

City University of New York

Mission

The City University of New York (CUNY) has its origins in the Free Academy, established in 1847 under the auspices of the New York City Board of Education, and today is the nation's largest urban public university system. The University's mission is to provide affordable higher education with a focus on the urban community of New York City.

Organization and Staffing

CUNY is governed by a 17-member Board of Trustees consisting of 10 members appointed by the Governor, five members appointed by the Mayor, the chair of the Student Senate, and the chair of the Faculty Senate, who both act as ex-officio members. Aside from the Board, CUNY's leadership structure also consists of a Chancellor, individual college presidents, and centralized staff. CUNY includes 11 senior colleges, seven community colleges, and seven honors and professional schools located throughout the City's five boroughs, employing thousands of academic, administrative, and facility personnel.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2023 Executive Budget recommends \$5.8 billion for CUNY and projects a workforce of 14,016, which is a 540 increase from the FY 2022 workforce level.

The FY 2023 funding level represents an overall \$789 million increase to appropriated levels from the prior year. The increases include: \$326 million for capital projects, \$339 million for the Enterprise Fund appropriation that supports operations of CUNY senior colleges, and \$124 million in local assistance appropriations that provide General Fund support to CUNY senior colleges and community colleges.

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Program Highlights

CUNY is the largest urban university system in the nation and offers a wide variety of educational avenues ranging from vocational courses to doctoral degree programs. Approximately 261,000 full- and part-time CUNY students are pursuing studies ranging from one-year certificate programs to doctorates.

Responding to the Pandemic

COVID-19 confronted New York's public university systems with unprecedented challenges that threatened their progress in providing New Yorkers with access to a college education. Both systems rose to the challenge in maintaining course offerings and helping to support the State's COVID response. CUNY and the State University of New York (SUNY) offered in-person learning at all 84 campuses, providing approximately 610,000 students the opportunity to continue their education uninterrupted in the Fall 2021 semester.

During the pandemic, SUNY and CUNY oversaw the timely distribution of a combined \$1.4 billion of emergency grants to students from three federal stimulus bills, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.

CUNY students returned to campus in Fall 2021 helped by the VaxUpCUNY campaign and measures that made CUNY campuses among the safest places in New York City. SUNY and CUNY campuses hosted vaccination sites that put shots in more than 2 million arms.

CUNY instituted the CUNY Comeback Program, a debt-forgiveness initiative that erased nearly \$100 million in unpaid tuition and fees for more than 52,000 students.

Increase CUNY Operating Support by \$62 Million

The Executive Budget will increase operating support to CUNY senior colleges by fully reimbursing colleges for the cost of "TAP Gap" tuition credits, providing additional State support of \$59.6 million. CUNY will also receive additional operating revenue from Executive Budget legislation to raise the amount of State support that campuses receive for Excelsior Scholarship recipients, increasing operating support by \$2.8 million to CUNY senior colleges.

Invest \$53 Million in Full-Time Faculty

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The Executive Budget provides CUNY \$53 million to hire additional full-time faculty at both four-year colleges and community colleges. This investment will fund an estimated 540 additional full-time faculty at CUNY, including the conversion of adjuncts to full-time positions.

Raise the Community College Funding Floor

The Executive Budget will maintain a funding floor for community colleges at 100 percent of prior year funding, up from the 98 percent floor enacted in FY 2022. Without a funding floor, CUNY community colleges would face a \$35 million (16 percent) loss in formula aid due to enrollment declines.

Expand Childcare to All CUNY Campuses

The Executive Budget includes \$4.8 million in start-up funds for CUNY to establish childcare centers at all CUNY campuses, including \$3.6 million for CUNY senior colleges and \$1.2 million for CUNY community colleges.

Capital Plan

The FY 2023 Executive Budget advances a \$2.1 billion five-year capital plan to support infrastructure improvements at CUNY. For FY 2023, the Executive Budget provides: \$709 million in new capital appropriations for State-operated campuses (a \$315 million increase) and \$45 million in new capital appropriations for community college projects (a \$9 million increase).

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2022	Appropriations Recommended FY 2023	Change From FY 2022	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2023
State Operations	2,889,252,900	3,228,494,500	339,241,600	0
Aid To Localities	1,675,613,550	1,799,370,100	123,756,550	14,434,000
Capital Projects	466,687,000	792,847,000	326,160,000	2,679,247,000
Total	5,031,553,450	5,820,711,600	789,158,150	2,693,681,000

ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	FY 2022 Estimated FTEs 03/31/22	FY 2023 Estimated FTEs 03/31/23	FTE Change
Institutional Support Services			
Enterprise Funds	13,476	14,016	540
Total	13,476	14,016	540

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Enterprise Funds	2,889,252,900	3,228,494,500	339,241,600
Total	2,889,252,900	3,228,494,500	339,241,600

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Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Campus Operations			
Enterprise Funds	1,558,708,400	1,558,708,400	0
Initiatives and Management			
Enterprise Funds	66,467,200	179,064,200	112,597,000
Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK)			
Enterprise Funds	33,685,000	37,053,500	3,368,500
Special Revenue Fund - Other			
Enterprise Funds	187,000,000	0	(187,000,000)
University Operations			
Enterprise Funds	999,624,300	1,047,335,400	47,711,100
University Programs			
Enterprise Funds	43,768,000	406,333,000	362,565,000
Total	2,889,252,900	3,228,494,500	339,241,600

AID TO LOCALITIES
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APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
General Fund	1,675,613,550	1,799,370,100	123,756,550
Total	1,675,613,550	1,799,370,100	123,756,550

AID TO LOCALITIES
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Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
City University Community Colleges			
General Fund	240,123,300	239,256,000	(867,300)
City University Senior Colleges			
General Fund	1,427,890,250	1,552,114,100	124,223,850
Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Mobility Tax			
General Fund	5,600,000	6,000,000	400,000
Senior College Pension Payments			
General Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Total	1,675,613,550	1,799,370,100	123,756,550

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CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change	Reappropriations FY 2023
Senior Colleges				
General Maintenance and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	6,822,000
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	284,222,000	284,222,000	0	1,982,582,000
Program Changes - Expansion and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	110,000,000	425,000,000	315,000,000	110,000,000
City University of New York Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	100,000,000
Project Administration				
Capital Projects Fund	36,983,000	38,832,000	1,849,000	0
Subtotal	431,205,000	748,054,000	316,849,000	2,199,404,000
Community College				
General Maintenance and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	6,461,000
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	35,482,000	44,793,000	9,311,000	473,382,000
Subtotal	35,482,000	44,793,000	9,311,000	479,843,000
Total	466,687,000	792,847,000	326,160,000	2,679,247,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 05/11/2020