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DATE: June 1, 2025
TO: Illinois Community College Presidents
FROM: Brian Durham, Ed.D., ICCB Executive Director
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026 Illinois State Budget

On May 31, 2025, the Illinois General Assembly approved Senate Bill 2510, appropriating a total of \$55.2 billion for fiscal year 2026. This budget includes several key investments in the Illinois community college system.

Highlights of the FY 2026 budget include:

- **Equalization Grant:** A 3% increase, totaling an additional \$2.4 million.
- **Base Operating and City Colleges of Chicago Grants:** A 1% increase, totaling an additional \$2.2 million.
- **Contingent Funding:** An additional 2% (\$4.4 million) for Base Operating and City Colleges of Chicago grants, pending approval by the Governor.
- **Common App Implementation:** \$500,000 for community colleges participation in the Common App System.

The budget also continues funding for several important statewide initiatives at current funding levels, including:

- Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare Workforce (PATH)
- Advanced Manufacturing - Electric Vehicles
- Mental Health Early Action on Campus
- Dual Credit
- Noncredit Workforce Development

In addition, prior year capital projects have been reappropriated.

An operating budget summary is attached for your reference. Individual community college grant allocations by district will be shared following the Governor's signature.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you would like to discuss the budget in more detail.

**Illinois Community College Board
Fiscal Year 2026 Budget**

| Line Item | P.A. 103-0006 FY 2024 Appropriations | P.A. 103-0589 FY 2025 Appropriations | SB 2510 FY 2026 Appropriations | Change \$ | % |
|--|---|---|---|------------------------|------------|
| <u>Unrestricted Grants</u> | | | | | |
| Base Operating Grant (EAF)* | \$ 96,592,800 | \$ 100,636,010 | \$ 106,822,200 | \$ 6,186,190 | 6% |
| Base Operating Grant (CPPRT) | 105,570,000 | 105,570,000 | 105,570,000 | - | 0% |
| Subtotal Base Operating Grants | \$ 202,162,800 | \$ 206,206,010 | \$ 212,392,200 | \$ 6,186,190 | 3% |
| City Colleges of Chicago* | \$ 14,903,700 | \$ 15,201,800 | \$ 15,657,900 | \$ 456,100 | 3% |
| Equalization Grant | 79,997,600 | 81,597,600 | 84,045,500 | 2,447,900 | 3% |
| Performance Based Funding | 359,000 | 359,000 | 359,000 | - | 0% |
| Small College Grant | 548,400 | 548,400 | 548,400 | - | 0% |
| Subtotal System Operating Grants | \$ 297,971,500 | \$ 303,912,810 | \$ 313,003,000 | \$ 9,090,190 | 3% |
| <u>Statewide Initiatives & Other Grants</u> | | | | | |
| Career & Technical Education Grants (CTE) | \$ 18,972,900 | \$ 18,972,900 | \$ 18,975,000 | \$ 2,100 | 0% |
| Subtotal CTE | \$ 18,972,900 | \$ 18,972,900 | \$ 18,975,000 | \$ 2,100 | 0% |
| Adult Education Grants | \$ 23,783,600 | \$ 23,783,600 | \$ 23,791,800 | \$ 8,200 | 0% |
| Adult Education Performance | 11,798,500 | 11,798,500 | 11,798,500 | - | 0% |
| Subtotal Adult Ed | \$ 35,582,100 | \$ 35,582,100 | \$ 35,590,300 | \$ 8,200 | 0% |
| Advanced Manufacturing/Electric Vehicles | \$ 10,000,000 | \$ 9,000,000 | \$ 9,000,000 | \$ - | 0% |
| Alternative Schools Network | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | - | 0% |
| Bridge and Workforce Programs | 28,794,400 | 28,794,400 | 28,794,400 | - | 0% |
| Chicago Career & Technical Education | 5,000,000 | - | - | - | 0% |
| City of Rockford - Build Your Own Police | 100,000 | - | - | - | 0% |
| Data Center Curriculum | 1,000,000 | - | - | - | 0% |
| Digital Instruction for Adult Education | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | - | 0% |
| Dual Credit | 3,150,000 | 3,175,000 | 3,175,000 | - | 0% |
| East St. Louis Higher Education Center | 1,457,900 | 1,447,900 | 1,447,900 | - | 0% |
| English Language Services | 750,000 | 750,000 | 750,000 | - | 0% |
| High School Equivalency Testing (GED) | 1,148,000 | 1,348,420 | 1,365,300 | 16,880 | 1% |
| Homelessness Prevention Grant | - | 250,000 | 250,000 | - | 0% |
| Illinois Central College - CTE Enrichment Program | 5,000,000 | - | - | - | 0% |
| Innovative Recruitment & Training Program Enrichment | 768,000 | - | - | - | 0% |
| Joliet Junior College - 12x12x12 Program | 150,000 | - | - | - | 0% |
| Lincoln's Challenge Program | 60,200 | 60,200 | 60,200 | - | 0% |
| Mental Health Early Action on Campus Grant | 9,218,800 | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 | - | 0% |
| Non-Credit Workforce Programs | 5,150,000 | 5,175,000 | 5,175,000 | - | 0% |
| P-20 Council | 150,000 | - | - | - | 0% |
| PATH Program | 25,000,000 | 15,000,000 | 15,000,000 | - | 0% |
| Rock Valley College - CTE Enrichment Program | 500,000 | - | - | - | 0% |
| Rock Valley College - CTE Hospitality Program | 500,000 | - | - | - | 0% |
| Rock Valley College - Fire Science Training | - | 500,000 | - | (500,000) | -100% |
| Southwestern Illinois College - Belleville | 5,900,000 | 5,900,000 | 5,310,000 | (590,000) | -10% |
| Trade Schools | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | - | 0% |
| Transitional & Developmental Instruction | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | - | 0% |
| Veterans Grants | 4,264,400 | 4,264,400 | 4,264,400 | - | 0% |
| Workforce Development Programs | - | 15,000,000 | - | (15,000,000) | -100% |
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| Subtotal Statewide Initiatives | \$ 174,616,700 | \$ 178,220,320 | \$ 147,157,500 | \$ (31,062,820) | -17% |
| <u>ICCB Office Operations</u> | | | | | |
| Longitudinal Data System | \$ 650,000 | \$ 650,360 | \$ 666,100 | \$ 15,740 | 2% |
| Common App Initiative | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 500,000 | \$ 500,000 | 100% |
| Office Operations | 3,071,900 | 3,675,510 | 4,627,800 | 952,290 | 26% |
| Subtotal Office Operations | \$ 3,721,900 | \$ 4,325,870 | \$ 5,793,900 | \$ 1,468,030 | 34% |
| Total State General Funds | \$ 476,310,100 | \$486,459,000 | \$ 465,954,400 | \$ (20,504,600) | -4% |

*Additional funding of \$4.2 million for Base Operating and \$0.3 million for City Colleges of Chicago included in above totals is subject to Governor approval.