
**2020-21 Tribally Controlled Colleges
Assistance Grant Report
Prepared for Legislative Council**



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Purpose

In accordance with N.D.C.C. § 15-70, 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), on behalf of the tribal colleges, submits this report each year.

Background Information and Appropriations

The Tribally Controlled Colleges Assistance Grant 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 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 2020-21 federal student payment (ISC) amount is a maximum of \$8,303, as reported by AIHEC. No more than 50% of the biennial appropriation of \$1 million may be disbursed each year.

Award Information & Enrollments

The NDUS received applications from the five ND tribal colleges, Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC), Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College (NHSC), Sitting Bull College (SBC), Turtle Mountain Community College (TMCC), and United Tribes Technical College (UTTC). The total non-beneficiary FTE, based on 24 semester credits per year, for the 2020-21 application period totaled 63.6. Remaining dollars available for the current award period total \$500,000.

Based on the ISC federal payment rate of \$8,303 and 63.6 FTE, the 2020-21 total is \$528,070.80, which is over the available funds of \$500,000. A prorated award amount of \$7,861.64 has therefore been determined, in accordance with N.D.C.C. 15-70-04. The following details each college’s 2021 award.

Tribally Controlled Colleges Assistance Grant Award Distribution Formula 2020-21								
TOTAL funds available for award period (50% of the biennial appropriation)	\$500,000.00	Institutional Awards Payment Amount 2020-21						
Award per FTE based on ISC payment of \$8,303, in accordance with the Tribally Controlled Colleges & Universities Act of 1978 [25 U.S.C. 20], or prorated amount if total award based on ISC payment is over \$500,000	\$7,861.64	CCCC	NHSC	SBC	TMCC	UTTC	Total Award based on FTE 2020-21	
Total non-beneficiary FTE (Sum of all non- beneficiary credit hours reported by eligible applicants ÷ 24)	63.6	FTE	15.5	14.5	4	13.9	15.7	63.6
Maximum award amt based on actual ISC payment = Total non-beneficiary FTE * \$8,303	\$528,070.80	Institutional Award	\$121,855.35	\$113,993.71	\$31,446.54	\$109,276.73	\$123,427.67	\$500,000.00

The ND tribal colleges served 83 (headcount) non-beneficiary ND resident students from summer 2020 through spring 2021. The students took a total of 1,525.5 credit hours. Headcount, FTE and total credits all increased from the prior year. Table 1 details the non-beneficiary enrollments by institution.

Table 1 AY 2020-21 Non-Beneficiary Enrollment			
Institution	Headcount of Non-beneficiary Students	FTE of Non-beneficiary Students	Number of Non-Beneficiary Credit Hours Taken
CCCC	24	15.5	373
NHSC	18	14.5	347
SBC	6	4	97
TMCC	17	13.9	332.5
UTTC	18	15.7	376
TOTAL	83	63.6	1,525.5

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 7.55 FTE positions were funded by the grant. In addition to salaries and benefits, grants were used for a variety of expenses, including student scholarships, operating expenses, utilities and repairs and classroom materials. The following summarizes the grant usage at each college and Table 2 details expenses by category.

Cankdeska Cikana Community College:

- Salary and benefits for student transportation and bookstore personnel
- Student van fuel

Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College:

- Salary and benefits for guidance counselor

Sitting Bull College:

- Salary for .30 FTE position for the financial aid director

Turtle Mountain Community College:

- Salary and benefits for English faculty and student services personnel
- Utilities and repairs
- Classroom books and materials

United Tribes Technical College:

- Student scholarships
- Graduation activities
- Informational technology and facilities contracts
- Salary and benefits for graphic design instructor, disabilities services coordinator and student health coordinator

**Table 2
Institutional Expenditures by Expense Category for TCCAG Award**

Institution	Prior Year Unspent Balance Carried Forward	2019-20 TCCAG Award Amount	Salaries & Wages	Operating Expenses	Equip.	Capital Exp.	Other Direct or Indirect Costs	Balance Remaining
CCCC	\$0	\$121,761.66	(\$86,385.00)	(\$2,550.00)			(\$32,826.66)	\$0
NHSC	\$0	\$118,307.43	(\$51,744.24)					\$66,563.19
SBC	\$0	\$27,633.84	(\$27,633.84)					\$0
TMCC	\$0	\$101,036.27	(\$60,621.76)	(\$30,310.87)			(\$10,103.60)	\$0.04
UTTC	\$173,488.53	\$131,260.80	(\$7,051.88)	(\$12,403.72)			(\$80,997.66)	\$204,296.07
TOTALS	\$173,488.53	\$500,000.00	(\$233,436.72)	(45,264.59)			(\$123,927.92)	\$270,859.30

Graduation Rate

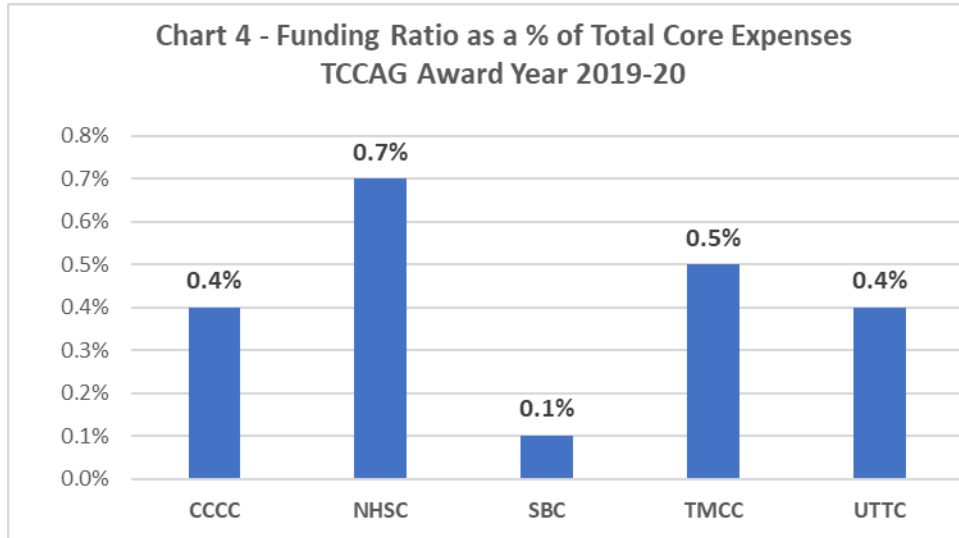
Graduation information for the 2017-18 cohort of non-beneficiary students was reported in the applications received. The graduation rates detailed in Table 3 assume that the students completed their degree within 3 years of 2017-18 enrollment. Of the 118 non-beneficiary students accounted for in the 2017-18 cohort, 39 have graduated. This reflects an overall cohort graduation rate of 33.1% for non-beneficiary students attending ND tribal colleges. IPEDS reported an average graduation rate for tribal colleges across the nation of 20% for all students, both beneficiary and non-beneficiary. The IPEDS rate is based on 150% of normal completion time required to graduate. The graduation rates in Table 3 are not official institutional graduation rates.

**Table 3
Graduation/Transfer/Retention Rates-Non-Beneficiary Students
2017-18 Cohort**

Institution	Cohort Size	Graduation Rate of Cohort (# of students)	Transfer Rate of Cohort (# of students)	Continuing Students
CCCC	16	37.5% (6)	0% (0)	18.8% (3)
NHSC	27	11.1% (3)	0% (0)	33.3% (9)
SBC	12	25% (3)	0% (0)	16.7% (2)
TMCC	27	40.7% (11)	25.9% (7)	3.7% (1)
UTTC	36	44.4% (16)	0% (0)	2.8% (1)

Financial Ratio

The tribal colleges applying for the grant report the ratio of funding received under this program compared to expenditures. IPEDS-reported 2018-19 “core expenditures” are used in calculating the financial ratio in relation to the grant funds received in 2019. 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, operation and maintenance expenditures of plant, depreciation, scholarships and fellowships expenses, other expenses, and non-operating expenses. The ratio of grant award funds received in 2019-20 to core expenditures is reflected in Chart 4.



Audit Reports

All institutions are required to provide their most current audited financial statement. All audited statements were received as of fiscal year 2020.