



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING & BUDGET

2026 General Session Highlights

In collaboration with legislative partners, appropriations and tax cuts passed during the 2026 General Session will support our economy and strengthen our future. This summary highlights key budget points and does not cover all funding enacted by the legislature. Some items may appear in multiple sections.

OVERVIEW

Revenue

- \$450 million of new ongoing revenue and \$309 million of new one-time revenue
- The legislature passed \$364 million of state fund offsets, reductions, and program eliminations that were reinvested
- Additional ongoing revenue will be available from nicotine products (\$17.1 million), targeted advertising (\$21.3 million), and online age verification (\$800,000)

Tax Cuts

- \$111 million ongoing, \$62.1 million one-time
- \$101 million Ongoing and \$22 million One-Time from Reducing Income Tax Rate from 4.5% to 4.45%
- \$7.1 million Ongoing from Child Tax Credit Expansion
- \$2.9 million Ongoing from Child Care Business Tax Credit Expansion
- \$40.1 million One-Time from Temporary Gas Tax Reduction

Total Budget

- Total General Fund, Income Tax Fund, and Uniform School Fund budget of \$11.8 billion in FY26 and \$12.4 billion in FY27
- \$31.7 billion operating and capital budget in FY26 and \$31.6 billion operating and capital budget in FY27

PEOPLE

Strengthening Families: **\$27.9 million**

- \$9.1 million for Online Age Verification Amendments Total
- \$7.1 million Ongoing from Child Tax Credit Expansion
- \$3 million for Afterschool and Summer Program Gap Fund (TANF)
- \$2.5 million for Reduced-Price School Lunch
- \$2 million for Sustaining Special Education for Infants and Toddlers
- \$1.8 million for Foster Care Provider Rate Increase
- \$1.5 million for Sexual Assault Victim Services
- \$1.5 million for Long-term Professional Mentorship: Breaking Poverty Cycles (TANF)
- \$1 million for Adoption of Utah's Longest-Waiting Children in Foster Care

Tradition of Service: **\$8.8 million**

- \$4 million for Salt Lake Veterans Home Replacement
- \$3.4 million for Guard Recruiting and Retention Bonuses
- \$1.6 million for National Guard Tuition Assistance
- \$100,000 for Volunteer For Good

Vulnerable Populations: \$131.4 million

- \$32.9 million for Mandated Additional Needs and Youth Aging Out of DCFS and JJYS
- \$16.5 million for HR1 Medicaid Eligibility Administration
- \$15.8 million for State Mandated Insurer Payments
- \$10 million for HR1 SNAP Administrative Budget
- \$2.8 million for Juvenile Justice and Youth Services Critical Staffing Needs
- \$2.5 million for Medicaid Aging Waiver Mandated Services for At-Home Care
- \$1.8 million for Securing Meals on Wheels and Senior Nutrition
- \$1.5 million for Victim Services
- \$1 million for Adoption of Utah's Longest-Waiting Children in Foster Care
- \$933,500 for the Indigent Defense Commission
- \$451,600 for UOVC Victims Services Grants

Homelessness Alleviation: \$24.7 million

- \$14.5 million for Homelessness (Phase II Investments)
- \$11.9 million for Homelessness (Emergency Shelter and Housing)
- \$8.3 million for Homelessness (High Utilizers in the Criminal Justice System)
- \$1 million for Other Side Village

PLACE

Community: \$18.7 million

- \$10 million for The Pioneer Trail
- \$10 million for First-time Homebuyer Assistance Program
- \$5.1 million for Targeted Industry Initiative Grants
- \$1.5 million for Utah's Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Funding

- \$450,000 for Housing Choice Voucher Incentive Program
- Outdoor Recreation \$15.8 million
- \$4 million for Aquatic Invasive Species Decontamination Dip Tanks
- \$2.5 million for Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Grant
- \$2.5 million for Central Wasatch Mountain Projects (Millcreek Canyon)
- \$2 million for Mantua State Park Improvements
- \$1 million for Parks Operations
- \$750,000 for Promise Rock Acquisition and Preservation
- \$610,000 for OHV Trails
- \$500,000 for Mantua Reservoir Restoration

Water: \$60.2 million

- \$30 million for Great Salt Lake Water Rights Acquisition
- \$10 million for Great Salt Lake Related Amendments
- \$6.2 million for Dam Safety Upgrades
- \$4 million for Tremonton Water Development
- \$4 million for Great Salt Lake Cloud Seeding Program
- \$4 million for Effluent Water Reuse Project - Phase II (Cedar City, Enoch City, and Iron County)
- \$2.8 million for Water Leasing Amendments
- \$2.5 million for Great Salt Lake Aquifer Restoration
- \$2 million for River Restoration Amendments
- \$1.3 million for Agriculture Voluntary Incentive Program

PROSPERITY

Public Education and Teachers: \$582.5 million, including a 4.2% WPU increase and \$430.2 million of one-time funding previously budgeted in the Public Education Economic Stabilization Account

- \$191.4 million for WPU Value Increase; 4.2% Inflationary Adjustment
- \$135.5 million for Catalyst Center Grant Program
- \$78.3 million for Paid Professional Hours
- \$77 million for Enrollment Growth Hold Harmless
- \$28 million for Utah Cyber Center - Education Cybersecurity Support
- \$27.3 million for School LAND Trust Distribution
- \$18.9 million for Statutory Enrollment Growth
- \$16 million for Early Literacy
- \$12.4 million for Stipends for Future Educators
- \$8.8 million for Teacher Supplies and Materials
- \$6.8 million for Technology Renewal
- \$6.4 million for FY26 Charter School Local Replacement
- \$5 million for Rural School Sports Facilities Grant Program
- \$5 million for Grow Your Own - Special Educators
- \$3.6 million for Charter School Funding Base Program
- \$2.5 million for Reduced-Price School Lunch
- \$2.4 million for Master Teacher Mentoring Pilot Program
- \$1.1 million for USDB Teacher Steps and Lanes
- \$500,000 for Literacy Campaign
- \$500,000 for American Exchange Project

Higher Education: \$234.5 million

- \$87.5 million for Higher Ed COLA (2.5%) and Health and Dental Insurance Increase
- \$45 million for Higher Education Research Funding Pilot Program
- \$16.6 million for New Performance Funding
- \$15 million for Artificial Intelligence Public-Private Partnership Ecosystem
- \$7 million for Technical College Capacity
- \$3 million for Talent Ready Utah Initiatives
- \$2.1 million for Video Conferencing Software
- \$1.5 million for Center for Civic Excellence

Compensation: \$223.2 million (all sources), including \$151.5 million in state funds, for state and higher education employee compensation and benefits, including a 2.5% COLA

Standard Compensation Adjustments: \$213.8 million

- \$60.5 million for COLA (2.5%)
- \$50.4 million for Higher Ed COLA (2.5%)
- \$30.3 million for Health (11.8%), Dental (4.9%), and Other Benefit Changes
- \$37.1 million for Higher Ed Health (11.8%) and Dental (4.9%) Rate Changes
- 1% for Pay-For-Performance bonuses (\$13.6 million state funds and \$11.6 million of other funds). Agencies may match an additional 1% with existing state and other funds
- \$5.3 million for Existing 401(k) Match

Modernizing State Employment Compensation Adjustments: \$9.4 million

- \$4.6 million for Tier 2 Employee 401(k) Match (2%)
- \$4.8 million for Leave Reform

Responsible Government

Structural Issues and Scaling Innovation: \$77.2 million

- \$14.9 million for Jail Reimbursement
- \$10 million for HR1 SNAP Administrative Budget
- \$6.8 million for State Mandated Insurer Payments
- \$4.7 million for Utah Cyber Center
- \$2.9 million for Customer Experience
- \$2.7 million for State-Endorsed Digital Identity and Verifiable Credentials
- \$2.5 million for Medicaid Aging Waiver Mandated Services for At-Home Care
- \$1.9 million for Artificial Intelligence
- \$1.8 million for Securing Meals on Wheels and Senior Nutrition
- \$1.7 million for Aero Bureau Operations
- \$933,500 for the Indigent Defense Commission

Capital Projects: \$298.4 million

- \$125 million for Prison Capacity Expansion
- \$65 million Reallocation to Convergence Hall
- \$35 million for Franklin Covey Campus
- \$30 million for Phased Ogden Multi-Agency Building
- \$20 million for Multi-Agency Airport Hangar
- \$10 million for Emergency Vehicle Operations Range
- \$7 million for Building Design and Remodel
- \$4 million for Salt Lake Veterans Home Replacement
- \$4 million for Aquatic Invasive Species Decontamination Dip Tanks
- \$1.5 million for Aspen Center for Learning

GRIT: \$12.4 million

- \$5 million for O-Track Replacement
- \$3 million Reallocation for Unified E-Permitting and Information Management System
- \$2.9 million for Customer Experience
- \$2.7 million for State-Endorsed Digital Identity and Verifiable Credentials
- \$1.9 million for Artificial Intelligence