



DEPARTMENT OF TRUST LANDS PERMANENT TRUSTS

COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND (CSTF)

On February 22, 1889, Congress passed "An act to provide for the division of Dakota Territory into two states, and to enable the people of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Washington to create their own constitutions and state governments." This Act is commonly known as the Enabling Act. Section 10 of this act granted sections 16 and 36 of every township of the new states to be used "for the support of the common schools." In cases where portions of section 16 and 36 had been sold prior to statehood, indemnity or "in-lieu" selections were allowed. In North Dakota, this grant totaled more than 2.5 million acres.

Under sections 12, 14, 16, and 17 of the Enabling Act, Congress provided further land grants to the state of North Dakota for the support of colleges, universities, the state capitol, and other public institutions. These additional grants totaled approximately 668,000 acres, bringing the grant total of Enabling Act grants to nearly 3.2 million acres.

Article X of the North Dakota Constitution entrusted the management of these lands to the "Board of University and School Lands" (the Land Board). Members of this board, as provided by the state constitution are the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and State Treasurer. The Commissioner of University and School Lands is appointed to act on behalf of the Board.

Revenue sources contributing to the principal balance of this fund include but are not limited to cash rents from leases of individuals using the surface for grazing and other agricultural purposes, rights of way, leasing of mineral rights, royalties, and bonus payments from the production of minerals, and 10% of the Oil Extraction Taxes collected by the state.

Trust distributions are based on the average value of the trust's financial assets, thus allocations to beneficiaries have increased over the years. Because of the growth of the balances, the amounts disbursed increased to \$206.1 million during the 2015-2017 biennium, \$288.3 million for the 2017-2019 biennium, \$366.7 million for the 2019-2021 biennium, and \$421.0 million for the 2021-2023 biennium.

- BENEFICIARIES: **K-12 EDUCATION IN NORTH DAKOTA**
- SURFACE ACRES: **631,630**
- MINERAL ACRES: **1,524,889**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$6,037,596,921**
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **\$499,860,000**

\$1.8 BILLION IN K-12 DISTRIBUTIONS OVER LAST 10 YEARS HAVE DIRECTLY OFFSET THE LEVEL OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRED OF THE GENERAL FUND AND PROPERTY TAXES

A bronze statue of a bison, facing right, stands on a light-colored stone pedestal. The pedestal has the words "NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY" engraved on it in a sans-serif font. The background shows a grassy area, trees with yellowing leaves, and a building in the distance.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

North Dakota State University (NDSU, formally North Dakota State University of Agriculture and Applied Sciences) is a public land-grant research university in Fargo, North Dakota. It was founded as North Dakota Agricultural College in 1890 as the state's land-grant university.

- BENEFICIARIES: **NDSU**
- ORIGINAL LAND GRANT ACRES: **130,000**
- SURFACE ACRES: **15,120**
- MINERAL ACRES: **65,608**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$90,091,333**
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **\$7,648,000**

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

The University of North Dakota (UND) is a public research university in Grand Forks, North Dakota. It was established by the Dakota Territorial Assembly in 1883, six years before the establishment of the state of North Dakota.

- BENEFICIARIES: **UND**
- ORIGINAL LAND GRANT ACRES: **86,080**
- SURFACE ACRES: **8,898**
- MINERAL ACRES: **42,085**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$43,957,947**
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **\$5,986,000**





NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES

In 1889 the Legislature declared the State School of Mines be in the city of Grand Forks with the University of North Dakota. The School of Mines took note of the value of the multitude of North Dakota clay deposits utilizing the suitable clay for earthenware pottery, bricks, and drain tile.

- BENEFICIARIES: **UND**
- SURFACE ACRES: **3,330**
- MINERAL ACRES: **20,551**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$27,406,381**
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **INCLUDED WITHIN UND DISTRIBUTION**

MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Since its establishment through the state constitution in 1889, Mayville State University is one of North Dakota's original colleges. Teachers Colleges (then called "Normal Schools") had grown rapidly since their introduction into the field of American higher education soon after the Civil War. The Legislature of the Dakota Territory had moved toward the establishment of colleges for teacher education three times, but none of these efforts bore fruit for the people of the area, which later became North Dakota.

The North Dakota Constitutional Convention of 1889 located sites for the nine original state institutions and funded them by a land grant, leaving organization to the First Legislative Assembly.

- BENEFICIARIES: **MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY**
- SURFACE ACRES: **2,560**
- MINERAL ACRES: **15,972**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$11,674,030**
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **\$894,000**



VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

The Valley City State Normal School opened on October 13, 1890 and with no legislative appropriation to support the school, it was initially housed in a room at the City High School.

In 1921, the "school" became a "college" – the first teachers college in North Dakota. This led to the school's name being changed to the State Teachers College in Valley City. The State Board of Higher Education changed "Valley City State College" to "State University of North Dakota – Valley City," but shortly thereafter, the 1987 legislature renamed the university to "Valley City State University (VCSU)."

- BENEFICIARIES: **VCSU**
- SURFACE ACRES: **4,906**
- MINERAL ACRES: **19,821**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$15,750,888**
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **\$1,354,000**



A photograph of the North Dakota State College of Science building, a large red brick structure with a prominent clock tower. The clock tower has a dark roof and two large white 'S' logos on its sides. The building is surrounded by green trees and a clear blue sky. The text 'NORTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a large, bold, black font.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

In 1903 the North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS) in Wahpeton was provided for in the North Dakota Constitution and began its operation under the name State Scientific School, making it one of the oldest public two-year colleges in the United States.

- BENEFICIARIES: **NDSCS**
- SURFACE ACRES: **3,713**
- MINERAL ACRES: **18,657**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$21,739,635**
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **\$2,259,700**

VISION SERVICES SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Created by the Constitution in 1889 (Article IX, Section 13) and established by the Legislative Assembly in 1895 (S. L. 1895, Ch. 24), the North Dakota School for the Blind opened in 1908 in Bathgate (Pembina County) North Dakota. A residential educational institution, the School for the Blind served the visually impaired and multiple handicapped-visually impaired children between the ages of three and twenty-two. Known originally as the North Dakota Blind Asylum

A 1952 constitutional amendment authorized the Board of Administration to select a new site for the School and a site adjacent to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks was selected. An initiated measure in 1959 (S. L. 1959, Ch. 428) provided funds for the new school which opened in September of 1961. The old facility in Bathgate was leased to Pembina County for local use.

- BENEFICIARIES: **VISION SERVICES SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND**
- SURFACE ACRES: **3,482**
- MINERAL ACRES: **152,399**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$15,455,754**
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **\$1,679,700**





SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

The North Dakota School for the Deaf is a state-funded residential school located in Devils Lake, North Dakota that provides services to meet the educational needs of children who are deaf and hard of hearing. NDSD is under the direction, control, and management of the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. The school first opened in 1890.

- BENEFICIARIES: **SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**
- SURFACE ACRES: **4,830**
- MINERAL ACRES: **20,661**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$23,598,927**
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **\$2,198,000**

ELLENDALE TRUST

The North Dakota State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale (1899-1971) was a state-supported institution that offered secondary and later postsecondary courses in academic and vocational skills. Initially designated the state manual training school by North Dakota's 1889 constitution.

In 1907, ND education officials changed its name to the Normal and Industrial School, which acknowledged the state's greatest need: providing teachers for its rapidly growing population.

The school operated for over 70 years but was closed in 1971. In 1972, the citizens of North Dakota approved a constitutional amendment that removed the reference to the Ellendale Trust. In the 1973 Legislative Assembly, HB 1052 was passed to reallocate the Ellendale Trust funds equally to the beneficiaries listed below.

- EQUAL BENEFICIARIES: **DICKINSON STATE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY, VETERANS HOME, DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU, STATE HOSPITAL, ND STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE - WAHPETON**
- SURFACE ACRES: **4,919**
- MINERAL ACRES: **21,028**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$28,866,392**
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **\$343,700 PER BENEFICIARY**

Dakota Hall, State Normal Industrial School,
Ellendale, No. Dak.





STATE TRAINING SCHOOL, MANDAN, N. D.—2

ND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL TRUST - YOUTH CORRECTIONAL CENTER

The Youth Correctional Center (YCC), south of Mandan, approved by the ND Legislature in 1901 and the facility was first opened to students on May 13, 1903.

Since then, this facility has served as the State's center of juvenile justice administration and operation under such names as the North Dakota State Reform School in 1903, North Dakota State Training School in 1920, the North Dakota Industrial School in 1961 and the North Dakota Youth Correctional Center in 1995.

- BENEFICIARIES: **YCC**
- SURFACE ACRES: **3,584**
- MINERAL ACRES: **21,903**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$31,708,769**
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **\$2,662,000**

VETERANS HOME

By an act of Congress, in 1887, certain lands were set aside in various states and territories for the establishment and maintenance of homes for Union veteran soldiers. In North Dakota the state Veterans Home was established in 1891 and has been in operation since 1893 in Lisbon.

- BENEFICIARIES: **VETERANS HOME**
- SURFACE ACRES: **2,754**
- MINERAL ACRES: **13,255**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$5,734,705**
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **\$893,700**



A large, multi-story brick building with a red roof and a central arched entrance, surrounded by trees and a snowy ground.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE HOSPITAL

In 1883 the State Hospital was authorized by the Dakota Territory Legislative Assembly to be located in Jamestown. On May 1, 1885, the State Hospital at Jamestown opened. At the time of statehood in 1889 North Dakota took control of the Hospital along with a land grant provided by Congress. Support for the institution came from the land grant income and legislative appropriations.

- BENEFICIARIES: **STATE HOSPITAL**
- SURFACE ACRES: **2,206**
- MINERAL ACRES: **9,865**
- TRUST VALUE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023:
\$15,479,164
- TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULED IN 2023-2025: **\$1,835,700**



DEPARTMENT OF TRUST LANDS FUNDS



CAPITOL BUILDING FUND

The Capitol Building Fund was established in N.D.C.C. § 48-10-02 pursuant to Article IX of the North Dakota Constitution. Section 12 of the Enabling Act of 1889 authorized the land grant “for the purpose of erecting public buildings at the capital”. The Statute defines the fund, outlines its purposes, and assigns management of the land and the fund’s investment to the Board of University and School Lands. This fund is not permanent in that the balance of the fund is fully expendable and is subject to legislative appropriation each biennium.

- SURFACE ACRES: **10,034**
- MINERAL ACRES: **27,978**
- FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023:
\$7,029,289



An aerial photograph of a large industrial facility, likely a coal processing plant or power station. The facility features several tall, grey smokestacks, large blue industrial buildings, and a complex network of white conveyor belts that transport material across the site. There are also large, dark, irregularly shaped ponds or reservoirs. The surrounding landscape is flat and green, with some distant hills under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

COAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND

The Coal Development Trust Fund is a permanent trust established in North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) § 57-62-02 pursuant to Section 21 of Article X of the North Dakota Constitution. The Fund receives 15 percent of the Coal Severance Tax. This fund is held in trust and administered by the Board of University and School Lands for loans to coal-impacted counties, cities and school districts as provided by NDCC §57-62-03, and for loans to school districts pursuant to NDCC 15.1-36. Any balance not loaned is invested according to the policies of the Board of University and School Lands. The income earned by this trust is subject to legislative appropriation each biennium.

FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023:
\$71,527,113

BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA, SOVEREIGN LANDS, STATE TREASURER TRUSTS

Section 15-08.1-08, created by the 2011 Legislative Assembly in House Bill 1451, and established the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund (SIIF). The SIIF holds the revenue from assets and collections earned from 758,000 sovereign mineral acres, including those formerly owned by the Bank of North Dakota (BND) and State Treasurer and minerals located under navigable rivers and lakes.

The SIIF receives a substantial portion of the Oil and Gas Production and Extraction Tax collections. The SIIF is intended to provide funding for one-time expenditures relating to improving state infrastructure or for initiatives to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state government.

The Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund is invested by the Department of Trust Lands at the direction of the Board of University and School Lands.

- BENEFICIARY: **SIIF**
- BND MINERAL ACRES: **665,333**
- SOVEREIGN LANDS MINERAL ACRES: **81,565**
- STATE TREASURER MINERAL ACRES: **1,082**
- DICKINSON EXPERIMENT STATION MINERAL ACRES: **545**
- FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$1,269,821,059**





INDIAN CULTURAL EDUCATION TRUST FUND

The Indian Cultural Education Trust was created in 2003 for the purpose of generating income to benefit Indian culture NDCC 15-68. The trust is managed for the benefit of the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation Cultural Education Foundation. Available distributions from this trust are determined in the same manner as for the Common Schools Trust Fund.

- BENEFICIARIES: **Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation**
- SURFACE ACRES: **160**
- MINERAL ACRES: **80**
- FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$1,343,549**
- FY 2022 DISTRIBUTION (CALCULATED ANNUALLY AFTER FY AUDIT): **\$46,052**

THEODORE ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM ENDOWMENT FUND

In 2019, [Senate Bill No. 2001](#), created a new section in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-07 to establish the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum endowment fund. These grant funds are to be spent only for operating and maintenance costs of the presidential library.

EXCERPT FROM [SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4005](#):

WHEREAS, Theodore Roosevelt was an American statesman, conservationist, historian, and writer, who served as the 26th President of the United States; and WHEREAS, before becoming President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt ranched and hunted in the 1880s near Medora, North Dakota and is credited with saying, "I never would have been President if it had not been for my experiences in North Dakota"; and WHEREAS, after becoming President, Theodore Roosevelt used his authority to protect wildlife and public lands by creating the United States Forest Service and establishing 150 national forests, 51 federal bird reserves, 4 national game preserves, 5 national parks, and 18 national monuments by enabling the 1906 American Antiquities Act...

- FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023: **\$52,661,902**
- DECEMBER 31, 2022 DISTRIBUTION: **\$1,409,458**



PERMANENT TRUSTS & FUNDS SUMMARY

(AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023)

TRUSTS VALUE

- COMMON SCHOOLS – **\$6,037,596,921**
- NDSU – **\$90,091,333**
- UND – **\$43,957,947**
- SCHOOL OF MINES – **\$27,406,381**
- MAYVILLE STATE – **\$11,674,030**
- VCSU – **\$15,750,888**
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- SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – **\$15,455,754**
- SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – **\$23,598,927**
- ELLENDALE – **\$28,886,392**
- INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL (YCC) – **\$31,733,486**
- VETERANS HOME – **\$5,734,705**
- STATE HOSPITAL - **\$15,479,164**

FUNDS VALUE

- CAPITOL BUILDING – **\$7,029,289**
- COAL DEVELOPMENT - **\$71,527,113**
- SIIF - **\$1,269,821,059**
- INDIAN CULTURAL EDUCATION – **\$1,343,549**
- TR PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY - **\$52,661,902**

PERMANENT TRUSTS SUMMARY

(DISTRIBUTIONS FOR 2023-2025)

TRUSTS

- COMMON SCHOOLS – **\$499,860,000**
- NDSU – **\$7,648,000**
- UND – **\$5,986,000**
- SCHOOL OF MINES – **INCLUDED IN UND DISTRIBUTION**
- MAYVILLE STATE – **\$894,000**
- VCSU – **\$1,354,000**
- NDSCS – **\$ 2,259,700**
- SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – **\$1,679,700**
- SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – **\$2,198,000**
- ELLENDALE – **\$343,700 PER BENEFICIARY**
- INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL (YCC) – **\$2,662,000**
- VETERANS HOME – **\$893,700**
- STATE HOSPITAL - **\$1,835,700**

\$528,301,900 FOR BENEFICIARIES IN THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM

PERMANENT TRUSTS SUMMARY

(DISTRIBUTIONS FOR 2005-2025)

BENEFICIARIES

- COMMON SCHOOLS – **\$2,240,874,000**
- NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY - **\$36,258,000**
- UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA – **\$29,122,000**
- YOUTH CORRECTIONAL CENTER – **\$12,502,000**
- SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – **\$11,372,000**
- ND STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE - **\$11,154,643**
- STATE HOSPITAL - **\$8,990,643**
- SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – **\$11,462,000**
- VETERANS HOME - **\$5,134,643**
- VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY - **\$6,624,000**
- NORTH DAKOTA VISION SERVICES SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - **\$5,882,414**
- MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY– **\$4,344,000**
- DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU - **\$1,334,643**
- DICKINSON STATE UNIVERSITY - **\$1,334,643**
- MINOT STATE UNIVERISTY - **\$1,334,643**

NEARLY \$2.4 BILLION IN DISTRIBUTIONS SINCE JULY 2005!