
**2024-25 Tribally Controlled Colleges
Assistance Grant Report
Prepared for Legislative Council**



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Purpose

In accordance with N.D.C.C. § 15-70-05, upon receipt of a completed Tribally Controlled Colleges Assistance Grant (TCCAG) application, colleges receiving a grant under this chapter are to submit a report to ND Legislative Council. The North Dakota University System (NDUS) prepares and submits this report each year on behalf of tribal institutions.

Background Information and Appropriations

The TCCAG funds are awarded based on FTE enrollment data for non-beneficiary, ND resident students. For purposes of this grant, a non-beneficiary student is defined as a student who is a resident of ND but who is not an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe or the child of an enrolled member. Residency is determined by the institution.

The funds awarded per full time equivalent (FTE) student cannot exceed the reimbursement rate provided through federal appropriations in accordance with the Tribally Controlled Colleges & Universities Act of 1978 [25 U.S.C. 20] to tribal colleges for Native American students. The 2024-25 federal student payment (ISC) amount is a maximum of \$8,699.61. No more than fifty percent of the biennial appropriation of \$1,400,000 may be disbursed each year.

Award Information & Enrollments

The NDUS received applications from five ND tribal colleges:

- Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC)
- Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College (NHSC)
- Sitting Bull College (SBC)
- Turtle Mountain Community College (TMCC)
- United Tribes Technical College (UTTC)

The total non-beneficiary FTE, based on 24 semester credits per year, for the 2024-25 application period totaled 97.3, which is relatively unchanged from the prior year. The appropriation available for the current award cycle totals \$700,000. Based on the ISC federal payment rate of \$8,699.61 and 97.3 FTE, the 2024-25 total would be \$846,472.05, which is over the available funds of \$700,000. A prorated award amount of \$7,194.24 per FTE has been determined, in accordance with N.D.C.C. 15-70-04. The following details each tribal college’s 2025 payment.

Tribally Controlled Colleges Assistance Grant Award Distribution Formula 2024-25								
TOTAL funds available for award period (50% of the biennial appropriation)	\$700,000.00		Tribal College Payment Amount					
Award per FTE based on ISC payment of \$8,699.61 [based on 25 U.S.C. 20] or a prorated amount if total award based on ISC payment is over \$700,000	\$7,194.24		CCCC	NHSC	SBC	TMCC	UTTC	Total Award based on FTE
Total non-beneficiary FTE (Sum of all non-beneficiary credit hours reported by eligible applicants ÷ 24)	97.3	FTE	33.3	10.9	9.7	19.6	23.8	97.3
Max award amt based on actual ISC payment = Total non-beneficiary FTE * \$8,699.61	\$846,472.05	Institutional Award	\$239,568.35	\$78,417.27	\$69,784.17	\$141,007.19	\$171,223.02	\$700,000.00

The five ND tribal colleges served 138 headcount non-beneficiary, ND resident students from summer 2024 through spring 2025. The ND residency and non-beneficiary status of each student was documented in each institution’s application. The students enrolled in a total of 2,333.5 credit hours. Table 1 details the non-beneficiary enrollments by institution.

Table 1 AY 2024-25 Non-Beneficiary Enrollment			
Institution	Headcount of Non-Beneficiary Students	FTE Non-Beneficiary Students	# Non-Beneficiary Credit Hours Taken
CCCC	47	33.3	798
NHSC	22	10.9	262
SBC	12	9.7	233
TMCC	26	19.6	469.5
UTTC	31	23.8	571
TOTAL	138	97.3	2,333.5

Expenditure Report

As part of the application process, tribal colleges report on the expenditure of the prior year’s award amounts. Over the past year, a total of 6.12 FTE positions were funded by the grant. In addition to salaries and benefits, grants were used for a variety of expenses, including operating expenses, capital expenditures, and other indirect costs. The following summarizes the grant usage at each college and Table 2 details expenses by category.

Cankdeska Cikana Community College:

- Funded positions for the Registrar, Financial aid Manager, Bookstore Manager, and Dean of Students, all within the Student Success Department. General operating supplies, graduation and transcript supplies were also purchased.

Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College:

- The funds were used for partial salaries and wages of the Guidance Counselor and Vice President of Student Services. Both of these positions are related to student assistance and services.

Sitting Bull College:

- The funding assisted with operating and maintaining six academic facilities on campus.

Turtle Mountain Community College:

- Instructor and Student Services employee salary and fringe - 60% of total award.
- Classroom supplies 10% of total award.
- Operational Expenses 30% of total award.

United Tribes Technical College:

- Scholarships in the amount of \$11,000 were awarded to non-beneficiary students in fall 2024, and \$9,500 in spring 2025.
- The grant partially covered salaries and fringe of the Wellness Coordinator, Wellness Admin., and Student Health Nurse.
- Funds also supported graduation activities and other indirect costs.
- Unspent funds have been earmarked for construction projects, salaries, graduation expenses and student scholarships.

Table 2 Institutional Expenditures by Expense Category for TCCAG Award								
Institution	Prior Year Unspent Balance Carried Forward	2023-24 TCCAG Award Amount	Salaries & Wages	Operating Expenses	Equip.	Capital Exp.	Other Direct or Indirect Costs	Balance Remaining
CCCC	\$0.00	\$251,885.83	\$240,553.41	\$11,332.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NHSC	\$39,160.15	\$102,752.29	\$141,912.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SBC	\$0.00	\$88,481.15	\$0.00	\$88,481.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TMCC	\$.01	\$109,887.87	\$65,932.75	\$32,966.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,988.79	\$0.00
UTTC	\$314,299.30	\$146,992.86	\$15,028.63	\$73,696.99	\$0.00	\$28,000.00	\$20,500.00	\$324,066.54
TOTALS	\$353,459.46	\$700,000.00	\$463,427.23	\$206,476.90	\$0.00	\$28,000.00	\$31,488.79	\$324,066.54

Graduation Rate

Of the 92 non-beneficiary students reviewed from prior award cycles, 43 have graduated, which reflects a 46.7% overall graduation rate for non-beneficiary students. The national IPEDS-reported graduation rate for all tribal institutions was 24% for all students, both beneficiary and non-beneficiary, as of August 31, 2023. The IPEDS rate is based on 150% of normal completion time required to graduate. The information in Table 3 reflects a graduation rate estimate for non-beneficiary students who have graduated within 150% of their expected cohort graduation time. This rate is not an official graduation rate for the stated institutions. All the tribal institutions in the state officially report a 6-year graduation rate in IPEDS except for Cankdeska Cikana Community College, which reports a 3-year graduation rate.

Table 3 Est. Graduation Rates - Non-Beneficiary Students			
Institution	Cohort Size	# - Non-Beneficiary Students Graduating Within 150% of Normal Completion Time	% and # - Non-Beneficiary Students Graduating Within 150% of Normal Completion Time
CCCC	27	20	74.1%
NHSC	15	3	20.0%
SBC	5	1	20.0%
TMCC	21	9	42.9%
UTTC	24	10	41.7%
TOTAL	92	43	46.7%

Financial Ratio

Tribal colleges applying for the grant report the ratio of funding received under this program compared to expenditures. IPEDS-reported 2022-23 “core expenditures” are used in calculating the financial ratio in relation to the grant funds received in 2023. The ND TCCAG continues to cover a small fraction of overall core expenses. Core expenses include expenses for instruction, research, public service, academic support, institutional support, student services, and other core expenses. The ratio of the TCCAG grant award funds received in 2022-23 to core expenditures is reflected in Table 4.

Table 4	Financial Ratio TCCAG Award to IPEDS Core Expenses		
Institution	2022-23 TCCAG Award Amount	2023 IPEDS Core Expenses	Funding Ratio
CCCC	\$121,348.31	\$12,342,279	1.0%
NHSC	\$80,337.08	\$11,717,901	0.7%
SBC	\$44,382.03	\$13,493,534	0.3%
TMCC	\$79,775.28	\$28,777,790	0.3%
UTTC	\$174,157.30	\$36,425,052	0.5%

Audit Reports

All tribal institutions submitted their most recent audited financial statements in accordance with N.D.C.C. 15-70-05.