

**North Dakota State University
Budget No. 235
Senate Bill No. 2003**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriation	1,805.96	\$170,388,214	\$817,690,221	\$988,078,435
2023-25 legislative appropriation	<u>1,867.50</u>	<u>168,546,765</u>	<u>760,917,430</u>	<u>929,464,195</u>
2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation	(61.54)	\$1,841,449	\$56,772,791	\$58,614,240

Item Description

Enrollment - At the end of the 2025 regular legislative session, the North Dakota State University (NDSU) FTE student enrollment projection for the 2025-27 biennium was 10,475 for the fall 2025 semester and 10,475 for the fall 2026 semester.

Tuition collections - In the budget approved by the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE), tuition revenue for NDSU for the 2025-26 fiscal year was estimated to be \$125.4 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. North Dakota State University may be awarded up to \$3.25 million under the program. In addition, the NDSU agricultural research and extension service agencies are eligible for \$2.65 million under the program.

Extraordinary repairs - The Legislative Assembly, in Senate Bill No. 2003, appropriated \$2,732,244 from the General Fund to NDSU for extraordinary repairs. In Section 4 of the bill, the Legislative Assembly required the University of North Dakota and NDSU 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

Status/Result

The actual fall 2025 semester FTE enrollment was 10,455, which was 20 students less than projected and 12 more than the fall 2024 semester.

North Dakota State University increased resident tuition rates for the 2025-26 academic year by 6 percent. The institution anticipates actual collections for the 2025-27 biennium to be within 2 percent of estimates.

Through March 31, 2026, the NDSU Foundation has received the full allocation of \$5.89 million in grant funding through the program.

Through March 31, 2026, NDSU has matched and committed the full \$2.7 million of the General Fund appropriation in Tier I for extraordinary repairs projects, including approximately \$2.2 million for utilities and infrastructure upgrades, \$230,000 for roof repairs, \$180,000 for mechanical and electrical updates, and \$150,000 for interior updates.

North Dakota State University plans to match and spend all funding allocated to the institution in Tiers II and III of the University System Capital Building Fund to renovate student housing, including Seim Hall.

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 SBHE 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, 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. North Dakota State University was allocated \$4,695,895 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 \$16 million from SIIF and \$125 million from the University System Capital Building Fund and other local funds, of one-time funding to NDSU for the 2025-27 biennium as follows:

	Other Funds
Wrestling facility (local funds)	\$13,000,000
University Village (local funds, revenue bond proceeds, and the University System Capital Building Fund)	54,000,000
Memorial Union (local funds and revenue bond proceeds)	50,000,000
Van Es biosafety laboratory (grants, local funds, and the University System Capital Building Fund)	8,000,000
New horizon programming (SIIF)	16,000,000
Total	\$141,000,000

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

Wrestling facility	The university reported fundraising is ongoing and the project has not yet been started.
University Village	The university reported \$54 million of bonds to finance the project have been issued and the facility is currently under construction.
Memorial Union	The university reported the project is in the design phase.
Van Es biosafety laboratory	The university reported grant funding for the project has not been awarded as of April 29, 2026, and the project has not been started.
New horizon programming	The university reported SIIF funds have been allocated and the new workforce initiatives and programs are in various stages of SBHE approval. Initiatives and programs include various recruitment and retention initiatives to promote and enhance student success. The institution is also adding new or expanding health care programming to promote access to rural health care, including nursing, pharmacy, and health administration.