



# Talking Points: 2025 Fiscal and Policy Priorities

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Amidst multiyear economic uncertainty, the Governor's January budget proposal affirms support for California Community Colleges through new ongoing investments of \$358.55 million and additional one-time funding of \$394.52 million. Our examination of the Governor's proposal is filtered through the three pillars of Stability, Predictability, and Flexibility all within the context of Equity.

## Ongoing Funds:

- Support proposed 2.43% COLA for base apportionment, adult education, and select categoricals in parity with K-12.
- Support proposed funding for growth while recognizing significant unfunded growth.

## Priorities for Legislative Hearings and May Revise:

- Support Chancellor's Office Shared Advocacy Request of \$68.37 million to cover unfunded students in our sector. \$63.12 million of that amount would pay for the elimination of the 10% cap and annual funding at 1.5%.\$5.24 million would cover credit FTES at the highest of the districts' three-year average.
- Extend COLA to all categoricals.

## One-Time Funds:

- Support funding for Deferred Maintenance and Instructional Equipment, which according to the Chancellor's Office 2022-23 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan, is conservatively estimated at \$29.9 billion in unmet need. This item is not only critical to keep pace with general facility maintenance and updated instructional equipment, but also necessary for such current priorities as:

- 1) Success and Equity goals under Vision 2030
- 2) Pathway goals under the Governor's Master Plan for Career Education
- 3) Climate impact
- 4) Building safety

- Support Early Action for two Flexible Block Grants: 1) To serve the needs of our diverse populations impacted by anticipated changes in federal policy; 2) To serve the extraordinary needs created by the wildfires in Southern California.

