

FISCAL YEAR 2021 STATE ENACTED and CITY EXECUTIVE BUDGETS

Preliminary Analysis

Senior College Summary

- The State Enacted Budget provides \$1.655 billion for CUNY's senior colleges in Fiscal Year 2021.
- The budget agreement includes a provision whereby the State Budget Director can reduce spending by \$10 billion throughout the year due to declining revenues related to the COVID 19 public health crisis. The three points of the year where this can occur are April 30th, June 30th, and December 31st.
 - \$10 billion represents 6.7% of the State's enacted budget.
 - If this level of reduction were applied to CUNY's appropriation, net of TAP, the total amount reduced would be \$95.3 million.
- The FY2021 initial State Enacted Budget appropriations include an additional \$86.7 million for the senior colleges over current year amounts, covering the following \$50.7 million to fund projected fringe benefits cost increases, and \$36.0 million in revenue appropriations to accommodate a \$200 annual tuition increase to resident undergraduate tuition and proportionate increases to other tuition categories.
 - The CUNY Board of Trustees has not yet formally approved the tuition increases for senior colleges.

Community College Summary

State Enacted Budget

- The FY2021 State Enacted Budget includes \$338 million in operating aid for the community colleges, a decrease of \$7.4 million from the FY2020 level.
 - If a 6.7% reduction were applied, the community colleges' appropriation, net of TAP, would be lowered by \$16.3 million.
- Per FTE student base aid remains flat at \$2,947. Continuing community college enrollment declines result in a base aid realignment of \$5.4 million.

Community College Summary

City Executive Budget

FY2020

- The City Executive budget includes \$464.5 million in operating support for the community colleges, a decrease of \$24.6 million from the January Preliminary Budget. Changes include:
 - \$17.0 million in OTPS efficiencies, beyond the January plan target of \$3 million.
 - \$2.2 million reduction in energy.
 - \$4.5 million in fringe benefit reductions.
 - \$1.7 million in building rental reductions.
 - \$800,000 in additional support for trades titles collective bargaining increases.

. FY2021

- The City Executive budget includes \$477.7 million in operating support for the community colleges, an increase of \$13.2 million from the FY2020 level. Changes include:
 - \$9.9 million in efficiencies beyond the FY2020 level. The total reduction target for FY2021 is \$31.6 million.
 - \$4.0 million in FY2020 program funding is not continued: \$2.0 million for remediation; \$1.0 million for Food Insecurity; \$0.6 million for child care; and \$0.4 million for adult literacy.
 - Prior plans adds of \$13.8 million for collective bargaining increases, \$10.0 for fringe benefits \$2.7 million for building rentals, and \$0.6 million for energy

City Executive Budget – Other Programs

FY2021

- The City's Executive plan does not continue funding in FY2021 for the following items:
 - \$16.3 million for Vallone Scholarships
 - \$3.3 million for the CUNY Research Institute
 - \$3.0 million for Citizenship Now
 - \$1.8 million for the ACE (Accelerate, Complete, Engage) program
 - \$1.4 million for new technology incubators
 - \$1.3 million for local initiatives
 - \$1.2 million for the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies
 - \$1.0 million for the Education Program for Students
 - \$0.5 million for the CUNY Diversity Incubator
 - \$0.5 million for City Council items

Financial Aid

- The State Enacted Budget does not include any changes to the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).
- The Budget does not include any changes to the Excelsior Scholarship Program.
- The CUNY tuition waiver program for police officers and firefighters is continued for two more years.

Other Initiatives

- Foster Youth program services will expand to cover the summer and winter sessions, and to cover additional medical services including primary care, behavioral health, vision care and dental care.
- The State Enacted Budget provides for expanded student enrollment in federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. The NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance will establish a state policy that community college students engaged at least half-time in career and technical education courses of study are exempt from the requirement to work 20 hours per week to qualify for SNAP, thereby increasing the participation of low-income students in SNAP and providing them with essential nutritional benefits.
- The State Enacted Budget provides additional protections for student loan borrowers by placing restrictions and disclosure requirements on student debt consulting services companies.
- The State Enacted Budget requires all institutions at SUNY and CUNY to create and make available to all students a webpage for voter education on each institution's website. In addition, all colleges shall, at the beginning of the school year and again in January of a year in which the president of the United States will be elected, provide an application for voter registration and an application for an absentee ballot to each student.

CAPITAL BUDGET

State Enacted Budget

The FY 2020-21 State Enacted Budget recommends \$685 million in new funding: \$284.2 million in senior college capital infrastructure appropriations; \$300 million in a strategic needs capital matching program for senior colleges; \$64.3 million in matching appropriations for community college projects that have already received funding from the City of New York; \$37 million for operating expenses incurred by the capital construction program of the University. The budget re-appropriates \$2.77 billion for the senior and community colleges.

CUNY's new appropriations and reappropriations combine for a total of \$3.46 billion available in appropriations for CUNY in FY 2020-21.

Details of the appropriations for CUNY include:

- \$284.2 million for critical maintenance at senior colleges;
- \$300 million in a 2 to 1 capital-matching program: for each \$1 of campus funds \$2 in state matching funds will be made available for strategic needs capital-matching program for senior colleges; subject to a plan approved by the Chancellor and the State Budget Director;
- \$64.3 million for critical maintenance projects at the community colleges, to match funding received from the City;
- \$37 million appropriated for operating expenses incurred by The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) and the City University Construction Fund (CUCF) while overseeing construction activities for CUNY's facilities; includes \$21 million for DASNY and \$16 million for CUCF;
- \$2.77 billion in re-appropriations consisting of :
 - \$1.995 billion re-appropriated for senior colleges;
 - \$464 million re-appropriated for community colleges and Medgar Evers College;
 - \$313.6 million re-appropriated for CUNY 2020 Challenge Grant Program.



City Executive Budget

CUNY’s FY 2021 five year Executive Capital Budget includes \$506.6 million in city funding and \$11.2 million in non-city funding over the five years from FY 2020 through FY 2024 for a total of \$517.8 million. As part of this budget, OMB requested CUNY realign the funds within the five-year plan to better match the year projects would go into contracts. The budget includes \$1.8 million in new borough president funding proposed in FY21.

The chart below summarizes the FY21 Executive five year Capital Plan by year and funding source:

(Dollars in thousands)

Funding Source¹	FY '20	FY '21	FY '22	FY '23	FY '24	Total
Mayoral	\$ 19,559	\$ 70,438	\$ 32,366	\$ 17,550	\$ 41,438	\$ 171,320
City Council	47,539	27,245	87,708	52,188	34,169	248,849
Borough Presidents	19,811	12,256	20,465	15,011	8,813	76,356
Non-City	7,006	65	4,139	-	-	11,210
Grand Total	\$ 93,915	\$ 110,004	\$ 144,678	\$ 84,749	\$ 84,420	\$ 517,766

Notes:

- 1.) Funds allocated by NYC DCAS’s Accelerated Conservation and Efficiency (ACE) program are included.

Additionally, the city is required to publish a ten-year capital plan this year. CUNY’s budget for years FY 2025 through FY 2029 of the ten-year plan is \$250 million.