Strengthen Minnesota’s future skilled workforce

• Ensure our students receive top quality education and advising by recruiting and retaining talented faculty and staff
• Continue efforts to increase college affordability and access for all Minnesota students by supporting the University’s core needs
• Improve retention and graduation rates by investing in student services, including mental health services, tutoring, and academic support
• Prepare students for future workforce needs by providing modern technology infrastructure critical to 21st century learning

Strengthen research to drive Minnesota’s economy

• Advance innovation and new technologies by investing in core research infrastructure (i.e., facilities, equipment, systems)
• Address annual cost increases in areas related to laboratory health and safety
• Attract and retain world-renowned researchers to continue groundbreaking discoveries benefiting Minnesota’s economy

Strengthen outreach to Minnesota communities

• Invest in statewide initiatives addressing local challenges
• Maintain U of M core facilities in communities across the state
• Enhance targeted programs serving Minnesotans

FY2020-21 Needs and Priorities

FY 2020: $30 million
FY 2021: $27 million
Biennial total: $87 million

Faculty and staff compensation: 60%
Programs, services, and compliance: 20%
Statewide initiatives: 10%
Facilities: 5%
Technology and systems: 5%
Budget Basics

Of the University’s $3.8 billion budget, 35% of revenues are restricted through law and contracts/agreements; there is no flexibility in how the funds may be spent or allocated across University needs and priorities. An additional 24% (auxiliaries and other unrestricted revenues) is restricted based on internal policies. For example, student housing fees only support the direct and overhead costs of student housing, and clinical income only supports units with clinic operations.

The remaining 41% ($1.6 billion) is available to support the general operations and maintenance of the entire U of M system. The $1.6 billion includes only two sources: tuition revenue and the state’s operations and maintenance appropriation. The University relies on these two sources to support core activities of instruction, research, and outreach in every county in Minnesota.

The University has continually become more effective in delivering high-value services and products, which is evident in its progress on its performance measures; however, general operating and maintenance costs continue to increase primarily due to general inflationary pressures, compliance requirements, and student needs. Tuition and the state appropriation are inextricably linked. A strong state partnership keeps U of M tuition low, attracts and retains world-renowned researchers, strengthens communities and businesses, and improves the lives of Minnesotans.

U of M Revenue Sources

- **State appropriation and tuition**: 57%
- **Auxiliaries**: 14%
- **Restricted**: 10%
- **Other unrestricted**: 35%

* fees, sales, and clinical income
** gifts, endowment earnings, state special and federal appropriations, grants, and contracts