

Academic and Student Affairs
November 2022

Student Basic Needs Initiative Update

Strategic Objective(s) Equity 2030
Focus Area:

All colleges and universities have launched a comprehensive basic needs webpage listing all campus-based resources. A system level basic needs webpage has been developed and lists all college and university websites. The development of these websites is critical in helping to connect students with basic needs resources on their campus.

The SNAP communication template was distributed to colleges and universities for fall 2022 implementation planning.

A contract was signed with the Greater Twin Cities United Way formalizing a partnership between Minnesota State and the 211 program to establish a systemwide basic needs resource hub connecting all students with basic needs resources on their campus and in their community via text, chat, or phone 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Minnesota State received a \$700,000 grant from the ECMC Foundation to support the establishment of the partnership with the United Way 211 program.

A presentation was provided at the January 2022 Board of Trustees ASA committee meeting updating the Board on our work. The presentation was enthusiastically received.

Activities for all 3 Year and Progression Measures

FY2023

Launch a basic needs central resource hub.

Provide resources to assist colleges and universities with meeting statutory requirements for basic needs.

Explore a partnership with second harvest heartland for campus food pantries and to serve as a SNAP outreach provider.

Explore the feasibility of creating a homegrown systemwide comprehensive basic needs prevalence assessment.

Provide information on student basic needs base funding through the biennial budget request.

FY2024

FY2025

Board of Trustees Engagement

New actions in bold

Update to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee in January 2022.

Board approved contract with United Way 211 in April 2022.

Planned update to the board in March 2023.

Expected Campus Engagement

Ongoing engagement within the basic needs community of practice

Campus representation within the basic needs sub-committee and student affairs and enrollment management council

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Monitoring Framework

All colleges and universities promote the launch of the United Way 211 basic needs resource hub as measured by marketing tracking system.

Reports of student engagement, satisfaction and ~~perceived~~ impact for the United Way 211 basic needs resource hub are created and used for evaluation of this tool.

Contract with the Hope Center to evaluate the United Way 211 implementation and conduct the real college survey.

All colleges and universities are in compliance with the basic needs statutory requirements.