



November 1, 2012

Chairman Richard Kaufman  
Colorado Commission on Higher Education  
1560 Broadway, Suite 1600  
Denver, CO 80202

Re: Higher Education Funding Allocation

Dear Chairman Kaufman and Members of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education:

We would like to thank the Governor and Lt. Governor for the recent decision to recommend a \$30 million increase in state funding for the higher education operating budget in FY 2013-14. This is the first time since FY 2008-09 that the operating funding request represents an increase and where budget cutting was not the focus of the higher education funding conversation.

This being said, we all know that there is still a long way to go. We continue to be significantly below prior state funding levels and even further behind state support for higher education in nearly every other state. However, this does not diminish our gratitude for what is a clear commitment on the part of the administration to make higher education a top priority. This increase will give institutions flexibility to invest in priorities such as deferred maintenance, student services, restoring reserves and financial aid.

Over the past three fiscal years, statewide budget balancing has necessitated \$193 million in reductions to higher education from the \$706 million funding level in FY 2009-10. During this time, enrollments have increased substantially. Higher education institutions balanced budgets through a combination of cuts, tuition increases and operating efficiencies while working hard to maintain access as reflected by the substantial enrollment growth throughout the system. This has created significant challenges in maintaining and advancing quality within the higher education system.

The Governor's Office has asked that institutions work together on an allocation methodology as part of the budget submission to the General Assembly on November 1. Colorado has a diverse array of public institutions each serving unique student-customers which makes finding a mutually agreeable funding allocation a challenge.

We believe it is in the best interest of the Governor, General Assembly, Commission and most importantly, Colorado students and families, that institutions come together in agreement around an allocation methodology. Working together, the Colorado institutions have agreed to the attached allocation methodology for FY 2013-14. If the \$30 million allocation for operating were to either increase or decrease during the 2013 legislative session, this same methodology would be applied.

The agreed-upon allocation represents a combination of the three equal parts described below. Each dollar will be split three ways:

- One third is based on a proportional increase calculated from each governing board's proportional share of state General Fund for FY 2012-13;
- One third is based on a proportional restoration of each governing board's share of the \$193 million General Fund cut that has been experienced since FY 2008-09; and
- One third is based on a proportional restoration of the average funding per resident student funding level in FY 2008-09 at the most recent final enrollment levels by governing board (to acknowledge recent enrollment growth).

We understand the need to balance many competing priorities as Colorado continues to work toward a full economic recovery. We deeply appreciate the Governor's recommendation to increase funding for higher education.

Sincerely,



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FY 2013-14 Operating Budget Request  
Public Institutions of Higher Education

November 1, 2012

\$30 Million

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\$10 Million

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CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	
IHEs	FY 12-13
Adams	10,909,111
Mesa	18,630,850
Metro	36,982,005
Western	9,114,442
CSU	103,669,552
Ft. Lewis	9,058,839
CU	141,171,344
Mines	15,772,582
UNC	31,857,095
CCs	116,190,007
Gov Boards	493,355,827
LDJC	11,909,951
AVS	7,664,871
Total	512,930,649

Final Allocation			
FY 13-14	\$ Change	% Change	
11,557,351	648,240	5.9%	
19,818,490	1,187,640	6.4%	
38,965,046	1,983,041	5.4%	
9,529,130	414,688	4.5%	
109,793,611	6,124,059	5.9%	
9,534,552	475,713	5.3%	
150,186,513	9,015,169	6.4%	
16,807,718	1,035,136	6.6%	
33,618,944	1,761,849	5.5%	
122,377,091	6,187,084	5.3%	
522,188,446	28,832,619	5.8%	
12,650,359	740,408	6.2%	
8,091,844	426,973	5.6%	
542,930,649	30,000,000	5.8%	

B		
Proportional from FY 12-13 Allocation		
FY 13-14	\$ Change	% Change
11,121,793	212,682.00	1.9%
18,994,074	363,224.00	1.9%
37,702,999	720,994.00	1.9%
9,292,136	177,694.00	1.9%
105,690,674	2,021,122.00	1.9%
9,235,448	176,609.00	1.9%
143,923,594	2,752,250.00	1.9%
16,080,081	307,499.00	1.9%
32,478,175	621,080.00	1.9%
118,455,226	2,265,219.00	1.9%
502,974,200	9,618,373	1.9%
12,142,145	232,194	1.9%
7,814,304	149,433	1.9%
522,930,649	10,000,000	1.9%

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% of \$193 M cut		
FY 13-14	\$ Change	% Change
11,101,061	191,950.00	1.8%
18,909,733	278,883.00	1.5%
37,642,607	660,602.00	1.8%
9,273,144	158,702.00	1.7%
105,896,147	2,226,595.00	2.1%
9,249,655	190,816.00	2.1%
144,695,969	3,524,625.00	2.5%
16,159,913	387,331.00	2.5%
32,491,639	634,544.00	2.0%
117,545,870	1,355,863.00	1.2%
502,965,738	9,609,911	1.9%
12,116,479	206,528	1.7%
7,848,432	183,561	2.4%
522,930,649	10,000,000	1.9%

D		
Restore FY 2008-09 Res. SFTE Funding		
FY 13-14	\$ Change	% Change
11,152,719	243,608.00	2.2%
19,176,383	545,533.00	2.9%
37,583,450	601,445.00	1.6%
9,192,734	78,292.00	0.9%
105,545,894	1,876,342.00	1.8%
9,167,127	108,288.00	1.2%
143,909,638	2,738,294.00	1.9%
16,112,888	340,306.00	2.2%
32,363,320	506,225.00	1.6%
118,756,009	2,566,002.00	2.2%
502,960,162	9,604,335	1.9%
12,211,637	301,686	2.5%
7,758,850	93,979	1.2%
522,930,649	10,000,000	1.9%