

FY23 HIGHER EDUCATION PRIORITIES

Supporting Enrollment
and Student Success

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I&G Funding:

Address the formula, certificates & inflation

- Remove the concept of base redistribution from the I&G funding formula and associated spreadsheets.
- Provide a 10% funding increase (approximately \$63.6M) to restore the FY21 cuts, plus a base adjustment for inflation in group and liability insurance, and utility costs.
- Implement improvements as to how certificates are treated in the I&G funding formula, focusing on those leading directly to the workforce including short-term CTE credentials that can get students into good-paying jobs quickly.

According to Brookings, the U.S. annual rate of inflation from Oct. 2020 to Oct. 2021 (as measured by the CPI) was 6.2 percent – its highest rate since the early 1990s.



Compensation: Fund a flexible comp increase & employer contributions to ERB

- Appropriate a minimum 7% comp increase for all Higher Ed employees, fully funded and with the flexibility to budget an “average” 7% increase so institutions can address pay inequities for some of our lowest paid employees and successfully recruit and retain qualified faculty.
- Appropriate recurring funding to cover the FY22 (1%) and FY23 (1%) increases in ERB employer contributions mandated by SB42 (Laws of 2021, Chapter 44).

Support for Enrollment & Student Success: Fund Wraparound Services

- **Wraparound Services:** \$10M to provide support for expanding wraparound student support services – such as tutoring, career counseling, childcare vouchers, mental health services, transportation, early warning systems, and one-time emergency assistance – to bolster student retention and recruitment efforts.

Through wraparound services, other states (such as Georgia) have improved their retention and graduation rates with data systems that deliver real-time information on student performance and alert administrators to the need to address personal, financial or academic situations that can hinder a student's progress toward his/her degree.

Enrollment Growth: Target programs that support New Mexico's key industries



In alignment with the Economic Development Department's new "Empower and Collaborate" plan, invest \$250,000 in statewide marketing and enrollment growth focused on increasing support for the key industries: Aerospace, Biosciences, Cybersecurity, Film & Television Production, Intelligent Manufacturing, Outdoor Recreation, Value-added Agriculture and Global Trade – plus other emerging industries such as Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Dual Credit: Provide appropriate support for colleges' cost of instruction



Allocate \$15 million – from sources outside the funding formula – to support Higher Education Dual Credit programs over a three-to-five-year period.

Creating an Innovation Economy: Support Higher Education's critical role

Research Closing Fund (\$40 million)

- Support for the Research Closing Fund to provide NM Higher Ed institutions the ability to secure and match grants from other (non-state) funding sources.
- Support for the Research Closing Fund to help NM research universities invest in the scientific equipment they need to become more competitive, nationally, in attracting research contracts.
- Investments in Tech Transfer to help institutions translate intellectual property (i.e., newly developed technologies, products and processes) into commercially viable commodities to be licensed or sold.

Higher Education Endowment Fund (\$10 million)

- Continued funding for the Higher Ed Endowment Fund.

Provide \$75 million for infrastructure renewal and replacement

- \$50 million to address critical deferred maintenance needs. (Use the original BR&R formula, excluding any square footage added in last 5 years.)
- \$25 million to provide critical Information Technology (IT) infrastructure.
- Support for HED to hire a consultant to update the Facilities Condition Index in the context of enrollment projections.





Student Financial Aid: Address funding & uses

Lottery Scholarship

- Support strategies to ensure the Lottery Scholarship is fully funded.
- Allow its use for summer school and/or permit broad hardship exemptions to the 15 SCH requirement for students with family, personal, health, financial or employment issues.

Opportunity Scholarship

- Support continued development of the Opportunity Scholarship.
- Ensure adult returners, boomerang students, and Lottery hardship recipients can use the scholarship to complete their degrees.

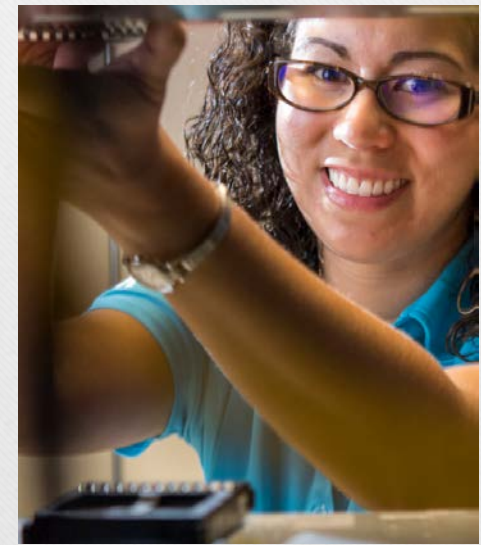
Higher Education Centers of Excellence: Provide funding and align with key industries

- Fully fund the Higher Education Centers for Excellence in Cybersecurity, Sustainable Agriculture, and Sustainable/Renewable Energy Industries and Bioscience.
- Establish new Centers of Excellence via partnerships between specific 2-year and 4-year HEIs with a university doing the R&D and a community college partner training technicians to support employers that use the technology.
- Align new Centers of Excellence with the key industries identified in the New Mexico Economic Development Department's updated strategic plan.



Workforce Training: Support advanced skills & high skill programs

\$15M to re-establish the Nursing Program Development Fund, and \$5M to scale up advanced workforce skills at 4-year institutions (for nurses, teachers, engineers, etc.) and targeted non-credit workforce development programs (such as EMS and CDL) at 2-year colleges, via the High Skills Training Program.



Higher Education Work Plan

Partner with LFC, HED, DFA, other agencies, and each other to increase enrollment, decrease costs, and support student enrollment and success through:

1. Implementing and expanding wraparound student support services and the Trifecta initiative, to bolster student retention, recruitment and transfer.
2. Linking college advisement and high school counseling through improved communication and increased outreach efforts at feeder schools.
3. Developing comprehensive enrollment work plans for review and approval by HED, LFC and DFA.
4. Continuing to work with HED and together to create opportunities for savings through instructional, administrative and technology collaborations.
5. Continuing to improve management through data by developing processes for incorporating data collection and analysis into planning efforts and supporting implementation of the Longitudinal Data initiative and HED's \$6.5M request.

Priorities for the 2022 Legislative Session

- **I&G Funding:** Provide a 10% increase in I&G funding and address the funding formula, certificates and inflation.
- **Compensation:** Increase comp with flexibility; fund ERB contribution increases.
- **Student Enrollment & Success:** Provide \$10 million funding for Wraparound Student Services, plus support for HED to complete the Trifecta initiative.
- **Enrollment Growth:** \$250,000 to market programs that support key industries.
- **Dual Credit:** Provide \$15 million to support colleges' cost of instruction.
- **Higher Education's Role in Creating an Innovation Economy:** \$40M to support the Research Closing Fund & \$10M for the Higher Ed Endowment Fund.
- **Infrastructure Renewal & Replacement:** \$50 million for deferred maintenance and \$25M for critical IT infrastructure, plus support for updated facilities index.
- **Financial Aid:** Funding for the Lottery & Opportunity scholarships and ensuring eligibility for hardship exemptions, adult returners and boomerang students.
- **Higher Ed Centers of Excellence:** Provide funding for existing centers of excellence and align new centers of excellence with key industries.
- **Workforce Training Programs:** \$15M to re-establish the Nursing Program Development Fund and \$5M for advanced workforce skill programs at 4-year institutions and the High Skills Training Program at 2-year colleges.

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