

**University of North Dakota**  
**Budget No. 230**  
**Senate Bill No. 2003 and House Bill No. 1612**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025-27 legislative appropriation	2,191.95	\$195,070,460	\$964,608,202	\$1,159,678,662
2023-25 legislative appropriation	<u>2,060.56</u>	<u>198,160,380</u>	<u>912,981,856</u>	<u>1,111,142,236</u>
2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation	131.39	(\$3,089,920)	\$51,626,346	\$48,536,426

**Item Description**

**Enrollment** - At the end of the 2025 regular legislative session, the University of North Dakota (UND) FTE student enrollment projection for the 2025-27 biennium was 11,777 for the fall 2025 semester and 11,837 for the fall 2026 semester.

**Tuition collections** - In the budget approved by the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE), tuition revenue for UND for the 2025-26 fiscal year was estimated to be \$155.9 million.

**Higher Education Challenge Matching Grant Program** - In Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2003, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$24.76 million from the General Fund to the North Dakota University System office for the Higher Education Challenge Matching Grant Program. The university may be awarded up to \$3.25 million under the program, of which \$250,000 must be for the UND School of Law.

**Extraordinary repairs** - The Legislative Assembly, in Senate Bill No. 2003, appropriated \$4,411,566 from the General Fund to UND for extraordinary repairs. In Section 4 of the bill, the Legislative Assembly required UND and North Dakota State University to match extraordinary repairs funding on a \$2-to-\$1 basis using operations or other funding. The funding is considered Tier I of the University System Capital Building Fund, but it is included in the institution's capital assets line item.

**University System Capital Building Fund** - In addition to appropriating funding for specific capital projects, the 2019 Legislative Assembly established a University System Capital Building Fund for the 2019-21 biennium. The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$10 million from Bank of North Dakota profits as Tier II funding under the University System Capital Building Fund. 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 Assembly appropriated \$9 million, including \$7 million from Bank profits and \$2 million from the General Fund, as Tier III funding under the University System Capital Building Fund. The Tier III funding is appropriated to the University System office to be allocated

**Status/Result**

The actual fall 2025 semester FTE enrollment was 12,451, which was 674 students more than projected and 720 more than the fall 2024 semester.

The university increased resident tuition rates for the 2025-26 academic year by 6 percent. The current estimate for tuition collections for the 2025-26 fiscal year is \$159 million, \$3.1 million more than projected.

Through March 31, 2026, the UND Foundation has received \$3.17 million in grant funding through the program. The institution requested the final \$75,000, designated for the School of Law, in May 2026.

The university anticipates matching and expending the full appropriation for extraordinary repairs projects, including building exterior, electrical upgrades, and interior finishes by the end of the biennium.

The university plans to match and spend all funding allocated to the institution in Tiers II and III of the University System Capital Building Fund for multiple projects, including various maintenance (\$3.4 million), Gamble Hall plant projects (\$1.1 million), chiller repairs and replacement (\$1.9 million), and other projects before the end of the biennium.

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 SBHE approval, each institution may use money from Tier II and Tier III of its University System Capital Building Fund for extraordinary repairs and deferred maintenance projects that do not increase the square footage of a building.

The 2021, 2023, and 2025 Legislative Assemblies continued the University System Capital Building Fund with transfers of \$19,000,000, \$24,000,000, and \$26,500,000, respectively, from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund (SIIF) to the University System Capital Building Fund. The university was allocated \$5,354,139 in Tier II and \$2,600,000 in Tier III of the University System Capital Building Fund for the 2025-27 biennium.

**One-time funding** - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$141 million, including \$71.64 million from SIIF, \$5.25 million from the Community Health Trust Fund, and \$64.11 million from other local funds of one-time funding to the university for the 2025-27 biennium as follows:

	<b>Other Funds</b>
Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) building (\$55.64 million SIIF)	\$79,500,000
National security crossroads (SIIF)	16,000,000
Allied health facility Phase I (\$5 million Community Health Trust Fund)	45,000,000
Center for Aerospace Medicine (\$250,000 Community Health Trust Fund)	500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$141,000,000</b>

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

STEM building	The university noted this funding is for Phase II of the STEM building project. The 2023 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$82 million, including \$57.4 million from SIIF and the remainder from local matching funds for Phase I of the project, known as the science, engineering, and national security corridor. The institution reported Phase I of the project began in 2025 with the demolition of the Hyslop Sports Center, and construction of the STEM building began in March 2026. The institution anticipates Phase I will be completed in the summer of 2028. The university added that STEM Phase II design has started and fundraising is underway to secure matching funds for the construction phase.
National security crossroads	The university reported that as of March 31, 2026, the institution has committed \$13.76 million for cybersecurity research infrastructure; optics and radar intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance labs; satellite testbeds; counter-unmanned aircraft systems technology; and a secured classified information facility.
Allied health facility Phase I	The university reported it has committed \$520,000 for planning and design for the new building and infrastructure to support the development, and the remaining \$4.48 million is anticipated to be spent by June 30, 2027, on additional design work. The campus reported fundraising for the local match portion of the project is ongoing.

Center for Aerospace  
Medicine

The university reported the entire \$250,000 from the Community Health Trust Fund has been budgeted for the 2025-27 biennium, including \$204,680 for salaries and fringe benefits, \$35,320 for travel, and \$10,000 for professional development. The institution does not currently anticipate expending any other local funds for this project.

**Property sales** - The Legislative Assembly, in Sections 42 and 43 of Senate Bill No. 2003, authorized the university to sell approximately 23 acres of land, including approximately 20 acres for redevelopment near 42<sup>nd</sup> Street North and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, and 2.74 acres for a road construction project near 42<sup>nd</sup> Street North and DeMers Avenue in Grand Forks. The authorization to sell 2.74 acres for a road construction project is in addition to authority granted by the 2017 Legislative Assembly to sell the Ray Richard's Golf Course property, which is also located at the intersection of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street North and DeMers Avenue in Grand Forks.

The university reported the institution has completed a request for information process to obtain information from developers and organized a formal committee to review the responses to provide input into an upcoming request for proposal for a developer for the 20 acres parcel. As of March 31, 2026, the university has not determined if the land will be leased or sold.

The university reported the institution has agreed to a land sale to the Department of Transportation for a road construction project, with a total purchase price of \$2,682,927 for 6.75 acres sold, 0.54 acres for a permanent maintenance easement, and 2.38 acres for a construction easement of 3 years. The university noted revenue from the sale will be used for the benefit of the men's and women's varsity golf programs pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-01-05.5. The institution noted the SBHE has approved the terms of the sale and UND is expecting payment from the Department of Transportation in April 2026.