

(<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/06/0665000.html>), the per capita money income for 2007-2011 was \$15,762 and persons living below the poverty level in 2007-2011 was 28.6%. The costs to attend annual psychology conferences would likely prohibit our students from attending. Offering this experience to our students might change the course of their academic careers and lead to successful transfer to a CSU or UC, many of which attend these conferences. Students will have the opportunity to interact with the CSU and UC faculty members one on one at the conference as well as learn about the research taking place at these campuses.

4. Indicate any related costs (including any ongoing maintenance or updates) and department/program plans to support those costs.

The regional psychology conference put on by Western Psychological Association happens each year in April and costs \$75 for each student to attend. The conference location varies each year with an average hotel cost of about \$150-\$175 a night for the 3 nights/4 days of the conference. Air or train travel may also be required costing \$200-300 per student. The initial cost for 6 students to attend the WPA conference in April 2017 was approximately \$5,000. The projected cost for 6 students to attend the WPA conference this April 2018 is shown below, we hope to have some of the costs covered by this budget and the other costs covered by our psychology club fundraising, ICC, and ASG.

Travel Costs Per Student		Travel Costs for a Group of 6 Students	
Total = \$825.00		Total = \$5,100.00	
Item	Cost	Item	Cost
Registration	\$75.00	Registration	\$450.00
Hotel	\$300.00	Hotel	\$1,800.00
Hotel costs are based on 4 nights at \$75 per person for 2 people per room			
Flight	\$200.00	Flight	\$1,200.00
Food	\$250.00	Food	\$1,500.00

Food costs are based on \$50 per day, per person for 5 days
 Poster \$16.00 each Taxi/Travel to hotel and airport \$150.00

Total cost of \$3,000 being requested this year and this cost would be the annual amount requested as a department budget each year.

5. What are the consequences of not funding this budget request?

If this request is not funded, the Strategic Initiative Goal of Promoting Student Success may not be met in terms of course success and transfer rates. Attending a professional conference will enhance student learning in psychology courses required for degree and certificate programs. Students will not get an opportunity to meet and interact with students and faculty from institutions they want to transfer to.