# **General State Charges**

## Mission

The General State Charges budget (GSC) supports the costs of State employee and retiree fringe benefits such as health insurance, pensions, employer social security contributions, and workers' compensation, and pays a variety of other State responsibilities including costs for Court of Claims litigation, taxes on State-owned land, and payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs).

# **Budget Highlights**

The FY 2023 Executive Budget recommends appropriations totaling \$7.3 billion (All Funds) for GSC, including General Fund appropriations of \$6.9 billion and Fiduciary Fund appropriations of \$0.4 billion. Programmatic appropriations in the General Fund are increasing by \$264 million. This increase primarily reflects a planned deposit (previously recognized as a transfer in the Financial Plan) into the Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund to establish an asset against the State's OPEB liability. A reduction in the State's ERS and PFRS pension contribution following actuarial adjustments implemented by the State Comptroller offset part of the increase.

The Executive Budget proposes a variable market-based interest rate on court judgments paid by public and private entities, which will provide mandate relief for local governments and lower State taxpayer costs. The market-based interest would be the weekly average one-year constant maturity treasury yield, which is the same rate utilized by the Federal court system. Currently, the interest rate on court judgments and accrued claims is established at a fixed rate of as much as 9 percent annually. This fixed rate was established at a time when interest rates were at 12 percent. A prevailing market rate will help ensure that neither side in a lawsuit will be disadvantaged by an interest rate that is above or below what otherwise could be earned while cases are being adjudicated.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

#### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2022	Appropriations Recommended FY 2023	Change From FY 2022	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2023
State Operations	7,078,345,000	7,342,712,000	264,367,000	0
Total	7,078,345,000	7,342,712,000	264,367,000	0

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Fiduciary	400,500,000	400,500,000	0
General Fund	6,677,845,000	6,942,212,000	264,367,000
Total	7,078,345,000	7,342,712,000	264,367,000

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Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
General State Charges			
Fiduciary	400,500,000	400,500,000	0
General Fund	6,677,845,000	6,942,212,000	264,367,000
Total	7,078,345,000	7,342,712,000	264,367,000

# STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES FY 2023 RECOMMENDED

(dollars)

	Total		
Program	Amount	Change	
General State Charges	6,942,212,000	264,367,000	
Total	6,942,212,000	264,367,000	

	Maintenance Undistributed		
Program	Amount	Change	
General State Charges	6,942,212,000	264,367,000	
Total	6,942,212,000	264,367,000	

#### STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES FY 2023 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

	Total		Total Maintenance Undistributed	
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
General State Charges	400,500,000	0	400,500,000	0
Total	400,500,000	0	400,500,000	0

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