

City University of New York

Mission

The City University of New York (CUNY) has its origins in the Free Academy, established in 1847 under the auspices of the New York City Board of Education, and today is the nation's largest urban public university system. The University's mission is to provide affordable higher education with a focus on the urban community of New York City.

Organization and Staffing

CUNY is governed by a 17-member Board of Trustees, consisting of 10 members appointed by the Governor, five members appointed by the Mayor, and the chair of the Student Senate and the chair of the Faculty Senate, who both act as ex-officio members. Aside from the Board, CUNY's leadership structure consists of a Chancellor, individual college presidents, and centralized staff. CUNY includes 11 senior colleges, seven community colleges, and seven honors and professional schools located throughout the City's five boroughs, employing thousands of academic, administrative, and facility personnel.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2025 Executive Budget recommends \$5.8 billion in total appropriations for CUNY and projects a workforce of 13,511 full-time equivalent employees.

The Executive Budget contains three different categories of appropriations for CUNY, including:

- \$2.1 billion in local assistance appropriations that provide General Fund support to CUNY, an increase of \$65 million from FY 2024;
- \$441 million in new appropriations and \$4.2 billion in reappropriations for capital projects. The new FY 2025 appropriation total is \$637 million less than the new appropriation total in FY 2024, but \$58 million more than the FY 2025 appropriation level included in the FY 2024 Enacted Budget Capital Plan; and
- \$3.3 billion in total Enterprise Fund appropriations that consist of spending supported by the various funding sources allocated for CUNY senior colleges, including the General Fund appropriations described above, Federal aid, grants and scholarships, tuition and fees, and other resources. Total Enterprise Fund appropriations increase by \$43 million from FY 2024 to FY 2025.

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Program Highlights

CUNY is the largest urban university system in the nation and offers a wide variety of educational avenues, ranging from vocational courses to doctoral degree programs. Per Fall 2023 enrollment data, approximately 231,000 full- and part-time CUNY students are pursuing studies ranging from one-year certificate programs to doctorates.

Increase State Support for CUNY Campuses by \$107 Million

The Executive Budget provides \$107 million in new, recurring State support for CUNY senior colleges in AY 2025. This increased funding includes:

- \$70 million for university employee fringe benefits;
- \$36 million for recurring general operating support; and
- \$1 million for micro-credential programs that educate teachers in the science of reading.

Maintain the Community College Funding Floor

The Executive Budget maintains a funding floor for community colleges at 100 percent of prior year funding. Without a funding floor, CUNY community colleges would face a \$60 million (27 percent) loss in formula aid due to enrollment declines.

Invest in CUNY Facilities

The FY 2025 Executive Budget includes \$441 million in new appropriations and \$4.2 billion in reappropriations to support infrastructure improvements at CUNY. The new appropriations provide: \$384 million in new capital appropriations for CUNY senior college projects, \$16 million for community college projects, and \$41 million for CUNY capital program administration.

**ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Category	Available FY 2024	Appropriations Recommended FY 2025	Change From FY 2024	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2025
State Operations	3,256,938,900	3,299,597,400	42,658,500	91,825,000
Aid To Localities	1,994,425,525	2,059,615,275	65,189,750	11,118,000
Capital Projects	1,077,721,000	441,164,000	(636,557,000)	4,214,172,000
Total	6,329,085,425	5,800,376,675	(528,708,750)	4,317,115,000

**ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Program	FY 2024 Estimated FTEs 03/31/24	FY 2025 Estimated FTEs 03/31/25	FTE Change
Institutional Support Services			
Enterprise Funds	13,511	13,511	0
Total	13,511	13,511	0

**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
Enterprise Funds	3,256,938,900	3,299,597,400	42,658,500
Total	3,256,938,900	3,299,597,400	42,658,500

**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
Campus Operations			
Enterprise Funds	1,561,308,400	1,558,708,400	(2,600,000)
Initiatives and Management			
Enterprise Funds	317,249,200	296,667,200	(20,582,000)
Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK)			
Enterprise Funds	38,181,500	37,053,500	(1,128,000)
University Operations			
Enterprise Funds	1,103,235,300	1,172,735,300	69,500,000

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University Programs			
Enterprise Funds	236,964,500	234,433,000	(2,531,500)
Total	3,256,938,900	3,299,597,400	42,658,500

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
General Fund	1,994,425,525	2,059,615,275	65,189,750
Total	1,994,425,525	2,059,615,275	65,189,750

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change
City University Community Colleges			
General Fund	238,926,000	238,872,000	(54,000)
City University Senior Colleges			
General Fund	1,742,799,525	1,808,043,275	65,243,750
Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Mobility Tax			
General Fund	10,700,000	10,700,000	0
Senior College Pension Payments			
General Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Total	1,994,425,525	2,059,615,275	65,189,750

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CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2024	Recommended FY 2025	Change	Reappropriations FY 2025
Senior Colleges				
General Maintenance and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	18,895,000
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	384,222,000	284,222,000	(100,000,000)	2,414,970,000
Program Changes - Expansion and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	535,000,000	100,000,000	(435,000,000)	1,068,231,000
City University of New York Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	100,000,000
Project Administration				
Capital Projects Fund	38,832,000	41,292,000	2,460,000	0
Subtotal	958,054,000	425,514,000	(532,540,000)	3,602,096,000
Community College				
General Maintenance and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	6,461,000
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	119,667,000	15,650,000	(104,017,000)	605,615,000
Subtotal	119,667,000	15,650,000	(104,017,000)	612,076,000
Total	1,077,721,000	441,164,000	(636,557,000)	4,214,172,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/16/2024