



## REPORT ON THE 2017 UTAH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Thanks to President Pershing's leadership and the tireless efforts of our university advocates, it was another banner legislative session for the U. We are pleased to announce the Legislature approved a two-percent performance-based compensation increase for employees, which includes the additional cost of benefits.

We are also thrilled to report the University will receive \$5M in funding for the Medical Education and Discovery Complex/Rehabilitation Hospital in FY18. This \$50M project received commitments from the Legislature to complete the funding in the next two years— \$25M in FY19 and \$20M in FY20. This initial funding and commitment in future years enables the University to commence with construction of this major redevelopment of the University Hospital campus.

### SUCCESSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

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- 2% performance-based compensation increase plus the increased cost in benefits.
- \$5M in funding for the Medical Education and Discovery Complex/Rehabilitation Hospital, along with commitments to complete the 50M in funding by FY20.
- Approval to proceed with the renovations to the University Guest House, a non-state funded project.
- \$8M in ongoing funding for the Regents Scholarship program.
- \$6.5M in ongoing funding for Performance Based Funding of which will be distributed by formula to all institutions of higher education.
- \$4M in ongoing and \$1.5M in one-time funding for the Huntsman Cancer Institute (part of the backfill decline in earmarked tobacco settlement funds), and \$2,240,000 increase in operations funding.
- \$4M in ongoing funding for the Engineering Initiative.
- \$2M in ongoing monies for Strategic Workforce Investment funding, which will be distributed by formula to all institutions of higher education.
- \$1.4M for Medicaid dental funding for adults with disabilities.
- \$1.2M in ongoing funding for the Family Medicine Residency Expansion. This will fund four residencies statewide likely including one at the U.
- \$1M in one-time funding for the Utah Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Initiative.
- \$550,000 for the SAFE Utah app for state school board to work with UNI on suicide prevention.
- \$467,000 in funding for demographic data and decision support, which is provided by the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah.
- \$200,000 in ongoing funding for the Natural History Museum of Utah.
- \$10,000 in one-time money for the Department of Family Medicine.