

Oklahoma Budget FY 2020

Highlights | May 15, 2019

SAVINGS

- \$200 million in Oklahoma's savings account, putting Oklahoma on the path to storing two months of expenses, more than \$1 billion, to protect core services in difficult times.

EDUCATION: \$203 million increase for public education across the spectrum

- \$157.7 million for common education:
 - \$1,220 teacher pay raise. Compromise language has been agreed to that will require school districts on the funding formula, which is 97% of school teachers, to deliver a \$1,220 pay raise. The compromise language will require school districts to report how those pay raises will be executed and sustained within districts, and the reports will be made available online for the public to view.
 - \$5.5 million for the Reading Sufficiency Act, fully funding the third-grade reading initiative for the first time in state history;
 - An additional \$74.3 million for local schools to use to hire additional teachers, counselors, social workers or address their unique needs in their districts.
- \$18 million for career tech centers to increase compensation for employees and teachers
- \$28 million for higher education to bolster research programs and provide a salary increase for college teachers
- Graduate Medical Education funding for of physician residency programs for Oklahoma's teaching hospitals (see below in health care section)

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL OKLAHOMA

- \$500,000 to fund a public-private partnership to maintain clean water in Northeast Oklahoma and areas with high poultry density
- \$90,000 to hire an additional state veterinarian
- \$1.1 million for Wildfire mitigation funding and additional resources for rural fire fighters
- \$1.5 million to improve rural flood control dams

GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION

- \$37.7 million for an additional state employee pay raise of up to \$1,300. This builds upon the state employee pay raises given in FY'2019 of up to \$2,000 per employee.
- \$15 million for digital transformation of state government services to enhance transparency and make customer service more efficient and effective
- \$1.7 million for the creation of the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency
- \$700,000 to hire more auditors and increase the State Auditor's office capability to conduct more regular audits across state agencies

ROAD AND BRIDGES

- Fully funding Oklahoma Department of Transportation's 8-year plan
- Restored \$30 million in funding to CIRB supporting county roads

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Funding prioritization for two new trooper academies, putting an estimated 80 more troopers on the roads in 2020.

- \$2 per hour pay increase for correctional officers, which is a 14% raise. This will bring correctional officer pay to the regional market average and in turn will bolster the Department's recruitment effort to fill vacancies.
- \$1 million to reduce the backlog of untested rape kits

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- \$20 million to reform the funding of District Attorney offices
- \$10 million for Smart on Crime programs through the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- \$1.5 million for the Women in Recovery diversion program
- \$1.7 million to address increasing demand for mental health services

JOBS / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- \$19 million for the Quick Action Closing Fund, prioritizing recruitment opportunities to grow Oklahoma
- \$1 million for additional job growth and economic development specifically in the automotive industry and in aerospace through the Department of Commerce's Aerospace Commerce Economic Services (ACES) program
- \$1 million to assist new entrepreneurs and small business innovators through the Oklahoma Center for Advancement of Science and Technology
- \$5.3 million to modernize and expedite the Oklahoma Corporation Commissions' permit processing for energy development

HEALTH CARE

- \$62.8 million for Graduate Medical Education program to support physician training for rural hospitals
- \$105 million reallocation to increase provider rates for physicians, hospitals and nursing homes
- \$29 million saved to a new preservation fund to preserve Medicaid provider rates when the federal government's 3-year rolling average results in a rate decline.
- \$10 million to decrease the Developmental Disability Services wait list and increase provider rates
- \$4.6 million to increase immunizations and staff county health departments throughout the state