



NDSA-04-2122

A Resolution in Support of Allocating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to NDUS Institution Priorities

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

WHEREAS, "ARPA funding provides a unique opportunity to make strategic investments in long lived assets, rebuild reserves to enhance financial stability, and cover temporary operating shortfalls until economic conditions and operations normalize"; and,

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota was provided ARPA funds to disperse and the North Dakota legislature has convened a special session to allocate these funds to state needs; and,

WHEREAS, the institutions of the NDUS are great assets to the state in generating economic growth, developing future members of the workforce, and creating jobs and opportunities within communities; and,

WHEREAS, this is only possible with proper funding from the state and support of infrastructure and other projects; and,

WHEREAS, the NDSA has historically supported efforts related to infrastructure, capital improvements, programming, and other campus needs; and,

WHEREAS, the state has historically supported and provided the necessary resources for these institutions and projects; and,

WHEREAS, ARPA funds provides an opportunity to fund longstanding project and infrastructure needs in addition to potential new projects that continue to benefit our institutions in the state of North Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, the submissions of individual institutions and the NDUS are currently being considered for allocation; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NDSA encourages the North Dakota legislature to approve the proposed submissions from NDUS and NDUS institutions, particularly in areas of specific and unique infrastructure and specialized projects.

*Passed by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly,
Saturday, October 16th, 2021*

¹ <https://www.gfoa.org/american-rescue-plan-spending-guiding-principles?fbclid=IwAR3KDzhnjhE90fiHr2cRUF9E9Krd0dRYX4Kttyh8eNIMaMPdFrEz1axlw84>