

**University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
Budget No. 232  
Senate Bill No. 2003**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025-27 legislative appropriation	529.06	\$95,870,158	\$174,018,316	\$269,888,474
2023-25 legislative appropriation	<u>488.83</u>	<u>82,831,276</u>	<u>171,741,842</u>	<u>254,573,118</u>
2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation	40.23	\$13,038,882	\$2,276,474	\$15,315,356

**Item Description**

**Resident enrollment** - The Legislative Assembly, in Section 44 of Senate Bill No. 2003, directed the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) to develop and implement student recruitment and acceptance strategies to increase resident enrollment in the Medical Doctorate and Physician Assistant Programs, with a goal of 85 percent resident student enrollment by the fall 2030 semester.

**Tuition collections** - In the budget approved by the State Board of Higher Education, tuition revenue for SMHS for the 2025-26 fiscal year was estimated to be \$20.4 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 School of Medicine and Health Sciences may be awarded up to \$2.65 million under the program.

**Allied health facility** - The Legislative Assembly, in Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2003, appropriated \$45 million, including \$5 million from the Community Health Trust Fund and \$40 million from the University System Capital Building Fund and other local funds, to UND for an allied health facility project.

**Status/Result**

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences reported 205 of the 286 students enrolled in the Medical Doctorate Program, or 72 percent, in the fall 2025 semester were residents of the state and an additional 67, or 23 percent, were Minnesota residents. The school reported 36 of the 62 students enrolled in the Physician Assistant Program, or 58 percent, in the fall 2025 semester were residents of the state and an additional 19, or 31 percent, were Minnesota residents. The school reported it has increased outreach and recruitment, including targeting students earlier, to ensure North Dakota high school students are aware of the potential to attend SMHS.

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences increased resident tuition rates for the 2025-26 academic year by 4.7 percent. The current estimate for tuition collections for the 2025-26 fiscal year is \$20.6 million, \$200,000 more than projected.

Through March 31, 2026, the UND Foundation has received \$320,000 in grant funding for SMHS through the program. The school requested an additional \$1.83 million in May 2026 and anticipates requesting the full allocation by December 31, 2026.

The University of North Dakota 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.