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BOG Approves CCC 2021–22 Budget Request



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Today, September 22, 2020, the California Community College (CCC) Board of Governors (BOG) approved the [2021–22 System Budget & Legislative Request](#) as presented by staff. The request is the result of a process that began in May 2020 and involved the Consultation Council, a survey of stakeholders, and a public comment period on the draft proposals. The most significant requests are as follows:

- \$707.7 million from Proposition 51 General Obligation bonds for 54 CCC facilities projects
- \$150 million in additional ongoing base funding to meet current obligations and provide funding for increasing costs
- \$77 million (of which \$60.4 million would be ongoing) in additional funding to implement Faculty and Staff Diversity Taskforce recommendations
- \$60 million to provide a robust and equitable online infrastructure for CCC students and faculty during the statewide emergency
- \$50 million in one-time funds for student emergency supports and Emergency Response Block Grant
- \$10 million in ongoing (non-Proposition 98) funds from Proposition 63 for expansion of mental health services
- \$8 million in ongoing funding to continue providing infrastructure broadband connectivity to all colleges in support of online education
- \$5 million in ongoing funding for part-time faculty support (compensation, office hours, and health benefits)
- \$4 million in ongoing funding for the CCC library system to better manage and deliver digital information for students
- \$1.1 million in ongoing funds for Chancellor's Office operations

The request also includes, as usual, a request for an automatic backfill of local property taxes when the actuals come in less than estimated, as a way to address base apportionment deficits. Also, the Legislature and Governor are requested to at least maintain categorical programs at current levels in the 2021–22 budget process, and to restructure the Cal Grant program to provide greater support to CCC students in need.

Now that the request has been officially adopted by the BOG, it will be presented to the Department of Finance, the Legislature, and the system's stakeholders. The request will be important for the Newsom Administration as they begin to put together its 2021–22 State Budget Proposal, which needs to be released by January 10, 2021.