2021-23 legislative appropriations	FTE Positions 158.83	General Fund \$128,198,476	Other Funds \$25,757,035	Total \$153,955,511
2021-23 base budget	148.90	102,327,097	24,002,206	126,329,303
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	9.93	\$25,871,379	\$1,754,829	\$27,626,208

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2021-23 legislative appropriations	\$116,898,476	\$11,300,000	\$128,198,476
2019-21 legislative appropriations	102,327,097	11,650,000	113,977,097
2021-23 legislative increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriations	\$14,571,379	(\$350,000)	\$14,221,379
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriations	14.2%	(3.0%)	12.5%

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS Changes to Base Budget

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for base payroll changes	9.93	(\$1)		(\$1)
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and 2.0 percent on July 1, 2022		584,479	\$252,502	836,981
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,428.77 per month		5,085	2,327	7,412
Increased funding for academic and career and technical education (CTE) scholarships to provide a total of \$16,216,749		4,200,000		4,200,000
Added funding for the nursing education consortium		1,356,000		1,356,000
Increased funding for capital bond payments to provide a total of \$13,385,264		8,425,816		8,425,816
Added funding from Bank of North Dakota profits for the dual-credit tuition scholarship program (House Bill No. 1375)			1,500,000	1,500,000

Added one-time funding for the math pathways program		150,000		150,000
Added one-time funding for the challenge grant program (Senate Bill No. 2030)		11,150,000		11,150,000
Total	9.93	\$25,871,379	\$1,754,829	\$27,626,208

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 158.83 FTE positions for the University System office for the 2021-23 biennium, an increase of 9.93 FTE positions from the 2019-21 biennium authorized level of 148.90 FTE positions. The 9.93 FTE positions were added pursuant to Section 24 of House Bill No. 1003 (2019), which authorized the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions at institutions under its control. Section 23 of Senate Bill No. 2003 (2021) continues the authorization of the board to adjust positions at institutions under its control during the 2021-23 biennium.

One-Time Funding

The following is a summary of one-time funding items for the University System for the 2021-23 biennium:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Math pathways program	\$150,000		\$150,000
Education challenge grants (Senate Bill No. 2030)	11,150,000		11,150,000
Lake Region State College agricultural center project (strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF))		\$363,000	363,000
University of North Dakota (UND) space command initiative (House Bill No. 1015)	4,000,000		4,000,000
UND airport apron reconstruction (House Bill No. 1015) (federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund)		5,000,000	5,000,000
North Dakota State University (NDSU) settlement agreement	125,000		125,000
NDSU agricultural products development center project (House Bill No. 1431) (bond proceeds)		50,000,000	50,000,000
Dickinson State University Pulver Hall project (House Bill No. 1015) (federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund)		4,000,000	4,000,000
Mayville State University natural gas boiler project (House Bill No. 1015)	1,600,000		1,600,000
Valley City State University land purchase		309,000	309,000
Dakota College at Bottineau Old Main renovation (including \$2.5 million from SIIF)		4,000,000	4,000,000
Total	\$17,025,000	\$63,672,000	\$80,697,000

Federal COVID-19 Funding - 2019-21 Biennium

In House Bill No. 1395, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$61,536,354 of federal coronavirus relief funds to the University System office and institutions for the 2019-21 biennium for cleaning supplies and equipment, classroom and facility restructuring, technology needs, and other costs relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. The University System institutions also received COVID-19-related funding directly from the federal government through the federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund and other COVID-19-related grant programs. The following schedule identifies federal COVID-19-related funds received by the University System as of April 30, 2021:

	Federal Coronavirus	Federal Higher Education	Other Federal	
Entity/Institution	Relief Fund	Emergency Relief Fund	COVID-19-Related Funds	Total
University System office	\$1,468,787			\$1,468,787
Bismarck State College	4,210,745	\$960,372		5,171,117
Lake Region State College	880,813	500,055		1,380,868
Williston State College	1,712,364	500,000		2,212,364
UND	20,984,766	5,491,551	\$299,921	26,776,238
UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences			3,221,492	3,221,492
NDSU	18,618,664	7,728,326		26,346,990
North Dakota State College of Science	5,107,897	823,352	1,500,000	7,431,249

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Dickinson State University	2,346,239	672,185		3,018,424
Mayville State University	2,206,656	500,148		2,706,804
Minot State University	2,454,439	1,339,854		3,794,293
Valley City State University	740,353	500,000		1,240,353
Dakota College at Bottineau	804,631	500,111		1,304,742
Total	\$61,536,354	\$19,515,954	\$5,021,413	\$86,073,721

Competitive Research

The Legislative Assembly provided \$6.03 million from the general fund for competitive research. The following is a summary of funding for the competitive research program:

Biennium	General Fund
1995-97	\$1,980,000
1997-99	\$1,980,000
1999-2001	\$1,971,000
2001-03	\$4,000,000
2003-05	\$4,750,000 ¹
2005-07	\$5,190,000
2007-09	\$5,650,000
2009-11	\$7,050,0002
2011-13	\$7,050,000
2013-15	\$7,050,000
2015-17	\$6,588,225
2017-19	\$6,027,750
2019-21	\$6,027,750 ³
2021-23	\$6,027,750 ³

¹The 2003 Legislative Assembly provided that \$100,000 of the \$4.75 million be used for a public-private partnership for establishment of a design center at UND.

Student Financial Assistance Grants

The Legislative Assembly provided \$23,917,306 from the general fund for student financial assistance grants. The maximum grant award amount under the program is \$2,200 per year. To qualify, a student must be a resident undergraduate student who has graduated from a North Dakota high school and is attending a qualified postsecondary institution in North Dakota. The award of grants is based on student need. The following is a summary of funding for student financial assistance grants:

		Legislative Appropriations			
	Maximum	General	Federal	Other	
Biennium	Grant Award	Fund	Funds	Funds	Total
1995-97	\$600	\$2,032,478	\$400,000	\$1,350,000	\$3,782,478
1997-99	\$600	\$1,495,000	\$410,986	\$2,574,400	\$4,480,386
1999-2001	\$600	\$1,735,881	\$140,000	\$2,574,400	\$4,450,281
2001-03	\$600	\$2,670,881	\$214,000	\$1,338,150	\$4,223,031
2003-05	\$600	\$2,730,215	\$200,000		\$2,930,215
2005-07	\$1,000	\$3,332,402	\$172,000		\$3,504,402
2007-09	\$1,000	\$5,823,497	\$164,000		\$5,987,497
2009-11	\$1,500	\$19,025,594	\$348,428		\$19,374,022
2011-13	\$1,500	\$19,025,594	\$348,428		\$19,374,022

²The 2009 Legislative Assembly provided that \$400,000 of the \$7.05 million be used for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

³The 2019 and 2021 Legislative Assemblies provided that \$342,000 of the \$6,027,750 be used for NASA's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

2013-15	\$1,650	\$21,245,679	\$21,245,679
2015-17	\$1,950	\$23,886,160	\$23,886,160
2017-19	\$1,950	\$21,917,306	\$21,917,306
2019-21	\$2,200	\$23,917,306	\$23,917,306
2021-23	\$2,200	\$23,917,306	\$23,917,306

Professional Student Exchange Program

The Legislative Assembly provided \$3,699,342 from the general fund for the professional student exchange program. The program assists North Dakota students enrolling in professional programs not offered in the state including dentistry, optometry, and veterinary medicine. The Legislative Assembly also repealed statutory repayment provisions relating to the professional student exchange program. The following is a summary of funding for the professional student exchange program:

Biennium	General Fund	Student Loan Trust Fund	Total
1995-97	\$1,326,756		\$1,326,756
1997-99	\$1,389,801		\$1,389,801
1999-2001	\$1,310,716		\$1,310,716
2001-03	\$1,560,716		\$1,560,716
2003-05	\$1,678,300		\$1,678,300
2005-07	\$1,864,780	\$262,500	\$2,127,280
2007-09	\$2,199,566	\$523,380	\$2,722,946
2009-11	\$2,346,130	\$990,970	\$3,337,100
2011-13	\$2,856,131	\$465,307	\$3,321,438
2013-15	\$3,809,708	\$465,307	\$4,275,015
2015-17	\$3,476,447	\$465,307	\$3,941,754
2017-19	\$3,234,035	\$465,307	\$3,699,342
2019-21	\$3,699,342		\$3,699,342
2021-23	\$3,699,342		\$3,699,342

Scholars Program

The Legislative Assembly provided \$1,807,115 from the general fund for the scholars program. The scholars program provides full-tuition scholarships to resident students who score in the upper fifth percentile of North Dakota ACT Aspire test takers and enroll in an undergraduate program in the state. The following is a summary of funding for the scholars program:

Biennium	General Fund	Special Funds	Total
1995-97	\$496,403		\$496,403
1997-99	\$473,786	\$185,500	\$659,286
1999-2001	\$520,730	\$185,500	\$706,230
2001-03	\$770,730		\$770,730
2003-05	\$816,386		\$816,386
2005-07	\$862,077		\$862,077
2007-09	\$1,478,566		\$1,478,566
2009-11	\$2,113,584		\$2,113,584
2011-13	\$2,113,584		\$2,113,584
2013-15	\$2,113,584		\$2,113,584
2015-17	\$2,113,584		\$2,113,584
2017-19	\$1,807,115		\$1,807,115
2019-21	\$1,807,115		\$1,807,115
2021-23	\$1,807,115		\$1,807,115

Native American Scholarship Program

The Legislative Assembly provided \$555,323 from the general fund for Native American scholarships. The following is a summary of funding for the Native American scholarship program:

Biennium	General Fund	
1995-97	\$200,000	
1997-99	\$204,000	
1999-2001	\$204,082	
2001-03	\$204,082	
2003-05	\$204,086	
2005-07	\$251,988	
2007-09	\$380,626	
2009-11	\$381,292	
2011-13	\$574,267	
2013-15	\$649,267	
2015-17	\$649,267	
2017-19	\$555,323	
2019-21	\$555,323	
2021-23	\$555,323	

Career and Technical Education and Academic Scholarships

The Legislative Assembly provided \$16,216,749 from the general fund for CTE and academic scholarships, an increase of \$4.2 million from the 2019-21 biennium appropriation of \$12,016,749. To be eligible for a scholarship, a student must be a resident of the state, complete the requirements for a high school diploma, and meet program requirements for one of the programs. Any student that meets the requirements for a CTE scholarship or an academic scholarship is to receive a scholarship of \$750 per semester, or \$500 per quarter, for each period the student is enrolled at a North Dakota higher education institution and maintains eligibility up to a maximum amount of \$6,000.

Higher Education Challenge Grants Program

The Legislative Assembly provided \$11.15 million from the general fund for higher education challenge grants, \$1.5 million more than the 2019-21 biennium appropriation of \$9.65 million. The 2021 Legislative Assembly made statutory changes to allow the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences to participate in the program. The 2021 Legislative Assembly also added abortion-related restrictions to the program's eligibility requirements. The following is a summary of funding for the higher education challenge grants program:

Biennium	General Fund	Student Loan Trust Fund	Total
2013-15	\$29,000,000		\$29,000,000
2015-17	\$21,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$23,500,000
2017-19	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000
2019-21 ¹	\$9,650,000		\$9,650,000
2021-23	\$11,150,000		\$11,150,000

¹In addition to the \$9,400,000 appropriated for the higher education challenge grants program in the education challenge fund line item, \$250,000 was appropriated for UND School of Law challenge matching grants in the education incentive programs line item, to provide a total of \$9,650,000 for the program.

Capital Project Bond Payments

The Legislative Assembly provided \$13,385,264 from the general fund for University System capital project bond payments. The payments are to repay bonds issued by the North Dakota Building Authority to finance higher education capital projects approved by the Legislative Assembly. The 2019 Legislative Assembly approved the issuance of bonds through the North Dakota Building Authority for higher education capital projects for the first time since 2005. The following is a summary of the 2021-23 biennium legislative appropriation compared to the 2019-21 biennium legislative appropriation for capital bond payments:

	2019-21 Biennium Legislative Appropriation	2021-23 Biennium Legislative Appropriation	Increase (Decrease) From 2019-21 Biennium
Capital bond payments - General fund	\$4,959,448	\$13,385,264	\$8,425,816

Special funds authority to repay revenue bonds issued by institutions is included in each institution's budget. Revenue bonds are issued by institutions to finance capital projects for income-producing auxiliary services, such as student housing and dining facilities.

Capital Building Fund Program

The 2019 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$29 million for institution capital building funds for the 2019-21 biennium. The appropriation included \$10 million from Bank of North Dakota profits and \$10 million from institution \$1-to-\$1 matching funds appropriated directly to each institution for Tier II of the capital building fund program. The appropriation also includes \$7 million from Bank of North Dakota profits and \$2 million from the general fund appropriated to the University System office to be allocated to the institutions for Tier III of the capital building fund program once \$2 of matching funds have been secured for each \$1 from the state. Institutions could use their capital building funds for legislatively authorized capital projects and for extraordinary repairs and deferred maintenance projects which did not exceed \$700,000 and did not increase the square footage of a building.

The 2021 Legislative Assembly enacted the capital building fund program in statute, including a newly created University System capital building fund, and provided continuing appropriation authority from the fund. The Legislative Assembly did not continue the requirement that extraordinary repairs and deferred maintenance projects not exceed \$700,000. The Legislative Assembly transferred \$19 million from SIIF to the newly created University System capital building fund, \$10 million of which is subject to \$1-to-\$1 matching fund requirements.

Capital Improvements

The following schedule identifies the higher education capital improvement funding contained in appropriations approved by the Legislative Assembly for the 2021-23 biennium. The schedule reflects general fund appropriations for extraordinary repairs and special fund authorization provided for major capital projects.

	2019-21 Legislative Appropriations			
Entity/Project	General Fund	Special Funds	Total	
Bismarck State College Extraordinary repairs	\$417,673		\$417,673	
Total	\$417,673		\$417,673	
Lake Region State College Precision agriculture center (SIIF) Extraordinary repairs	\$155,367	\$363,000	\$363,000 155,367	
Total	\$155,367	\$363,000	\$518,367	
Williston State College Extraordinary repairs	\$197,801		\$197,801	
Total	\$197,801		\$197,801	
UND Airport apron (federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund) Space command initiative Extraordinary repairs	\$4,000,000 4,411,566	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000 4,000,000 4,411,566	
Total	\$8,411,566	\$5,000,000	\$13,411,566	
NDSU Agriculture products development center (appropriation bonds) Extraordinary repairs	\$2,732,244	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000 2,732,244	
Total	\$2,732,244	\$50,000,000	\$52,732,244	
North Dakota State College of Science Extraordinary repairs	\$1,012,379		\$1,012,379	
Total	\$1,012,379		\$1,012,379	
Dickinson State University Pulver Hall (federal coronavirus capital projects fund) Extraordinary repairs	\$409,078	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000 409,078	
Total	\$409,078	\$4,000,000	\$4,409,078	

	2019-21 Legislative Appropriations			
Entity/Project	General Fund	Special Funds	Total	
Mayville State University Natural gas boiler project Extraordinary repairs	\$1,600,000 \$358,992		\$1,600,000 358,992	
Total	\$1,958,992		\$1,958,992	
Minot State University Extraordinary repairs	\$899,620		\$899,620	
Total	\$899,620		\$899,620	
Valley City State University Land purchase (local funds) Extraordinary repairs	\$408,319	\$309,000	\$309,000 408,319	
Total	\$408,319	\$309,000	\$717,319	
Dakota College at Bottineau Old Main renovation (including \$2.5 million from SIIF) Extraordinary repairs	\$114,007	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000 114,007	
Total	\$114,007	\$4,000,000	\$4,114,007	
Forest Service Extraordinary repairs and equipment over \$5,000	\$118,728		\$118,728	
Total	\$118,728		\$118,728	
Total Higher Education	\$16,835,774	\$63,672,000	\$80,507,774	

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2003

Valley City State University land purchase - Section 3 provides authority and an appropriation of \$309,000 from other funds to Valley City State University for the purchase of two parcels of land in Barnes County from the Valley City State University Foundation.

Additional funds appropriation authority - Section 4 appropriates any additional other funds received by entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to the respective entities.

University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences funding - Section 5 authorizes the transfer of funds between UND and the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences based on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

Capital building fund program - Sections 6, 7, and 14 provide for the continuation of the capital building fund program, including a \$19 million transfer from SIIF to the University System capital building fund and the continuation of unexpended funds appropriated for the 2019-21 biennium.

Strategic investment and improvements fund - Section 8 identifies \$2.5 million from SIIF for the Dakota College at Bottineau Old Main renovation and \$363,000 from SIIF for the Lake Region State College Curtis and Annette Hofstad Agricultural Center.

Extraordinary repairs matching funds - Section 9 requires institutions to match state extraordinary repairs funding on a \$2-to-\$1 basis using operations or other funding.

Challenge grants - Sections 10 and 17 provide for the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences to be eligible for up to \$1.5 million under the challenge grant program.

Higher education funding formula - Sections 11, 12, 13, and 18 amend the higher education funding formula to implement the recommendations of the interim Higher Education Committee, excluding the restoration of the hold harmless clause.

Carryover authority - Section 15 continues the authorization through July 31, 2023, for institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to continue unexpended appropriations at the end of a biennium.

North Dakota State University agriculture products development center matching requirements - Section 16 removes the matching requirements for state funding for the NDSU agriculture products development center project.

Project management oversight - Section 19 requires capital projects authorized by the State Board of Higher Education to have adequate project oversight by an institution official or representative of an external entity.

University of North Dakota Tech Accelerator building refinancing - Section 20 provides authority for UND to refinance the bank loan for the Tech Accelerator building.

Dakota Institute inventory - Section 21 allows for the transfer of Dakota Institute inventory from Bismarck State College to the author or producer of the document or production.

Transfer authority - Section 22 provides that the State Board of Higher Education may transfer funds from an institution's operations line item to the institution's capital assets line item if the board determines that additional funds are needed for capital assets.

FTE positions - Section 23 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed, subject to the availability of funds, for institutions and entities under its control.

Capital projects carryover - Section 24 provides an exemption to allow the continuation of funding appropriated from the general fund for the 2017-19 biennium by the Legislative Assembly in Senate Bill No. 2297 (2019) for certain institution capital projects.

Student affordability study - Section 25 provides for a Legislative Management study of student affordability, including available financial assistance for students.

Funding stabilization study - Section 26 provides for a Legislative Management study of mechanisms to stabilize funding for higher education.

Higher education funding formula study - Section 27 provides for a Legislative Management study of the higher education funding formula.

Nursing education consortium - Section 28 provides legislative intent that UND discontinue making payments to other institutions of higher education for costs relating to nursing education simulation laboratories.

Legislative intent - Higher education funding formula - Section 29 provides legislative intent for the weighting of credits in the higher education funding formula, as recommended by the interim Higher Education Committee.

Emergency - Section 30 declares Sections 3, 6, 7, 8, 14, 16, 19, 20, and 21 and the capital assets line items in Section 1 to be an emergency measure.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1015 - Appropriations - This bill appropriates funding for the UND airport apron, UND space command initiative, Dickinson State University Pulver Hall project, and Mayville State University gas boiler project.

House Bill No. 1083 - Academic and CTE scholarships - This bill adjusts academic and CTE scholarship eligibility requirements.

House Bill No. 1125 - Tuition - This bill expands eligibility for dependents of veterans to receive free tuition in institutions of higher education in the state.

House Bill No. 1135 - Academic and CTE scholarships - This bill adjusts academic and CTE scholarship eligibility requirements.

House Bill No. 1375 - Dual-credit scholarships - This bill appropriates \$1.5 million from Bank of North Dakota profits for tuition scholarships for students enrolled in dual-credit courses.

House Bill No. 1395 - COVID-19 - This bill appropriates \$61,536,354 of federal funding approved by the Emergency Commission and Budget Section during the 2019-20 interim from the state's allocation from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund to the University System in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

House Bill No. 1503 - Free speech policies - This bill provides statutory changes relating to free speech policies of institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education.

Senate Bill No. 2013 - Permanent funds distributions - Provides distributions to University System institutions from permanent funds established for the benefit of the institutions. The following is a comparison of distributions from permanent funds during the 2019-21 and the 2021-23 bienniums:

Institution	2019-21 Distribution	2021-23 Distribution	Increase (Decrease)
NDSU	\$5,916,000	\$6,620,000	\$704,000
UND	4,504,000	5,084,000	580,000
North Dakota State College of Science	1,736,000	1,941,000	205,000
Valley City State University	1,034,000	1,178,000	144,000
Mayville State University	668,000	742,000	74,000
Dakota College at Bottineau	242,000	285,000	43,000
Dickinson State University	242,000	285,000	43,000
Minot State University	242,000	285,000	43,000
Total	\$14,584,000	\$16,420,000	\$1,836,000

Senate Bill No. 2030 - Challenge grants - This bill appropriates \$11.15 million from the general fund to continue the higher education challenge matching grant program and adds abortion-related restrictions to the program's eligibility requirements. A section providing for a penalty for supporting abortion was vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 2032 - Funding formula - This bill changes the higher education funding formula to adjust the base funding rate for certain credits completed at dual-mission and polytechnic institutions.

Senate Bill No. 2033 - Capital building fund - This bill continues the University System capital building fund program.

Senate Bill No. 2136 - Academic and CTE scholarships - This bill adjusts academic and CTE scholarship eligibility requirements.

Senate Bill No. 2289 North Dakota scholarship - This bill creates a new scholarship called the North Dakota scholarship and phases out academic and CTE scholarships.