

Funding Proposal Information for **October 12, 2016**

The University Strategic Plan has involved a year of development and a year of implementation with a tremendous, collaborative effort on the part of the University community. First, many thanks to you for assisting developing and implementing the plan! We have managed to hit some milestones with improved retention, creation of a new tuition/scholarship model and an interactive University calendar, just to name a few. Congratulations to all!

This year involves operationalization of the Strategic Plan. Information regarding updates can be located at [Strategic Plan information](#). With the vision of the University to build on our reputation as the best, comprehensive student-centered University in America, the priority involves providing a high-quality undergraduate education with integrated graduate programs. We offer you the opportunity to submit a TWO paragraph initial document to the appropriate Initiative Chair with a carbon copy to Renee Fister (kfister@murraystate.edu) that addresses one of the following topics:

- i) Graduation and retention rates for all students as well as underprepared, low income and/or underrepresented minority students
- ii) Projects/programs that engage students in experiential learning components.

The Initiative Chairs are

Dina Byers (dbyers@murraystate.edu) – Academic Excellence

Fred Dietz (fdietz@murraystate.edu) – Student Success

Nicole Hand-Bryant (nhandbryant@murraystate.edu) and Iin Handayani (ihandayani@murraystate.edu) – Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities

Chris Wooldridge (cwooldridge@murraystate.edu) – Community Engagement/Economic Development

For the funding proposal, please

1. Provide the names of the contact person
2. Provide the initiative, objective and measure from the TARGETED Strategic Plan that is being addressed. For example, if it the under Student Success, Objective 4, Measure 2, please list it as SS 4.2. (Other simplifications are Academic Excellence – AE; Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities – RSCA and Community Engagement/Economic Development – CE.)
3. Provide the main idea to be accomplished.
4. Provide an estimate of **NON-RECURRING** funds. Before submission, confirm that any resources/supports are NOT currently available at Murray State.

5. Succinctly denote the anticipated impact of the work in quantitative and qualitative terms. For example, if the expectation is an increase in retention rate for a year, provide the particular numerical/percentage change. The qualitative impact should focus on the impact on the students, faculty, staff and others. This could be viewed as a return on investment.

Thank you for sending the initial, two or three paragraph proposal by **Wednesday, October 12** at 4:30 pm to the appropriate Initiative Chair(s) and Renee Fister. The Strategic Plan Executive Team will review and will be in contact after their October 19th meeting about next steps, if any.