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Snow College Receives Equity Funding from Utah State Legislature

NEARLY \$3.2 MILLION OF ON-GOING FUNDS AND \$5 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDS
WILL PROVIDE BENEFIT TO THE TWO CAMPUSES

March 12, 2018 -- Ephraim, UT – Snow College announces a very significant funding year from the Utah State Legislature. Legislators voted to appropriate nearly \$8.2 million dollars to the college as the session came to a close on March 8, 2018.

The funding, which was approved as an equity and quality initiative for the two-year, residential community college includes the following:

- **\$1,135,000 for Compensation Equity Adjustments.** This will allow the college to address salary equity challenges as compared to community colleges with similar missions. All higher education institutions in Utah were awarded a 2.5 percent salary increase.
- **\$845,000 for Student Growth and Capacity.** These funds have been appropriated to support economic development, concurrent enrollment, and high-impact positions which will allow faculty and staff to better serve students.
- **\$505,000 for Completion.** The college will implement a new, integrative model for general education and increase access to higher education in the six county service region through strengthened public school partnerships
- **\$750,000 for Workforce Initiatives.** Funding will be used to support students by expanding the nursing program, supporting the new four-year computer Software Engineering degree, and strengthening partnerships with economic development leaders

An additional one-time appropriation of \$5 million was awarded to the college to improve facilities and physical well-being and fitness opportunities for student athletes and the student body as a whole. Programming will include exploring options to improve Badger Stadium and the Horne Activity Center.

Snow College President Gary L. Carlston said, "We are sincerely grateful for this appropriation. These funds will enhance the college's ability to serve students, the six county area, and the entire state of Utah. We are extremely appreciative to the legislature for their support. We recognize the efforts of our local legislators – Senator Ralph Okerlund, Representative Carl Albrecht, and Representative Derrin Owens – and the significant support of Representative Keith Grover, Representative Francis Gibson, and Senator Evan Vickers, along with Senate and House leaders. Our faculty and staff are committed to continue to provide a high-quality education for all students. This is an historic time in the 130 years of Snow College service."