

Community College Revenue

Revenue Accounting and Reporting

Iowa's 15 community colleges have a variety of revenue sources available to them. For accounting and budgeting purposes, the colleges record revenue in eight different funds:

Fund 1 (Unrestricted General Fund), Fund 2 (Restricted General Fund), and Fund 7 (Plant Fund) are reported as part of the annual certified budget. Funds 1 and 2 include resources available for the educational program. Fund 7 includes resources used for acquisition, construction, and major repair or replacement of physical property, as well as debt service related to those activities.

Fund 3 (Auxiliary Fund) includes revenue from enterprise activities such as cafeterias, book stores, and child care centers.

Fund 4 (Agency Fund) includes resources handled by the college as fiscal agent for other entities. This includes funds received under Iowa Code chapter [260F](#) (Jobs Training).

Fund 5 (Scholarship Fund) and Fund 6 (Loan Fund) include resources available for scholarship awards and loans to students.

Fund 8 (Endowment Fund) includes resources donated to the college. The principal balance must be maintained and only the income from fund investments may be used in accordance with any restrictions specified by the donor.

Sources of Unrestricted General Fund Revenue (Fund 1)

Unrestricted revenue (Fund 1) falls into five general categories described below. The table on the following page compares statewide community college revenue in each category for FY 2005 and FY 2015.

Tuition and Fees

Between FY 2005 and FY 2015, unrestricted revenue from tuition and fees grew 51.3%, as the statewide average tuition and fees per credit hour increased from \$104 to \$158. In FY 2015, revenue from tuition and fees exceeded 50.0% of unrestricted revenue for the first time (at 52.1%).

State Aid

The State Aid category of unrestricted revenue includes the annual general aid and salary appropriations. Between FY 2005 and FY 2015, unrestricted revenue from State Aid increased 44.0%. In FY 2015, State Aid represented 36.1% of unrestricted revenue.

Local Support – Property Tax Levies

In FY 2015, 5.2% of unrestricted revenue came from local support, including the 20.25-cent general property tax levy. Between FY 2005 and FY 2015, revenue from local support grew by 46.2%.

More Information

Dept. of Education Community College Reports: www.educateiowa.gov/adult-career-and-community-college/publications

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Federal Funds

Federal funds represented less than 1.0% of unrestricted revenue in FY 2015. This source of funding decreased by 82.3% between FY 2005 and FY 2015. Much of the decline can be attributed to a change in the way the colleges report federal funds. In the past, most federal funds were reported as unrestricted revenue (Fund 1); however, in the past two years, colleges began reporting such funds as restricted (Fund 2).

Other Revenue

The Other Revenue category includes interest income, sales and services revenue, and gifts. Between FY 2005 and FY 2015, other revenue increased by 32.9%.

Iowa Community Colleges – Unrestricted General Fund Revenue by Source (Fund 1)				
	FY 2005	FY 2015	FY 2015 vs. FY 2005	%
Tuition and Fees	\$ 192,008,125	\$ 290,561,911	\$ 98,553,786	51.33%
State Aid	139,779,246	201,277,231	61,497,985	44.00%
Local Support	19,973,009	29,204,331	9,231,322	46.22%
Federal Funding	12,396,138	2,189,324	-10,206,814	-82.34%
Other	25,574,079	33,999,085	8,425,006	32.94%
Total	\$ 389,730,597	\$ 557,231,882	\$ 167,501,285	42.98%

Source: Department of Education, Condition of Community Colleges Reports

