

Wildcats for Higher Education



The Kansas Legislature adjourned last week after passing a budget bill in April and the final omnibus bill in May. The final budget for higher education and Kansas State University was very strong. We are extremely thankful for the final budget passed by the Legislature.

In January of this year we wrote to inform you on the Governor's Budget recommendations. **The Governor's Budget was very responsive to the needs of higher education and K-State.**

As the Legislature deliberated from January to May, K-State and the higher education community in the state were engaged in advocacy efforts in support of the budget. The final outcomes are listed below:

- Appropriated \$37.5 million to the Postsecondary Education Operating Grant for the universities.
- Appropriated an additional \$19 million for the Comprehensive Grant Program for high financial need students for the universities and private colleges. Requires a 1:1 match.
- Appropriated \$35 million SGF for State Facilities Capital Renewal Initiative to address deferred maintenance at the universities. Requires a 1:1 match.
- Appropriated \$20 million SGF for a new fund for universities to use for demolition of buildings no longer used or in disrepair.
- Appropriated \$20 million for information technology infrastructure and security for the universities.
- Appropriated \$24.1 million for a 5% merit salary pool for the universities.
- Appropriated \$25 million to Kansas State University for the Grain, Food, Animal and Agronomy Research Innovation Center. Additional funding was also appropriated which could be acquired to support and expand the scope of this project if funding is raised to provide a 3:1 match for the state dollars.
- Appropriated an additional \$250,000 to the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine for Scholarships for Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas.

Please let your local officials know the final budget is very much appreciated. We want our elected representatives to know how much we value the state as a partner in higher education, and to thank them for their support in the 2022 Legislative Session.

For information on contacting your legislators, please [visit the Kansas Legislature website](#). For additional information on legislative activity impacting higher education and K-State, please [visit K-State's Governmental Relations website](#).

Thanks for your support and loyalty to K-State.

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