**🟡 Evaluating College Research Performance: Why Funding Rate Alone Isn’t Enough (Q1FY24–Q3FY25 Data)**

While the **Funding Rate (%)** shows how many submitted proposals are approved, it can be misleading as a performance metric. A holistic assessment requires combining multiple dimensions, such as **total dollar impact**, and **sponsor competitiveness**.

**1. 📊 Funding Rate (%) vs. Total Dollar Impact**

* **Business** has the highest funding rate (88.5%) but received only **0.77%** of the total dollars awarded.
* In contrast, **Agriculture** has a lower funding rate (45.7%) but secured **23.2%** of total funding, which is the highest across all colleges.
* **Conclusion**: High funding rate often reflects smaller, lower-risk proposals; it does not equate to large-scale research success.

**2. 💵 Dollars & Awards by Sponsor Type**

* **State-funded projects** are associated with the highest funding rates across several units:
  + Campus Operations (87.5% from state)
  + Education (62.5% from state)
* However, **federal sponsors** like NSF, NIH, and USDA — which are more competitive — provide **70.1% of total award dollars**.
* Colleges with strong **federal portfolios** (e.g., Engineering, Agriculture, Research & Economic Development) may show lower funding rates but higher dollar contributions.