



MISSION-BASED FUNDING

HIGHER EDUCATION
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

During the 2011 General Session, the Legislature approved S.B. 97, Higher Education Mission Based Funding (*Urquhart*) which requires the annual budget request from the Board of Regents to consider each institution’s mission. Mission Based funding is to include enrollment growth and up to three strategic priorities. The bill also requires the Board to include ways to address funding inequities among institutions.

During the 2012 General Session, the Legislature approved a total of \$8 million for these two objectives - \$4 million for Mission-Based Funding and \$4 million for Equity. During the 2013 General Session, the Legislature appropriated an additional \$18 million, again split evenly between Mission-Based Funding and Equity.

In the 2014 General Session, the Legislature approved a total of \$57 million, but the split between Mission Based Funding and equity was not even. The Mission Based Funding portion was \$7 million; the equity portion was \$50 million.

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of Mission-Based Funding is to emphasize each institution’s mission and purpose and capitalize on their strengths. Each institution has a specific mission that fits within the system. Focusing on those missions should help them concentrate their efforts in those areas. The Equity portion is to correct inequities that have evolved over time and have resulted in discrepancies in funding levels between institutions.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The FY 2015 Mission Based Funding appropriation of \$7 million was allocated for the following initiatives:

University of Utah	\$2,120,900
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Education Infrastructure - \$950,000 • Student Success and Completion (Advisors and TAs) - \$770,900 • Student Success and Empowerment - \$300,000 • Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program - \$100,000 	
Utah State University	\$1,445,800
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Recruitment, Retention, and Completion - \$67,600 • Academic Advisors - \$250,000 • STEM Education - \$175,000 • Faculty and Instructional Capacity - \$753,200 • Summer Semester Enrollment - \$200,000 	

Weber State University	\$726,300
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capacity Building - \$726,300	
Southern Utah University	\$321,900
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experiential Learning Initiative - \$215,000• Smart Growth Initiative - \$106,900	
Utah Valley University	\$856,400
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simplify/Improve Efficiency of Admissions and Registration - \$100,100• Prepare to Succeed in STEM - \$140,200• Student Success Programs and Services - \$149,500• Finish Line Initiative Plot - \$165,200• Cyber Security and Information Management Programs - \$175,400• Innovate-to-Accelerate Initiative - \$126,000	
Snow College	\$189,100
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design and Implement new Integrative Model for General Education - \$94,500• Continue Making Snow College an Affordable Choice - \$49,000• Increases for Market Based Salary for Retention of Critical Faculty and Staff - \$45,600	
Dixie State University	\$278,900
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase Academic Capacity - \$278,900	
Salt Lake Community College	\$818,200
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Advising Pathway - \$818,200	
State Board of Regents/Commissioner	\$242,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional and Technical Services - \$100,400• Presidential Searches - \$25,000• Institutional Research - \$117,100	

For FY 2016, the State Board of Regents' budget request includes \$30 million - \$15 million each for Student Participation and Distinctive Mission. The purposes for this funding are to build capacity and quality to achieve the 66 percent goal and the address issues that are institution-specific as they relate to completion, economic development, and technology efforts.