Williston State College Budget No. 229 Senate Bill No. 2003

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 legislative appropriation	101.29	\$11,286,737	\$24,019,535	\$35,306,272
2019-21 legislative appropriation	100.48	10,067,743	25,778,543	35,846,286
2021-23 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriation	0.81	\$1,218,994	(\$1,759,008)	(\$540,014)

## **Item Description**

**Enrollment** - At the end of the 2021 regular legislative session, the Williston State College (WSC) FTE student enrollment projection for the 2021-23 biennium was 712 for the fall 2021 semester and 738 for the fall 2022 semester.

**Tuition collections** - In the 2021-22 fiscal year budget approved by the State Board of Higher Education, tuition revenue for WSC for the 2021-22 fiscal year was estimated to be \$3 million.

**Higher education challenge matching grant program** - In Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2030 (2021), the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$11.15 million from the general fund to the North Dakota University System office for the higher education challenge matching grant program. Williston State College may be awarded up to \$350,000 under the program.

**Extraordinary repairs** - The Legislative Assembly, in Senate Bill No. 2003, appropriated \$197,801 from the general fund to WSC for extraordinary repairs. The funding is considered Tier I of the capital building fund program, but is included in the institution's capital assets line item.

Capital building fund - In addition to appropriating funding for specific capital projects, the 2019 Legislative Assembly established a capital building fund program for the 2019-21 biennium. The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$10 million from Bank of North Dakota profits as Tier II funding under the capital building fund program. 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 capital building fund program. The 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 State Board of Higher Education

## Status/Result

The actual fall 2021 semester FTE enrollment was 668, 44 students fewer than projected and 36 fewer than the fall 2020 semester.

Williston State College has implemented a 3 percent tuition increase for the 2021-22 academic year. The current estimate for tuition collections for the 2021-22 fiscal year is \$3 million, the same amount as projected.

Through April 2022, the WSC Foundation has not received any grant funding through the program.

Through April 2022, WSC has not spent any of the \$197,801 appropriated for Tier I extraordinary repairs. Williston State College reports the institution has not been able to secure or allocate matching funds for the extraordinary repairs appropriation.

Williston State College has not accessed Tiers II or III of the capital building fund program during the 2021-23 biennium due to a lack of matching funds.

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 Legislative Assembly continued the higher education capital building fund program with a transfer of \$19,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to a newly created higher education capital building fund. The Legislative Assembly provided continuing appropriation authority from the fund and also provided for the University System to continue unspent 2019-21 biennium appropriation authority of \$3,335,478. Williston State College was allocated \$137,947 in Tier II and \$500,000 in Tier III of the capital building fund program for the 2021-23 biennium.