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# **2022-23 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) submits this report each year on behalf of the 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 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 2022-23 federal student payment (ISC) amount is a maximum of \$8,462. No more than fifty percent of the biennial appropriation 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 2022-23 application period totaled 89. This was an increase of 7.6% from the prior year. The remaining appropriation available for the current award period totals \$500,000.

Based on the ISC federal payment rate of \$8,462 and 89 FTE, the 2022-23 total is \$753,118, which is over the available funds of \$500,000. A prorated award amount of \$5,617.98 per FTE has been determined, in accordance with N.D.C.C. 15-70-04. The following details each tribal college's 2023 payment.

Tribally Controlled Colleges Assistance Grant Award Distribution Formula 2022-23								
TOTAL funds available for award period (50% of the biennial appropriation)	\$500,000.00		Institutional Awards Payment Amount 2022-23					
Award per FTE based on ISC payment of \$8,462 [based on 25 U.S.C. 20] or a prorated amount if total award based on ISC payment is over \$500,000	\$5,617.98		CCCC	NHSC	SBC	TMCC	UTTC	Total Award based on FTE 2022-23
Total non-beneficiary FTE (Sum of all non- beneficiary credit hours reported by eligible applicants ÷ 24)	89	FTE	21.6	14.3	7.9	14.2	31	89
Maximum award amt based on actual ISC payment = Total non-beneficiary FTE * \$8,462	\$753,118.00	Institutional Award	\$121,348.31	\$80,337.08	\$44,382.03	\$79,775.28	\$174,157.30	\$500,000.00

The five ND tribal colleges served 129 headcount non-beneficiary, ND resident students from summer 2022 through spring 2023, a 19% increase from the prior year. The ND residency and non-beneficiary status of each student was documented in each institution's application. The students took a total of 2,136 credit hours, an 8% increase from the prior year. Table 1 details the non-beneficiary enrollments by institution.

<b>Table 1</b> <b>AY 2022-23 Non-Beneficiary Enrollment</b>			
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Headcount of Non-Beneficiary Students</b>	<b>FTE Non-Beneficiary Students</b>	<b># Non-Beneficiary Credit Hours Taken</b>
<b>CCCC</b>	31	21.6	518
<b>NHSC</b>	23	14.3	343
<b>SBC</b>	13	7.9	189
<b>TMCC</b>	24	14.2	341
<b>UTTC</b>	38	31.0	745
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2,136</b>

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

#### Cankdeska Cikana Community College:

- Supported staffing within student services, including Director of Student Services, Student Transportation, Registrar, and Financial Aid Director.
- Fringe benefits at 40%.

#### Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College:

- Supported the salary of a counselor.
- Printers for student services team members and furniture for the student success center and studio.
- Conference registration and travel for student success personnel to promote student success strategies and information.
- Other professional development (AACRO and ATD).
- Balance on grant of \$13,649.08 to be used to fund Retention Counselor's wages and to send the Registrar to the Jenzebar JAM conference summer 2023.

#### Sitting Bull College:

- Supported staffing at .30 FTE for the Financial Aid Director

Turtle Mountain Community College:

- Classroom supplies.
- Balance on grant of \$.19 to be applied to salaries in following year.

United Tribes Technical College:

- Forty \$500 scholarships were awarded to non-beneficiary students in 2022.
- Support salaries of Wellness Counselor, Student Health Nurse, and Graphic Designer.
- Dump truck purchased for campus maintenance.
- Graduation activities for fall and spring graduations.
- Indirect costs and fringe.
- Balance on grant of \$295,594.43 to fund construction projects, salaries, graduation expenses and student scholarships.

<b>Table 2 Institutional Expenditures by Expense Category for TCCAG Award</b>								
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Prior Year Unspent Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>2021-22 TCCAG Award Amount</b>	<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>Equip.</b>	<b>Capital Exp.</b>	<b>Other Direct or Indirect Costs</b>	<b>Balance Remaining</b>
<b>CCCC</b>	\$0.00	\$113,059.25	\$80,756.61				\$32,302.64	\$0.00
<b>NHSC</b>	\$65,399.57	\$96,130.59	\$101,429.25			\$27,921.44	\$18,530.39	\$13,649.08
<b>SBC</b>	\$0.00	\$44,135.43	\$44,135.43					\$0.00
<b>TMCC</b>	\$0.04	\$65,296.25	\$39,177.63	\$19,588.87			\$6,529.60	\$0.19
<b>UTTC</b>	\$198,082.79	\$181,378.48	\$14,121.12	\$19,845.72	\$29,900.00		\$20,000.00	\$295,594.43
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$263,482.40</b>	<b>\$500,000.00</b>	<b>\$279,620.04</b>	<b>\$39,434.59</b>	<b>\$29,900.00</b>	<b>\$27,921.44</b>	<b>\$77,362.63</b>	<b>\$309,243.70</b>

**Graduation Rate**

Of the 80 non-beneficiary students accounted for in the 2019-20 cohort, 24 have graduated. This reflects an overall cohort graduation rate of 30% for non-beneficiary students attending ND tribal colleges. The national IPEDS-reported graduation rate for tribal institutions was 19% for all students, both beneficiary and non-beneficiary. The IPEDS rate is based on 150% of normal completion time required to graduate (either 6-yr or 3-yr). The information in Table 3 reflects only the 2019-20 cohort of non-beneficiary students who have graduated within 3 years and is not an official graduation rate. 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.

<b>Table 3</b> <b>Graduation/Transfer/Retention Rates-Non-Beneficiary Students</b> <b>2019-20 Cohort</b>		
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Cohort Size</b>	<b>Non-Beneficiary Students Graduating within 3 years</b>
<b>CCCC</b>	19	42.1% (8)
<b>NHSC</b>	17	23.5% (4)
<b>SBC</b>	7	0.0% (0)
<b>TMCC</b>	17	41.2% (7)
<b>UTTC</b>	20	25% (5)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>30% (24)</b>

#### **Financial Ratio**

The tribal colleges applying for the grant report the ratio of funding received under this program compared to expenditures. IPEDS-reported 2020-21 “core expenditures” are used in calculating the financial ratio in relation to the grant funds received in 2021. 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 2020-21 to core expenditures is reflected in Table 4.

<b>Table 4</b> <b>Financial Ratio</b> <b>TCCAG Award to IPEDS Core Expenses</b>			
<b>Institution</b>	<b>2020-21 TCCAG Award Amount</b>	<b>Core Expenses 2021 IPEDS</b>	<b>Funding Ratio</b>
<b>CCCC</b>	\$121,855.35	\$10,655,899	1.1%
<b>NHSC</b>	\$113,993.71	\$8,896,137	1.3%
<b>SBC</b>	\$31,446.54	\$12,403,618	0.3%
<b>TMCC</b>	\$109,276.73	\$21,218,676	0.5%
<b>UTTC</b>	\$123,427.67	\$34,103,303	0.4%

#### **Audit Reports**

All tribal institutions submitted their 2022 audited financial statements in accordance with N.D.C.C. 15-70-05.