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**FAQ**

**University Libraries Strategic Fund (Pilot)**

1. What is the process to acquire a new resources using the Strategic Fund?

Step 1) Requests for new acquisition may be made through the library web site.

Step 2) After having received the request the library will research cost, access and license viability.

Step 3) Once that information is obtained library administration, subject librarians and the requesting unit will work together to decide on the purchase.

Step 4) Shared funding models may be explored for major purchases.

1. Can you provide an example of a resource that qualifies for Strategic Funds?

Yes, [Lynda.com](http://lynda.kent.edu/) is a prime example as it supports distance education and aligns with the Students First university priority. Assessment shows an upward trend in usage. Additionally, the annual cost is shared between the library and two other units.

1. Was the library allocated additional money to support the Strategic Fund?

No, the program has been created using existing library collection funds.

1. How do I determine whether a desired resource appropriate for the Strategic Fund?

Strategic Funds are generally reserved for costlier acquisitions.

1. Who can I contact for questions or more information?

You may contact your Subject Librarian or the Collection Management Librarian, Kay Downey, [mdowney1@kent.edu](mailto:mdowney1@kent.edu)