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Dear Directors,

We want to give you an update on our budget situation for FY25. Below is a summary of what we know and are doing and our plans. We wanted to wait until we had some solid information, but that won't come until the end of August, and we didn't want to wait until then. So, this is the best and most current information we have.

1. We are still working on clarifying our FY25 spending authority. The UA has moved to a new budgeting system where units are given a certain amount of spending authority. This must be done at the unit (county) level and then combined to meet our FY25 spending limit. It appears that we will receive our third year of \$6.2 million funding, although we have yet to receive solid confirmation. Carolyn and her team will work with county business offices as we work through this new budgeting system.
2. Our Spending Authority has been reduced for FY25 by about \$3 million. This isn't a budget cut because we can carry over unspent funds, which will help us into FY26. But this means we will need to reduce spending this fiscal year by paring down new hires and eliminating operational support that came from the NEI funding.
4. We will not send operational support as we did in the past two years (the \$10K per FTE). We are requesting any special funding request be made through the Extension Funding Request form at <https://arizonace.quickbase.com/db/bs6hgvbi2?a=nwr&originalQid=td&ifv=150>.

Please note: If you did not spend your FY24 operational support funds, those will not be swept.

3. For those units that submitted staff requests in the last round, please work with [Jennifer Gardner Smith](#) to make arrangements for these hires.
4. For those units with active faculty searches, please get in touch with [Carolyn Greeno](#) to get approval to move forward. Once again, we still do not have clarity on our spending authority, and some positions may need to be delayed.

This is what we know so far, and we will continue to update you as we learn more. We ask that you share this information with your faculty and staff. Budgeting is very fluid at the UA right now.

We appreciate your support and patience as we work through a new system with a new CFO/COO and Provost.

Take Care,

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