



NDSA-07-2223

## **A Resolution in Support of the 2023 North Dakota Challenge Grant**

**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**, during North Dakota's 67<sup>th</sup> legislative session, the legislative assembly approved 11 million dollars for the North Dakota Challenge Grant for the 21-23 Biennium; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ND Challenge Grant is a matching grant program which has provided scholarship money, investments in research, technology, and education infrastructure; and,

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Higher Education Interim Committee has submitted bill draft 23.0156.01000 to the 68<sup>th</sup> legislative session, proposing the expansion of the ND Challenge Grant to 24 million dollars for the 23-25 Biennium from its current 11 million allocation; and, <sup>[1]</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the proposed bill would increase maximum matching monetary allocations for UND and NDSU to 4 million; Minot State, BSC, and NDSCS to 2 million; Mayville, VCSU, and DSU to 1.5 million, and DCB, LRSC, WSC to 1 million dollars; so,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The NDSA supports 23.0156.01000, funding the Challenge Fund Grants at \$24,000,000; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the NDSA supports subsequent proposals to increase the amounts currently allocated to the Challenge Grant and opposes any proposals to decrease these amounts or any amendments that attach partisan issues to the ND Challenge Grant.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

[1] Interim Committee Bill Draft - LC Number 23.0156.01000 (ndlegis.gov)