



Senate Bill #2926

TITLE: Special Project Allocations for Fiscal Year 2024
DATE INTRODUCED: November 14, 2023
AUTHOR: Senators Meiklejohn and Keasling
SPONSORS: The ASUW Budget and Planning Committee

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of
2. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best
3. manner possible; and,
4. WHEREAS, the ASUW Student Government allocated \$80,000 from endowed funds to
5. be expended in Fiscal Year 2024 pursuant to the Special Projects Endowment and its
6. governing language; and,
7. WHEREAS, the Special Projects Endowment Agreement and the ASUW Budget and
8. Planning Finance Policy require that all funded projects must abide by the
9. following criteria: 1) the project must benefit a large population of students; 2) the
10. project must be of long-lasting benefit; 3) ASUW money cannot fund research, salaries,
11. or classroom/academic projects; 4) ASUW money cannot fund general operating
12. expenses or travel/conference expenses; 5) the funds must be expended by April 30,
13. 2024 or funds will be forfeited; 5) requests must not exceed \$60,000; and 6) after the
14. purchase is made, all future maintenance, inventory, and documentation is the
15. responsibility of the Applicant/College/Department; and,
16. WHEREAS, throughout the semester, the ASUW Budget and Planning (B&P)
17. Committee has conducted a thorough process to receive applications, reviewed and
18. assessed the viability of each, determined which proposals met the specific guidelines
19. set forth, and then held deliberations to determine how to maximize the impact of
20. ASUW's student fee dollars; and,
21. WHEREAS, after large-scale marketing efforts, the B&P Committee received 13
22. applications; and,
23. WHEREAS, these 13 requests in total asked for \$170,219 in special projects funding;
24. and,
25. WHEREAS, the committee determined that 12 of these 13 were eligible under the

26. guidelines for special projects; and,
27. WHEREAS, the committee voted to deliberate on proposals and determine if they
28. needed a hearing before a final decision was made on the request; and,
29. WHEREAS, the committee held hearings with 4 of these applicants to hear about
30. their proposal and to ask them questions in order for the committee to decide
31. on approving or denying those requests; and,
32. WHEREAS, the committee met for deliberations in two stages to determine which
33. proposals would maximize the impact of student fee dollars to directly benefit students
34. and be the best use of endowment funds; and,
35. WHEREAS, the B&P Finance Policy requires that special project allocations and
36. announcements thereof must be made prior to the end of the fall semester; and,
37. WHEREAS, the committee's rationale, funding breakdown, and a brief explanation of
38. each request is outlined in Addendum A; and,
39. WHEREAS, in Addendum A if there are no committee notes, the project was approved
40. in full.
41. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of
42. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government that \$79,030 of the \$80,000.00 allocated from
43. the Special Projects Endowment be spent in accordance with the amounts reflected in
44. Addendum A.

Referred to: AD&P, B&P

Date of Passage: November 28th, 2023 Signed: Kameron Mufatto
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on November 28th, 2023, I do hereby sign my name hereto

and approve this Senate action.” SABER SMITH

ASUW President

Addendum A: Special Projects Requests and B&P Committee Decisions

OVERVIEW

Special Projects	FY 2024	
	Requested	Approved
Endowments	80,000	79,030
IT - Calculators and iPads	18,300	18,300
Campus Rec - Outdoor Equipment	6,193	6,193
Cheney Center - Mural	8,457	4,979
Chi-Omega - Event	7,500	-
Half Acre - Treadwall	14,739	14,739
Honors College - Curb Cuts	50,000	-
Innovation Wyrkshop - Makerspace	4,871.62	4,871.62
Martial Arts Club - Equipment	9,661.25	-
Cowboy Robotics Club - Equipment	7,242	7,242
Student Orgs - Game Rentals	2,706.95	2,706.95
Transportation - Monitors	11,000	11,000
Union - Portable Chargers	8,999	8,999
Union - Trash Compactors	20,506	-
Total Expenses	170,176	79,030
Net Income		970

Applicant: Campus Recreation – Outdoor Equipment

“Having quality outdoor gear is essential for our ability to meet the rental needs of the UW community and have enough gear to run our programming. This year, we are asking for funds for a few rental items which include fly fishing rods, reels, nets, snowshoes, and a guidebook library consisting of climbing, hiking, and skiing guidebooks for Wyoming and the surrounding areas. We currently have 6 rods and reels that are in working order and able to be rented out and we do not currently rent out nets. We are looking to expand the number of fly rods, reels, and nets we have so that we do not run out of rental items over busy weekends and so that we can open our trips and clinics up to a larger number of people. Our snowshoes see a lot of use since snowshoeing is a very popular activity in this area and the season for it lasts for around 6 months. We currently have around 20 pairs of snowshoes in our rental fleet but there are many weekends where we are completely out and must unfortunately turn people away. Finally, guidebooks are an essential tool for gathering the right information to stay safe and have an enjoyable time outdoors. We propose bringing a rental guidebook program to our rental center, where books could be checked out for free or at a low cost to the UW community. Along with the books, we are asking for a bookshelf to display the library front and center in our rental center. Although the UW Coe Library has some guidebooks, they often are not the most up to date nor always known about.” ~ Request Excerpt

BNP Note: Approved.

Item	Name	Quantity	Cost Per Item	Total (\$)
Fly Fishing Rods	St. Croix Mojo Rod	6	\$215	\$1290
Fly Fishing Reels	Orvis Clearwater Reel	6	\$98	\$588
Fly Fishing Nets	Hex Fly Co. Solo Net	10	\$120	\$1200
Snowshoes	Atlas Access Snowshoes	10	\$180	\$1800
Guidebooks	See List	33	Varies	\$1200
Bookshelf	Axess Standard Bookshelf	1	\$115	\$115
Total				\$6193

Book List:

- Hiking Wyoming’s Wind River Range by Ben Adikson
- The Wyoming 13’ers by Eli Boardman
- Hiking Wyoming: 110 by Bill Hunger
- Hiking Medicine Bow National Forest by Marc Smith
- Hiking Wyoming’s Bighorn Mountains by Ken Keffer
- The Wyoming Camping Guide by Marc Smith
- Hiking Grand Teton National Park by Bill Schneider
- Hiking Yellowstone National Park by Bill Schneider
- A Ranger’s Guide to Yellowstone Day Hikes by Carol Shively

Applicant: Cheney Center – Language Center Mural

“The Cheney International Center Murals project seeks to create modern, vibrant wall coverings that engage and welcome UW students. The project will transform a highly used area into a

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brilliant multi-use, student-centered space that serves over 500 international students enrolled at UW, and an even larger campus community of global scholars, visitors, and families. Nearly all of them regularly use and pass through the halls and spaces of the International Resource Center.”
~ Request Excerpt

BNP Note: The initial request would place a mural similar to those found at the basement of the Union and outside the Dean of Students office for four walls. The committee believes that the space will still experience an increase in vibrancy with two walls being “spruced up” while conserving funds. In the hearing with the Cheney International Center, we discussed different elements of the design and the scalability of the project; and the Cheyenne International Center states they can work with two walls in the design process. Hence, half of the request was approved for the materials and installation and in full for the design fee.

Line Item	Details	Requested	Approved
Materials & Production	Printed vinyl wall coverings, matte	\$2,981 (16 pieces)	\$1,492 (8 pieces)
Installation	Prep, materials, labor	\$3,976	\$1,988
Slate Group Graphic Design	~13 hours	\$1,500	\$1,500
Total:		\$8,457	\$4,980

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Applicant: Chi Omega – Women’s Leadership Workshop

“Chi Omega Women’s Fraternity focuses on values and skills that support a well-rounded college experience and provide members with growth and opportunities for success. Chi Omega at the University of Wyoming would like to extend the opportunity for any woman on campus, especially women in leadership roles or those who want to grow in their leadership skills. This event would be free and open to all students with a max attendance of 100 and held in Spring 2024.” ~ Request Excerpt

BNP Note: This event falls outside of the scope of the Special Projects Endowment and was therefore not eligible for a hearing or further consideration.

Applicant: Cowboy Robotics Club – Equipment

“Cowboy Robotics Club is a brand-new student org here at the University of Wyoming started this semester. Our purpose is to engage students in the engineering and design process through building, testing and eventually competing robots. We are open to all majors, especially those in science and engineering fields. We are asking for funding to buy hardware and tools for building robots. This funding could provide a tremendous benefit to students: by providing students with an exciting avenue to engage with engineering and science outside of the classroom, they can connect with likeminded students and get invaluable hands-on experience.” ~ Request Excerpt

BNP Note: The committee deliberated extensively over this proposal. This club, though new, has written into their constitution that any tools or equipment is retained by the college regardless of what happens to the club. They have secured a workshop space with Engineering and are moving forward with plans to enter competitions. They envision using this club as a recruitment strategy for the University as well as opening interdisciplinary involvement between colleges on campus. While this would be the first time a Student Org has received funding from the Special Projects Endowment, they were able to answer all questions satisfactorily and seem to have a good plan that meets the requirements for the endowment.

Item	Manufacturer	Vendor	Unit Cost	Quantity	Item Total Cost
Jetson Orin Nano Dev Kit	YAHBOOM	Robot Shop	\$925	2	\$1850
Drive Motors	Cubemars	Robot Shop	\$998.90	4	\$3,995.60
Servos	Lynxmotion	Robot Shop	\$65.54	5	\$327.70
LifePO Cell Batteries	ExperPower	Expertpower.us	\$519.99	1	\$519.99
Solar Panel and Controller	SOLPERK	Amazon	\$99.99	1	\$99.99
Multimeter	Klien Tools	Home Depot	\$34.97	2	\$69.94
Scope / Signal Generator	Diligent	DigiKey	\$379.00	1	\$379.00
Total					\$7,242

Applicant: Half Acre – Treadwall

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“The Treadwall has a generously sized climbing surface – 4 –to-6-foot wide by 10-to-11-foot high that encourages sideways as well as upward movement. The wall’s rotation is powered by the climber’s weight – no motors are used. The angle of the surface is adjusted by a lever mounted on the left side. A second lever mounted on the right side adjusts the speed to suit the user, and a patented auto-stop mechanism matches the movement of the wall to the climber’s movements, gently braking when the climber's feet are at the bottom panel. In addition to the 72 holds recommended, Half Acre can supplement this with holds from our current stock.” ~
Request Excerpt

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Note:

Approved.

6-foot by 11-foot Treadwall	\$11,400
Digital Display	\$399
Holds	\$715 (72 holds)
Floor Mat	\$425
Shipping	\$1,400-\$1,800
Total	\$14,739

Applicant: Honors College – Curb Cuts

“The Guthrie House is the administrative and teaching center of the UW Honors College. Guthrie is a charming house but it is an older building originally built as a private residence and as such presents some problems. Perhaps the major problem is the issue of accessibility to the building. This proposal aims to increase accessibility to the Guthrie House by making sure that our

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accessible entrance ramp is itself accessible. Currently, the entrance ramp on the east side of the building can only be safely accessed by traveling via motor vehicle to the one accessible parking spot on the east end of Guthrie. The other potential access points are not reasonably viable. The Honors College has worked with UW Operations to get an estimate for the cut-outs to the Guthrie sidewalk. The estimate, attached to this proposal, is for \$50,000. No funding is attached to this proposal.” ~ Request Excerpt

BNP Note: The committee voted to refer this proposal to President Smith for possible allocation out of ASUW Reserves.

Applicant: Innovation Wyrkshop – Makerspace Upgrades

“The Innovation Wyrkshop Makerspace seeks funding to expand our collaborative space and enhance the range of equipment and materials available to students for various projects, hobbies, and university-related endeavors. In pursuit of our mission to empower student entrepreneurs, hobbyists, and skill development, we're dedicated to enhancing our facility. Our goal is to introduce specialized equipment like stained glass equipment and a paper press to complement our existing inventory. To optimize our space and create more collaborative and accessible work areas for our students, part of our purchase includes industrial shelving systems. These shelving units will maximize space efficiency, providing additional workspace for hands-on projects and skill development. In addition, we're committed to inclusivity by installing automatic door openers, ensuring seamless access for all students. Our overarching goal is to cultivate a dynamic, student-centered environment that fuels creativity and innovation. By achieving these objectives, the

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Innovation Wyrkshop can better serve the diverse needs of our student community.” ~ Request Excerpt

BNP Note: Approved.

Item	Cost per Item	Quantity	Total Cost of Items
Equipment			
Handicap Door Opener	\$1,250.00	2	\$2,500.00
Mobile Craft Station	\$169.99	1	\$169.99
Industrial Shelving Unit	\$411.00	3	\$1,235.97
Glass Cutting Kit	\$26.89	1	\$26.89
Stained Glass Grinder	\$127.90	1	\$127.90
Manual Paper Press	\$99.00	1	\$99.00
Materials			
Mayku Formbox Heat Shield	\$39.99	1	\$39.99
Chipboard	\$31.99	2	\$63.98
Stained Glass	\$49.99	2	\$99.98
Stained Glass Solder	\$88.99	2	\$177.98
Wood Carving Tools	\$34.89	1	\$34.89
Book Cloth	\$15.79	3	\$47.37
Other			
Whittling Beginner Book	\$9.14	1	\$9.14
Wittling Project Book	\$10.99	1	\$10.99
Woodworking Book	\$16.89	1	\$16.89
Stained Glass Guide	\$16.29	1	\$16.29
Little Book of Bookmaking	\$21.11	1	\$21.11
HowToons Book 1	\$16.81	1	\$16.81
HowToons Book 2	\$44.94	1	\$44.94
Shipping	\$79.44	1	\$79.44
Total			\$4,871.62

Applicant: IT – Rental Calculators and iPads

“This special project application will fund and purchase rental technology equipment available to all students through Information Technology and the Academic Technology Services (IT & AT Services) at the University of Wyoming. Currently, at IT & AT Services, students are able to rent technological devices for an extended period of time to utilize during their class, work, and

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extracurriculars. A number of students depend on these rentals due to socioeconomic conditions. The availability of these rentals for some students is critical in completing courses at the University of Wyoming given the hybrid nature of courses and the necessity for completing assignments in WyoCourses as well as proctored exams using Honorlock.” ~ Request Excerpt

BNP Note: Approved.

IT - Special Project Budget Request – Compact Budget					
Item	Item Specifics	Purchase Method	Quantity	Individual	Total
Calculator Rentals	BA II Plus	Amazon	20	\$35 / ea.	\$4,300
	TI-84 Plus CE		20	\$150 / ea.	
	Casio-FX-115		20	\$30 / ea.	
iPad Air Set	iPad Air (10 th Gen.) 64 GB WiFi only model Apple Care Warranty Apple Pencil (2 nd Gen) Smart Folio Cover	ASUW in conjunction with IT & AT Services	20	\$700 / ea.	\$14,000
Total Request:					\$18,300

Applicant: Student Organizations – Game Rentals

“The project that our office is requesting Special Project funding for is additional items for our equipment rental service that we provide to student organizations. We utilize an equipment rental site, Cheqroom, that all student organizations have a self-service access to where they can log-in, select the items that their organization wants to reserve, and make the reservation themselves. We have a variety of these items now, but many are very old, outdated, or damaged. We have also received a variety of requests from student organizations requesting different items or new games, which are included in our wish list.” ~ Request Excerpt

BNP Note: Approved

Outdoor Equipment – Cornhole Boards (5 sets), Ladder Toss, Yard Yahtzee (2 sets), Kan Jam, Spikeball, 4-Way Net, Football, Soccer Ball, Volleyball, Basketball, Air Pump, Mini Golf Putters, and Mini Golf Golf Balls

Total for Outdoor Equipment - \$1,684.75

Board Games – Skip-Bo, Hues & Cues, Trekking the National Parks, Chess (3 sets), Checkers (3 sets), Monopoly National Parks, Guess Who, The Game of Life, Poker Set (2 sets), Parks, Herd Mentality, Yahtzee Score Cards, Kerplunk, Clue, 12 pack of Playing Cards, and Uno (3 sets)

Total for Board Games - \$439.64

Video Games and Electronics – Nintendo Switch Just Dance 2024, Nintendo Switch NBA 2K24, Nintendo Switch Sports, Nintendo Switch Minecraft, PS4 Madden, Xbox One NBA 2K24, Xbox One Carnival Games, Xbox One Just Dance 2023, and ION Pathfinder All-Weather Speaker (2)

Total for Video Games and Electronics - \$582.56

Applicant: UW Martial Arts Club – Equipment

“Our club is committed to fostering a model that encourages our members to pay it forward. We believe in the value of giving back to future students by promoting and guiding them into mentorship and leadership roles within our organization. The demand for our club has grown organically, with numerous students reaching out to express their appreciation for its existence. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive and diverse community that embraces everyone. The practice of martial arts offers a myriad of advantages, including discipline, mental well-being, confidence building, weight loss, self-defense skills, and physical fitness improvement. We have witnessed the positive impact of our club on the student body since its inception, with the university community embracing it wholeheartedly. In fact, we are growing so rapidly that we are often compelled to turn away eager students due to limited space and insufficient equipment. The demand for our club is palpable, and we believe that we are addressing a vital need on our campus.” ~ Request Excerpt

BNP Note: The committee requested a hearing from this student organization to clarify a multitude of concerns. While the committee is sympathetic to the demand for a club of this nature, the proposal was denied due to there being just too many concerns. The main concerns boiled down to location for storage and use of the equipment. The Martial Arts Club reportedly cannot be recognized as a club sport until it has existed for two years. Only then can it reserve space and/or storage in Corbett. Half Acre also has a rule against sparring of any kind, which the committee believed this club would fall under. While there is no rules against using the bags, sparring as this equipment would facilitate is not permitted. The club did say they have permission to store the equipment in the basement of the Cooper House; however, then it will need to be transported back and forth between Cooper House and Half Acre. This equipment also appears to be top of the line equipment. Especially with only a tenuous plan for proper storage, it did not seem wise to approve this high of an expenditure. Additionally, in the hearing the club officers stated they could safely host a maximum of 40 students. While it is open to all students, this limitation makes the ability of the project to impact a “large number of students” questionable. There is also no clear protections to ensure the equipment remains the property of the University, as is also specified in the requirements for the Special Projects Endowment.

Itemized List of Training Equipment and Budget:

Ringside Training Boxing Gloves - \$58.36 (each pair) x 40 students= \$2,334.40
Ringside Panther Boxing Mitts - \$72.63 (each pair) x 20 students sharing= \$1,453.60
Fairfax Muay Thai Training Belly Pad - \$119.99 each x10 students sharing= \$1,199.90
Fairfax Muay Thai Kick Pads - \$159.99 (pair) x 20 students sharing = \$3,199.80
Windy Curved Kick Shield - \$137.27 x10 students sharing = \$1,372.70
Contender Fight Sports Gym Timer - \$100.85
Total Budget Request: \$9,661.25

Applicant: UW Transportation – Bus Station Monitors

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“Purchase and install two smart monitor displays for displaying real-time bus location information at key locations of Wyoming Union and Classroom Building. Proposing to add BrightSign digital displays in Wyoming Union and Classroom Building. Signage could also display relevant transit and parking information throughout the year if desired. Installation in Wyoming Union would be close to east vestibule for ease of access to East Union bus plaza. Please note that display would likely need to be relocated in 2025 after north and south residence hall construction is complete. Installation in Classroom Building would be on west side facing the Classroom Bus Stop. Both locations would be out of the weather elements and could assist students with knowing when they need to start heading to the bus stops to catch the bus. ” ~ Request Excerpt

BNP Note: Approved.

Item	Cost	Total amount
BrightSign Digital Signage Player	\$600 each (2x)	\$1,200
Samsung Flip Interactive Monitor 65”	\$2,600 each (2x)	\$5,200
Monitor Mounts	\$110 each (2x)	\$220
Cables	\$50 each (2x)	\$100
UW Operations/IT installation	\$2,140 each (2x)	\$4,280
		TOTAL: \$11,000 (\$5,500 per display)

Applicant: Wyoming Union – Portable Chargers

“Despite having charging stations throughout the Union, often, they do not work and the student charging their device must stay with their device until they are satisfied with the percentage. This does not always work for all students. A student may have forgotten to charge their phone before leaving home. The student may use their iPad to take notes on during class but are not sitting close to an outlet to charge their device if it is dead. Electronic devices are used daily for all operations but require responsibility and power. Due to these problems, many institutions across the country have installed portable chargers on college campuses and many in student unions as well. (Comparable institutions list included in initial proposal). The proposed charges, Supernova, is both portable and automated. The convenience of this being located in the Wyoming Union could boost our foot traffic and use of the space. More importantly, it offers convenience to students. They are able to grab an electron, take it to class or keep it with them while eating in the Union or while they are in a meeting in the building, then return it when they are finished. They can increase productivity as well as safety and security. There are advertising and branding opportunities, too. These are accessible to everyone and environmentally friendly.” ~ Request Excerpt

BNP Note: Some discussion on workability, particularly to ensure that chargers are returned and not stolen. Did not require a hearing as questions were answered by some research into the company’s website where the procedures and security information are outlined. The Union will assume costs of repairs and replacements as necessary. Approved.

Supernova Charging Station	Cost per Unit	Quantity	Total Cost
Supernova Charging Station	\$2,999 each	3	\$8,999

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Applicant: Wyoming Union – Trash Compactors

“The Union has mainly two different styles of trash cans throughout the building. One style is a stand-alone trash bin that is tan in color and only hold trash. The other type of trash bin is combined with aluminum can and paper recycling. The Union operations team makes efforts to update signage and help keep the trash cans looking clean and modern as well. The proposal is to add SmartPack Automatic Compacting Trash Receptacles to the Wyoming Union to help reduce waste, disposal costs, and help with appearance.” ~ Request Excerpt

The cost reflected below would be for the full SmartPack trash compactor, the compactor container, and the first roll of trash bags. The Union will take on the cost of shipping and future cost of trash bags.

BNP Note: The committee had extensive discussion on this proposal with several concerns proposed. There were concerns that this would not improve sustainability or the custodial workload in such a way to justify the expense, namely that there is still the same amount of trash being generated just fewer trash bags and that those trash bag loads could be much heavier and create workability and/or safety issues for custodial staff. The Union has ~25 normal beige trash cans in addition to the sortable bins with recycling. Switching out or adding only one compactor did not seem like it would generate the lasting impact needed to justify the cost. The committee voted to NOT approve the request.

Cost: \$10,253 each (x2 requested).