



MINNESOTA STATE

Centralized, Systemwide Student Basic Needs, Mental Health, and Other High Need Support Services

Direct Allocation for Basic Needs, Mental Health, or other High Need Student Supports

- Utilizing the access and opportunity allocation model, colleges and universities will have the opportunity to receive a direct allocation of one-time, funds to expand or create programs and/or services that support student basic needs, mental health, or other high need student services identified by the institution.
- Receipt of funds requires the submittal of a Funds Utilization Form.
- Impact report due no later than December 20, 2024.

United Way 211 – System-wide Basic Needs Online Support

- Partnership with Minnesota United Way 211, established in 2022 and launched a Student Basic Needs Resource Hub available to all Minnesota State students.
- Students text **MNHELP** or **898211** for free, confidential, 24/7 support that will connect them to campus, local, regional, state, and federal resources and supports based on their particular need.
- System-wide assessment of UW 211 awareness and impact to be conducted in collaboration with The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice (The Hope Center) Fall 2023. Reporting Summer 2024.
- Planning additional system-wide assessment project with The Hope Center to gather impact data regarding utilization of United Way 211, projected to begin Fall 2024.
- Usage reports will be shared twice per academic term with SSAO's and Basic Needs contacts.
- Over 1000 Minnesota State students served since launch in 2022.

SNAP E&T Start Up Grants

- Startup grants of up to \$10,000 available to up to five colleges and universities to support a collaboration with Minnesota Department of Human Services to establish a SNAP E&T program for eligible students.
- Grant application form will be available during Fall 2024 term.

Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students (EAPS)

- Systemwide solution being contracted to support an app-based, bias free, electronic application for students that includes robust data analytics at the campus and system level that supports the Office of Higher Education reporting requirements.
- Funds will be allocated based on the Access and Opportunity formula in Spring of 2024.
- Campus personnel will make grant application decisions.

Minnesota State Basic Needs Survey

- System office will work with The Hope Center to administer the Student Basic Needs Survey system-wide to gather prevalence data five years after the first survey was administered within Minnesota State.
- Survey planning for Spring 2024 launch.

Kognito: Mental Health Intervention Training

- Available to students, faculty, and staff at all 33 colleges and universities through May 31, 2024.
- Provides students an opportunity to learn about commonly experienced mental health conditions, and how to help a friend.
- Supports faculty and staff in supporting students with mental health concerns.
- Faculty can add Kognito to their course shells if they wish.

24/7/365 Mental Health Support

- Legislatively mandated to provide professional, clinical mental health support plus peer support that is available electronically 24/7/365 equitable to students at every college and university in Minnesota State.
- Request for Information to Request for Proposal to Contract process began in August of 2023. RFP committee will be assembled to review proposals and make a recommendation to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs (committee will be a sub-unit of the Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Council) with work beginning in October 2023.

- RFP period to be open December 2023 through early January 2024 with RFP committee making a recommendation by end of January 2024.

Communities of Practice (COP)

Faculty, staff, and other employees are encouraged to participate in cross-functional and job-function CoPs. For more information, please contact interim System Director for Student Development and Success, Shawn Anderson (shawn.anderson@minnstate.edu).

The Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Council (SAEM Council) is a representative, systemwide council. Committees of the council include:

- Basic Needs Committee (previously Ad Hoc, comprised of subject matter experts and students)
- *Proposed new* Mental Health & Wellness Committee (comprised of subject matter experts and students, it's first task will be to inform procurement of 24/7/365 professional, clinical mental health and peer support for students across the system)

Ongoing Legislative Requirements for Colleges and Universities

- **Campus Basic Needs Websites**
- **SNAP Awareness Campaign & Financial Aid Resource Trigger**
- **Mental Health Web Pages**
- **Mandatory Mental Health Trainings**
- **Orientation Sessions on Mental Health**
- **Mental Health Promotion and Resource Messaging**
- **Suicide Prevention Messaging**

For more detailed information on systemwide initiatives and new and ongoing legislative mandates related to basic needs and mental health, please visit Student Success Resources in ASA Connect or view the [At a Glance Summary document](#).

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