

# STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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**TOPIC:** FY 2024-25 Initial State Support Base Budget and Amendment 50 Allocations

**PRESENTED BY:** Mark Superka, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

## **RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

## **EXPLANATION:**

For the FY 2024-25 operating budget, the General Assembly appropriated \$292,844,405 in state support in the form of Fee-for-Service and COF Stipend funding to the community colleges. This represents an 8.8 percent increase in these funds compared to FY 2023-24.

The majority of the state's funding is run through the CCCS base allocation model, which has two main components: 1) a series of per resident student FTE "size factors" or weights applied to a shared base resident student FTE funding level; and 2) a two-year resident student FTE average, which is multiplied by each college's size factor-adjusted per student FTE funding level to generate an allocation amount. Attachment A shows the results of the formula allocation at the FY 2024-25 level of state funding. Attachment B shows the net results compared to FY 2023-24.

Also, beginning in FY 2014-15 and every year thereafter, H.B. 13-1165 appropriated \$696,000 in on-going funds to the colleges related to helping students navigate manufacturing career pathways. Attachment A shows these funds divided equally among the 13 colleges in the line item just below the allocation formula results.

There are two areas where state funding does not run directly through the formula allocation methodology: the Information Technology Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system holdback and the system office. For FY 2024-25, the ERP holdback (which supports the system and colleges' enterprise resource management system) was held constant at FY 2023-24 levels. The system office funding was increased 8.8 percent compared to FY 2023-24 funding levels, which is in line with the system average increase.

In addition, there are five previously passed special bills that impact funding for FY 2024-25. The first previously passed bill (H.B. 15-1274) is a bill that charged the Workforce Development Council within the state Department of Labor and Employment to design and implement five career pathways beginning in FY 2015-16. The bill was intended to provide funding only for three years ending in June 2018; however, the funding was continued in subsequent years and in FY 2024-25. While the bulk of the

funding to accomplish this is appropriated to the Department of Labor and Employment, the Colorado Community College System was appropriated \$86,960 per year to hire a staff member to coordinate the system-wide collaboration with the Department of Higher Education and the Department of Labor and Employment in this effort. Since this was initially a temporary funding source, these monies are parsed out from the base funding allocation formula and tracked separately.

The second bill (S.B. 18-086) requires the state's Chief Information Security Officer to annually identify, assess, and mitigate cyber threats to the state and encourages the state to adopt and apply distributed ledger technologies in its data systems where feasible. The majority of the funding to accomplish this is appropriated to the Office of Information Technology in the Governor's Office, but Pikes Peak State College was appropriated \$300,000 for professional education related to these efforts. This funding is intended to continue in future years.

The third bill (S.B. 19-176) requires that concurrent enrollment be offered at no tuition cost to qualified students, and students who complete a concurrent enrollment course must receive credit that applies to high school graduation requirements and that applies to a postsecondary degree, certificate, or developmental education course, or is transferrable among state institutions of higher education. The bill requires CCCS to manage and coordinate concurrent enrollment within the system, including eliminating administrative barriers, implementing efforts to increase participation, and sharing best practices. The bill appropriates \$105,000 and 1.0 FTE to the system office to implement these requirements.

The fourth bill (S.B. 22-172) establishes the Colorado Rural Health Care Workforce Initiative to expand the number of health-care professionals practicing in rural counties. The Department of Higher Education (DHE) is required to enter into limited purpose fee-for-service contracts with public institutions of higher education to establish a health-care professional rural track, or expand an existing rural track, within specified health care degree programs at the schools. The bill specifies required components of a rural track program, including outreach campaigns, scholarships, curriculum, and clinical experience. Institutions may use funding for faculty compensation, housing costs for participating students, training preceptors who practice in rural counties, and student scholarships. Students receiving a scholarship must commit to working as a health-care provider in rural areas for two years after completing their credential. The bill appropriates \$65,000 to Morgan Community College and \$65,000 to Trinidad State College for this purpose.

The fifth bill (S.B. 23-005) establishes measures to expand the forestry workforce. The act directs the state board for community colleges and occupational education (community college board) to administer the recruitment of wildland fire prevention and mitigation educators program to increase the number of qualified educators at community colleges, area technical colleges, and local district colleges that deliver a wildfire prevention and mitigation program or course. The bill appropriates \$250,000 to Front Range Community College for this purpose.

In addition to the state allocations, the colleges will see revenue from Amendment 50 in FY 2024-25. Current internal forecasts peg the overall Amendment 50 funding that will flow to our community colleges at \$28.6 million in FY 2024-25—flat compared to FY 2023-24 levels. The FY 2023-24 gaming tax revenue stream, which determines the allocation for FY 2024-25 (remember that FY 2024-25 allocated revenues will actually be earned in FY 2023-24), has been flat compared to the prior fiscal year. Gaming tax revenues through March are up 0.7 percent compared to the prior fiscal year and Adjusted Gross Proceeds are up 0.3 percent. Per the state constitution, gaming commission expenses come off the top of revenues before running through the constitutional and statutory formulas. Staff used the colleges' FY 2023-24 resident FTE forecasts (taken from the formula allocation methodology) to allocate this funding among the colleges. This is the methodology outlined in the state constitution and statute.

Attachment C shows the FY 2024-25 state support and Amendment 50 allocations. Please keep in mind, however, that both the formula and Amendment 50 allocations will need to be trued-up in September 2024 when final resident FTE figures and final gaming tax receipts are known.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the FY 2024-25 state support and Amendment 50 budget allocations as listed in Attachment C.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A: FY 2024-25 Initial State Support Allocation
- Attachment B: FY 2024-25 State Support Allocation Comparison
- Attachment C: FY 2024-25 State Support and Amendment 50 Initial Allocations