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FY 2024 DEPARTMENT REQUESTS — EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2024 Department Requests. Departments are requesting a total of \$1.033 billion from the General Fund. This is an increase of \$36.9 million compared to estimated FY 2023. Other funds requested totaled \$40.3 million. This is no change in funding compared to estimated FY 2023. Pursuant to Iowa Code section [8.35A](#), the Department of Management had until November 15 to adjust any final budget records or department requests. This document will be updated if changes are received after publication.

General Fund Appropriation Totals					
	Actual FY 2022	Estimated FY 2023	Dept Request FY 2024	Dept Req vs. FY 2023	Percent Change
Department for the Blind	\$ 2,780,724	\$ 2,893,503	\$ 3,683,496	\$ 789,993	27.3%
College Student Aid Commission	85,774,207	90,192,548	90,192,548	0	0.0%
Department of Education	314,165,699	327,151,092	327,587,093	436,001	0.1%
Board of Regents	569,636,958	575,854,811	611,523,397	35,668,586	6.2%
Total Education	\$ 972,357,588	\$ 996,091,954	\$1,032,986,534	\$36,894,580	3.7%

Department for the Blind. The Department is requesting a General Fund increase of \$790,000 compared to estimated FY 2023. The FY 2024 requested changes include the following:

- An increase of \$305,000 for personnel costs associated with the [Instructional Materials Center](#). In the past, this cost has been covered by a contract with the Department of Education (DE); however, that contract expired October 1, 2022, and was not renewed.
- An increase of \$232,000 for support of the production of consumable, accessible educational materials.
- An increase of \$182,000 for material cost for the production of nonconsumable braille materials to be added to the Library Collection.
- An increase of \$71,000 for merit-based pay increases.

Department of Education. The Department of Education (DE) is requesting a General Fund increase of \$436,000 compared to estimated FY 2023. The FY 2024 requested changes include an increase of \$436,000 for Iowa PBS Operations to create a searchable Digital Asset Management System.

Board of Regents. The Board of Regents is [requesting](#) an increase of \$35.7 million from the General Fund. For estimated FY 2023, the Board was appropriated \$575.9 million from the General Fund. The FY 2024 requested changes include the following:

- An increase of \$12.0 million for the University of Iowa – General appropriation. The requested changes include the following:
 - An increase of \$7.0 million to build a Nursing Clinical Education Center.
 - An increase of \$5.0 million to expand on the [First-in-Family College Student Outcomes Program](#). The requested changes include the following:
 - An increase of \$4.0 million for the First Gen Hawks Scholarship Program.
 - An increase of \$1.0 million for the First Gen Hawks Programming.

- An increase of \$12.0 million for Iowa State University (ISU) – General appropriation. The requested changes include the following:
 - An increase of \$4.0 million to invest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education and preparing Iowa's future workforce.
 - An increase of \$3.0 million to support research into rare earth materials.
 - An increase of \$2.0 million to expand services for first-generation, resident, undergraduate students.
 - An increase of \$2.0 million to invest in digital agriculture, manufacturing, and biosciences learning.
 - An increase of \$1.0 million to expand mental health programs and support community and economic development programs in rural communities.
- An increase of \$8.0 million for the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) – General appropriation. The requested changes include the following:
 - An increase of \$4.0 million to enable UNI to increase the tuition differentiation between UNI and research universities and to provide for salary increases.
 - An increase of \$4.0 million to recruit students to teaching degrees and scale up the [Purple Pathway for Paraeducators Program](#) and provide annual grants to educator preparation students until they graduate.
- A new appropriation of \$16.3 million for Iowa Education for the Deaf and Blind. The Board has requested to consolidate the operating appropriations for Iowa School for the Deaf (ISD) and Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (IESBVI) into the Iowa Education for the Deaf and Blind. The increased funding request of \$519,000, compared to the estimated FY 2023 combined appropriations for the ISD and the IESBVI, is to maintain parity with funding for the K-12 public schools (\$394,000) and funding to bring professional and scientific staff with 7 to 10 years of experience to the midpoint of the pay scale and those with 20 years to the maximum of the pay scale (\$125,000).
- A decrease of \$11.1 million for the ISD related to the requested consolidation of the operating appropriations for the ISD and IESBVI.
- A decrease of \$4.7 million for the IESBVI related to the requested consolidation of the operating appropriations for the ISD and IESBVI.
- A new appropriation of \$2.0 million for the UNI – Community College Degree Attainment Program, which is designed to provide seamless access for students completing their associate's degree at partnered community colleges to finish their bachelor's degree online through UNI. The Program received \$4.2 million in one-time FY 2023 federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) scale-up funding. The requested appropriation is intended to supplement and eventually replace the one-time ARP funds.
- A new appropriation of \$1.0 million directed to the Board of Regents Office to be disbursed to the universities to provide additional student mental health services.
- A new appropriation of \$300,000 for administration of the Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids (LEAD-K) Family Support Mentoring Program. The LEAD-K Program was created through [HF 604](#) (Deaf Children, Language and Literacy Development Act). House File 604 provides that this Program is contingent on a State appropriation.
- A decrease of \$150,000 for the ISU Cooperative Extension Service.

Other Funds. No department in the Education Appropriations Subcommittee requested any additional funding from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund (SWJCF) or made any Other Funds changes compared to estimated FY 2023.

Other Funds Appropriation Totals

	<u>Actual FY 2022</u>	<u>Estimated FY 2023</u>	<u>Dept Request FY 2024</u>	<u>Dept Req vs. FY 2023</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
College Student Aid Commission	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 0	0.0%
Department of Education	35,300,000	35,300,000	35,300,000	0	0.0%
Total Education	<u>\$ 40,300,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,300,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,300,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>

Additional Notes. Additional information can be found on the LSA website:

- [Appropriation Tracking](#)
- [Department Webpages](#)
- [Budget Unit Briefs](#)

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