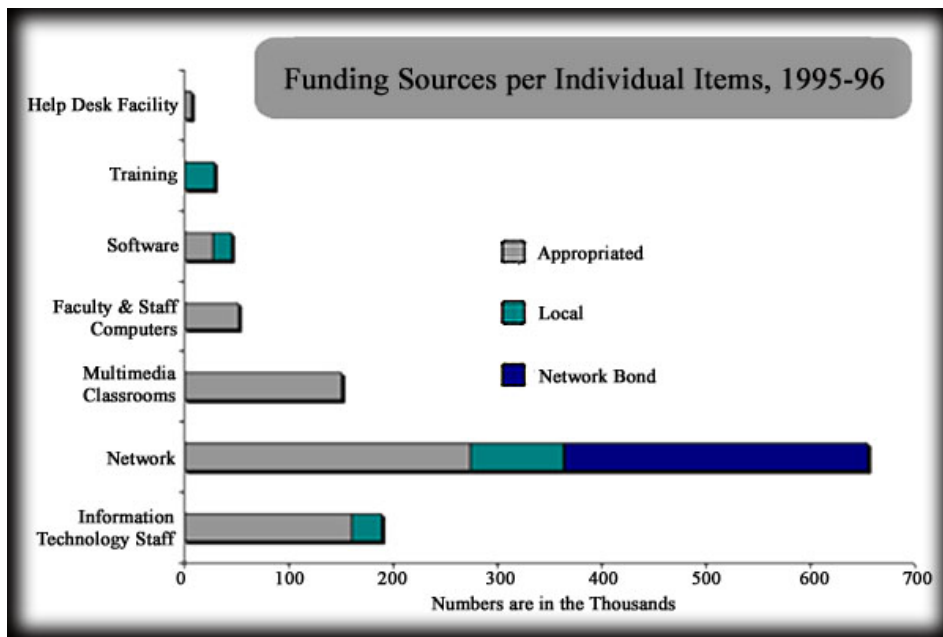
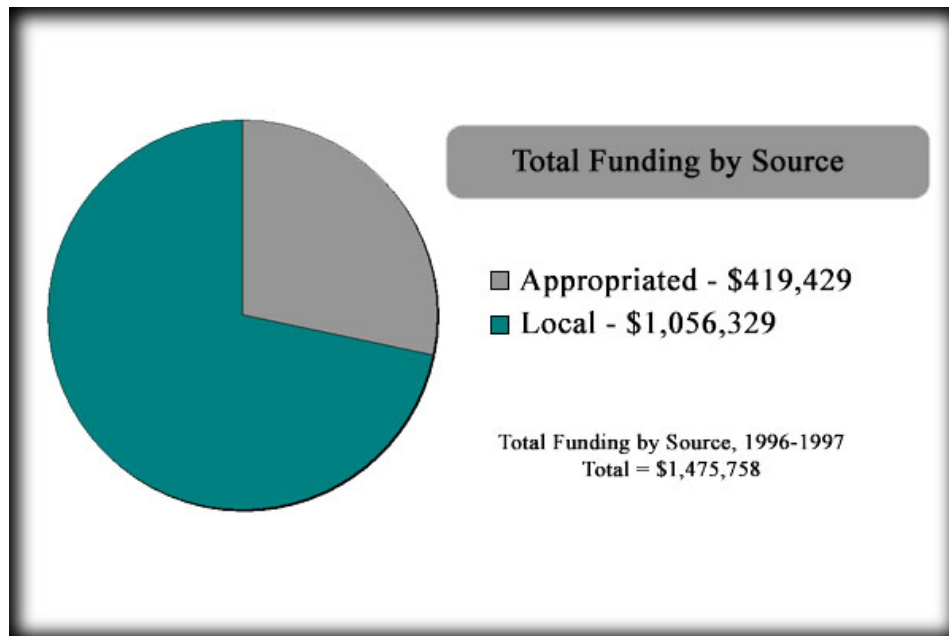


Preparation of Human and Physical Resources (1995-96)



The year prior to students receiving computers involved major commitments of both funds and human effort towards the local area network, multimedia classrooms, and faculty training. These commitments transformed ordinary computers into powerful learning tools. \$656,590 or 58% of the total IT (information technology) budget was expended on the local area network. Notebook computers for faculty were purchased mid-way through the fiscal year in order to facilitate training. Additional staff were hired throughout the year resulting in an increase in staff expenditures in 1996-97



In a timely action, the State Legislature approved a one-time, ten year, bond issue that funded IT infrastructure for institutions in the North Dakota University System. VCSU's share of the bond was \$292,290.

These figures do not reflect funding from a Title III grant which provides an average of \$131,470 per year, from 1995-2000, for additional IT staff, faculty stipends, equipment and supplies. When added to the funding sources chart, 53.1% of the IT budget came from State appropriations in 1995-96.