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Board of Regents — State Funding

State appropriations are the second-largest source of revenue for the State universities within the Board of Regents enterprise (excluding the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC)), comprising 33.6% of total revenue in FY 2019, the most recent year for which data is available. Tuition and fees is the largest source of revenue at 60.2%. Revenue from reimbursed indirect costs is third at 4.4%. The remainder comes from federal support, interest, and other income; together, these make up less than 2.0% of total revenue.

Historically, tuition and fees has grown as a percentage of revenue as State general aid funding, once the largest source of revenue, has decreased. (See **Chart 1** for revenue from these two sources since FY 2001.) The other sources of revenue have remained relatively stable as a percentage of total revenue.

Sources of State Funding

The largest portion of State funding for the Regents institutions, including the special schools (Iowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School), comes through the Education Appropriations Subcommittee budget. This includes general aid appropriations to each university and special school, as well as a variety of special purpose appropriations. Funding for the office of the Board of Regents and for Iowa Public Radio is included in this budget. In FY 2021, 90.2% of all State appropriations to the Regents were funded through legislation that originated in the Education Appropriations Subcommittee (**Chart 2**). This includes General Fund and non-General Fund sources. The remaining 9.8% of the Regents funding was from legislation that originated in three other appropriations subcommittees. The funding from those subcommittees is summarized below:

- Agriculture and Natural Resources — General Fund appropriations to Iowa State University (ISU) for the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory; the Center for Agricultural Safety and Health, a collaborative effort among the three State universities; and the Livestock Disease Research Program. Appropriations from the Environment First Fund related to water quality and management.
- Economic Development — General Fund appropriations for the University of Iowa (UI) and ISU's Biosciences Innovation Ecosystems and the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) Additive Manufacturing Center. The Subcommittee oversees a standing appropriation from the Wine Gallonage Tax Fund for ISU's Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute and appropriates funds from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund to the three universities for a variety of ongoing economic development efforts.
- Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals — Appropriations for tuition replacement and infrastructure projects. The Tuition Replacement appropriation funds debt service on academic revenue bonds issued by the Regents universities. It is intended to limit tuition increases that would otherwise be required to pay debt service.

Table 1 provides the annual appropriations to the Board of Regents enterprise by subcommittee from FY 2019 through FY 2021.

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Chart 1 — State Universities General Fund Revenue from Two Largest Sources

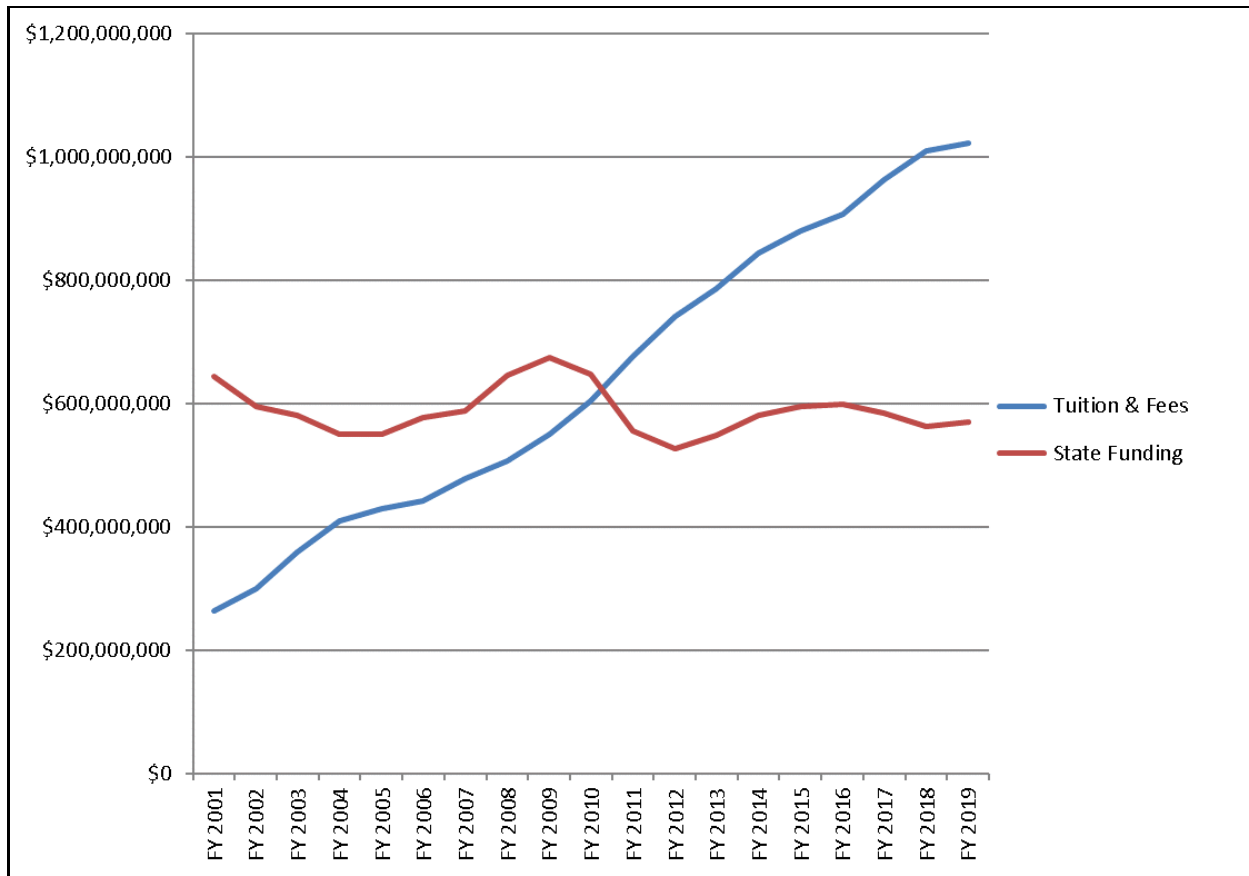


Chart 2 — Estimated FY 2020 State Funding of the Regents Enterprise by Appropriations Subcommittee

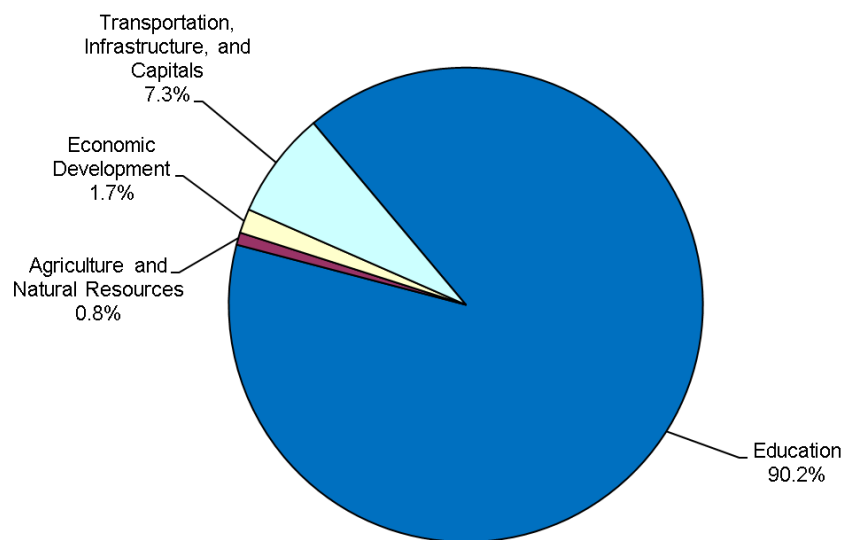


Table 1

State Funding of the Board of Regents				
Appropriations Subcommittee	Actual FY 2019	Estimated FY 2020	Final Action FY 2021	FY 2021 vs FY 2020
Education:				
General University Appropriations	\$ 481,047,280	\$ 493,047,280	\$ 486,046,866	\$ -7,000,414
Special Purpose Appropriations	66,097,641	67,097,641	66,733,338	-364,303
Board of Regents Office	775,655	775,655	764,642	-11,013
Regents Resource Centers	272,161	272,161	268,297	-3,864
Special Schools	14,164,084	14,634,046	14,970,630	336,584
Iowa Public Radio	350,648	350,648	345,669	-4,979
Subtotal Education	<u>\$ 562,707,469</u>	<u>\$ 576,177,431</u>	<u>\$ 569,129,442</u>	<u>\$ -7,047,989</u>
Agriculture and Natural Resources:				
ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory	\$ 4,100,000	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 4,337,528	\$ -62,472
Iowa Center for Ag Safety and Health	0	130,000	128,154	-1,846
Livestock Disease Research	172,844	172,844	170,390	
Geological and Water Survey Operations (EFF)	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
Water Resource Management (EFF)	495,000	495,000	495,000	0
Subtotal Agriculture and Natural Resources	<u>\$ 4,967,844</u>	<u>\$ 5,397,844</u>	<u>\$ 5,331,072</u>	<u>\$ -64,318</u>
Economic Development:				
UI Biosciences Innovation Ecosystem	\$ 0	\$ 275,000	\$ 271,095	\$ -3,905
ISU Biosciences Innovation Ecosystem	0	825,000	813,286	-11,714
UNI - Additive Manufacturing	0	400,000	394,321	-5,679
Regents Innovation Fund (SWJCF)	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	0
Economic Development Funds (SWJCF)	3,700,000	3,700,000	3,700,000	0
UI Entrepreneurship & Econ Growth (SWJCF)	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
ISU Midwest Grape and Wine Industry (WGTF)	250,000	250,000	250,000	0
Subtotal Economic Development	<u>\$ 8,950,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,450,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,428,702</u>	<u>\$ -21,298</u>
Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals:				
Tuition Replacement (RIIF)	\$ 31,471,292	\$ 28,098,870	\$ 28,268,466	\$ 169,596
ISU Biosciences Building (RIIF)	4,000,000	0	0	0
UI Pharmacy Building Renovation (RIIF)	5,500,000	0	0	0
ISU Student Innovation Center (RIIF)	6,000,000	7,000,000	6,625,000	-375,000
ISU College of Veterinary Medicine (RIIF)	1,000,000	12,500,000	8,900,000	-3,600,000
ISD Long Hall Renovation (RIIF)	0	3,000,000	1,325,000	-1,675,000
UNI Industrial Tech Center (RIIF)	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Subtotal Trans., Infrastructure, and Capitals	<u>\$ 47,971,292</u>	<u>\$ 50,598,870</u>	<u>\$ 46,118,466</u>	<u>\$ -4,480,404</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 624,596,605</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 642,624,145</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 631,007,682</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -11,614,009</u></u>
Notes:				
FY 2021 General Fund appropriations reflect the Board of Regents allocations of an \$8.0 million reduction in State funding.				
All appropriations are from the General Fund unless otherwise noted in parentheses.				
1) SWJCF = Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund				
2) RIIF = Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund				
3) EFF = Environment First Fund				
4) WGTF = Wine Gallonage Tax Fund (standing appropriation)				