Student Union Emergency Funds Request

The SUB is exclusively responsible for the maintenance, custodial and operational costs of our facility. We do not receive, nor do we qualify for I&G funds. We rely on SFRB and self-generated funds to operate. Everything we do to operate and open our doors depends on our ability to obtain SFRB funds and generate our own revenue.

Under the current Public Health order, we are restricted in the services we can offer. This includes not being able to promote and hold large gatherings or events in the building. This impacts our ability to generate outside revenue. As of today, the Student Union has recorded over $250,000.00 in lost revenue.

We are requesting $75,000.00 in emergency funding to assist with our operational costs. We are hopeful that through reducing some of our expenses and emergency funding, we will be able to continue our mission of providing services to students this academic year.

1. **Areas we intend to prioritize and allocate our SFRB funds:**

The Student Union is typically a 7 day a week, 50 weeks a year operation with extended hours. We are a community center that offers a place for students to study, meet with friends or get lunch and relax between classes. Our 161,000 square foot facility requires continuous maintenance, cleaning and disinfecting to provide a safe environment for UNM students.

We also host student events, provide meeting room space, conferences and student programs. Our daily operation requires extensive staff and resources to meet the needs of our students, events and programs we support. We are the second largest student employer on campus and will use these funds to provide on campus employment to students, operate and maintain our facility, support programs and provide services to UNM students.

1. **Areas that will not receive funding due to budget cuts:**

The Student Union was remodeled in 2003. This was an extensive project that provided an upgrade to the interior of our facility, but did not provide a new roof or utilities such as water and sanitary sewer system. The original facility was built in 1959 and our infrastructure is seeing increased maintenance costs. In the past, the roof has been patched and repaired but has reached the point we can no longer use this as an option to replacement. Funds from FY 18/19 carry forward were used to replace a section over the ballrooms this spring but the remaining roof is still in critical need of replacement.

In addition to the roof, we have seen an increase in pipe failure as well. Some sections of pipes have been replaced over the last two years with hopes of continuing to replace areas of critical need before there are more failures and costly repairs.

Each year carryforward funds has gone toward capital project improvements for the facility. Carry forward will go toward our day-to-day operations this fiscal year.

**Uses for the emergency funds if awarded:**

To reopen the facility, the Student Union must prepare for cleaning and disinfecting continuously throughout the day to hit all touch surfaces. The Student Union is a large facility and one of the most heavily utilized on campus. We must maintain a sufficient supply of cleaning products, hand sanitizing stations and staff to keep our facility clean and safe for the students we serve. We have sustained a number of costs in preparing the facility. The COVID-19 equipment has added significantly to our operational costs and will continue for the foreseeable future while supply chains are stressed.

In addition to the above increased disinfecting protocols, funds will be prioritized to benefit student programs, employment and scholarship opportunities for our students.

The Student Union is committed to supporting student success. We impact students on various levels by offering student employment opportunities, student services, student organizations, as well as prospective students. The SUB is the student’s building!!

We respectfully request your thoughtful review of our additional funding request and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.