

The Legislature provided \$350,000 during the 2023 biennium to support tribal colleges in an effort to provide specific classes and training to individuals to prepare for and complete the high school equivalency test (HiSET). Each tribal college was awarded \$25,000 for each fiscal year of the 2023 biennium.

Aaniih Nakoda College

Goals & proposed use of funds:

- Prepare students to pass the HiSET exam
- Provide free HiSET preparation with individual tutoring and/or online resources
- Increase student responsibility for their own learning
- Help create a clear college/career pathway
- Maintain an instructor and staffing to assist students
- Provide instructional materials & pay for testing fees
- Continue to conduct community outreach
- Utilize AZTEC software as an online platform to reduce barriers

Blackfeet Community College

Goals & proposed use of funds:

- Provide a preparation course for the HiSET exam
- Provide the HiSET exam upon completion of the preparation course
- Provide access to higher education upon successful completion of the HiSET
- Maintain an instructor and staffing to assist students
- Provide practice exams, study books, supplies, and testing fee vouchers
- Continue to conduct community outreach
- Offer a tuition waiver after successful completion for 1st year of college at BCC

Chief Dull Knife College

Goals & proposed use of funds:

- Increase the number of students utilizing the HiSET opportunities
- Maintain an instructor and staffing to assist students
- Provide instructional materials & pay for testing fees
- Assist with transportation costs
- Continue to conduct community outreach
- Increase the number of Essential Ed licenses for online access

Fort Peck Community College

Goals & proposed use of funds:

- Continue offering a comprehensive Adult Basic Education HiSET program to the 2 communities on the Fort Peck Reservation
- Expand current HiSET preparation services
- Provide free HiSET testing and preparation
- Help create a clear college/career pathway
- Maintain an instructor and staffing to assist students
- Provide instructional materials & pay for testing fees
- Continue to conduct community outreach

Little Big Horn College

Goals & proposed use of funds:

- Recruit students who need to obtain their HiSET to enter the workforce or higher education
- Increase first-time freshman enrollment with the number of HiSET certificates awarded
- Continue to prepare for growth accessibility by updating technological capabilities
- Maintain an instructor and staffing to assist students
- Provide instructional materials & pay for testing fees
- Assist with transportation costs
- Continue to conduct community outreach

Salish Kootenai College

Goals & proposed use of funds:

- Increase test preparation participation through the development and implementation of a recruitment program
- Foster successful completion of the HiSET upon the first testing attempt by conducting two-week, intensive HiSET boot camp trainings throughout the year
- Provide online test preparation and curriculum in coordination with face-to-face services
- Improve student engagement in test preparation services and test completion
- Maintain an instructor and staffing to assist students
- Provide instructional materials & pay for testing fees
- Continue to conduct community outreach
- The SKC HiSET Program will aim to attain a 40% rate of students participating in HiSET preparatory programming who will attempt the entire test battery

Stone Child College

Goals & proposed use of funds:

- Provide a HiSet test site on the Rocky Boy's Reservation
- Offer evening preparatory courses to see if this increases the number of students that participate
- Maintain an instructor and staffing to assist students
- Provide instructional materials & pay for testing fees
- Assist with transportation & childcare costs
- Provide incentives for successful completion
- Working on becoming an official approved testing site