

REWARDING ARIZONA TEACHERS EDUCATION BUDGET 2018

This year's budget recognizes the hard work of Arizona teachers, invests in public education and continues our commitment to protecting the most vulnerable.

A 20% Increase In Teacher Pay by 2020

Arizona's teachers deserve a raise. This budget rewards our teachers with a 20% increase in teacher pay by school year 2020 -- raises that will be ongoing, protected in the base of the budget, and inflated.

Restoring Recession-Era Cuts to Education

The budget also invests in Arizona's classrooms by fully restoring \$371 million in recession-era cuts to Additional Assistance, starting with \$100 million this year. These flexible and permanent dollars will be available for updating curriculum, modernizing classroom technology and increasing support staff salaries.

Maintaining a Commitment to Arizona Priorities

This budget will also address Arizona's other top priorities -- caring for our veterans, protecting our border, enhancing public and school safety, and investing in developmental disabilities.

Responsible, Sustainable and Balanced

This is responsible and a sustainable plan possible as a result of a thriving economy, years in the making. Economists agree that with strong job growth, continued population increases, and income gains, Arizona's revenues are on the rise. Our plan directs this revenue to our biggest budget priority: public education, and it does it in a way that is responsible and sustainable and solidifies our commitment for years to come. It relies on conservative projections in revenue growth and does not raise taxes on hardworking Arizonans. The budget is projected to have an ending cash balance of \$240 million and a structural balance of \$150 million, the largest positive structural balance since 2006.

PLUS the state maintains a strong Rainy Day Fund balance of \$467 million or 4.5% of total FY 2019 General Fund expenditures.

Read more below about the critical investments made in the Arizona budget.



WHAT'S IN THE BUDGET?

Education

\$644.1 million for 20% teacher pay raises by school year 2020; these raises will be ongoing, protected in the base of the budget and inflated

- \$304.9 million for 10% teacher pay raise in FY 2018/ FY 2019
- \$164.7 million for 5% teacher pay raises in FY 2020
- \$174.5 million for 5% teacher pay raises in FY 2021 (includes \$50 million from the Proposition 301 - Classroom Site Fund)

\$371 million to fully restore recession-era cuts to Additional District/Charter Assistance, phased-in over five years

- \$100 million in FY 2019
- \$168 million in FY 2020
- \$236 million in FY 2021
- \$303 million in FY 2022
- \$371 million in FY 2023

\$86 million in cash funding for the construction of new schools (three in Chandler, one in Tolleson Unified, one in Queen Creek)

\$53 million for K-12 school building renewal, the highest level of funding since 2007

\$27 million in capital funding for Arizona's universities: ASU, NAU, and UofA

\$8 million for resident student funding at Arizona's universities

\$5.3 million for ADE's Education Learning and Accountability System

\$3 million (plus \$7 million in federal dollars) for behavioral and mental health specialists to enhance school safety

\$2 million for the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind to enhance the early childhood learning program

\$2 million for ASU's School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership and UofA's Center for the Philosophy of Freedom

\$1.8 million to fully fund the state formula for career and technical education (JTEDs)

\$1 million to create a computer science professional development program

Happy and Healthy Citizens

\$55 million in provider rate increases for hospitals, the first broad-based increase since 2007

\$14.1 million to fully fund adoption subsidies for nearly 35,000 children

\$13 million for network enhancement payments to providers of developmental disabilities services (a \$1 million increase from the prior year)

\$10.7 million to fix a recession-era shortfall in the developmentally disabled program, guaranteeing funding for free developmental evaluation of children, case management, and room and board

\$8 million in new dollars to expand the capacity of soon-to-be-built veterans homes in Yuma and Flagstaff

\$2.9 million in skilled nursing provider rate increases

\$2.6 million to relieve counties of contributing to the State's Medicaid match

\$2 million for Alzheimer's research

\$2 million to increase the level of military retirement pay exemption from \$2,500 to \$3,500

\$2 million for the Arts Commission, an increase of \$500,000 from last year

\$1.8 million in increased funding for critical access (rural) hospitals

\$1.7 million extra State assistance for Pinal, Yavapai, and Mohave counties

\$1.7 million for substance abuse treatment for additional 1,560 inmates

\$1.4 million to expand education services to 486 inmates

\$1 million for Arizona food banks to increase capacity, especially those in rural areas

\$500,000 for an additional 975 inmates to participate in employment training at Lewis and Perryville

\$500,000 for expanded home and community-based services for the elderly

Public Safety

\$24 million (\$6 million state funds and \$18 million federal funds) to construct a new National Guard Readiness Center in Tucson area to improve training and readiness

\$11.3 million to eliminate counties paying for a share of operating costs at the Arizona Department for of Juvenile Corrections Offset

\$3 million to eliminate the county cost shift for the Arizona State Hospital to treat sexually violent persons

\$2.9 million to add 12 troopers to Arizona's Border Strike Force to protect critical regions in Southern Arizona

\$1.4 million for six additional troopers on Wrong-Way Driver Night Watch to improve response times to wrong-way and impaired drivers

\$800,000 to establish the Arizona Pharmaceutical Diversion Task Force to combat abuse and trafficking of prescription drugs

\$600,000 over three years to improve Arizona's criminal background check system

Natural Resources

\$25.6 million increase for preventative highway maintenance (for a total of \$41 million), the highest level spent in State history

\$4 million to develop Oracle State Park in the Catalina Mountains to expand the park to allow more accessibility to the public

\$2.5 million to renovate Buckskin Mountain State Park in Parker as part of a three-year plan

\$700,000 to expand wildfire prevention efforts

\$350,000 for maintenance on 37 dams and other properties owned by the Game and Fish Department