

## **Department of Higher Education Line Item Descriptions**

### **(1) DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

#### **HEALTH, LIFE, AND DENTAL**

This line item provides funding for the employer's share of the cost of group benefit plans providing health, life, and dental insurance for state employees.

#### **SHORT-TERM DISABILITY**

This line item provides funding for the employer's share of state employees' short-term disability insurance premiums.

#### **S.B. 04-257 AMORTIZATION EQUALIZATION DISBURSEMENT**

Pursuant to S.B. 04-257, this line item provides additional funding to increase the state contribution for Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA).

#### **S.B. 06-235 SUPPLEMENTAL AMORTIZATION EQUALIZATION DISBURSEMENT**

Pursuant to S.B. 06-235, this line item provides additional funding to increase the state contribution for Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA).

#### **SALARY SURVEY**

The Department uses this line item to pay for annual increases for salary survey and senior executive service positions.

#### **MERIT PAY**

This line item funds awards relating to employee performance.

#### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

This line item is used to pay the Department's estimated share for inclusion in the state's workers' compensation program for state employees. This program is administered by the Department of Personnel and Administration.

#### **LEGAL SERVICES**

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This line item provides funding for the Department to purchase legal services from the Department of Law.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SERVICES**

This line item provides funding for the Department to purchase services from the Department of Personnel and Administration, Administrative Hearings Division.

### **PAYMENT TO RISK MANAGEMENT AND PROPERTY FUNDS**

This line item provides funding for the Department's share of the statewide costs for two programs operated by the Department of Personnel and Administration: (1) the liability program, and (2) the property program. The state's liability program is used to pay liability claims and expenses brought against the State. The property program provides insurance coverage for state buildings and their contents.

### **LEASED SPACE**

This line item provides funding for the lease of office space to support CCHE and DPOS.

### **PAYMENTS TO OIT**

This line item, established by HB 14-1336, consolidates the Department's share of funding for the various services provided by OIT.

### **CORE OPERATIONS**

This line item provides funding for the operation and maintenance of the statewide accounting and budgeting system that replaced COFRS.

## **(2) COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

### **(A) ADMINISTRATION**

This line item pays for personal services, contracts, and operating expenses associated with CCHE and staff. The sources of cash funds include indirect cost recoveries paid by CollegeInvest and College Assist, and \$143,820 from fees paid by private institutions for program approval pursuant to C.R.S. § 23-1-125 (5) and C.R.S. § 23-2-104.5. The source of reappropriated funds is indirect cost recoveries from the institutions of higher education and \$105,180 in funds provided under the Preschool to Postsecondary Education Alignment line-item under the Department of Education.

**(B) Division of Private Occupational Schools**

This line item provides funding and staff for Division of Private Occupational Schools, authorized under 12-59-101, C.R.S., and for general division administration, including support for human resources, budgeting, accounting, and information management. This line item supports both personal services and operating expenses. The source of cash funds for this line item is fees paid by occupational schools.

**(C) Special Purpose**

**Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education**

The line provides funding for Colorado's dues to support WICHE. This coalition of Western States works to benefit each other through sharing research data and the development of reciprocity and student exchange programs. WICHE provides the following main services:

- coordinates the undergraduate, graduate and professional student exchange programs;
- operates conferences on national and western higher education issues;
- conducts research and develops publications on regional and national higher education issues (tuition and fee report, summary of recent legislation, student demographics, etc.); and
- provides a forum for exchanging information, such as interstate technology efforts.

Through WICHE's undergraduate exchange program, students pay 150 percent of resident tuition rates. Colorado sends more students out of state than it accepts through this program. Each state controls the circumstances under which it accepts students. The graduate education exchange program allows students to attend selected uncommon, specialized, or high-quality graduate programs in other WICHE states at resident tuition rates. For the receiving institution, accepting out-of-state students at the reduced WICHE rate can help fill out low enrollment courses and programs.

In WICHE's professional exchange program, students pay resident tuition rates and the sending state pays a support fee to the receiving state. Colorado is a net importer of students through the professional exchange program.

Examples of WICHE's research publications and data sharing initiatives can be found at WICHE's web site: <http://www.wiche.edu/>

The 15 member states of WICHE all pay the same dues. Member dues represent approximately one-third of WICHE's budget, with the remainder coming primarily from grants and contracts. The source of cash funds is indirect cost recoveries.

**WICHE – Optometry**

This line provides funding for Colorado students to enroll in out-of-state institutions with optometry programs at resident tuition rates through an exchange set up by WICHE. The exchange offers an alternative to establishing an optometry program in Colorado. In return for the discounted tuition, the students agree to return to Colorado to practice optometry, or to repay the state for its investment. Historically 75 percent of the students return. The funding is based on enrollment and the reimbursement rates negotiated by the WICHE institutions. The source of cash funds is indirect cost recoveries.

**Distribution to Higher Education Competitive Research Authority**

Pursuant to S.B. 07-182, approximately \$0.10 of each \$1.50 fee on the disposal of waste tires gets deposited in the Innovative Higher Education Research Fund and is subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly for use by the Higher Education Research Authority to provide matching funds for federal research grants.

**Veterinary School Program Needs**

This line represents the WICHE cash funds (currently 43 percent) and state funds (57 percent) for capital outlay associated with CSU's veterinary medicine program. These moneys appear in the CCHE budget rather than under the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System with the rest of the veterinary medicine school money due to an agreement with WICHE that requires separate accounting. The funding split is based on the ratio of residents to out of-state WICHE students. The source of cash funds is WICHE funds.

**Colorado Geological Survey at the Colorado School of Mines**

This line item provides funding for the Colorado Geological Survey (CGS) functions that are now housed at the Colorado School of Mines. H.B. 12-1355 transferred the Geological Survey to the Colorado School of Mines. The cash fund portion of this line item comes from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund and fees for geological services. The source of reappropriated funds for this line item is fees for geological services received from other state agencies.

**GEAR-UP**

This line provides spending authority for federally funded scholarships provided under the Gear-Up program. This line also includes spending authority for personal services, contracts, and operating expenses associated with the administration of the Gear-Up program. During the FY 2014-15 budget request cycle, the General Assembly moved this line item from the financial aid section below to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education Special Purpose section to reflect the administrative role of the department in this program. The General Assembly also added 35.5 FTE to this line item to reflect the amount of Gear-Up field administrative staff.

**Prosecution Fellowship Program**

This line item provides funding for a prosecution fellowship program, established by SB14-174. This program provides money to the Colorado District Attorneys' Council to fund fellowships for recent Colorado law school graduates who wish to pursue a career as a prosecutor in rural Colorado.

**University of Colorado, Lease Purchase of Academic Facilities at Fitzsimons**

This line item provides funding for the lease purchase agreement payments for academic facilities on the University of Colorado – Denver | Anschutz campus. The source of cash funds for this line item is the Colorado Health Sciences Center at Fitzsimons Trust Fund, as per §23-20-136 (3)(a), C.R.S.

**Higher Education Federal Mineral Lease Revenues Fund**

This line item provides funding for the Lease Purchase of Academic Facilities Pursuant to Section 23-19.9-102, C.R.S. In order to create more transparency on the funding of the Academic Facilities Lease Purchase payments, this line item was created as the result of HB16-1229. This line item receives General Fund appropriations to make up the difference between the Academic Facilities Lease Purchase payment and the Federal Mineral Lease Cash Fund available in the given fiscal year.

**Lease Purchase of Academic Facilities Pursuant to Section 23-19.9-102, C.R.S.**

This line item provides transparency in the appropriation for Lease Purchase of Academic Facilities pursuant to Section 23-19.9-102, C.R.S., as a result of HB16-1229. It includes the General Fund from the Higher Education Federal Mineral Lease Revenues Fund line item as Reappropriated Funds and the Cash Funds from Federal Mineral Lease Revenue. The funds from this line item are transferred to Treasury for the payment of the Academic Facilities Lease Purchase. A mirrored line item is included in Treasury's section of the Long Bill. The source of the cash funds is the Higher Education Federal Mineral Lease Revenues Fund.

**Institute of Cannabis Research at CSU-Pueblo**

This line item provides funding for cannabis-related research and education programs at Colorado State University of Pueblo and was established by SB16-191. The Institute is funded through the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund.

**Rural Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Professional Development**

This line item provides funding for a grant program to recruit, retain and provide professional development to rural teachers and was established by SB16-104. The line item funds a rural education coordinator housed at an institution of higher education, stipends for student teachers in rural areas, a high school rural teach cadet program, and stipends for rural teachers to complete their National Board or concurrent enrollment certification.

**(3) COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID**

This section funds the CCHE-operated financial aid programs.

**(A) Need Based Grants**

This line provides funding for grants for full-time and part-time graduate and undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need attending eligible institutions in Colorado, which include some private institutions. The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) allocates financial aid awards to individual institutions. Institutions are then responsible for distribution of these funds to eligible students.

**(B) Work Study**

This line provides funding for the work study program. Work Study allows resident undergraduates to earn money to help pay for college. Eligibility is for students with financial need as well as students who can benefit from work experience, but statutes require that at least 70 percent of the funds be awarded based on need. Students may work at state-funded educational institutions, non-profit organizations, or government agencies.

**(C) Merit-Based Grants**

This line provides funding for grants for full-time and part-time students to award demonstrated merit by students attending eligible institutions in Colorado. The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) allocates merit-based grants to individual institutions. Institutions are then responsible for distribution of these funds to eligible students.

**(D) Special Purpose**

**Veterans'/Law Enforcement/POW Tuition Assistance**

This line pays tuition, room, and board for Colorado dependents of deceased or permanently disabled members of the national guard, law enforcement, firefighters, prisoners of war and military personnel missing in action. By statute this is the first priority of any state financial aid funds.

**National Guard Tuition Assistance Fund**

House Bill 04-1347 required that the first priority of any funds appropriated for financial aid in the Department of Higher Education be providing tuition assistance to National Guard members, up to \$800,000.

**Native American Students/Fort Lewis College**

To comply with a federal treaty and the contract that granted the Fort Lewis property to the state, Section 23-52-105, C.R.S. requires that the General Assembly appropriate funds to cover 100 percent of the cost of tuition for qualified Native Americans who wish to attend Fort Lewis College. The college waives tuition for these students up front, and then receives reimbursement in the following fiscal year.

**Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative**

This line item provides funding for the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative, which is a student college scholarship and student support services grant program. General Fund contributions to this line item become part of a sustainable corpus to fund scholarship and grant awards in future years. Also tied to this program is the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative Fund, which is a continuously appropriated cash fund that serves as the corpus for the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative.

**Tuition Assistance for Career and Technical Education Certificate Programs**

This line item was created pursuant to HB15-1275. It provides funding for financial aid to Pell grant eligible students enrolled in career and technical education certificate programs that are under a year in length and do not meet title IV requirements.

**(4) COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM**

The College Opportunity Fund Program section includes line items for stipends for students at state operated institutions, stipends for students at private institutions, and fee-for-service contracts with state supported institutions.

**(A) Stipends**

**State Institutions**

This line provides funding for payments to state institutions of higher education pursuant to the College Opportunity Trust Fund administered by College Assist under Title 23, Article 18, C.R.S.

**Private Institutions**

This line provides funding for payments to eligible private institutions of higher education pursuant to the College Opportunity Trust Fund found in Title 23, Article 18, C.R.S.

**(B) Fee-for-service Contracts with State Institutions**

**Fee for Service Contracts with State Institutions Pursuant to Section 23-18-303, C.R.S.**

This line provides funding for fee-for-service contracts with state institutions of higher education and is authorized under 23-183-303, CRS. These contracts provide an amount for each institution for Role and Mission and Performance, as determined by the higher education funding allocation model.

**Fee for Service Contracts with State Institutions for Specialty Education Programs**

This line item provides funding for fee-for-service contracts with state institutions of higher education for specialty education programs at public institutions of higher education and are authorized under 23-18-304. These contracts provide an amount for service provided by:

- University of Colorado – Denver | Anschutz Health Science Center
- Colorado State University
  - Veterinary Medicine program
  - State Forest Service
  - Agricultural Experiment Stations
  - Colorado Cooperative Extension Service
  - Colorado Water Institute

**Limited Purpose Fee-for-Service Contracts with State Institutions**



This line item provides funding for fee-for-service contracts with state institutions of higher education for appropriations dedicated in statute for programs tied to specific governing boards. These funds do not flow through the higher education funding allocation model.

**(5) GOVERNING BOARDS**

This section provides spending authority to state institutions of higher education. It reappropriates the General Fund provided for College Opportunity Fund stipends and fee-for-service contracts to the ten Colorado higher education governing boards. The cash fund source for these lines include estimated tuition and fee revenue, and in Governing Board-specific cases, gaming funds allocated pursuant to Amendment 50, and Tobacco Litigation Settlement moneys

**(6) LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE GRANTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-71-301, CRS.**

This section provides funding for grants to Aims Community College and Colorado Mountain College.

**(7) DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION**

The Division is administratively located within the State Board for the Community Colleges and Occupational Education State System Community Colleges and has responsibility for approving programs and maintaining standards for public vocational programs (the Division of Private Occupational Schools in CCHE oversees proprietary schools). The Division also distributes state and federal funds for occupational education.

**(A) Administrative Costs**

These FTE are responsible for approving the programs and distributing funds. The source of reappropriated funds is indirect cost recoveries.

**(B) Distribution of State Assistance for Career and Technical pursuant to Section 23-8-102, CRS**

The appropriation provides state support for secondary students enrolled in vocational programs in school districts across the state. These funds help the school districts offset, in part, the higher cost of vocational education. State statutes and regulations from the Division define the eligible costs for which K-12 schools may apply for reimbursement. The source of reappropriated funds is a transfer from the Department of Education. This is one of the categorical programs covered by Amendment 23.

**(C) Area Technical College Support**

This line provides state support for the four Area Technical College to provide postsecondary vocational training. In addition to the General Fund shown in the Long Bill, the AVS charge minimal tuition and fees to students. Also, the AVS provide some vocational training to secondary students with funds from their local school districts, which may include Colorado Vocational Act dollars.

**(D) Sponsored Programs**

These are federally funded occupational education programs.

**(1) Administration**

The FTE review educational programs to ensure compliance with federal Perkins requirements and approve courses eligible for federal funds. They also provide training and technical assistance to educators and students.

**(2) Programs**

These funds are federal "Carl Perkins" funds, and are distributed to Community Colleges, Local District Junior Colleges, Area Vocational Schools, and K-12 districts.

**(E) Colorado First Customized Job Training**

These are General Fund dollars transferred from the Governor's Office for community colleges to provide training to employees of new companies or expanding firms.

**(8) AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER**

**Administration**

The Auraria Higher Education Center collects funds from the institutions with programs on the Auraria campus (Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and University of Colorado–Denver) for operation and maintenance of the campus. While there is some impact on AHEC's budget when enrollment changes on the campus, much of the expenses are for fixed costs related to maintaining the buildings and coordinating activities of the co-tenants. The source of reappropriated funding is payments from the Auraria participants.

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As part of the department's FY 2016-17 base request, this line item has been increased by 2%, or \$397,580, to reflect Auraria's actual collection of funds from the Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and University of Colorado-Denver. This makes the FY 2015-16 requested base budget for the Auraria Administration line item \$20,276,580.