

FISCAL UPDATE Article

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DEPARTMENT REQUEST — EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2019 Department Requests. Departments are requesting a total of \$936.2 million from the General Fund for FY 2019, an increase of \$27.7 million compared to estimated FY 2018, presented in the table below. Other funds requested totaled \$40.3 million, which is no change compared to estimated FY 2018. Pursuant to Iowa Code section [8.35A](#), the Department of Management has 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 2017	Estimated FY 2018	Dept Request FY 2019	Dept Req v. FY 2018	Percent Change
Department for the Blind	\$ 2,325,837	\$ 2,187,342	\$ 2,187,342	\$ 0	0.0%
College Student Aid Commission	61,596,710	58,576,744	63,640,572	5,063,828	8.6%
Department of Education	325,247,141	268,748,000	278,453,000	9,705,000	3.6%
Vocational Rehabilitation	6,174,295	6,042,166	6,042,166	0	0.0%
Iowa Public Television	7,873,846	7,589,415	7,736,915	147,500	1.9%
Board of Regents	575,292,864	565,373,145	578,179,099	12,805,954	2.3%
Total Education	\$ 978,510,693	\$ 908,516,812	\$ 936,239,094	\$ 27,722,282	3.1%

Department for the Blind. The Department for the Blind is requesting status quo funding for FY 2019.

College Student Aid Commission. The College Student Aid Commission is requesting increases totaling \$5.1 million, including:

- National Guard Educational Assistance Program – An increase of \$1.8 million to meet anticipated demand for the Program.
- Rural Primary Care Loan Repayment Program – An increase of \$475,000 to restore funding to the FY 2016 level.
- Iowa Tuition Grant (Nonprofit) – An increase of \$2.3 million to increase the number of awards.
- Vocational Technical Tuition Grant – An increase of \$500,000 to restore funding to the FY 2017 level.

Department of Education. The Department of Education is requesting increases totaling \$9.7 million. The request includes increases to seven budget units, two of which are new initiatives. The requested changes include:

- Administration – An increase of \$125,000 to employ an education program consultant to oversee the Computer Science Professional Development Program and support the State's efforts to enhance computer science education.

- **Student Achievement/Teacher Quality** – An increase of \$100,000 to support a public relations Teach Iowa campaign aimed at elevating the status of the teaching profession in partnership with teacher preparation institutions and community partners. Funding would be spent on creation and distribution of materials and advertising.
- **Iowa Reading Research Center** – An increase of \$300,000 to develop an early literacy blueprint of best practices for use across the State.
- **Iowa Learning Online Initiative** – An increase of \$500,000. This budget unit has not been funded since FY 2016. Funding would be used to meet existing school district needs and to expand current course offerings to include a computer science course.
- **Program and Common Course Management System** – This is a new budget unit. The Department is requesting a \$180,000 appropriation for the CurricuNet program and common course numbering system, which will support the goals of Future Ready Iowa.
- **LEA Assessment** – This is a new budget unit. The Department is requesting an appropriation of \$8.0 million to fund the initial costs of the new statewide assessment, which the Department was required to select under SF 240 (Statewide Assessments Act), passed during the 2017 Legislative Session.
- **Computer Science Professional Development** – The framework for this budget unit was established in SF 274 (Computer Science Act) during the 2017 Legislative Session. The Department is requesting \$500,000 for deposit in the Computer Science Professional Development Fund.

Vocational Rehabilitation. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services is requesting no change in overall funding. The Division is requesting that an FY 2018 appropriation of \$107,000 to fund federal maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements be rolled into the Division's general operations appropriation.

Iowa Public Television. Iowa Public Television is requesting an increase of \$148,000 to fund the resumption of overnight broadcasts.

Board of Regents. The Board of Regents is requesting increases totaling \$12.8 million, including:

- **Resident Undergraduate Financial Aid** – New appropriations to each of the State universities, including \$5.0 million each for the University of Iowa and Iowa State University and \$2.0 million for the University of Northern Iowa.
- **Iowa School for the Deaf** – An increase of \$396,000 for general operations.
- **Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School** – An increase of \$165,000 for general operations.
- **Special Schools Regional Academy** – A new appropriation of \$245,000 for the Regional Academy in Charles City to provide more direct service time with students, opportunities for transitional skill development and extended learning, and access to specialized teachers for intensive educational programming.

Other Funds Appropriation Totals					
	Actual FY 2017	Estimated FY 2018	Dept Request FY 2019	Dept Req v. FY 2018	Percent Change
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	\$ 40,300,000	\$ 40,300,000	\$ 40,300,000	\$ 0	0.0%

Other Funds Appropriations. No changes in funding have been requested.

Additional Notes. Additional information can be found on the Legislative Services Agency webpage:

- [Appropriation Tracking](#)
- [Department Webpages](#)
- [Budget Unit Briefs](#)
- **Fiscal Update** - [Board of Regents Funds Transfer](#)

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