



2024-25 Enacted Budget

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- **Since taking office, Governor Josh Shapiro has focused on getting stuff done by creating, directing, and advancing initiatives that benefit all Pennsylvanians:**
 - Expanding the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program
 - Delivering universal free breakfast for all K-12 students
 - Implementing the largest-ever increase in basic education funding
 - Providing mental health resources for students
 - Investing in vo-tech and apprenticeship programs
 - Allocating first-ever state funding for indigent defense, and more
- **This budget cuts taxes and builds on the Governor’s track record of fiscally responsible management. Since the Governor took office:**
 - His Administration adopted the Commonwealth's first debt management policy
 - Fitch upgraded Pennsylvania’s credit rating to ‘AA’ from ‘AA-’
 - Moody’s reaffirmed Pennsylvania’s Aa3 issuer credit rating and upgraded the Commonwealth’s rating outlook to positive from stable
 - S&P Global Ratings improved Pennsylvania’s outlook to ‘positive’ from stable and affirmed its A+ long-term rating – affirming the Commonwealth’s strong financial position





Spurring Economic Growth and Development

- This budget delivers on key elements of the Governor's strategy and spurs job creation, fosters innovation, and provides the funding to make Pennsylvania more competitive on a national scale with new and expanded investments, including:
 - **\$500 million in site development**, including \$400 million to create the Pennsylvania Strategic Investments to Enhance Sites (PA SITES) program to bring more commercial and industrial sites to Pennsylvania
 - **\$20 million for Main Street Matters**, to support small businesses and commercial corridors that are the backbone of communities across our Commonwealth.
 - Building on the first-time state funding for the Historically Disadvantaged Business Program in the 2023-24 budget, this budget continues investing **\$20 million for small minority-owned businesses across the Commonwealth**
 - **This budget also continues to cut taxes** for Pennsylvanians and provides tax credits to support further job creation and investment

Spurring Economic Growth and Development, cont.

- **\$15 million for tourism marketing** to boost our economy, attract more visitors, and support good-paying jobs – building on the Governor’s launch of the Great American Getaway brand
- Preparing for 2026.
 - Provides an additional **\$5 million** for the World Cup event.
 - **\$7.5 million** for Regional Event Security for 2026 events
 - **\$5 million** for America250
- Extends the operating agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority through **2069**.





Investing in Public Transit and Infrastructure

Governor Shapiro knows millions of Pennsylvanians in rural, urban, and suburban communities rely on public transit every single day to get to work, go to school, see their families, and travel – and clean, safe, on-time public transit is a key driver of economic development. This budget delivers:

- **\$80.5 million** increase to help bridge the funding gap for public transit agencies across the Commonwealth. The majority of these funds (87% or \$69.8m) will be distributed to public transit agencies through the State Section 1513 Operating formula and will be reflected in the State Section 1513 Operating Allocation for FY 2024-25. The remaining funds will be directed to *Programs of Statewide Significance* to assist the Shared-ride program.
- **\$80.5 million** in new funding to repair our roads and bridges

Advancing and Investing in Higher Education

- Establishes a new State Board of Higher Education responsible for developing and advancing a higher education strategic plan
- Invests **\$60 million** more in institutions of higher education, including:
 - \$15.7 million for community colleges
 - \$35 million for state-owned universities
 - \$4 million for PA College of Technology
 - \$2.6 million for Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
- Invests over **\$120 million** more in student financial aid
 - \$54 million for PA State grants
 - \$36 million for Ready to Succeed Scholarships
 - \$25 million for Grow PA Scholarships
 - \$5 million for scholarships for economically disadvantaged students
 - \$3 million for targeted industry scholarships





Investing in Children and Students

- **\$285 million** increase in basic education funding
 - \$225 million for the Basic Education Funding Formula
 - \$60 million for new fair funding supplement
- **\$100 million** increase in special education funding
- **\$526 million** increase in Ready to Learn Block Grant
 - \$494 million for adequacy supplement
 - \$32 million for tax equity supplement

Charter School Reform

- Creates savings for school districts by updating the cyber charter school tuition rate calculation for special education students
- Reimburses school districts **\$100 million** for cyber charter school tuition costs

Providing Career and Technical Education Opportunities

- **\$7 million** for dual enrollment programs
- **\$30 million** for Career and Technical Education

Investing in Children and Students, cont.

Ensuring Safe and Healthy Schools

- **\$100 million** in funding for school facilities and environmental repairs
 - Includes \$25 million for Solar for Schools program
- **\$100 million** for school safety and mental health
- **\$3 million** for feminine hygiene products

Supporting PA's Youngest Learners

- **\$15 million** to Pre-K Counts to raise wages and stabilize the workforce
- **\$2.7 million** to the Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program

Recruiting and Retaining Top Talent in Education

- **\$20 million** for student teacher stipends (doubled the program amount)



Supporting Pennsylvania's Intellectual Disability and Autism Community & Direct Support Professionals

Governor Shapiro has met with Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities and autism (ID/A), caregivers, and advocates all across the Commonwealth – and he has heard their plea that something must be done to support home and community-based services and address the shortage of Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) in our Commonwealth.

This budget finally stands up Pennsylvanians with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism and those who care for them with major investments:

- **\$354.8 million** in federal and state funding for ID/A services
 - **\$280 million** to help raise wages for DSPs who care for individuals
 - **\$74.8 million** to transition 1,500 individuals off the emergency waiting list for services and into home and community-based services





Protecting Health Care and Delivering for Seniors

Governor Shapiro knows that too many Pennsylvanians are worried about the high cost of health care – and the Commonwealth is currently facing a health care crisis as hospitals close in rural communities. This budget will help ensure Pennsylvanians' access to quality, affordable health care:

- **\$34.5 million** to support to rural hospitals
- **\$75 million** in increased funding to care for seniors and adults with physical disabilities living in skilled nursing facilities, including a 7.04% provider rate increase
- **\$7.5 million** to increase LIFE Program provider rates
- **\$2.9 million** to support the Dept of Aging's implementation of *Aging Our Way, PA* to specifically aide and empower caregivers
- **\$1.9 million** to create the first Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Division within the Dept of Aging to support Pennsylvanians living with these conditions and their caregivers

Increasing Mental Health Services in Our Communities

Governor Shapiro has hosted roundtable discussions with Pennsylvania students across the Commonwealth listening to their needs and the resources needed to improve their mental health.

- The 2024-25 budget builds on prior year investments with another **\$100 million** available for student mental health services and an additional **\$20 million** increase for county mental health services.
- With a new funding formula included, the budget would ensure that this county-based funding will support the needs of each community.





Investing in Gun Violence Prevention and Creating the Office of Gun Violence Prevention

- A 40% increase in community-based programs to reduce violence including:
 - **\$5 million increase for the Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) program**, which supports a wide range of models focused on reducing community violence and relies on community groups that are most in tune with specific local needs.
 - **\$11.5 million investment to create a statewide Building Opportunity through Out of School Time (BOOST) program** that will provide more after-school learning opportunities for young people.
- **\$5 million increase for the Nonprofit Security Grant Fund** providing resources for places of worship, community centers, and other entities.
- **\$2.5 million increase for domestic violence services** through the PA Department of Human Services (DHS).

Housing and Homelessness

- Increases the cap on the PHARE program at PHFA by \$10 million each year until it reaches **\$100 million** in 2027.
- **\$2.5 million** for pre-eviction legal services through the PA Department of Human Services (DHS).
- **\$2.5 million** for a new program created to provide local governments resources for emergency housing situations through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.
- Doubling the cap on the Neighborhood Assistance Program from \$36 million to **\$72 million**
- A **\$5 million** increase to the existing Homelessness Assistance Program through DHS

