

BARC FAQ's

1. Where do BARC funds come from?
 - a. BARC Funds are a product of multiple funding sources. There are two types of fund designations within the College, unrestricted general fund (college discretionary/operational) and restricted general fund (grant and categorical designations). The unrestricted portion comes from two sources, a set-aside at the beginning of each fiscal year and a year-end recapturing of unused departmental budget. Where appropriate, restricted funds are used if requests align with the funding criteria.
2. How are requested items approved for funding?
 - a. The Budget Allocation Recommendation Committee reviews and rates requests based on the criteria and rubrics approved by the committee. Once scored by each individual BARC member, the rating results are again reviewed and prioritized by the entire committee. The prioritized list is brought to the Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Committee and President's Cabinet for review and approval. Ultimately, the funding decisions are determined by the President of the College, with input from executive staff and grant-managers where appropriate. The CTE subcommittee reviews requests that qualify for funding through Strong Workforce and Perkins.
3. How is one notified if their request has been funded?
 - a. Once funding determinations have been made, Administrative Services on behalf of BARC, will send out an email to all who have submitted a request to notify them to access the portal where funded items will be noted.
4. How does one maintain relationships with vendors if quotes are obtained, but not fulfilled?
 - a. As part of the process review cycle, the BARC will explore timelines vs. information needed to assess the necessity or level of quotes required as part of the Request-It process. The Committee is mindful of the time of requestors and vendors in obtaining quotes for this process.
5. Is there a training available?
 - a. Yes! The training for the BARC Request-It portal is available on the Program Review Resource page on the Mesa website under "Program Review Training":
<http://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/institutional-effectiveness/program-review/resources.shtml>
 - b. The Program Review training schedule can be accessed here:
<http://www.sdmesa.edu/about-mesa/institutional-effectiveness/program-review/documents/resources/Tentative%20Training%20Schedule%202019-2020%20Published.pdf>