reduced to \$5.6 million and all fundraising is complete for the project. Installment of the new turf is anticipated to begin in June 2024 with completion in October 2024.