

Biennial Budget

HB 2 - General Appropriation Act

- **MUS HB2 Budget:** Includes Present Law Adjustments, New Proposals, OTO Funding, and authority increases for all programs within the MUS Budget (all funds).

Biennial Increase

2025 Biennial Budget = \$666,712,809

2027 Biennial Budget = \$745,462,556

Total Biennial \$\$ Inc = \$78,749,423

Total Biennial % Inc = 11.8%

Increase Over Base Year

FY25 = \$348,282,210 FY25 = \$348,282,210

FY26 = \$372,504,054 **FY27** = \$372,958,502

\$ Inc = \$24,221,844 \$ Inc = \$24,676,292

% Inc = 7.0% % Inc = 7.1%

[Link to HB 2 Funding Table by Program](#)

- **Shared Policy Goals:** The MUS entered into a [Shared Policy Goals](#) agreement with the Joint Education Appropriations Sub-Committee

HB 13 - State Employee Pay Plan

- MUS Pay Plan Funding (including Ed. Units, CC's, Agencies, & OCHE) = \$32M
- Based on 2.5% or \$1.00/hour whichever is higher, increases applied in July of each year
- Employer state share increases for health insurance...\$26 per employee / per month

New Proposals & One-Time-Only Funding (OTO)

\$13.9 million (HB 2) + \$5 million (HB 10)

12FREE: base funding to support the continuation of 6 free dual enrollment credits for all high school students. **Total = \$2.2M/yr** (MUS = \$1.5M, CC's = \$600K, Tribal College = \$100K)

Montana 10: funding the continuation of the MUS's primary system initiative to increase student success through target financial aid and support services. **Total = \$7M** biennial (restricted OTO)

Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA): funding to support system-wide assessment and compliance with this federal act. **Total = \$736K** biennial (restricted OTO)

MSU-Northern Meat Processing Program: funding to support a meat processing program at MSUN. **Total = \$200K** (restricted OTO)

Montana Promise Grant: funding to support grants for students seeking degrees in high-demand labor programs. **Total = \$100K** (restricted OTO)

MAES Value Added Ag: funding to support value added ag program. **Total = \$640K** biennial (restricted OTO)

Non-beneficiary Student Funding: an increase of the reimbursement for non-beneficiary students attending Tribal Colleges. **Total = \$550K** biennial (restricted)

CyberMontana Initiative: funding to continue the buildout of cybersecurity training and education center at UM. **Total = \$3.1M** biennial (OTO, HB 10)

Security Information & Event Management (SIEM): funding to support cybersecurity management within the MUS. **Total = \$1.0M** biennial (OTO, HB 10)

Community College Information Systems funding to assist with the implementation of new information systems at the community colleges. **Total = \$900K** biennial (OTO, HB 10)

Building Projects / Major Repairs / Authority Only Projects (HB 5)

Total Funding Approved = \$230.7M (cash = \$74.4M), (authority = \$156.3M)

[Link to LRBP Funding Chart](#)

Building Projects Total = \$49.7 (cash), \$16.25M (authority)

- Selected Classrooms & Teaching Labs Modernization – UM, \$11.6M
- Selected Roof Replacement Projects – UM, \$3.0M
- Highlands College Roof Replacement – MT Tech, \$5.0M
- Cisel Hall HVAC & Plumbing System Upgrades – MSUB, \$4.0M
- Lewis Hall New Elevator & ADA Upgrades, MSU, \$4.6M
- Music Building Renovation, UM, \$7.25M (cash), \$7.25M (authority)
- Mansfield Library Renovation, UM, \$9.0M (cash), \$9.0M (authority)
- Hamilton Hall 3rd & 4th Floor Renovation, MSU, \$5.23M

Major Repairs = \$24.7M (various projects and campuses)

Authority Only Projects = \$140M

- \$20M general spending authority
- \$120M for 12 additional privately funded projects

HB 2 - General Appropriations Summary

Program 1 - OCHE Admin.

	2025	2027	DIFF	%Chg
Biennial	8,677,870	8,498,200	(179,670)	-2.1%

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Avg. Inc.
Annual	4,428,701	4,236,906	4,261,294	-3.5%

Notes: Present law reductions in fix costs
Addition of MUS Facilities Planning position
OTO: NAGPRA = \$368K/yr, MSUN Meat Processing program \$200K/biennium

Program 2 - Student Assistance

	2025	2027	DIFF	%Chg
Biennial	27,210,486	35,705,773	8,495,287	31.2%

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Avg. Inc.
Annual	14,151,386	17,349,347	18,356,426	26.2%

Notes: Present law increases
12Free base increase \$2.2M/yr
OTO: MT 10 = \$3.5/yr, MT Promise Grant = \$100K

Program 4 - Community College

	2025	2027	DIFF	%Chg
Biennial	33,787,373	36,748,703	2,961,330	8.8%

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Avg. Inc.
Annual	17,635,881	17,980,804	18,767,899	4.2%

Notes: Present law increases

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Program 9 - Ed. Units

	2025	2027	DIFF	%Chg
Biennial	483,023,197	542,298,964	59,275,767	12.3%
Annual				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Avg. Inc.
Annual	254,410,536	272,015,071	270,283,893	6.6%

Notes: Present law increases

Program 10 - MUS Agencies

	2025	2027	DIFF	%Chg
Biennial	73,045,847	79,549,518	6,503,671	8.9%
Annual				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Avg. Inc.
Annual	37,256,986	39,600,634	39,948,884	6.8%

Notes: Present law increases
OTO: MAES Value Added Ag \$320K/yr

Program 11- Tribal Colleges

	2025	2027	DIFF	%Chg
Biennial	2,036,800	2,387,280	350,480	17.2%
Annual				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Avg. Inc.
Annual	918,400	1,193,640	1,193,640	30.0%

Notes: Non-beneficiary student funding increase

HB 5 - Long Range Building Projects

MUS Capital Development LRBP FY 2026-27		
		Total \$\$ Authority
UM	Selected Classrooms & Teaching Labs Modernization	11,600,000
UM	Selected Roof Replacement Projects	3,000,000
MT Tech	Highlands College Roof Replacement	5,000,000
MSUB	Cisel Hall HVAC & Plumbing System Upgrades	4,000,000
MSU	Lewis Hall New Elevator & ADA Upgrades	4,600,000
UM	Music Building Renovation	7,250,000 7,250,000
UM	Mansfield Library Renovation	9,000,000 9,000,000
MSU	Hamilton Hall 3rd & 4th Floor Renovation	5,230,000
Total		\$ 49,680,000 \$ 16,250,000

MUS Major Repair LRBP FY 2026-27 Summary		
	Total \$\$	# of Projects
MSU	7,400,000	5
MSUN	2,185,000	2
GFC	400,000	1
UM	5,685,000	4
MT Tech	4,400,000	4
UMW	2,035,000	4
HC	2,550,000	2
Total	\$ 24,655,000	22

MUS Authority Only Projects FY 2026-27		
	Authority	O&M
OCHE	General Spending Authority	20,000,000 -
MSU	Instructional Space Modernization	4,000,000 -
MSU	Nopper Building Purchase	6,500,000 -
MSU	Visual Communications Building Classroom Addition	11,500,000 59,286
UM	Bio Research Building Addition	8,000,000 246,050
UM	Law School Interior Remodel	3,000,000 -
UM	McGill Hall Addition	3,000,000 71,968
UM	New Bandy Ranch Field Research Housing	2,000,000 108,705
UM	South Campus Tennis Court Complex	8,300,000 -
UM	Undergraduate Research Lab Upgrades and Improvements	10,000,000 -
UM	Women's Soccer Locker Room & Lighting Upgrades	400,000 -
MT Tech	Montana Tech Campus Expansion and Upgrades	50,000,000 2,543,693
MSUB	New Art Building	13,400,000 257,680
Total		\$ 140,100,000 \$ 3,287,382

Shared Policy Goals 2025 Legislature

The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education agrees to partner with the Montana Legislature, represented by the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education to further the final shared policy goals:

Dual Enrollment: Sustain the successful One Two Free program and build on it by further enhancing pathways that help high school students attain a postsecondary or workforce credential through dual enrollment before high school graduation.

MUS Central Application: Make the MUS central application the sole application for both resident and non-resident students to the MUS.

Montana 10: Continue to expand the MUS Resident Student Success Initiative (Montana 10 and Hilleman) and evaluate program efficacy in enhancing college affordability, college success, and efficiency of state investment. Support institutional adoption of Montana 10 advising strategies through enhancements to student success and advising practices and technologies. Include an analysis of potential student services that could be included in Montana 10, with a specific focus on hunger within the student population.

Data Sharing: Collaborate with the OPI and the DLI to deepen P20W data sharing partnerships in a manner that provides actionable insights to policymakers and educators, streamlines agency processes, and enhances student's understanding of college and career opportunities.

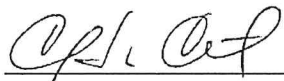
Tribal Partnerships

- **Native American Tuition Waiver:** Assess adjustments to the MUS Native American Tuition waiver to improve clarity of the waiver for native students.
- **Tribal College/MUS Transfer:** Continue efforts to engage Tribal Colleges to improve the experience of students transferring between Tribal Colleges and MUS institutions.

Community College Funding

- Continue to analyze outputs related to the CC Funding Formula.
- Evaluate trends associated with the primary community college funding streams (i.e. state, local, and tuition funds).
- Provide outcomes from key operating budget metrics, including revenue, expenditures, staffing, waivers, and enrollment.

On behalf of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education



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April 25, 2025

Date

On behalf of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education



Rep. David F. Bedey, Chairman

25 April 2025

Date