

2021-2022 Governor's January Budget Issued January 8th, 2021

Funding for California Community Colleges

Highlights of the state budget for community colleges include:

➤ Ongoing Funding:

- \$111.1M: 1.5% COLA for the Student-Centered Funding Formula
 - GCCCD = \$1.7 million
 - Will not cover our increased cost in salaries & benefits
- \$23.1M: .5% enrollment growth
 - District will not benefit since our enrollment has been declining
- \$30M: Increase access to online technology and mental health services
- \$15M: Expand California Apprenticeship Initiative
- \$10.6M: Invest in online education ecosystem and infrastructure
- \$6.1M: 1.5% COLA for certain categorical programs (CalWORKS, Campus Childcare, DSPS, EOPS, apprenticeships)

➤ One-time Funding:

- \$250M: Provide emergency financial assistance grants for students, including an Early Action Package intended to go out quickly this spring
- \$100M: Address students' basic needs for food and housing insecurities over three years
- \$20M: Support retention and enrollment strategies
- \$20M: Expand work-based learning
- \$20M: Increase faculty professional development
- \$15M: Expand zero-textbook cost pathways

The budget proposal includes paying back \$1.1 billion of the \$1.5 billion in deferrals included in the 2020-2021 budget.

Funding for the Strong Workforce program would remain the same at \$248 million and the California College Promise, which offers free tuition to first-time college students, would decrease by 7.8%.

Estimated one-time allocation of \$2.9 billion in federal stimulus funding for higher education in California.

Policy Directions

The 2021-2022 proposed state budget also includes some important policy matters including:

- An expectation that community college districts submit actionable plans to close equity gaps in order to be eligible to receive the 1.5% COLA
- An Early Action Package targeting resources for students most impacted by the economic crisis
- A 10% increase in online courses above the 2018-2019 level
- An expectation for improved alignment across the segments of higher education
- A requirement that high school students apply for federal financial aid in their senior year