

MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY: 2023-25 Budget Priorities

ND Senate Appropriations – Education & Environment division – March 23, 2023



2021-2023 General Fund Base Budget	\$	41,206,630	
Base Budget Request			
- Funding Formula increase	\$	1,342,514	
- Salary continuation adjustment	\$	196,850	
- Salary Increase	\$	2,944,280	
- Health Insurance Increase	\$	1,536,519	
- Behavioral Health Initiative	\$	170,000	
Total Base General Fund Request	\$	6,190,163	Per HB 1003
2023-2025 General Fund Base Budget	<u>\$</u>	<u>47,396,793</u>	
One-Time Capital Funding			
Dakota Hall Demolition	\$	765,000	(SIIF) Per HB 1003
Academic Buildings Renovations	\$	7,600,000	(SIIF) Per HB 1003
Hartnett Hall Renovation Inflation Adjustment	\$	4,000,000	(ARPA)

- An appropriation of **\$765,000 to fund the Dakota Hall demolition**. This 92-year old residence hall is well beyond its useful life; the space is not needed and has become an annual cost liability at MSU.
- **\$7.6 million** (with an additional 5% match for a total of \$8M) for **Academic Hall upgrades**. Funding for renovating/updating workforce-related academic spaces on campus including Cyber and Computer Science labs/classrooms in Model Hall; Nursing simulation and class spaces in Memorial Hall; Science class/lab areas in Cyril Moore Hall and the MSU Greenhouse; other classroom upgrades; in total, nearly 40,000 sq. feet in key workforce-related areas at MSU could be upgraded.
- An **inflation adjustment for the Hartnett Hall Renovation project** from additional ARPA funds. From the time the original project was estimated 2.5 years ago to current costs, we have had to reduce the project by **\$4 million**. MSU would be grateful if those additional monies could be appropriated to realize the full vision of the Hartnett Hall renovation.
- **Special funds authority of \$3.1 million** for a **Student Center 2nd Floor renovation** (paid entirely with Student Fees – already approved by the MSU Student Government and Student Body)
- **6% salary increases for 1st year of biennium**; attracting and retaining employees, especially in lower-wage positions and some specialties, is difficult; funding would help maintain/attract employees.
- The **targeted market equity compensation pool in SB 2015**. Wages for some positions are below market wages. Targeted funds will help retain/recruit for some positions MSU struggles to fill.
- **Inflation adjustment for non-compensation operating funds**. Costs for fixed expenses such as utilities and insurance continue to increase. Additional funding would help stabilize budgets in the absence of tuition increases that would otherwise help cover those increases.
- The **Challenge Grant**; HB1003 has **\$3 million for MSU**. We have actively used these Challenge dollars in past biennia as leverage with donors that has been vital in helping MSU near completion of a \$50 million capital campaign (primarily focused on scholarships and academics).
- Funding Formula 98% **minimum amount payable**.
- **Workforce innovation grants – HB1003 currently has \$10 million**; very helpful in establishing new workforce-related degree programs, especially given the lag with the funding formula payment.
- **\$170,000 behavioral health** for a new FTE to serve students with mental health issues.
- **Re-energize ND Scholarship: \$5.1 million in SB2197** for maintaining employees in the oil/gas industry.