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**2023-24 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 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 2023-24 federal student payment (ISC) amount is a maximum of \$9,182. 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 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 2023-24 application period totaled 98.1. This was an increase of 10.2% from the prior year. The appropriation available for the current award period totals \$700,000.

Based on the ISC federal payment rate of \$9,182 and 98.1 FTE, the 2023-24 total is \$900,754, which is over the available funds of \$700,000. A prorated award amount of \$7,135.58 per FTE has been determined, in accordance with N.D.C.C. 15-70-04. The following details each tribal college’s 2024 payment.

Tribally Controlled Colleges Assistance Grant Award Distribution Formula 2023-24								
TOTAL funds available for award period (50% of the biennial appropriation)	\$700,000.00		Institutional Awards Payment Amount 2021-22					
Award per FTE based on ISC payment of \$9,182, 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 \$700,000	\$7,135.58		CCCC	NHSC	SBC	TMCC	UTTC	Total Award based on FTE 2021-22
Total non-beneficiary FTE (Sum of all non-beneficiary credit hours reported by eligible applicants ÷ 24)	98.1	FTE	35.3	14.4	12.4	15.4	20.6	98.1
Maximum award amt based on actual ISC payment = Total non-beneficiary FTE * \$9,182	\$9,182.00	Institutional Award	\$251,885.83	\$102,752.29	\$88,481.15	\$109,887.87	\$146,992.86	\$700,000.00

The five ND tribal colleges served 135 headcount non-beneficiary, ND resident students from summer 2023 through spring 2024, a slight increase from the prior year. The ND residency and non-beneficiary status of each student was documented in each institution’s application. The students enrolled in a total of 2,352.5 credit hours, a 10% increase from the prior year. Table 1 details the non-beneficiary enrollments by institution.

<b>Table 1 AY 2023-24 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>	47	35.3	847
<b>NHSC</b>	27	14.4	345
<b>SBC</b>	16	12.4	297
<b>TMCC</b>	21	15.4	369.5
<b>UTTC</b>	24	20.6	494
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>2,352.5</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 4.79 FTE positions were funded by the grant. In addition to salaries and benefits, grants were used for a variety of expenses, including operating expenses, equipment, capital expenditures, professional development, instructional supplies, graduation expenses, and capital projects. 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 at 2 FTE employees, including the Registrar, Financial Aid staff, Director of Student Success, Bookstore Manager, and Receptionist.

Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College:

- Supported salary for Student Counselors at 1 FTE.
- Supported travel for student services staff to attend AACRAO and ATD for professional development.
- Equipment for the student services team members and student success center.
- Registration and travel to conferences to promote student success strategies and information.
- The balance on the prior year’s grant of \$39,160.15 will be used for upcoming conferences, professional development and other training.

Sitting Bull College:

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

Turtle Mountain Community College:

- Supported a portion of English Faculty salary, and Student Success Services staff salaries at 1.24 FTE.
- Classroom instructional supplies.
- Balance on grant of \$.19 to be applied to salary/fringe in following year.

United Tribes Technical College:

- Supported salaries of Wellness Counselor, Student Health Nurse, and Graphic Designer at .25 FTE.
- Non-beneficiary student scholarships totaling \$15,500 were awarded in fall 2023 and spring 2024.
- Graduation activities for fall and spring graduations.
- Indirect costs and fringe.
- Capital projects for student housing.
- Balance on grant of \$314,299.30 are 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	2022-23 TCCAG Award Amount	Salaries & Wages	Operating Expenses	Equip.	Capital Exp.	Other Direct or Indirect Costs	Balance Remaining
CCCC	\$0.00	\$121,348.31	\$121,348.31					\$0.00
NHSC	\$13,649.08	\$80,337.08	\$46,636.01		\$1,315.00	\$6,875.00		\$39,160.15
SBC	\$0.00	\$44,382.03	\$44,382.03					\$0.00
TMCC	\$0.19	\$79,775.28	\$47,865.32	\$23,932.60			\$7,977.54	\$0.01
UTTC	\$295,594.43	\$174,157.30	\$11,926.68	\$14,584.75		\$113,441.00	\$15,500.00	\$314,299.30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$309,243.70</b>	<b>\$500,000.00</b>	<b>\$272,158.35</b>	<b>\$38,517.35</b>	<b>\$1,315.00</b>	<b>\$120,316.00</b>	<b>\$23,477.54</b>	<b>\$353,459.46</b>

**Graduation Rate**

Of the 126 non-beneficiary students reviewed from prior award cycles, 47 have graduated, which reflects a 30% overall graduation rate for non-beneficiary students attending ND tribal colleges. The national IPEDS-reported graduation rate for tribal institutions was 22% for all students, both beneficiary and non-beneficiary, as of August 31, 2022. The IPEDS rate is based on 150% of normal completion time required to graduate. The information in Table 3 reflects a graduation rate estimate of the 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.

<b>Table 3 Graduation/Transfer/Retention Rates-Non-Beneficiary Students</b>		
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Cohort Size</b>	<b>Non-Beneficiary Students Graduating within 3 years</b>
<b>CCCC</b>	24	50% (12)
<b>NHSC</b>	27	14.8% (4)
<b>SBC</b>	12	33.3% (4)
<b>TMCC</b>	27	33.3% (9)
<b>UTTC</b>	36	50% (18)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>30% (47)</b>

### **Financial Ratio**

Tribal colleges applying for the grant report the ratio of funding received under this program compared to expenditures. IPEDS-reported 2021-22 “core expenditures” are used in calculating the financial ratio in relation to the grant funds received in 2022. 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 2021-22 to core expenditures is reflected in Table 4.

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Table 4 Financial Ratio TCCAG Award to IPEDS Core Expenses</b>		
	<b>2021-22 TCCAG Award Amount</b>	<b>2022 IPEDS Core Expenses</b>	<b>Funding Ratio</b>
<b>CCCC</b>	\$113,059.25	\$10,437,816	1.08%
<b>NHSC</b>	\$96,130.59	\$10,088,817	0.95%
<b>SBC</b>	\$44,135.43	\$14,034,545	0.31%
<b>TMCC</b>	\$65,296.25	\$24,554,772	0.27%
<b>UTTC</b>	\$181,378.48	\$33,729,607	0.54%

### **Audit Reports**

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