

**Dakota College at Bottineau
Budget No. 243
Senate Bill No. 2003**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriation	87.85	\$12,636,811 ¹	\$15,456,034	\$28,092,845
2023-25 legislative appropriation	<u>84.00</u>	<u>11,442,878</u>	<u>20,200,270</u>	<u>31,643,148</u>
2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation	3.85	\$1,193,933	(\$4,744,236)	(\$3,550,303)

¹This amount includes \$500,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing General Fund appropriation is \$12,136,811.

Item Description

Enrollment - At the end of the 2025 regular legislative session, the Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB) FTE student enrollment projection for the 2025-27 biennium was 596 for the fall 2025 semester and 602 for the fall 2026 semester.

Tuition collections - In the budget approved by the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE), tuition revenue for DCB for the 2025-26 fiscal year was estimated to be \$3 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. Dakota College at Bottineau may be awarded up to \$720,000 under the program.

Extraordinary repairs - The Legislative Assembly, in Senate Bill No. 2003, appropriated \$114,007 from the General Fund to DCB for extraordinary repairs. In Section 4 of the bill, the Legislative Assembly required institutions to match extraordinary repairs funding on a dollar-for-dollar 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 622, which was 26 students more than projected and 32 more than the fall 2024 semester.

Dakota College at Bottineau increased resident tuition rates for the 2025-26 academic year by 1.2 percent. The current estimate for tuition collections for the 2025-26 fiscal year is \$3.1 million, \$100,000 more than projected.

Through March 31, 2026, the DCB Foundation has received \$32,385 in grant funding through the program. Dakota College at Bottineau requested an additional \$61,078 in May 2026 and is continuing to seek donations to match available funding.

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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 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 million, \$24 million, and \$26.5 million, respectively, from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund to the University System Capital Building Fund. Dakota College at Bottineau was allocated \$201,537 in Tier II and \$700,000 in Tier III of the University System Capital Building Fund for the 2025-27 biennium.

Student housing - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$500,000 of one-time funding from the General Fund for student housing projects at DCB.

Workforce Education Innovation Grant Program - The Legislative Assembly, in Senate Bill No. 2003, appropriated \$10 million from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund to the University System office for the Workforce Education Innovation Grant Program to provide grant funds to institutions under the control of SBHE to create or expand academic programs to address workforce needs.

Dakota College at Bottineau reported it has expended \$364,084 as of March 31, 2026, to renovate Milligan Hall.

The University System office reported a committee, including workforce-focused individuals from various state agencies and two members of the SBHE, was formed to allocate funding to campuses from the workforce education innovations grants line item. The committee reviewed applications requesting the funds from all nine eligible institutions and awarded all of the \$10 million appropriation in August 2025.

Dakota College at Bottineau reported it was awarded \$1.4 million in grant funding for academic programs relating to paramedic technology, medical laboratory technology, and medical surgical technology.