

2022

*Annual Report*

**STATE  
MATCHING  
PROGRAM**







# State Matching Programs

UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE  
W.S. 21-16-903

ATHLETICS CHALLENGE MATCHING PROGRAM  
W.S. 21-16-1003

ACADEMIC FACILITIES CHALLENGE MATCHING PROGRAM  
W.S. 21-16-1403



# LAUNCHING OUR FUTURE

There is no question—the state matching program of the Wyoming Legislature has had a significant impact on the University of Wyoming. Because generous donors have been encouraged to support UW, the university’s endowment at \$776.1 million (as of June 30) is approaching a billion dollars. This endowment far surpasses schools in the Mountain West Conference and even approaches the endowments of much larger institutions—due to the superior investment performance over the last five years.

The state matching program was established in 2001 by the state legislature, and after 21 years, UW has received more than \$222 million in state matching funds supporting faculty, students, and academic and athletic facilities across campus. It was designed to leverage the generosity of donors and to encourage a new level of giving by creating incentives to invest in UW. Through this program, endowment gifts of \$50,000 or more and facility gifts of \$25,000 or more have been doubled by the State of Wyoming.

The impact of the Wyoming Legislature’s state matching program cannot be overstated. Thank you on behalf of the university, the citizens of our state, and most of all our students, past, present, and future.





A close-up photograph of golden, feathery grass or seed heads against a dark, blurred background. The grass is illuminated from the side, creating a strong contrast and highlighting its texture. The overall mood is artistic and natural.

*The Impact*

**IMAGINE**

# PROTECTING WYOMING'S WORKING AND WILDLANDS

Here at the University of Wyoming, protecting the state's working and wildlands is a group effort—a partnership among UW, the Wyoming Legislature, and donors.

A \$500,000 gift from the Joe and Arlene Watt Foundation, doubled to \$1 million with state match funding, supports the Institute for Managing Annual Grasses Invading Natural Ecosystems, or IMAGINE. IMAGINE fights the establishment and proliferation of invasive grasses that can degrade Wyoming lands. These efforts focus on species such as cheatgrass, ventenata, and medusahead through fundamental research, community science, and next-generation partnerships.

IMAGINE is an initiative of the Sheridan Research and Extension Center of the UW College of Agriculture, Life Sciences, and Natural Resources. The center partners with units across the UW campus, community colleges, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and Wyoming weed and pest control districts. Funding supports a vital coordinator position that communicates with partners, manages student interns for field data collection, performs quality control and data entry, and assists the director in identifying research opportunities.

Invasive grasses have major impacts. There are well over a million acres of rangeland dominated by cheatgrass and other invasive grasses in Wyoming alone. These grasses create poor grazing resources and diminish wildlife habitat for animals. They also change wildfire cycles drastically, and fire frequency has increased from every 25-100 years to every five years or less. Each year, taxpayer money is spent to address the harmful effects of wildfires.

The institute is implementing a long-term strategy that ranges from containment zones to prevention areas to aggressive treatment, all coupled with qualitative and quantitative monitoring and cost-benefit analyses.

The Watt Foundation is helping the IMAGINE program realize its dream of “a Wyoming where iconic Western landscapes and diverse native rangelands bloom without the negative impacts and wildfire risk caused by invasive annual grasses.”

This support is timely. In October 2020, Gov. Mark Gordon's Invasive Species Initiative delivered its recommendations in its final report—recommendations that IMAGINE addresses.

“Wyoming's grasslands and wildlife are some of our most important resources. We're excited for this opportunity for the Watt Foundation to continue to invest in the future of our great state through maintaining our wildlands while offering hands-on education, research, and outreach. Our goal is to invest in the institutions that transform our communities and ensure our state's future.”

RICHARD HAMMER, WATT FOUNDATION



# INVESTING IN AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Wyoming agriculture is the past, present, and future of Wyoming. Something the Wyoming Legislature and Farm Credit Services of America have in common is this—they serve agriculture by investing in its future.

These efforts come together in a \$1.5 million gift, doubled to \$3 million by state matching, from Farm Credit Services of America that supports the Ranch Management and Agriculture Leadership Program in the University of Wyoming College of Agriculture, Life Sciences, and Natural Resources. This program trains the next generation of ranch managers, wildland recreation professionals, and agricultural leadership.

The Ranch Management and Agriculture Leadership Program provides students with technical knowledge and real-world experiential learning opportunities in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors of Western agriculture. The curriculum is guided by ranch owners, agency professionals, agribusiness leaders, industry executives, elected officials, academics, and UW alumni.

The program offers three levels of education:

a bachelor's degree in ranch management

and agricultural leadership, a master's degree in ranch management and agricultural leadership, and a professional development and certification for current career ranch managers and agricultural leaders. Each level incorporates workforce development, practical experiences, research-based technical knowledge, real-world problem solving, and interactions with industry leaders throughout the West.

In addition, the gift supports students with scholarships during their internship semesters, as well as stipends and program support for students in the post-baccalaureate program. Scholarships for individuals in the certificate and micro-credentialing program encourage individuals with limited means to enroll, as students in this program are not eligible for federal financial aid.

The program is led by interim director Kelly Crane, who with staff and faculty use innovative approaches to ranch management. The director's responsibilities include curriculum and internship development and seeking funding internally and externally through grants and private contributions. They create strong partnerships with everyone involved.

“As a financial cooperative, one of FCSAmerica’s most important missions is to serve agriculture by investing in its future. We all have benefited from producers and industry leaders who have worked to preserve our natural resources and advocated for policies and infrastructure that guarantee a secure food system. Future generations will be prepared to keep the industry moving forward because of the kind of educational opportunities offered through the Ranch Management and Agricultural Leadership Program.”

MARK JENSEN, FCSAMERICA

# *The Impact*





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# SUPPORTING WYOMING'S COMMUNITIES WITH LEGAL EXPERTISE

It's been demonstrated time and time again—Wyoming is a small town with long streets. Relationships are the bedrock of Wyoming communities, and the incredible relationships within the legal community of Wyoming are some of the strongest. These relationships are built at the UW College of Law, and the support of the Wyoming Legislature has made that possible.

Since 1920, the College of Law has been a key professional academic unit of the University of Wyoming. From its humble beginnings in the UW Library to its own facility in 1953, the College of Law has consistently helped students become critical thinkers and leaders.

In 2009, the College of Law underwent a renovation of the south side of the law school to create the William N. Brimmer Legal Education Center. The \$4.5 million center

was funded with \$2.25 million in private support from 48 donors and \$2.25 million in state matching funds. The single largest gift was \$1 million from philanthropists Marian Rochelle and the Honorable April Brimmer Kunz.

The College of Law was recently named one of the best schools for practical training in the spring 2022 issue of *PreLaw Magazine*.

This facility features a high-tech courtroom and a classroom or a lecture hall, seating more than 160. A second smaller room provides space for a moot courtroom or a classroom when the larger classroom is in use. A seminar room provides a place for attorneys to conduct depositions and to meet with clients. Additional features are a jury deliberation room, judge's chambers, a secure holding area for defendants, and a sound booth.

The year 2020 marked the college's centennial anniversary. The creation of the Alan K. Simpson Center for Clinical and Experiential Learning—a new addition to the college that provides hands-on experience—is underway. The College of Law currently runs legal clinics and practicums, which provide both on-the-ground training for future attorneys and much-needed legal services to the state of Wyoming. The renovation is set to be completed in 2024 and is supported in part by appropriations from the Wyoming Legislature.

These experiential learning opportunities include the Civil Legal Services Clinic; Defender Aid Clinic; Family and Child Legal Advocacy Clinic; International Human Rights Prosecution Assistance Program; Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Law Clinic; Entrepreneurship and Business Law Practicum; Estate Planning Practicum; and Local Government Assistance Practicum.

The University of Wyoming College of Law believes in its mission to prepare students to be practice-ready upon completion of their law degree and is a leading institution for clinical legal education and practical skills training. The support of the Wyoming Legislature helped build this strong community and its commitment to public service.



# BY THE NUMBERS

## STATUS OF \$49.0 MILLION ATHLETICS CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2022

FUNDS RECEIVED  
FROM DONORS

**\$49,000,000**

DONOR COMMITMENTS  
SECURING MATCHING FUNDS

**\$49,000,000**

TOTAL MATCHING POOL

**\$49,000,000**

## STATUS OF \$60.3 MILLION ACADEMIC FACILITIES CHALLENGE

OCTOBER 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2022

FUNDS RECEIVED  
FROM DONORS

**\$60,329,880**

DONOR COMMITMENTS  
SECURING MATCHING FUNDS

**\$60,329,880**

TOTAL MATCHING POOL

**\$60,329,880**

## STATUS OF \$113.4 MILLION UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE

MARCH 1, 2001 - JUNE 30, 2022

FUNDS RECEIVED  
FROM DONORS

**\$110,402,940**

DONOR COMMITMENTS  
SECURING MATCHING FUNDS

**\$113,392,708**

TOTAL MATCHING POOL

**\$113,392,708**

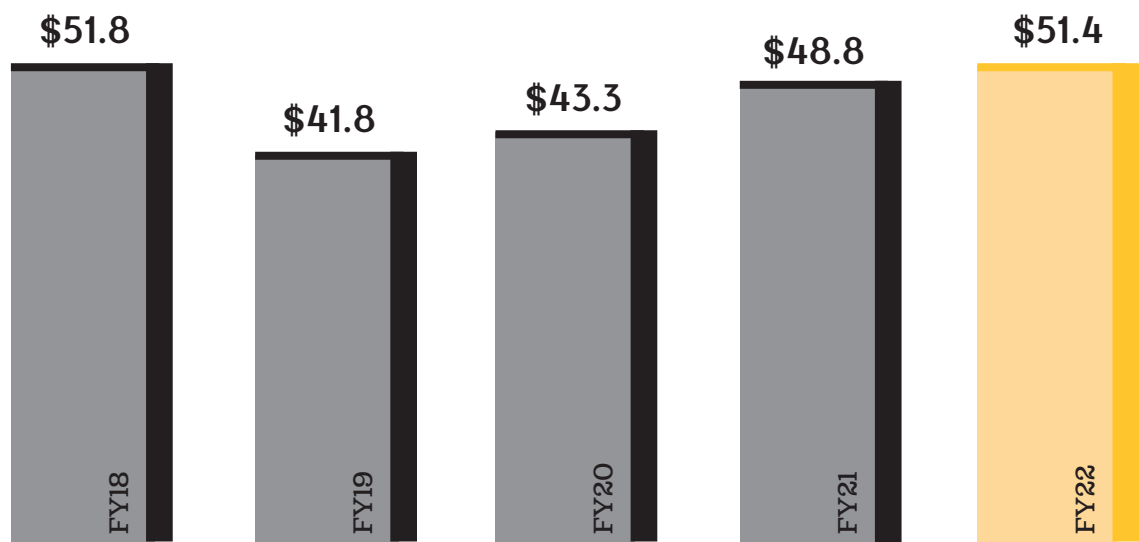




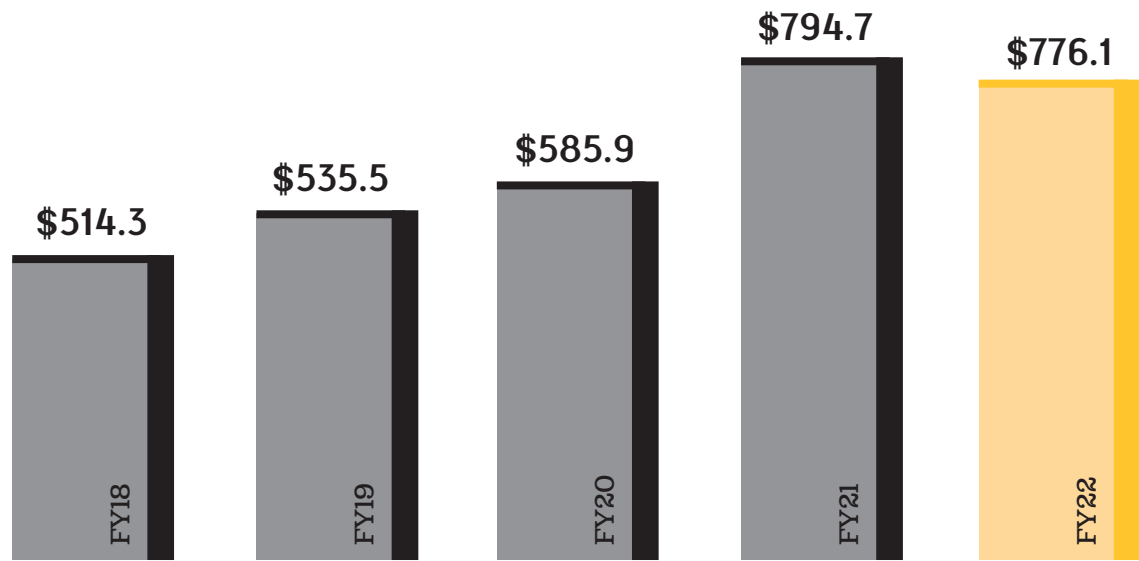


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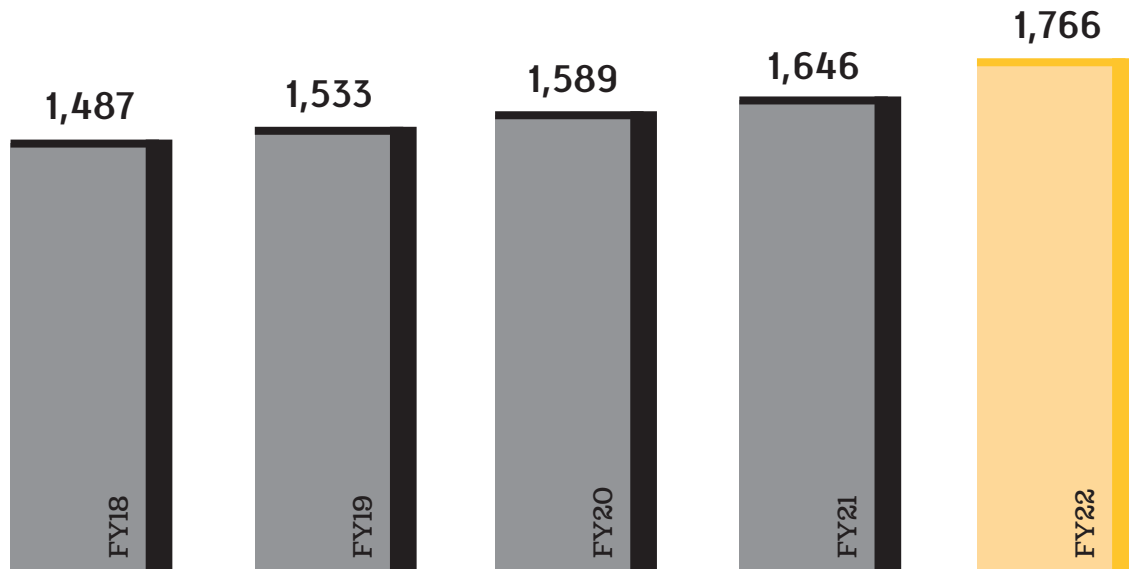
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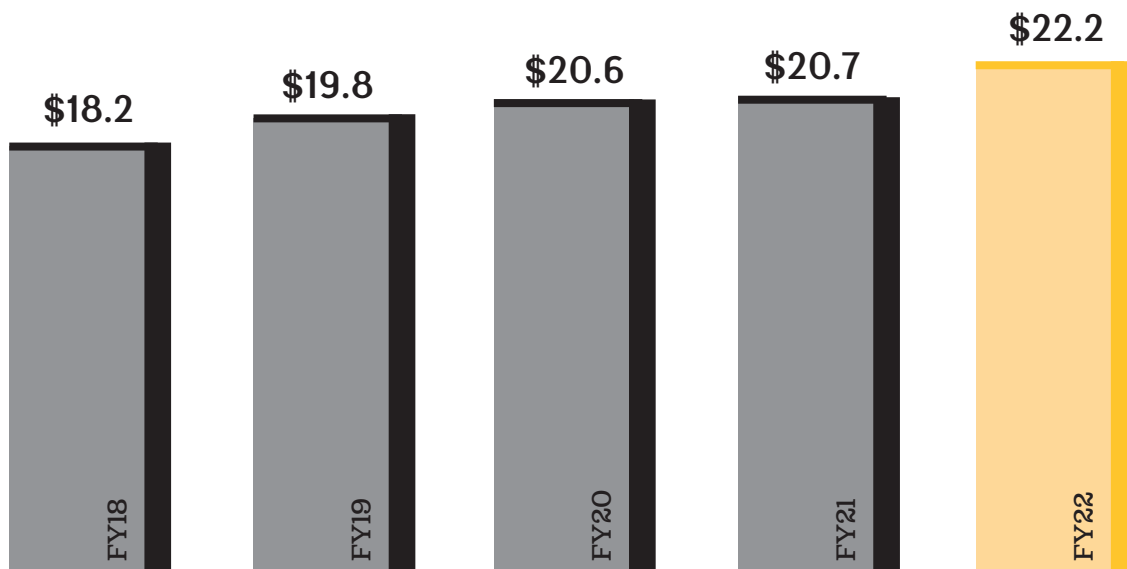
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# BY THE NUMBERS

## NUMBER OF ENDOWMENTS



## ENDOWMENT PAYOUT IN MILLIONS



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