



INVESTING TODAY FOR FLORIDA'S FUTURE

The House's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 totals \$105.3 billion, an increase of 3.6% over the current year. The proposed increase in General Revenue spending is \$2.7 billion (7.4%). The House's proposed budget also leaves more than \$11.1 billion in reserves to ensure Florida is prepared for the future. This includes:

- 👉 \$3.5 billion for the Budget Stabilization Fund.
- 👉 \$500 million for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.
- 👉 \$7 billion in unallocated General Revenue Funds.

NEW INVESTMENTS FOR FLORIDA'S FUTURE

- 👉 \$2 billion for a new inflation-response fund.
- 👉 \$2.2 billion for the Florida Medicaid program to serve over 5 million beneficiaries.
- 👉 \$1.2 billion for Everglades restoration and protection of Florida's water resources.
- 👉 \$1.2 billion increase for the Florida Education Finance Program.
- 👉 \$10.8 billion for the State Transportation Work Program.
- 👉 \$125 million for nursing education programs.
- 👉 \$395 million to increase salaries for all state employees by 5.38%, to address rising inflation estimates.
- 👉 \$110 million to increase salaries for sworn law enforcement, correctional officers and juvenile justice officers.
- 👉 \$171 million for information technology to support improving Florida's cybersecurity.
- 👉 \$65 million to address the fatherhood crisis.

POLICY AREA HIGHLIGHTS

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

-  \$1.2 billion for Everglades restoration and protection of Florida's water resources including projects for Everglades restoration, springs, targeted water quality improvement grant programs and the Resilient Florida Program to address sea level rise and flooding.
-  \$100 million for Florida Forever for acquisition of conservation lands.
-  \$50 million for beach restoration projects.
-  \$185.2 million for state park improvements, the highest level of funding for these projects in history.
-  \$76.9 million for the final Citrus Canker Eradication Claims.

HEALTH CARE

-  \$2.2 billion (\$1.3 billion General Revenue) for Medicaid Price Level and Workload increases to serve an anticipated 5.1 million beneficiaries, the highest caseload in Florida's history.
-  \$370.9 million for a uniform rate increase to \$13 per hour for direct care staff serving Medicaid and APD iBudget clients.
-  \$127.5 million to reduce caseworker to case-load ratios for Community Based Care (CBC) lead agencies.
-  \$254.4 million for additional community-based mental health and substance abuse services.
-  \$42 million to serve more individuals on the APD iBudget Waiver.
-  \$15 million to serve more individuals through Alzheimer's disease and Community Care for the Elderly initiatives.

PREK-12 EDUCATION

-  \$24.1 billion for the Florida Education Finance Program (\$13.3 billion state funds and \$10.7 billion local funds). This provides an increase in total FEFP funds of \$1.2 billion (5.17% increase) over current year and an increase of \$322.68 (4.16%) for a record total funds per student of \$8,080.98. Includes:
 -  \$250 million additional funds to provide teacher and other instructional personnel salary increases.
 -  \$30 million increase for the Safe Schools Allocation.
 -  \$128.9 million to re-establish the School Recognition Program.

POLICY AREA HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

HIGHER EDUCATION

-  \$100 million to create the Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers and Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE) Fund for performance-based incentive funding to school district, Florida College System and State University System institutions to award and incentivize continuous improvement of nursing program completion and licensure rates, as specified in HB 5201.
-  \$25 million to create the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund to incentivize collaboration between nursing education programs and health care partners to expand nursing education and faculty recruitment at school district career centers, charter technical career centers, Florida College System institutions, state universities and independent nonprofit colleges and universities (ICUF).
-  \$5 million to create the Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship Program to assist in the recruitment of law enforcement officers by providing financial assistance to trainees who enroll in a commission-approved law enforcement officer basic recruit training program at a Florida College System institution or school district technical center, as specified in HB 3.

JUSTICE

-  \$81 million to increase base salaries for Correctional Officers to \$41,600.
-  \$15.9 million for a Correctional Officer retention pay plan that provides a \$1,000 increase at two years of service, \$1,500 at five years of service and \$2,500 at eight years of service.
-  \$10 million to address workload associated with a backlog of court cases due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
-  \$5 million to procure a contract to do a comprehensive study of state correctional facilities and develop a repair/replacement master plan. Funding is provided to the Department of Management Services to coordinate with the Department of Corrections.

INFRASTRUCTURE & TOURISM

-  \$10.8 billion for the Transportation Work Program.
-  \$268.1 million for affordable housing programs.
-  \$150 million to continue implementation of a consumer-first workforce IT system.
-  \$37.1 million for cultural and museum grants.
-  \$20 million for the Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program created in HB 3.

POLICY AREA HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

STATE ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY

-  \$38.8 million for distributions to fiscally constrained counties.
-  \$56.3 million to repair and maintain state buildings, including the Capitol Complex.
-  \$50 million in additional funding to build the new State Emergency Operations Center.
-  \$12.1 million to continue the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System.

