

HIGHER ED MATTERS

Utah System of Higher Education, December 2012

Higher Education Budget for 2013-14

Investing in Participation, Completion & Innovation

Utah's System of Higher Education is committed to helping the state achieve its goal that 66% of adults hold a degree or certificate by 2020. Our budget priorities reflect this commitment and the request is designed to support the missions of Utah's public colleges and universities in meeting the educational and economic needs of the state.

USHE Top 3 Budget Priorities

#1: Compensation

Same % Increase as State Employees

The Regents are requesting that higher education employees receive the same state funded compensation increase offered to all other state and public education employees, including any medical insurance and retirement rate increases. USHE competes in the national market for personnel and must be sensitive to market salaries to ensure that our institutions can recruit and retain well-qualified faculty and staff members. The state portion (75%) of a 1% salary and benefits increase is \$6,934,000 and is \$904,000 for a 1% health and dental premium increase.

#2: Mission-Based Performance Funding

\$16,000,000

In 2011, the Utah Legislature passed Senate Bill 97, Higher Education Mission-Based Funding. The bill directed USHE to include Mission-Based Funding in its consolidated budget request. The bill also requires that USHE address enrollment growth, strategic priorities (Distinctive Mission) and funding equity.

Distinctive Mission: \$8,000,000

To support the Regents' strategic plan to increase participation and completion, USHE campuses have proposed distinctive mission initiatives for the next year. Each institution has outlined the rationale,

outcome, assessment criteria, and budget implementation in its plan.

Equity: \$8,000,000
SB97 also requires USHE to "recommend ways to address funding any inequities for institutions as compared to institutions with similar missions." Based on a recent study, funding targets were set for each institution. The requested amount is a step toward addressing inequities which accumulated over the years.

#3: 66% Goal

\$20,000,000

The Regents budget request is specifically targeted to increasing completions toward achieving the state's 66% Goal. The funds will be prioritized for:

- Increased program capacity in STEM (science, technology, engineering & math) and health professions (\$15M)
- Increased student completion through targeted incentive participation and progress scholarships in STEM and health programs (\$5M)

USHE institutions will also invest \$20 million toward these two priorities through reprioritization, new innovation, efficiencies, tuition and private investment, resulting in a total investment of \$40 million in FY 13-14 to help reach the 66% goal by 2020.

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USHE Budget Priorities for 2013-14

Operational Imperatives \$10,446,000

O&M for Non-State Funded Projects: \$4,396,000
For state-funded buildings, Operations and Maintenance (O&M) costs are budgeted when the building is approved. For non-state funded buildings, funding is not budgeted until the project is complete. Only projects previously approved by the Legislature as eligible for O&M funding are included in the request.

Univ of Utah Utility Infrastructure: \$3,900,000
The University buys power from Rocky Mountain Power at a substantially discounted rate due to state ownership of substations and distribution systems. The University will add a 30% surcharge to its power bills to bring the cost to the level paid by other commercial and institutional power users.

Higher Education Technology Initiative: \$2,150,000
The purpose of HETI is to obtain larger discounts for software purchases at the system level, by utilizing a consortium of higher ed institutions when entering into software contracts.

USHE Programs \$2,950,000

Success Stipends: \$2,000,000
These stipends provide need-based financial aid. A \$2 million increase would assist approximately 2,350 additional students with work-study or small grants, allowing them to complete college.

Regents Scholarship: \$500,000
The Regents Scholarship encourages Utah high school students to prepare for college academically and financially through a core course of study and college savings.

Tech Intensive Concurrent Enrollment: \$150,000
This funding will support TICE course maintenance, upgrades and teacher professional development in consultation with the disciplinary faculty attending the annual majors meetings.

Utah Academic Library Consortium: \$300,000
As Utah's institutions add new majors and programs, library resources must expand. UALC continually shapes its electronic collections to meet the needs of students and faculty. This funding would be used to purchase Academic Search Complete, a database that provides access to more than 7,900 full text journals in a wide range of subject areas.

State Initiatives \$14,000,000

University of Utah School of Medicine: \$10,000,000
new medical school openings

Dixie State College: \$4,000,000
university implementation & innovation

One-Time Requests \$1,750,000

Higher Education Tech Initiative \$750,000
Utah Academic Library Consortium \$300,000
Tech Intensive Concurrent Enrollment \$600,000
Utah Women & Education Initiative \$100,000

Supplemental Increases \$2,873,600

O&M for Non-State Funded Projects:
University of Utah (4 buildings) \$1,003,800
Utah State University (4 buildings) \$1,670,500
Weber State University (1 building) \$199,300

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