



FACT SHEET: 2025-27 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED BUDGET (LAB), Higher Education Coordinating Commission

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This fact sheet provides a general overview of key budget outcomes for the Oregon postsecondary education and training budget for 2025-27. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) Legislatively Adopted Budget (LAB) for 2025-27 includes funding for: Oregon’s 17 community colleges; Oregon’s seven public universities and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU); state financial aid and student access programs; capital bonding authority for the public institutions; Oregon’s nine local workforce development boards; Future Ready Oregon investments; OregonServes; and HECC agency operations. The funding for all postsecondary education and workforce entities represented in the HECC budget totals \$4.4 billion, including all fund types (General Fund, Lottery Fund, Other Fund, and Federal Fund); **this is an increase of 5.5 percent from the 2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget (LAB) and a 15.2 percent increase from Current Service Level (CSL).** A CSL is a state calculation for continued funding that incorporates inflationary increases. General Fund and Lottery Fund total \$3.34 billion, a 6.8 percent increase from the LAB.

STATE INVESTMENTS IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

	23-25 LAB	25-27 CSL	25-27 LAB
HECC	Total Funds 4.18B General Fund 2.93B Lottery Fund 201.0M Federal Fund 161M Other Fund 893.8M	Total Funds 3.8B General Fund 3.2B Lottery Fund 202.2M Federal Fund 170.3M Other Fund 298.5M	Total Funds 4.4B General Fund 3.14B Lottery Fund 205.3M Federal Fund 170.2M Other Fund 879.7M
Support to Community Colleges	Total Fund 814.5M General Fund 803.5M Other Fund 11.0M	Total Fund 870.7M General Fund \$859.3M Other Fund 11.4M	Total Fund 870.4M General Fund 859.0M Other Fund 11.4M
Support to Public Universities	Total Fund 1.03B General Fund 1.03B	Total Fund 1.07B General Fund 1.07B	Total Fund 1.08B General Fund 1.08B
Oregon Opportunity Grant	Total Fund 311.9M General Fund 166.3M Lottery Fund 101.5M Other Fund 44.1M	Total Fund 329.4M General Fund 250.4M Lottery Fund 75.3M Other Fund 3.7M	Total Fund 329.4M General Fund 231.7M Lottery Fund 94M Other Fund 3.7M

FINANCIAL AID AND ACCESS PROGRAMS

- **The Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG):** The OOG, Oregon’s longstanding need-based financial aid program serving Oregonians with grants toward postsecondary expenses, is funded at \$329.4 million in Total Funds, **which is at CSL.** OOG is a need-based grant awarded to Oregon residents of all ages who are pursuing their first associates degree or bachelor's degree at an eligible public or private institution. The grant provides funding to more than 30,000 Oregon resident students with financial need each year.
- **The Oregon Promise:** Oregon’s grant program to support tuition at Oregon community colleges for recent high school graduates and GED® recipients is funded at CSL, which is \$47.3 million in General Fund.

- **Oregon Tribal Student Grant:** This program is funded at \$26 million, which is CSL funding. The program, launched in 2022, provides funding for eligible Oregon tribal students toward the cost of attendance at eligible Oregon colleges and universities.
- **Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance Grant (ONGSTA):** ONGSTA is funded at \$5.5 million, which is at CSL. This program provides funding for tuition at Oregon community colleges and public universities for current members of the Oregon National Guard.
- **The Oregon Student Child Care Grant** is funded at CSL, which is \$1.2 million in General Fund. This program assists postsecondary education student parents with childcare expenses.
- **ASPIRE** program is funded at CSL, which is \$2.2 million in General Fund. This program helps educate Oregon students to become career and college ready by offering education, resources, and mentoring.
- **One-time funding from 2023-25 that is phased out in the 2025-27 LAB:** \$5 million for college access programs, including \$1 million each for ASPIRE, TRIO, GEAR UP, College Possible, and AVID, is phased out.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND PUBLIC UNIVERSITY OPERATING FUNDS

The 2025-27 LAB continues funding for Institution Benefit Navigator positions at the 17 community colleges and seven public universities at CSL, which is \$5.6 million, in addition to the support funds described below:

OREGON'S 17 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- **Community College Support:** The Community College Support Fund (CCSF) supports educational and operational expenses at the 17 community colleges. The LAB funds the CCSF at \$870.4 million in Total Funds. This is a CSL investment and is a 6.9 percent increase from the 2023-25 LAB. This includes operational support plus grants to colleges to support students who are first generation and historically underserved, Timber Tax funds, Skills Centers, Other Funds received from Department of Corrections for Adults in Custody education, and other set aside investments.

OREGON'S 7 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

- **Public University Support:** The Public University Support Fund (PUSF) supports educational and operational expenses at the public universities. The LAB investment in public university operations and student support totals \$1,079.9 million (\$1.08 billion) in Total Funds. This includes a CSL investment in the PUSF (\$1.07 million) plus a technical adjustment to carry forward \$11.1 million in unspent portions of the 2023-25 "Regional University Planning and Support Fund" into 2025-27. The total is a 5.4 percent increase from the 2023-25 LAB.

OTHER UNIVERSITY FUNDING

- **Public University State Programs:** The Public University State Programs are funded at \$67.3 million in General Fund, a 32.9 percent decrease from the 2023-25 LAB, due to the phase-out of numerous one-time projects.
- **Statewide Public Service Programs (the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension Services and Forest Research Laboratory):** The LAB funds this program unit, which includes Oregon State University's Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension Services and Forest Research Laboratory, at \$245.0 million in Total Funds, a 9.7 percent increase from the 2023-25 LAB. This supports educational programs and research projects in agricultural, biological, social and environmental sciences.
- **Sports Action Lottery:** The LAB includes \$18.8 million in Lottery Funds for the Sports Action Lottery program, a 2.9 percent increase from the 2023-25 LAB. This fund is dedicated primarily to scholarships for underrepresented and women's intercollegiate athletes and graduate student scholarships.
- **One-time funding from 2023-25 that is phased out in the 2025-27 LAB:** Phased out funding includes funding for semiconductor programming that went to numerous institutions, funding to expand the behavioral health workforce, funding for the Strong Start program, funding for Oregon State University student athlete scholarships, funding for studies in equitable water access and low carbon fuel, and funding for college in prison courses.

OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY (OHSU)

- **OHSU:** The LAB funds OHSU at \$147.1 million in General Fund, a 4.5 percent increase from the 2023-25 LAB. This supports the schools of Medicine, Dentistry, and Nursing; the Office of Rural Health; the Area Health Education Centers; the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center; the Oregon Poison Center; and the Statewide Behavioral Health Dashboard. This also includes \$46.2 million for the Healthcare Workforce 30-30-30 Initiative.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENTS

- **Future Ready Oregon:** The LAB includes reauthorization of \$77 million in Other Fundsⁱ transferred to HECC from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to continue the administration of obligated grant funding for HECC Future Ready Oregon grants through December 2026. Future Ready Oregon is a historic investment package passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2022 that supports the education and training Oregonians need for family-wage careers. Funding for community college postsecondary career pathways programs and statewide sector-specific industry consortia are included in the HECC agency CSL.
- **Oregon's Workforce Development System:** The LAB sustains CSL from the General Fund to support regional workforce development activities directed by Oregon's nine local workforce development boards. In addition, the LAB sustains the General Fund investment to support operations and activities of the Workforce and Talent Development Board.
- **Youth Workforce Development:** The LAB continues CSL for the Oregon Youth Employment Program and the Oregon Youth Corps. These programs provide paid work experiences to young Oregonians, in conjunction with workforce training and career exposure. Senate Bill 5006 restored \$5 million in funding for the **Oregon Conservation Corps** program.
- **Funding from 2023-25 that is not in the LAB:** *One-time General Fund funding for the Oregon Conservation Corps, provided both in 2021-23 and again in 2023-25, is phased out in the 2025-27 LAB but OCC funding was partially restored in other legislation (see above). Additionally, numerous components of Future Ready Oregon will phase out in the 2025-27 biennium given the extent of temporary ARPA funds supporting the program, including:*
 - *HECC staff to support existing Future Ready Oregon grantees after 2026;*
 - *Additional Workforce Ready Grants (though grants awarded in 2023-25 will continue into 2025-27); and*
 - *Additional Prosperity Program funds awarded to local workforce development boards (though grants awarded in 2021-23 and 2023-25 will continue into 2025-27, and WIOA funding will continue).*

HECC AGENCY FUNDING

- **HECC Agency Operations Total:** The LAB for HECC's agency office operations in general sustains its work as the statewide coordinating agency for postsecondary education and workforce development. The LAB includes \$95.3 million in Total Funds for HECC operations, a 15.7 percent change from the 2023-25 LAB. It reduces the Services and Supplies (S&S) budget by \$465 thousand below CSL. For HECC agency operations, the LAB generally conforms to CSL for most programs. However, because of the significant infusion of one-time funding into HECC during the last two biennia, a largely CSL approach for 2025-27 will still have impacts on the agency, and there is a reduction in S&S.
- **IT Modernization Project:** The LAB includes \$5 million in Q-bond funding and \$2.2 million in General Fund for the completion of the Modernization Project. The General Fund portion includes three positions (included in the totals above) and related debt service payments.

CAPITAL BONDING AUTHORITY

- **Public University Capital Construction:** The LAB includes \$449.4 million in bonding authority for public university capital construction projects. This includes bond proceeds for projects at Portland State University, University of Oregon, Southern Oregon University, and Western Oregon University, as well as \$120 million for the capital improvement and renewal program benefitting all public universities.
- **Community College Capital Construction:** The LAB includes \$35.9 million in bonding authority for community college capital construction projects at Clackamas CC, Klamath CC, and Mt. Hood CC as well as reauthorized projects for Clatsop CC and Southwestern Oregon CC.
- **Debt service:** The budget also provides General Fund and Lottery Funds debt service for previously approved projects for the public universities, community colleges, and Oregon Health & Science University.

ⁱ ARPA funding comes to the HECC from DAS and not directly from the federal government, so it is labeled Other Funds, not Federal Funds.