

# KENTUCKY POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FUNDING

COMPARING THE FY 2026 ENACTED BUDGET TO THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATION OF JANUARY 7, 2026, AVAILABLE AT OSBD.KY.GOV  
SHOWING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

## UPDATED DISPLAY OF POSTSECONDARY GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION

This updated edition gives a clearer view of the Governor's proposal, comparing the FY 2027 and FY 2028 proposed budget to an adjusted version of the FY 2026 enacted budget. The adjusted version subtracts out debt service payment amounts for FY 2026. For the future, the Governor's plan provides for debt service payments on new capital projects to come from the budget section for Finance, so this comparison gives a clearer view of changes to institutional funding.

	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2026 Debt Service	FY 2026 Adjusted (Enacted minus Debt Service)	FY 2027 Proposed	FY 2028 Proposed	Change from FY 2026 Adjusted to FY 2027	Added Change from FY 2027 to FY 2028
Council on Postsecondary Education	\$17.9	\$0.0	\$17.9	\$14.0	\$17.6	-\$3.9	\$3.6
Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority	\$393.4	\$0.0	\$393.4	\$393.2	\$393.2	-\$0.2	\$0.0
Eastern	\$84.6	\$7.9	\$76.8	\$80.9	\$80.9	\$4.2	\$0.0
Kentucky State	\$35.3	\$3.8	\$31.4	\$30.2	\$30.2	-\$1.2	\$0.0
Morehead	\$56.4	\$9.5	\$46.8	\$46.3	\$46.3	-\$0.5	\$0.0
Murray	\$56.2	\$5.9	\$50.3	\$54.8	\$54.8	\$4.5	\$0.0
Northern	\$66.0	\$9.8	\$56.2	\$67.5	\$67.5	\$11.3	\$0.0
University of Kentucky	\$321.4	\$23.5	\$297.8	\$339.8	\$339.8	\$42.0	\$0.0
University of Louisville	\$162.3	\$25.1	\$137.2	\$159.7	\$159.7	\$22.5	\$0.0
Western	\$100.1	\$16.3	\$83.8	\$86.5	\$86.5	\$2.7	\$0.0
KCTCS	\$196.8	\$11.5	\$185.4	\$206.3	\$206.3	\$20.9	\$0.0
Postsecondary Education Performance Fund	\$115.0	\$0.0	\$115.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-\$115.0	\$0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,605.4</b>	<b>\$113.3</b>	<b>\$1,492.1</b>	<b>\$1,479.3</b>	<b>\$1,482.9</b>	<b>-\$12.8</b>	<b>\$3.6</b>

**ORIGINAL (JANUARY 8) DISPLAY OF POSTSECONDARY GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION**

CPE General Fund	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Governor	FY 2028 Governor	2026 to 2027 Change	Additional 2027 to 2028 Change
Council on Postsecondary Education	\$18	\$14	\$18	-\$4	\$4
Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority	\$393	\$393	\$393	\$0	\$0
Eastern	\$85	\$81	\$81	-\$4	\$0
Kentucky State	\$35	\$30	\$30	-\$5	\$0
Morehead	\$56	\$46	\$46	-\$10	\$0
Murray	\$56	\$55	\$55	-\$1	\$0
Northern	\$66	\$68	\$68	\$2	\$0
University of Kentucky	\$321	\$340	\$340	\$18	\$0
University of Louisville	\$162	\$160	\$160	-\$3	\$0
Western	\$100	\$87	\$87	-\$14	\$0
KCTCS	\$197	\$206	\$206	\$9	\$0
Postsecondary Education Performance Fund	\$115	\$0	\$0	-\$115	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,605</b>	<b>\$1,479</b>	<b>\$1,483</b>	<b>-\$126</b>	<b>\$4</b>

## GENERAL FUND DETAIL ON FINANCIAL AID THROUGH THE KENTUCKY HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY

	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Governor	FY 2028 Governor	2026 to 2027 Change	Additional 2027 to 2028 Change
College Access Program	\$179.3	\$187.4	\$187.4	\$8.1	\$0.0
Kentucky Tuition Grant Program	\$46.0	\$37.9	\$37.9	-\$8.1	\$0.0
Kentucky National Guard Tuition Award Program	\$7.4	\$7.4	\$7.4	\$0.0	\$0.0
Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$90.6	\$90.6	\$90.6	\$0.0	\$0.0
Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program	\$20.0	\$12.0	\$12.0	-\$8.0	\$0.0
Dual Credit Scholarship Program	\$13.2	\$21.2	\$21.2	\$8.0	\$0.0
Veterinary Medicine Contract Spaces:	\$5.8	\$5.8	\$5.8	\$0.0	\$0.0
Optometry Scholarship Program:	\$0.8	\$0.8	\$0.8	\$0.0	\$0.0
Teacher Scholarship Program	\$2.0	\$2.0	\$2.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Student Teacher Stipend Program	\$7.3	\$7.3	\$7.3	\$0.0	\$0.0
Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Innovative Scholarship Pilot Project	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Kentucky Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
General Administration and Support	\$6.0	\$5.8	\$5.8	-\$0.2	\$0.0
Other KHEAA	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$393.4</b>	<b>\$393.2</b>	<b>\$393.2</b>	<b>-\$0.2</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>

## Dual Credit Expansion Note

To increase high school students' access to advanced coursework, the Prichard Committee has called for a \$33 million annual increase in dual credit and work ready scholarships, doubling that pair of investments. The Governor's proposal provides no net increase in general fund dollars for those scholarships, increasing dual credit by \$8 million per year and reducing work ready by a matching amount. The Governor's proposal does add a restricted fund appropriation of \$6.3 million to support further dual credit scholarships and be paid from previous years' excess lottery funds.