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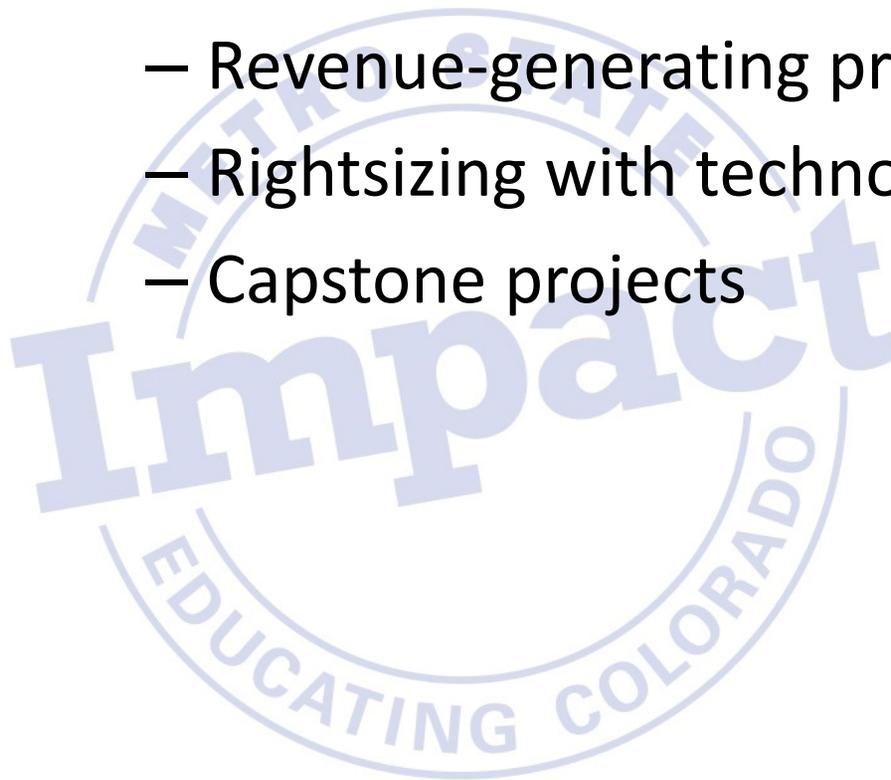
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# Metro State's use of ARRA funds

## Rightsizing Initiative

- Revenue-generating projects
- Rightsizing with technology projects
- Capstone projects



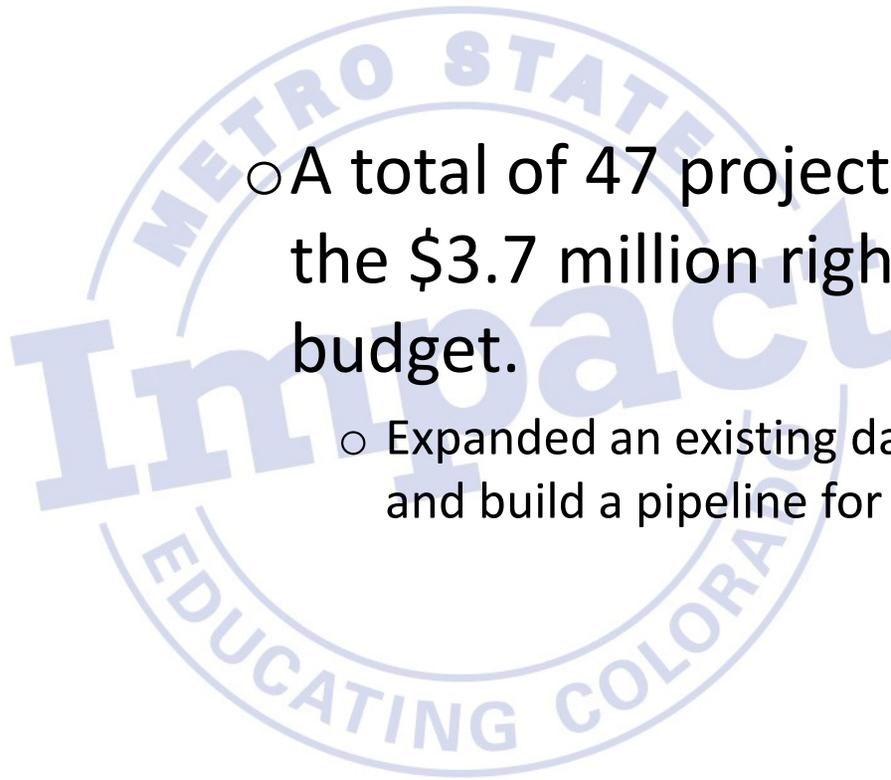
# Revenue-generating projects

We used stimulus funds to cover release time to build a model for graduate programs that will generate revenue and cross-subsidize our undergraduate programs.



# Rightsizing with technology projects

- Use technology to contain costs while maximizing the quality of services.
- A total of 47 projects were completed under the \$3.7 million rightsizing with technology budget.
  - Expanded an existing database to enhance donor relations and build a pipeline for public and private grants.



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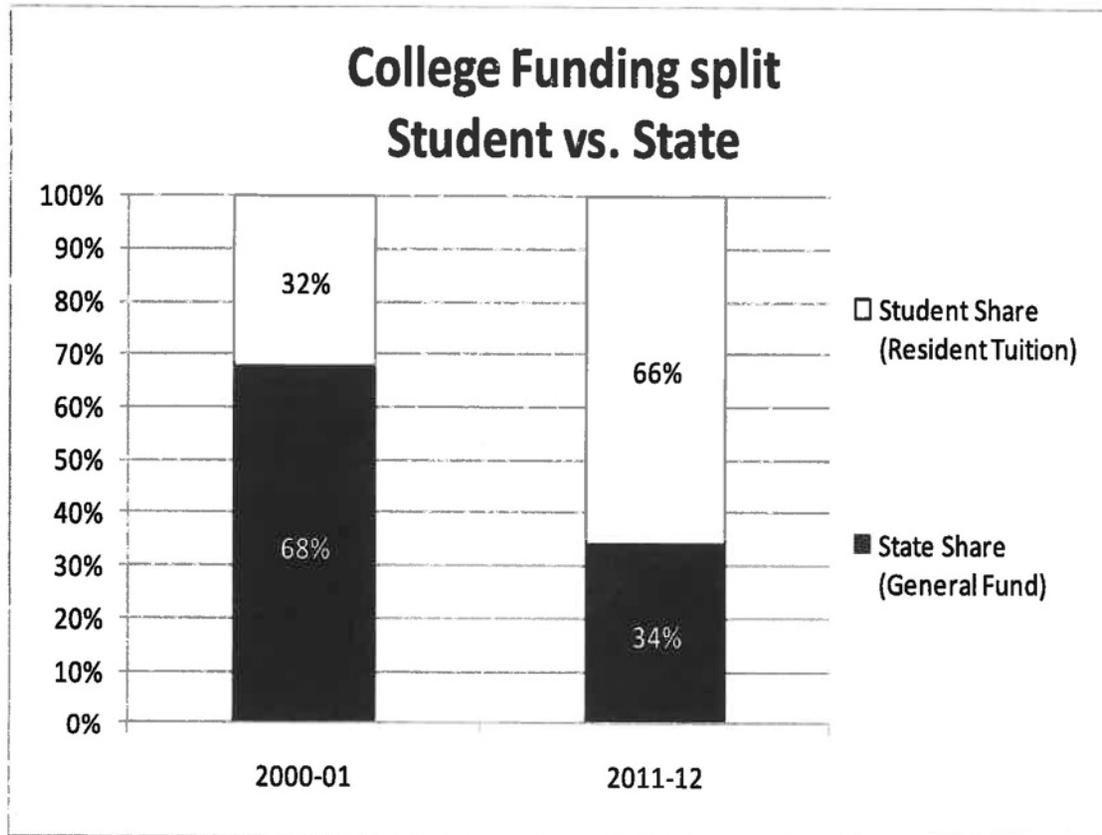
# Capstone projects

One retiring professor developed an online advising program that reduced the business advising hold from 60 hours to 30 hours and also led a policy change to add general studies level I courses as prerequisites to the business core major.



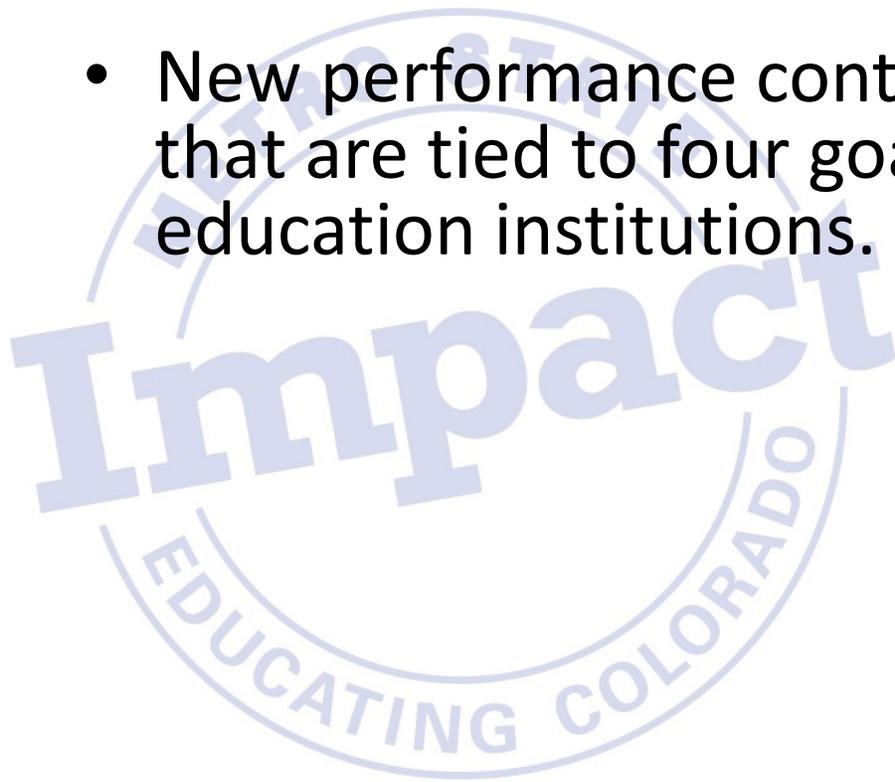
# What are the fiscal realities now?

- In Colorado, all institutions were taken back to the 2005 funding level, regardless of increase or decrease in enrollment at that time.
- Since 2000, the college funding split of student share vs. state share has flipped.



# Current interaction on budget with Colorado

- We continue to have conversations with the state around funding.
- New performance contracts are being created that are tied to four goals of Colorado's higher education institutions.



# Education Gap Grows Between Rich and Poor

Studies indicate that while the achievement gap between white and black students significantly increased over the last few decades, the gap between poor and rich students has grown substantially during the same period.

--Feb. 9, 2012, *New York Times*



# Thank you and questions

