

MUS

Performance Funding

FY 2026 Allocations

May 2025

PF History

1. **From 1972 through 2014:** enrollment was utilized as the single metric for determining the allocation of state appropriations to campuses.
2. **FY 2015:** the MUS instituted a performance funding model.
 - 5% state appropriations allocated (\$7.5M)
 - Performance based on the combination of improvement in Retention and Completions
3. **FY 2016 – Present:** MUS developed and implemented a more detailed and diverse performance model.
 - \$15M of state appropriations allocated annually (approx. 7.5% of total approp.)
 - Metrics expanded and aligned with campus mission

Goals

- 1) Utilize performance funding as a strategy to help increase the percentage of the population with a higher education credential. ***Increase degree production.***
- 2) Incentivize campuses to improve student success and attainment of outcomes. ***Focus on output as well as input.***
- 3) Connect finances with outcomes. ***Pay for what we value.***

1. The potential allocation for each campus is based on its share of the system's 3-year resident student FTE average

Campus	Resident FTE (FY17 to FY19 avg.)	Campus Share of Resident FTE	Eligible \$\$ Amount
MSU Bozeman	8,830	35.5%	\$5,322,089
Gallatin College	411	1.7%	\$248,010
MSU Billings	2,332	9.4%	\$1,405,436
City College	648	2.6%	\$390,394
MSU Northern	898	3.6%	\$541,227
Great Falls College	1,070	4.3%	\$645,019
UM Missoula	6,112	24.6%	\$3,684,142
Missoula College	979	3.9%	\$590,346
MT Tech	1,428	5.7%	\$860,558
Highlands College	300	1.2%	\$181,113
UM Western	1,073	4.3%	\$646,875
Helena College	804	3.2%	\$484,791
Total	24,887	100.0%	\$15,000,000

2. Each sector (flagship, 4-yr and 2-yr) has a unique set of **metrics**

	Flagships MSU & UM	4-year Regional UMW, MT Tech, MSUB, MSUN	2-year Colleges Missoula, Great Falls, Highlands, Helena, City, Gallatin
<u>METRICS</u>			
Undergraduate Degrees & Certificates Awarded	X	X	X
Retention Rates	X	X	X
Graduate-level Degrees & Certificates Awarded	X		
Research Expenditures	X		
Masters-level Degrees & Certificates Awarded		X MT Tech & MSUB	
Dual Enrollment		X UMW & MSUN	X
Gateway Courses			X
Credit Accumulation			X
Under-represented/At-risk - Retention Rates	X	X	X
Under-represented/At-risk - Degrees & Certificates Awarded	X	X	X

3. For each primary metric, **under-represented/at-risk** groups are measured as part of the whole as well as individually.

Under-represented/At-Risk Populations

- 1) American Indians
- 2) Pell Recipients
- 3) Veterans
- 4) Non-traditional Students (25+ yrs.)

4. Metrics are measured annually and compared to prior 3-year average.
CAMPUSES compete against themselves!

CAMPUS X (example)

3-yr Average	Current Level	% Increase
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METRICS

Undergraduate Degrees Awarded	200	210	5%
Under-Represented/At-risk Graduates	150	165	10%
Retention	70%	69%	-1%
Under-Represented/At-risk Students	65%	64%	-2%
Graduate Degrees	50	52	4%
Research Expenditures	25,000,000	26,000,000	4%

5. Metric values are weighted.

<u>METRICS</u>	Flagships	4-year Regional	2-year Colleges
Undergrad Degrees & Certificates	30%	40%	30%
Retention Rates	30%	40%	30%
Graduate Degrees & Certificates	15%		
Research Expenditures	15%		
Masters Degrees & Certificates		10% (MT Tech & MSUB)	
Dual Enrollment		10% (UMW & MSUN)	10%
Remediation Success			10%
Credit Accumulation			10%
Under-represented/At-risk			
Retention Rates	5%	5%	5%
# of Degrees & Certificates Awarded	5%	5%	5%

6. Metric values are indexed to a standard scale of 1,000 points and growth target established.

Improvement is based on the composite results of all metrics, rather than independently on individual metrics.

Score above 1,000 represents improvement; score below 1,000 represents regression. Growth Target = 1010 (1%)

CAMPUS X (example)

3-yr Average	Current Level	% Increase	Index Score	Weight	Weighted Score
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METRICS

Undergraduate Degrees Awarded	200	210	5%	1050	30%	315
Under-Represented/At-risk Graduates	150	165	10%	1100	37.5%	9
Retention	70%	69%	-1%	986	30%	296
Under-Represented/At-risk Students	65%	64%	-2%	985	37.5%	-1
Graduate Degrees	50	52	4%	1040	20%	208
Research Expenditures	25,000,000	26,000,000	4%	1040	20%	208

TOTAL						1,035
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Growth Target = 1,010

7. A transitional-loss zone is created to account for random, non-systematic fluctuations in the metrics.

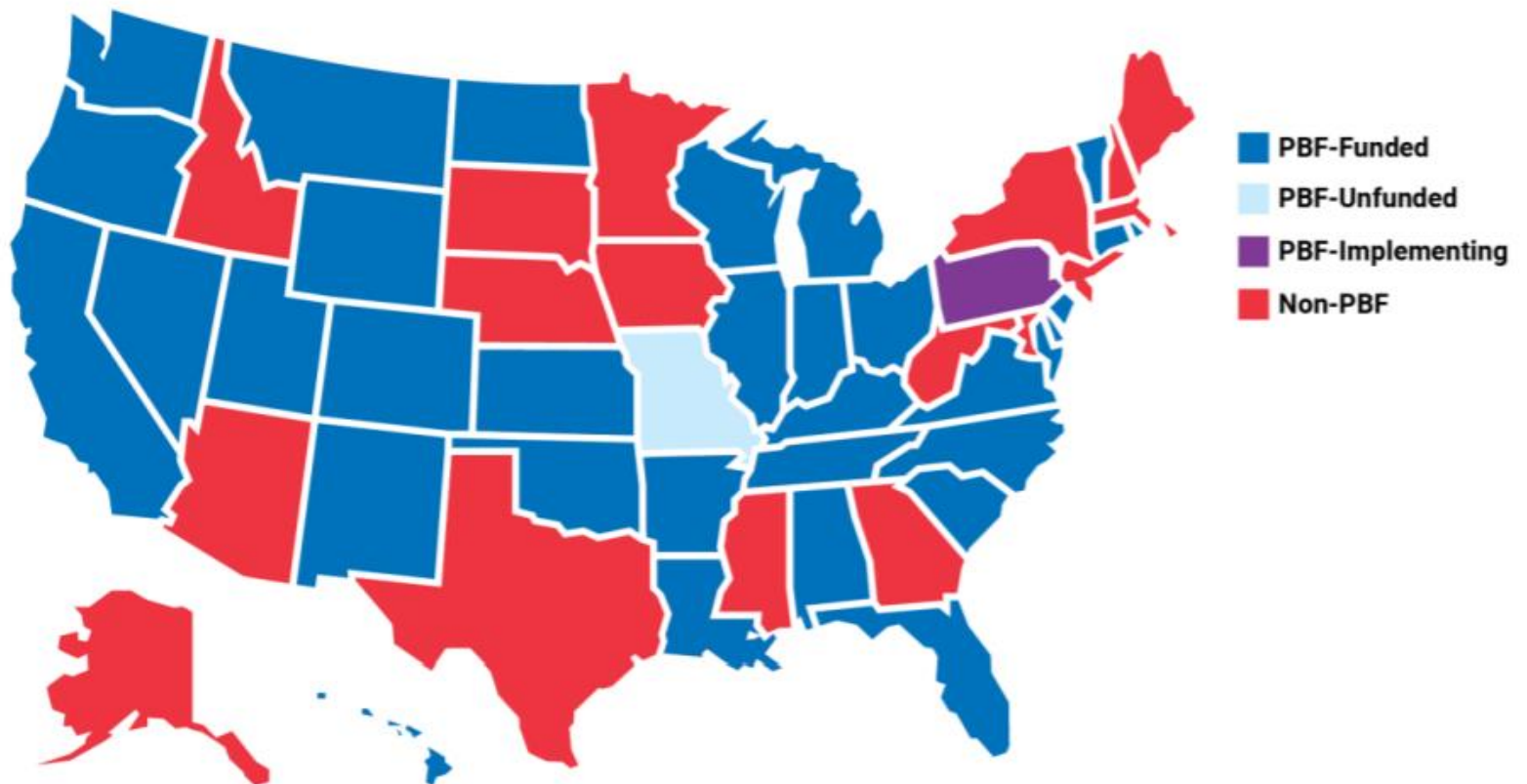
- Campuses that fall below the target, but within the transitional-loss zone receive a portion of the eligible funding amount (Partial PF Allocation)

8. Opportunities exist for campuses that fall short of targets to participate in System Initiatives

The Landscape of Performance Funding

PBF status in 2020

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The Landscape of Performance Funding

- ➔ Among the 32 states that tie appropriations to performance, around 60% outline race as a consideration in their PBF formula.
- ➔ In addition to degree completion, performance metrics also often include retention, transfer to four-year institutions, credit accumulation, on-time graduation, degree completion in high-demand fields, and graduates' wages.
- ➔ Performance funding draws greater attention towards college completion goals and builds awareness of institutional performance. It also encourages better data collection and tracking efforts within institutions.
- ➔ While experts agree that the performance-based funding amount must be consequential, there is no defined threshold for how much funding is enough.

PF Results

FY 2026 Performance Funding Allocation Summary

Campus	3 Year Average Resident FTE	Campus Share of Resident	Eligible Funding Amount	PF Metrics Index Score	FY26 Allocation	% of Eligible Funding Recieved	Unallocated \$\$ Amount
MSU Bozeman	7,293	35.9%	\$5,386,833	1,057	\$5,386,833	100%	\$0
Gallatin College	388	1.9%	\$286,569	1,195	\$286,569	100%	\$0
MSU Billings	1,954	9.6%	\$1,443,532	1,150	\$1,443,532	100%	\$0
City College	572	2.8%	\$422,833	1,090	\$422,833	100%	\$0
MSU Northern	748	3.7%	\$552,795	959	\$421,365	76%	\$131,430
Great Falls College	810	4.0%	\$598,105	1,000	\$598,105	100%	\$0
UM Missoula	4,591	22.6%	\$3,390,784	1,008	\$3,264,598	96%	\$126,186
Missoula College	916	4.5%	\$676,803	1,104	\$676,803	100%	\$0
MT Tech	1,224	6.0%	\$904,094	1,013	\$904,094	100%	\$0
Highlands College	284	1.4%	\$209,890	1,231	\$209,890	100%	\$0
UM Western	876	4.3%	\$646,935	1,217	\$646,935	100%	\$0
Helena College	651	3.2%	\$480,828	900	\$480,828	100%	\$0
Total	20,307	100.0%	\$15,000,000		\$14,742,385		\$257,615

*# of completions or graduation rates, whichever highest, were used in addition to retention rates as the core metrics for all campuses