

Agency 51 - University Of Nebraska

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Vision Statement:

The University's four campuses shall be among the top 30 public universities in their individual peer groups, in meeting the needs of students and all citizens for a lifetime of continuous learning, research that enhances the health and quality of life, and outreach and service programs that ensure the benefits of new knowledge are shared throughout the state.

Mission Statement:

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The original mission of the University appears in the laws of the State of Nebraska:

"The object of [the University of Nebraska] shall be to afford to the inhabitants of this state the means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various branches of literature, science and arts."

Goals:

- Promote quality teaching and learning at all levels of the University education, especially undergraduate education, to move the University into the nation's top 30 public universities in providing quality education that is affordable and accessible.
- Enhance research and creative activity throughout the University consistent with campus role and mission.
- Strengthen outreach to Nebraskans and their communities, to move the University into the Nation's top 30 public universities in the application of knowledge for economic development, health, and quality of life. Expand lifelong educational opportunities for every citizen.
- Develop and maintain excellence in selected, clearly focused academic fields, collaborative efforts, and programs.
- Enhance the business and administrative operations of the University to support, serve and enhance the learning, research and outreach goals of the University.
- Continue to enhance efforts to recruit and retain Nebraska high school graduates and increase the numbers of out-of-state students attending the University. Increase commitment to graduate education resulting in increased graduate enrollment.
- Develop and implement a University-wide effort to recruit and retain a diverse faculty, administration, and student population and create an environment that welcomes, respects, values and honors diversity.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	406,990,836	412,450,196	431,194,467	371,205,176	449,449,352	371,205,176
Cash Fund	155,954,073	158,772,654	158,772,654	158,772,654	158,772,654	158,772,654
Federal Fund	187,613,205	205,001,594	205,001,594	205,001,594	205,001,594	205,001,594
Revolving Fund	293,551,408	306,899,806	306,899,806	306,899,806	306,899,806	306,899,806
Other Fund	218,410,580	188,824,655	188,824,655	188,824,655	188,824,655	188,824,655
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