

Clayton State University Budget Priority Request

Budget Period 2021

Division/Department: **Athletics**

Priority Title: **Offset of staff funding/New funds for athletics staff (NCAA Compliance Officer)**

Priority Number: **#1**

Funding Requested: **\$75,000** ✓ **Permanent** One-Time

1) Description of Request:

Provide state funds to cover the majority of the salary and fringe benefits for the current CSU NCAA compliance position. The bulk of responsibilities within this role manages the University's NCAA compliance program.

2) Justification: Please provide a justification that discusses such things as support of the University's strategic plan or other institutional objectives. What impact will this request have on University programs and services? Can you redirect funds to meet this need?

The NCAA compliance position on campus not only is essential to ensuring compliance within the athletics department, it's a vital position for the University. The position is charged with ensuring institutional control, as outlined by the NCAA. Institutional control is achieved by implementing and constantly monitoring systems and communication with University departments, student-athletes, supporters, faculty, and staff. In addition, compliance works closely with the Peach Belt Conference regarding conference policies and procedures.

Some examples of the departments NCAA compliance impacts directly are financial aid, housing, admissions, registrar, and academic advising. Frequent communication and monitoring systems are critical to ensuring not only institutional control but protecting the University from any potential violations as well. Currently, there is a liaison from each department who serves as a member of the NCAA compliance team on campus. This team meets on an annual basis to ensure all departments are aware of NCAA rules and systems continue to be effective. Due to the effective systems we have in place at Clayton State University, we have not experienced any major violations. In addition, the Clayton State Self-Study, along with the NCAA Blueprint, have not been sited with any major issues.

In conclusion, the NCAA compliance position on campus protects our entire University, not just athletics. We feel the justification provided above speaks to why state funds should be approved to fund this role.

3) Metrics: Please describe how you plan to determine the effectiveness and measure the impact of the proposed funding.

The proposed funding would have a significant and immediate impact within our athletics department. The funds would continue to allow us to emphasize the importance of the NCAA compliance position on campus. We could measure the impact of these funds by surveying and evaluating annual compliance systems, along with data provided by key members on campus associated with NCAA compliance functions.