



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Executive Action Summary

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Budget & Finance -Attachment 7

**Committee Name** Budget & Finance

**Date** June 13, 2025

**Agenda Item:** PLAN – First-Gen Center

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**Information**

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**Review**

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**Action**

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby authorizes the Administration to plan for the project titled "First-Gen Center."

**Recommendation:**

The Trustee Committee on Budget & Finance recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for renovations to the first floor of the Hannah Administration Building to provide a space focusing on student development, especially first-generation students.

**Prior Action by BOT:** Not applicable.

**Responsible Officers:** Daniel Bollman, Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities  
Barbara J. Kranz, Assistant Provost, Institutional Space Planning and Management

**Summary:** The First-Gen Center will consolidate access to a wide range of student academic and administrative services such as academic advising, strategic retention outreach and engagement, career services, health and wellbeing, tutoring, and academic success workshops.

The west half of the first floor of Hannah Administration Building will be dedicated to the First-Gen Center. Additional space on the ground floor of the Hannah Administration Building may be incorporated into the plan, ensuring a cohesive and comprehensive support environment for students. Any necessary relocation of existing functions to other areas within the Administration Building will be addressed ahead of or as part of the planning process. The anticipated scope of the project will include approximately 12,000 – 15,000 square feet.

**Background Information:**

More than one in five students at MSU are first-generation students - a student whose parent or parents did not earn a bachelor's degree. The First-Gen Center will be a dedicated space to support and recognize the distinct contributions of first-generation college students, but will be open to all students. While the needs of first-generation students align with the needs of all students, they are often experienced with greater intensity. Evidence shows that intentionally designed shared spaces encourage meaningful engagement among students from diverse demographic and socioeconomic backgrounds. This cross-engagement is a key driver of student success, fostering a stronger sense of belonging, improving retention and contributing to both academic achievement and postgraduate outcomes. Acting now ensures MSU delivers on its mission of inclusive excellence and builds an equitable foundation for the next generation of Spartans.

**Source of Funds:**

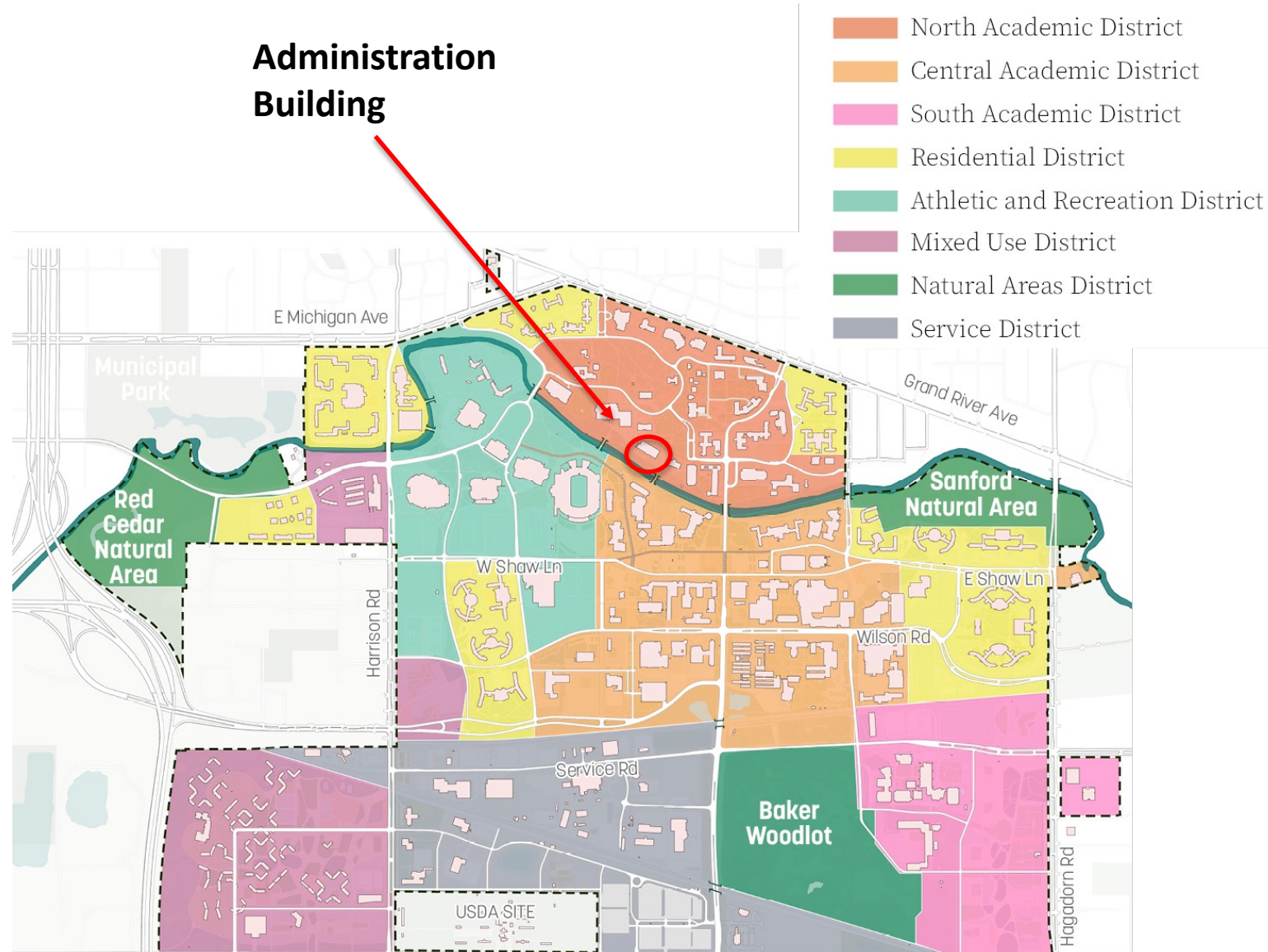
Planning costs are estimated at \$490,000.

**Resource Impact:**

The First-Gen Center will provide a welcoming, student-centered environment, supporting holistic student development – academically, personally, and professionally. By fostering a sense of community and belonging, the First-Gen Center supports student success initiatives contributing to increased student retention and graduation.

# First Gen Center

## Student Success



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