

### Processes to Support Ecological and Fiscal Sustainability

Previous	Current	Trend	Target	Rating
New Indicator: target, metrics & data to be developed in AY23				Initial

Mission Fulfillment Indicator (MFI) 17 analyzes the College’s efforts to maintain fiscal and ecological sustainability. This MFI focuses on three elements of fiscal and ecological sustainability: fiscal responsibility, infrastructure investments, and ecological sustainability.

### Discussion

#### Fiscal Responsibility

In alignment with Strategic Plan Goal 5, the College is committed to “improving fiscal stability and sustainability.” As a steward of public funds, Lane works to ensure responsible use of tax payer and tuition dollars to achieve its mission. In collaboration with College departments, budgets are developed to support current operational needs and long term fiscal stability. General Fund (fund 1) is the largest revenue source and is considered an overall indicator of financial health. It includes activities directly associated with the College’s basic educational objectives.

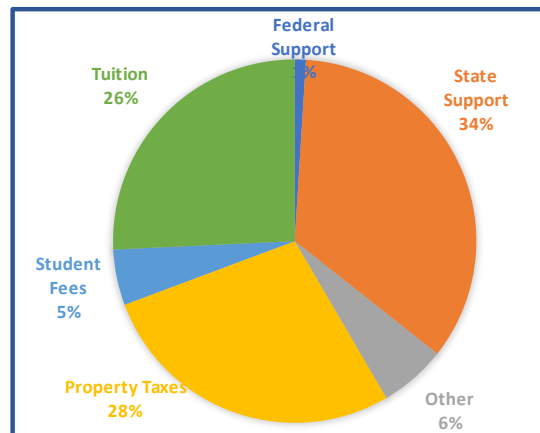


Figure 1: AY23 General Fund Revenue

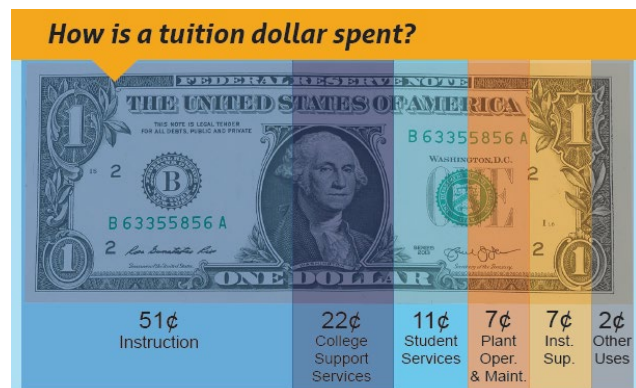


Figure 2: Allocation of Tuition

#### Infrastructure Investments

In alignment with Strategic Plan Goal 6, the College is committed to making “strategic infrastructure investments.” To achieve this goal, the College will: ensure all capital construction and maintenance aligns with the Facilities Master Plan; fully fund industry standard annual target for Facilities improvements; complete planned bond projects on time and on budget; reduce outstanding deferred maintenance; modernize and streamline IT Systems and Operations; implement a cyber security program; ensure employees and students have the software and hardware they need to be productive.

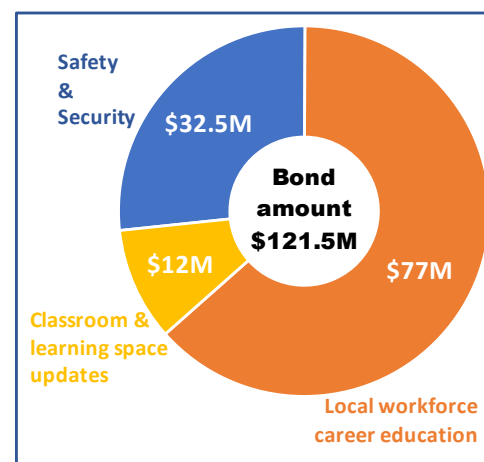


Figure 3: Allocation of the 2020 Bond

## Ecological Sustainability



Sustainability is identified as one of Lane’s Core Values and is defined as “Integrating practices that support and improve the health of systems that sustain life.” In alignment with this Core Value, the College is committed to: improving the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability’s Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System score from Silver to Gold by 2024; increase college wide communication about sustainability; quantify and improve ecosystems services college wide; adopt a sustainability institutional learning outcome; make measurable progress toward

meeting the goals of the [Climate Action Plan](#).

Rank	Institution	Score	Rating	Location
1	Dawson College	74.6	Gold	Montreal, QC
2	Nova Scotia Community College	71.1	Gold	Halifax, NS
3	Mohawk College	67.4	Gold	Hamilton, ON
4	Fleming College	66.3	Gold	Peterborough, ON
5	Portland Community College	63.0	Silver	Portland, OR
6	North Seattle College	60.6	Silver	Seattle, WA
7	Raritan Valley Community College	59.7	Silver	Branchburg, NJ
8	Central Community College	59.4	Silver	Grand Island, NE
9	Western Technical College	58.6	Silver	La Crosse, WI
10	Lane Community College	56.6	Silver	Eugene, OR

*Table 1: From the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 2022 Campus Index*

## Peer Comparisons

The accreditation process calls for evidence-informed self-reflection along with meaningful comparison against peers to provide a contextualized perspective on an institution’s quality. Because universities and community colleges define and pursue sustainability in response to unique local conditions, it is not possible to provide an “apples to apples” comparison with peer institutions for this MFI. However, as the table above shows, Lane is very competitive with its peers in ecological sustainability, scoring in the top ten and achieving a Silver rating.

## Lessons Learned & Next Steps

The commitments made to sustainable practices directly contribute to the college's fiscal stability. For instance, college wide revenues from the diversion of surplus materials in FY22 was \$86,210, this equates to approximately an additional \$5,000 saved in waste disposal costs for the same year. By pursuing energy efficiency projects in FY22 the college received \$37,354 in the form of incentives from local utilities, and every one percent the college is able to save in annual utility costs equates to approximately \$10,000. Although the College has had an enduring commitment to sustainability, this MFI is new in 2022-2023. Data collection and evaluation will take place in the coming year and will allow for the establishment of benchmarks. Data for this MFI will be reported in the subsequent years of the strategic plan. For more information, see the [Institutional Sustainability Goals](#).