



Jordan A. Harris, Majority Chairman 2025/26 Budget Summary Act 1A of 2025

Big Picture

- The total state General Fund spend is \$50.09 billion, which is a \$2.27 billion or 4.7% increase over 2024/25 (revised).
- No new revenue sources.
- The projected 2025/26 General Fund ending balance is \$200 million.
 - This budget does not dip into the Rainy Day Fund, which has a current balance of \$7.5 billion.

Invests in Education at Every Level

- **K-12 Education**
 - Fully funds the second installment (\$565 million increase) of adequacy and tax equity payments to meet our constitutional obligation to public schools.
 - \$105 million or 1.3% increase for Basic Education Funding.
 - \$40 million or 2.7% increase for Special Education Funding.
 - \$28.5 million or 6.7% increase for Early Intervention (3–5 year olds).
 - \$178 million or 14.6% in estimated savings to school districts from cyber charter funding reform.
 - \$100 million in cyber charter transition is eliminated.
 - \$125 million for school facilities, with no less than \$25 million set aside for Solar for Schools.
 - \$100 million for school safety and mental health grants.
 - \$9.5 million more for Pre-K Counts, which will be used to increase the per-student reimbursement rate for full-time students from \$10,500 to \$10,748, or 2.36%.
 - \$5 million or 7.1% increase for the Public Library Subsidy.
 - \$50 million increase in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program, which is all directed toward the supplemental scholarship for students attending economically disadvantaged schools.
- **Higher Education**
 - PHEAA – maintains the \$5,750 maximum state grant amount.
 - Student teacher stipend is level-funded at \$30 million (for the first year of implementation, the mid-year 2023/24 allocation was added to the 2024/25 amount).
 - Level funding for PASSHE and community colleges.
 - Level funding for Penn State, Pitt, and Temple.
 - 5% increase for Thaddeus Stevens, Pennsylvania College of Technology, and Lincoln University.
 - \$57.5 million total between 24/25 and 25/26 for the Grow PA scholarships launched this year.

Helps More Pennsylvanians Access Quality, Affordable Health Care

- **Health and Human Services**
 - \$747 million or 8% increase for the MA Managed Care program.¹
 - Includes \$21 million for Direct Care Workers (DCW) that provide personal care services in the participant-directed model.
 - Includes increased funding for the rate increases for participating managed care plans in the MA managed care program.
 - Makes no changes to the current program.
 - \$154.4 million or 6.1% increase for Intellectual Disabilities – Community Waiver Program.

¹ The MA managed care program increase includes an increase of \$124.6 million, or 3.5%, for MA – Capitation and \$622.5 million, or 10.7%, for MA – Community HealthChoices.

- Maintains 2024/25 rate increases and waiver spots that were added.
- \$10.7 million or 3.7% increase in PENNCARE which provides funding for the Local Area Agencies on Aging.
- \$13.2 million or 7.1% increase for Early Intervention program (children 0 to 3 years old).
 - Includes \$10 million to increase provider rates.
- \$25 million for Child Care Worker Retention and Recruitment. **[NEW]**
 - This funding is for the Child Care Retention and Recruitment initiative proposed by the Governor which will provide support for our child care workforce.
- \$5 million for Neurodegenerative Disease Research to provide grants to qualifying institutions researching neurodegenerative diseases. **[NEW]**
- \$470,000 or 2.1% increase for the Domestic Violence program.
- \$250,000 or 2.1% increase for the Rape Crisis program.

Creates a Safe and Healthy Environment for All Pennsylvanians

• **Conservation and Natural Resources**

- Agency's main appropriations receive funding from the General Fund and Oil Gas Lease Fund:
 - \$56.8 million (\$3.05 million or 5.6% increase) for General Government Operations.
 - \$103.3 million (\$3.3 million 3.1% decrease) for State Park Operations.
 - \$77.7 million (\$665,000 or 0.85% decrease) for State Forest Operations.

• **Environmental Protection**

- \$31.9 million (\$1.8 million or 6% increase) for General Government Operations.
- \$45.4 million (\$2.97 million or 7% increase) for Environmental Program Management.
- \$5.8 million (\$2.1 million or 59.7% increase) for Chesapeake Bay Agricultural Source Abatement.
- \$134.6 million (\$8.8 million 7% increase) for Environmental Protection Operations.
- Water Commissions are level funded.

• **Transportation**

- \$650 million (\$20 million or 3.2% increase) for Highway Safety and Improvement.
- \$1.18 billion (\$41.2 million or 3.6% increase) for Highway Maintenance.
- \$274.5 million (\$43.48 million or 18.8% increase) for Safety Administration and Licensing.
- \$45 million (\$5 million or 12.5% increase) for Municipal Traffic Signals.

Makes Pennsylvania a Leader in Economic Development, Job Creation, and Innovation

• **Community and Economic Development**

- \$8.856 million for BusinessPA. **[NEW]**
- \$1.32 million for Marketing to Attract Business.
- \$38 million for Pennsylvania First.
- \$3 million for Foundations In Industry.
- \$265,000 or 5% increase for the Center for Local Government Services.
- \$576,000 or 14.2% increase for the Office of Open Records.
- \$17 million for the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund.
- \$20 million for Main Street Matters.
- \$20 million for Historically Disadvantaged Businesses.
- \$10.88 million for Partners for Regional Economic Performance.
- \$2.5 million for American250PA.
- \$20.358 million for PA Sites Debt Services.

• **Executive Offices**

- \$1.18 million or 12.6% for Council on the Arts.



- **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission**

- \$1.1 million or 4.7% increase for General Government Operations.
- Cultural and Historical Support grants flat funded at \$4 million.

Grows Pennsylvania's Ag Industry by Addressing the Challenges Our Farmers Face

- \$10 million continued investment for Agricultural Innovation Development.
- \$11 million for Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission.

Combats Food Insecurity

- **Food Insecurity**

- \$9.57 million (\$7 million or 271% increase) for Farmers Market Coupons.
- \$30.688 million (\$4 million or 15% increase) for State Food Purchase Program.
 - \$3 million for the core State Food Purchase Program.
 - \$1 million for PA Agricultural Surplus System (PASS).

Supports our Veterans

- **Military and Veterans' Affairs**

- \$2.4 million or 6.6% increase for General Government Operations.
- \$14.7 million or 9.1% decrease in State funding for State Veterans Homes.
 - \$31.8 million or 52.9% increase in federal funding for State Veterans Homes operations and maintenance.
- \$1 million or 7.4% increase for the Educational Assistance Program Fund.
- \$402,000 or 9.6% increase for the Paralyzed Veterans Pension.

Invests in the Safety of Communities and the Public

- **State Police**

- \$58.4 million or 4.1% combined net increase across the General Fund and the Motor License Fund.
 - \$69.3 million or 5.2% increase for General Government Operations.
- Total State Police Motor License Fund expenditures remained at \$250 million, the same as 2024/25.

- **Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)**

- \$715,000 or 4.8% increase for General Government Operations.
 - \$1.2 million negative supplemental appropriation for the 2024/25 fiscal year.
- \$150,000 or 3.3% increase for The Office of the State Fire Commissioner.
 - \$1.2 million supplemental appropriation for the 2024/25 fiscal year.
- \$5 million for State Disaster Assistance.
- \$6 million for Urban Search and Rescue.

- **Fire Protection**

- \$7 million (\$2 million or 40% increase) for Capitol Fire Protection within DGS.

- **Corrections**

- \$82.5 million or 2.6% increase for Department of Corrections.
- \$1.03 million or 2.5% increase in General Government Operations from 2024/25.
- \$1.3 million or 0.3% decrease in Medical Care from 2024/25.
- \$74.4 million or 3.0% increase for State Correctional Institutions.
- \$590,000 or 7.3% increase for the Sexual Offenders Assessment Board.

- **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)**

- \$948,000 or 3.9% increase for General Government Operations.



- \$62.2 million in State funds for Violence Intervention and Prevention.
- \$7.5 million for Indigent Defense.
- \$10 million for Nonprofit Security Grant Fund.
- \$20.7 million for School Safety and Security Fund – Targeted Grants.

- **Attorney General**

- \$7.4 million or 5.0% increase for the Office of Attorney General.
 - \$3.9 million or 7.1% increase for General Government Operations.
 - \$750,000 or 75% increase for Human Trafficking Enforcement and Prevention.

- **Judiciary**

- \$17.8 million or 4.1% increase for the Judiciary.

