



TO: MSU Campus 
FROM: Terry Leist, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance
and Chair, Budget Council
DATE: March 20, 2012
RE: Funding of Strategic Investment Proposals

President Cruzado has received and reviewed the Budget Council's recommendations for strategic investment proposals. In line with the Budget Council's recommendations, she has approved one-time and/or recurring funding for a number of strategic investments. The approved list to receive initial funding can be found on the Budget Council website, <http://www.montana.edu/budgetcouncil/>. Congratulations to those of you involved with these proposals. As a reminder, if additional funds become available during the next year, President Cruzado may authorize more proposals.

As a next step, those who submitted a proposal (approved for funding) should work with the Budget Office, along with their Department Head, Dean or Director, and Provost or Vice President / Executive to finalize the details of the funding needs for each proposal. These details should include the specific uses, amounts and timing of funds. Assessment plans for the outcomes of these investments must be created for years 1-3 and be received by the Budget Office before funds are allocated. All funds will be transferred to a general fund index (state account).

I would like to thank everyone who submitted a strategic investment proposal, as well as the Budget Council members who dedicated their time to this process and campus and community members who participated in the public hearings. The process was very educational and inspiring, and reflects the commitment everyone has to MSU.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Attebury, Budget Director, at attebury@montana.edu or 994-4391.

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Strategic Investments approved for one-time and/or recurring funding

| Proposal # | Strategic Focus | Proposal Name |
|-------------------|------------------------|---|
| 66 | stewardship | MSU Student Mental Health Support |
| 9 | learning | Bioengineering Program |
| 4 | learning | Sustainable Food & Bioenergy Systems: An Interdisciplinary Degree Program |
| 47 | stewardship | Content Management System |
| 11 | learning | Doctor of Nursing Practice |
| 17 | learning | Retention Enhancement via Supplemental Chemistry Instruction (RESCI) |
| 5 | learning | Music Technology Program |
| 6 | learning | Sustainable Funding Plan for the MFA Science & Natural History Filmmaking |
| 23 | discovery | Stable Base Funding for the Undergraduate Scholars Program |
| 14 | learning | Writing Center Director & Development |
| 52 | stewardship | NCAA Compliance Assistants |
| 3 | learning | Economic Student Retention Investment |
| 2 | engagement | Streamline Transit |
| 65 | stewardship | Applicant Tracking System |
| 1 | engagement | Taylor Planetarium Upgrade |
| 63 | stewardship | Romney Adaptive Reuse |