



OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING

A Fact Sheet

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The Department of Higher Education under its own authority and through the Colorado Commission on Higher Education exercises oversight and coordinating responsibility for the ten governing boards and institutions of higher education. In addition, the Department coordinates the General Fund support for the Local District Junior Colleges and Area Vocational Schools.

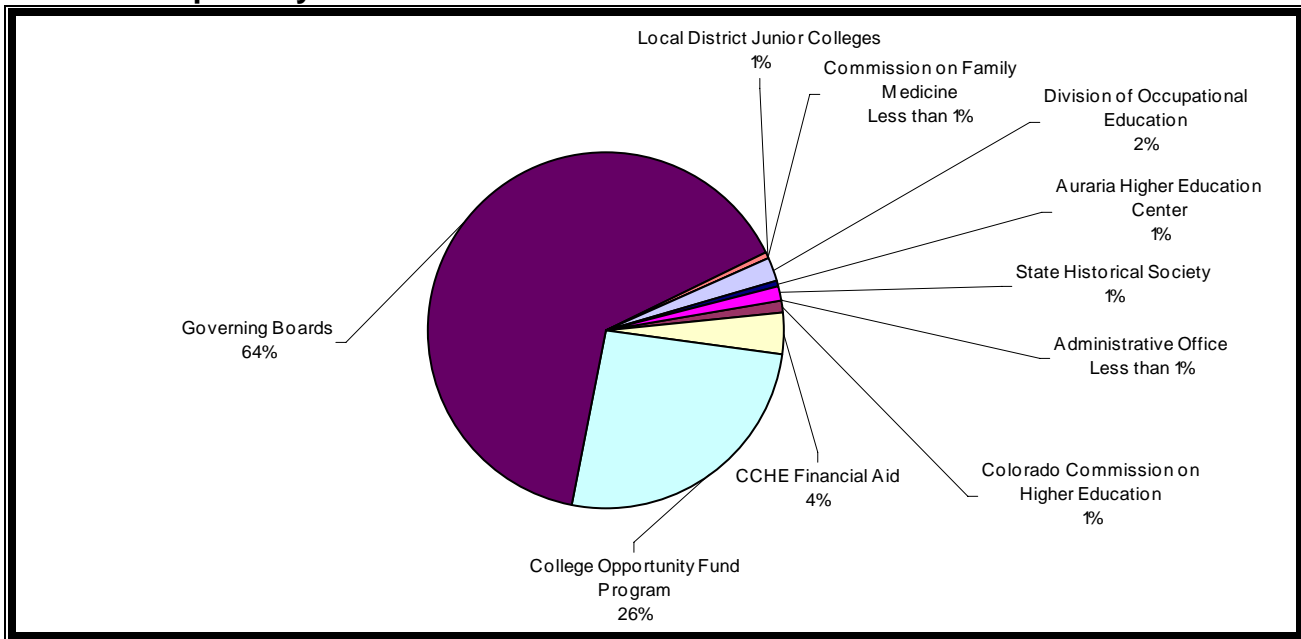
FY 2007-08 Appropriation

Total Appropriation:	\$2,525,223,681
Percent of Statewide Total Appropriation:	14.8%
General Fund Appropriation:	\$746,248,858
Percent of Statewide General Fund Appropriation:	10.3%
Total Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE):	19,277.9

FY 2008-09 Budget Request

Total Request:	\$2,630,906,871
Percent of Statewide Total Request:	14.6%
General Fund Request:	\$805,776,915
Percent of Statewide General Fund Request:	10.5%
Total Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE):	19,277.9

FY 2008-09 Request by Area



Department in Summary FY 2008-09

- The Department of Higher Education and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education serve as a bridge between the State of Colorado and the Governing Boards for the state supported institutions of higher education. Within these Governing Boards there are 26 institutions of higher education. The Department also provides state subsidies for the Local District Junior Colleges, Area Vocational Schools, and Advisory Commission on Family Medicine.
- The College Opportunity Fund Program provides stipends for undergraduate resident students attending public and certain private institutions of higher education. The College Opportunity Fund Program also funds fee-for-service contracts with the various state governing boards for educational services not covered by the stipend including graduate education, rural needs, etc.
- Anticipated enrollment (based on a three year average) for student FTE attending state institutions will increase from 122,147 student FTE in FY 2007-08 to 123,873 student FTE in FY 2008-09. This represents an anticipated increase of enrollment at state institutions of 1,726 student FTE in FY 2008-09 (1.4% increase).

Leading Budget Change Requests for FY 2008-09:

- \$59.5 million in total additional General Fund requested in FY 2008-09 for the Department of Higher Education, an 8.0% increase over the FY 2007-08 appropriation.
- \$9.8 million in additional total Financial Aid requested in FY 2008-09 for the Department of Higher Education, a 10.3% increase over the FY 2007-08 total Financial Aid appropriation. (This increase is primarily targeted at students with unmet financial need attending state institutions.)
- **College Opportunity Fund Stipend and General Fund Place Holder** - \$48,553,201 General Fund request will increase funding to the College Opportunity Fund which functions as the primary state funding mechanism for institutions of higher education (includes request for increase in cash funds exempt spending authority for Governing Boards of a like amount). The distribution of funding by Governing Board and tuition spending authority will be determined in December 2007.
- **State Funded Student Assistance Programs** - \$7,270,600 General Fund request for need based financial aid, which will result in over 4,600 additional students receiving a need based financial aid award of \$1,560 per student.
- **Area Vocational Schools** - \$731,509 General Fund request for Area Vocational School support which will result in funding levels in FY 2008-09 of \$11,181,646 General Fund. This amount surpasses the previous actual funding high point in FY 2001-02 of \$11,136,862 General Fund for Area Vocational Schools.
- **Local District Junior College** - \$444,690 General Fund request for Local District Junior Colleges in FY 2008-09, which is 3.0% above the FY 2007-08 appropriation, recognizing approximate consumer price index increases which will enable these institutions to provide the same level of service to students and communities as in the previous fiscal year.

- **Restore Work Study Funding to FY 02-03 Level** - \$1,728,057 General Fund request for Work Study Grant financial aid programs. This request seeks Work Study funding to be restored to its high-water mark in FY 2002-03 and will result in an additional 871 students receiving work study aid.
- **Additional Funding for Pre-Collegiate Program** - \$800,000 General Fund request for pre-collegiate scholarships in FY 2008-09; this will double the programs existing funding level, totaling \$1,600,000 General Fund. This request will enable approximately an additional 800 students to receive the \$1,000 maximum grant award (matching funding from Academic Competitiveness Grants from the federal government).

Key Issues and Legislation:

The following are key legislative items passed during the 2007 Session:

- **S.B. 07-97:** Reallocates the portion of the tobacco settlement money received by the state pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement that was previously credited to the General Fund and Tobacco Litigation Settlement Trust Fund. The bill allocates these moneys as follows (*49% to University of Colorado Health Sciences Center*):

<u>S.B. 07-97</u>			
Program	Percentage	*Estimated \$ Amount	*Estimated \$ Amount
		FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center	49.0%	\$8.4	\$16.8
Mental Health Services for Juvenile and Adult Offenders	12.0%	\$2.1	\$4.1
Indigent Health Care Provided by Rural and Public Hospitals	8.5%	\$1.5	\$2.9
Local Public Health Services	7.0%	\$1.2	\$2.4
Increase Eligibility in the Children's Basic Health Plan from 200 percent to 205 percent of the Federal Poverty Level	5.0%	\$0.9	\$1.7
Supplement State Contribution for Group Benefit Plans	4.5%	\$0.8	\$1.5
Colorado Immunization Program	4.0%	\$0.7	\$1.4
Expansion of Alcohol and Drug Abuse programs	3.0%	\$0.5	\$1.0
Short-term Grants for Innovative Health Programs	6.0%	\$1.0	\$2.1
Offset Medicaid Shortfall at Children's Hospital	1.0%	\$0.2	\$0.3
Total	100%	\$17.1	\$34.2
<i>* Identified in millions and incorporates amounts as adjusted by H.B. 07-1359 in FY 2007-08.</i>			

- **H.B. 07-1163:** Makes a member of the armed forces, or a dependent of the member, eligible for in-state tuition status if the member is transferred to Colorado on a temporary assignment of duty. Gives all members of the Colorado National Guard, and their dependents, in-state tuition status. Provides that persons eligible for in-state tuition solely because of a person's status as a member of the armed forces or Colorado National Guard are not eligible for a stipend under the college opportunity program.
- **H.B. 07-1256:** Permits an institution of higher education to provide in-state tuition status to a student who moves to Colorado as a result of the student's employer or the student's parent's employer moving to Colorado pursuant to an incentive from the Office of Economic Development or an incentive from a local government. This legislation also permits an institution of higher education to provide in-state tuition status to a student who moves to Colorado as a result of the student's parent taking a faculty position at a Colorado institution of higher education.

Department Wide Performance Measures:

1. Achieve adequate funding for higher education over the next several years. (Reach peer revenue parity in an agreed upon timeframe.)
2. Double degrees and certificates by 2018.
3. Double science and math teacher candidates.
4. Collaborations with other agencies, private sector, & NGOs (Collaborations with other departments and with the private sector and NGOs are a new objective, reflecting a new operating philosophy for DHE. The most important element is working with the Department of Education on such issues as implementation of admission requirements and teacher education programs. DHE also will seek business community participation in better aligning the state's economic development and education goals, leading toward improved worker preparedness and job placement. Efforts with the Department of Corrections are focused to increasing education opportunities within DOC to contribute toward the goal of reducing recidivism).

Links to Additional Websites

- [Colorado Department of Higher Education \(http://highered.colorado.gov/\)](http://highered.colorado.gov/)
- [U.S. Department of Education \(www.ed.gov/index.jsp\)](http://www.ed.gov/index.jsp)
- [University of Colorado \(www.cu.edu\)](http://www.cu.edu)
- [Colorado State University \(www.colostate.edu\)](http://www.colostate.edu)
- [Colorado School of Mines \(www.mines.edu\)](http://www.mines.edu)
- [University of Northern Colorado \(www.unco.edu\)](http://www.unco.edu)
- [Colorado Community Colleges and Occupational Education System \(www.cccoes.edu\)](http://www.cccoes.edu)
- [Auraria Higher Education Center \(www.ahec.edu\)](http://www.ahec.edu)
- [Metropolitan State College of Denver \(www.mscd.edu\)](http://www.mscd.edu)
- [District Community Colleges \(www.coloradomtn.edu OR www.aims.edu\)](http://www.coloradomtn.edu)
- [Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education \(www.wiche.edu\)](http://www.wiche.edu)
- [Colorado Student Loan Program \(www.cslp.org\)](http://www.cslp.org)
- [Governor Ritter's P-20 Education Coordination Council \(http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1187772339688&pagename=GovRitter%2FGOVRLayout\)](http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1187772339688&pagename=GovRitter%2FGOVRLayout)

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