

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

FY 2024 – FY 2026 BUDGET SUMMARY

FIG. 1 BUDGET SUMMARY, FY 2024 – FY 2026

	Actual FY 2024	Agency FY 2025	Legislative Budget Committee FY 2025	Agency FY 2026	Legislative Budget Committee FY 2026
EXPENDITURES:					
State Operations*	\$ 8,062,819	\$ 9,152,044	\$ 9,152,044	\$ 9,116,610	\$ 9,116,610
Salaries and Wages	6,275,362	6,720,928	6,720,928	6,769,638	6,769,638
Contractual Services	1,695,186	2,334,759	2,334,759	2,252,236	2,252,236
Commodities	38,795	24,978	24,978	24,978	24,978
Capital Outlay	53,476	71,379	71,379	69,758	69,758
State Aid and Assistance	\$ 341,038,904	\$ 412,848,481	\$ 408,396,993	\$ 593,166,805	\$ 319,992,717
Aid to Local Units	278,788,527	305,014,356	304,546,588	290,411,868	233,339,168
Other Assistance	62,250,377	107,834,125	103,850,405	302,754,937	86,653,549
Capital Budget and Debt	\$ 262,000	\$ 5,057,000	\$ 5,057,000	\$ 94,700,000	\$ 94,700,000
Capital Improvements	262,000	5,057,000	5,057,000	94,700,000	94,700,000
Debt Service Principal	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Interest	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 349,363,723	\$ 427,057,525	\$ 422,606,037	\$ 696,983,415	\$ 423,809,327
FINANCING:					
State General Fund	\$ 331,270,041	\$ 407,221,234	\$ 402,837,368	\$ 583,556,942	\$ 310,382,854
Econ. Dev. Initiatives Fund	4,178,774	4,287,897	4,220,275	4,220,275	4,220,275
All Other Funds	13,914,908	15,548,394	15,548,394	109,206,198	109,206,198
TOTAL	\$ 349,363,723	\$ 427,057,525	\$ 422,606,037	\$ 696,983,415	\$ 423,809,327
PERCENTAGE CHANGE:					
State General Fund	20.0 %	22.9 %	(1.1) %	43.3 %	(46.8) %
All Funds	18.3 %	22.2 %	(1.0) %	63.2 %	(39.2) %
FTE Positions	58.0	63.0	58.0	63.0	58.0

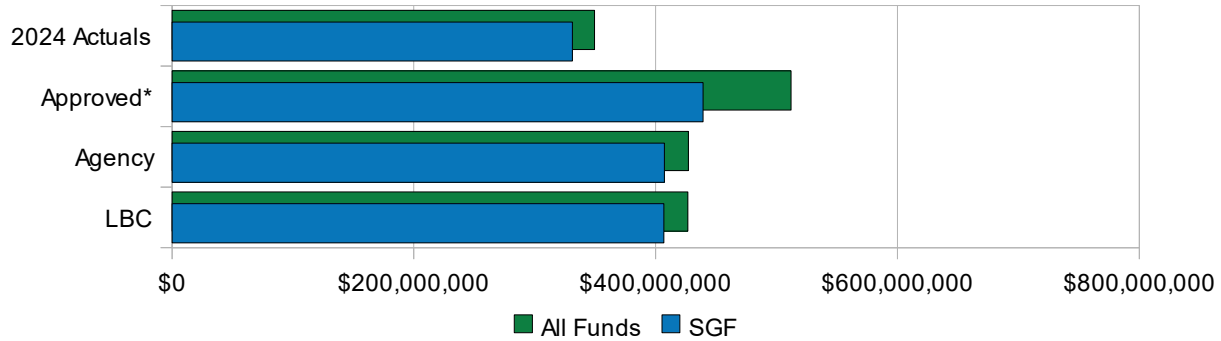
* Note: Expenditures for debt service interest are reflected under "Capital Budget and Debt."

AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR or Board) is composed of nine members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate. One member is to be from each Congressional District with the remaining members appointed at large. The Board of Regents is responsible for coordination of all postsecondary education in the state and supervising the operation of the six state universities. In carrying out this responsibility, the Board: (1) appoints a Chief Executive Officer to administer each university; (2) reviews the mission, role, and curriculum of each university; (3) sets tuition, fees, and charges to be collected at each university; (4) submits requests to the Legislature for funds to operate its universities and central office staff, and for funds to construct, maintain, and equip university buildings; (5) administers student financial aid programs; (6) determines the eligibility of private postsecondary Kansas institutions to confer academic or honorary degrees; (7) registers courses conducted in Kansas by postsecondary institutions located outside of the state; and (8) administers state aid to Washburn University. The 1999 Legislature expanded the duties of the Board with the passage of the Higher Education Coordination Act (SB 345). Under the Act, the Board is charged with the coordination of all higher education and is responsible for state assistance in support of community colleges, vocational technical schools, and adult basic education.

FY 2025 ANALYSIS

FIG. 2 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS, FY 2025



* Note: Includes SGF reappropriations.

FIG. 3 BUDGET COMPARISON, FY 2025

Fund	2024 Actuals	2025 Approved*	2025 Agency	Agency Change from Previous-Year Actuals		Agency Change from Approved*	
SGF	\$ 331,270,041	\$ 439,227,068	\$ 407,221,234	\$ 75,951,193	22.9 %	\$ (32,005,834)	(7.3) %
All Other Funds	18,093,682	72,880,863	19,836,291	1,742,609	9.6	(53,044,572)	(72.8)
TOTAL	\$ 349,363,723	\$ 512,107,931	\$ 427,057,525	\$ 77,693,802	22.2 %	\$ (85,050,406)	(16.6) %

* Note: Includes SGF reappropriations.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

FIG. 4 SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUEST, FY 2025

	Agency			Legislative Budget Committee		
	SGF	All Funds	FTE	SGF	All Funds	FTE
Approved, FY 2025	\$ 439,227,068	\$ 512,107,931	58.0	\$ 435,310,970	\$ 508,124,211	58.0
2024 SB 28 & HB 2551	419,759,204	491,465,445	58.0	419,759,204	491,465,445	58.0
1. SGF Reappropriation	19,467,864	19,467,864	-	15,551,766	15,551,766	-
2. EDIF Reappropriation	-	67,622	-	-	-	-
3. EBF Reappropriation	-	1,107,000	-	-	1,107,000	-
Supplemental Requests	\$ 467,768	\$ 467,768	-	\$ -	\$ -	-
4. Excel in CTE (SB 155)	358,836	358,836	-	-	-	-
5. AO-K Reimbursement	3,925	3,925	-	-	-	-
6. GED Accelerator	96,440	96,440	-	-	-	-
7. AOK Course Materials	8,567	8,567	-	-	-	-
Other Changes	\$ (32,473,602)	\$ (85,518,174)	-	\$ (32,473,602)	\$ (85,518,174)	5.0
8. Washburn Financial Aid	1,784,260	1,784,260	-	1,784,260	1,784,260	-
9. State Univ. Capital Renewal	(20,000,000)	(20,000,000)	-	(20,000,000)	(20,000,000)	-
10. NISS Playbook	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)	-	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)	-
11. Need-Based Aid	(2,295,235)	(2,295,235)	-	(2,295,235)	(2,295,235)	-
12. University IT Infrastructure	(1,654,404)	(1,654,404)	-	(1,654,404)	(1,654,404)	-
13. Hero's Act Scholarship	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-
14. Nursing Faculty Grant	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-
15. Educational Building Fund	-	(54,000,000)	-	-	(54,000,000)	-
16. Additional FTE Positions	-	-	5.0	-	-	(5.0)
17. All Other Adjustments	191,777	1,147,205	-	191,777	1,147,205	-
TOTAL	\$ 407,221,234	\$ 427,057,525	63.0	\$ 402,837,368	\$ 422,606,037	58.0

1. SGF REAPPROPRIATION

The agency has \$19.5 million in moneys re-appropriated from FY 2024 to FY 2025. The largest SGF reappropriations include:

- \$8.6 million for the Kansas Promise Act;
- \$2.8 million for Tech Ed Tuition;

- \$1.8 million for the Computer Science Preservice Educator Grant;
- \$1.6 million for military service scholarships; and
- \$1.1 million for the State scholarship program.
- **LBC:** Delete \$3.9 million SGF in reappropriations for computer science programming, the Nurse Educator program, and nursing student scholarships in FY 2025. All reappropriations will be reconsidered during the 2025 Legislative Session.

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FUND (EDIF) REAPPROPRIATION

The agency has \$67,622 in unspent EDIF money reappropriated from FY 2024 to FY 2025. This includes \$40,594 for the Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCOR) and \$27,028 for the SEDIF-tech innovation and internship program.

- **LBC:** Delete \$67,622 in EDIF funds in FY 2025. All reappropriations will be reconsidered during the 2025 Legislative Session.

3. EDUCATIONAL BUILDING FUND (EBF) REAPPROPRIATION

The agency has \$1.1 million in unspent EBF funds reappropriated from FY 2024 to FY 2025.

4. EXCEL IN CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) (2012 SB 155) – SUPPLEMENTAL

The agency requests \$358,836 to reimburse colleges for courses delivered in 2024 to high school students in technical courses. The Board of Regents is statutorily required to maintain a Career Technical Education (CTE) incentive program to a school district for each high school graduate who graduates from that district with an industry-recognized credential in a high-need occupation (KSA 72-3819).

The 2024 Legislature appropriated \$43.1 million for Excel in CTE, plus an additional \$2.8 million carryforward from prior years, bringing the total to \$46.0 million. KBOR staff ran instructional cost model calculations in the fall, using certified enrollment numbers, raising the amount needed to reimburse colleges by \$358,836. *This request is on behalf of the community and technical colleges and is intended to be a recurring request.*

- **Agency:** Add \$358,836 SGF to reimburse colleges for Excel in CTE courses in FY 2025.
- **LBC:** Delete \$358,836 SGF to reimburse colleges for Excel in CTE courses in FY 2025.

5. ACCELERATING OPPORTUNITY: KANSAS (AO-K) REIMBURSEMENT – SUPPLEMENTAL

The agency requests \$3,925 for state reimbursement payments for the Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K) program. The AO-K program is designed to help adult students complete career pathways and earn industry-recognized credentials (KSA 72-3819). The Board staff ran the instructional cost model using certified enrollment data, which totaled \$3,925 more than the amount available. The agency is requesting these funds to fully reimburse colleges for courses delivered in FY 2024. *This request is on behalf of the community and technical colleges and is intended to be a recurring request.*

- **Agency:** Add \$3,925 SGF for reimbursement payments for the AO-K program in FY

2025.

- **LBC:** Delete \$3,925 SGF for reimbursement payments for the AO-K program in FY 2025.

6. GED ACCELERATOR – SUPPLEMENTAL

The agency requests \$96,400 for GED Accelerator payments. The GED Accelerator Initiative provides incentives to eligible institutions (community, technical, and Washburn Tech) for adults seeking to earn a GED, high school equivalency diploma, or identified credential while enrolled in an eligible postsecondary technical education program. The GED Accelerator was initially financed with a transfer of \$1.9 million SGF in 2015; however, in 2017, \$900,000 was transferred back to the State General Fund, leaving \$1.0 million in funding. The remaining balance has been spent down and no funding is currently available. The requested funding will be used to pay incentives to colleges eligible to receive payments for program activity. *This request is on behalf of the community and technical colleges and is intended to be a recurring request.*

- **Agency:** Add \$96,400 SGF for GED Accelerator payments in FY 2025.
- **LBC:** Delete \$96,400 SGF for GED Accelerator payments in FY 2025.

7. AO-K COURSE MATERIALS – SUPPLEMENTAL

The agency requests \$8,567 for AO-K course materials. The 2023 Legislature passed Senate Sub. for HB 2600, which amended the AO-K work program to permit state funds to be used for books and related materials up to \$500 per student. This legislation allowed funding to be used for students pursuing specific high school equivalency but precluded AO-K GED students from financial assistance. The 2024 Legislature expanded the language to include all students in 2024 SB 438 but did not include an appropriation for this change. *This request is on behalf of the community and technical colleges and is intended to be a recurring request.*

- **Agency:** Add \$8,567 SGF for AO-K course material payments in FY 2025.
- **LBC:** Delete \$8,567 SGF for AO-K course material payments in FY 2025.

8. WASHBURN FINANCIAL AID

The 2024 Legislature appropriated \$21.8 million to the State Finance Council to be expended upon certification that the Board of Regents has distributed the State appropriation for the Kansas Comprehensive Grant program, with 50.0 percent of the money to the public universities and 50.0 percent to the not-for-profit independent institutions. The agency's request includes \$1.8 million SGF of this funding in FY 2025. *This adjustment results in no net increase above the approved amount in statewide expenditures.*

- **Agency:** Add \$1.8 million SGF for student financial aid at Washburn University in FY 2025.
- **LBC:** No changes.

9. STATE UNIVERSITIES CAPITAL RENEWAL

The agency's revised estimate includes a decrease of \$20.0 million SGF for the State Universities Capital Renewal Initiative. The 2024 Legislature appropriated \$20.0 million to the Kansas Board of Regents to distribute to universities for the State Capital

Renewal Initiative, which is dedicated to renewing state university facilities. The decrease reflects funds being allocated to each university and is reflected as an increase in each of their budget summaries.

- **Agency:** Delete \$20.0 million SGF for state capital renewal projects at universities in FY 2025.
- **LBC:** No changes.

10. NISS PLAYBOOK

The agency's revised estimate includes a decrease of \$8.5 million SGF for the NISS (National Institute of Student Success) Playbook. The 2024 Legislature appropriated \$8.5 million SGF for the NISS Playbook, which provides specific recommendations to each university to increase graduation and retention rates for all students. These funds were transferred to seven universities.

- **Agency:** Delete \$8.5 million SGF for the NISS Playbook in FY 2025.
- **LBC:** No changes.

11. NEED-BASED AID (OT)

The 2024 Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million SGF to the Kansas Board of Regents to distribute to universities for need-based aid. KBOR transferred \$2.3 million to seven universities in FY 2025.

- **Agency:** Delete \$2.3 million SGF for need-based aid transfers to universities in FY 2025.
- **LBC:** No changes.

12. UNIVERSITY IT & CYBERSECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE

The 2024 Legislature appropriated \$1.7 million SGF to the Kansas Board of Regents to distribute to universities for IT infrastructure and cybersecurity. These funds were transferred to the universities in FY 2025.

- **Agency:** Delete \$1.7 million SGF for IT Infrastructure and cybersecurity payments in FY 2025.
- **LBC:** No changes.

13. HERO'S ACT SCHOLARSHIP

The agency's revised estimate includes a decrease of \$1.0 million SGF for the Hero's Act Scholarship. The Kansas Hero's Scholarship Act (KSA 75-4364) provides an opportunity for eligible dependents and spouses of certain deceased or disabled public safety officers, military personnel, and prisoners of war to attend an eligible Kansas postsecondary educational institution without payment of tuition and required fees. The decrease reflects scholarship funds being transferred out to institutions.

- **Agency:** Delete \$1.0 million SGF for Hero's Act scholarship payments in FY 2025.
- **LBC:** No changes.

14. NURSING FACULTY GRANT

The agency's revised estimate includes a decrease of \$1.0 million SGF for the Nursing Faculty Supplies Grant program. These grants help nursing faculty purchase lab supplies with the goal of improving program quality and access. This program hopes to address the growing nursing shortage in the state by providing needed resources to nursing education programs. The decrease reflects scholarship funds being transferred out to institutions.

- **Agency:** Delete \$1.0 million SGF for the Nursing Faculty Supplies Grant program in FY 2025.
- **LBC:** No changes.

15. EDUCATIONAL BUILDING FUND

The agency's revised estimate includes a decrease of \$54.0 million EBF. The 2024 Legislature authorized KBOR to transfer funds from the Kansas Educational Building Fund, which is dedicated to deferred maintenance for mission-critical buildings at state universities, to any institution under its supervision. The EBF receives revenue from a mill levy on all tangible property in the state that is subject to ad valorem taxation. The Board of Regents calculates EBF appropriations using an adjusted square footage formula that includes gross square footage, building age, and complexity of the physical plant. This decrease reflects the transfer of funds to individual universities.

- **Agency:** Delete \$54.0 million, all EBF, for rehab and repair projects in FY 2025.
- **LBC:** No changes.

16. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS

The agency's revised estimate includes an additional 5.0 FTE positions. There are 3.0 new FTE positions within the Kansas Blueprint For Literacy program, including a Director of Literacy Education, Senior Associate Director, and Communications Coordinator. The 2024 Legislature appropriated \$10.0 million SGF for the Kansas Blueprint For Literacy program. The 2.0 remaining FTE positions are for a Chief of Staff and a vacant position now filled.

- **Agency:** Add 5.0 FTE positions for board administration and the Kansas Blueprint for Literacy in FY 2025.
- **LBC:** Delete 5.0 FTE positions for board administration and the Kansas Blueprint for Literacy in FY 2025.

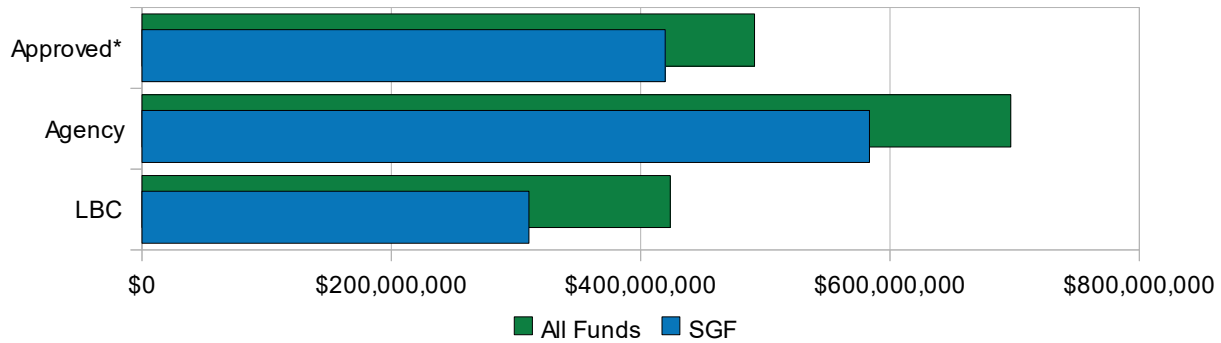
17. ALL OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

The agency requests an addition of \$1.1 million, including \$191,777 SGF, for other adjustments. Adjustments include increased funding for tuition waivers, the Kansas Adult Learner Grant program, and other Board programs, offset by funding transfers for workforce development at Fort Hays State University and demolition of buildings at Kansas State University.

- **Agency:** Add \$1.1 million, including \$191,777 SGF, for other adjustments.
- **LBC:** No changes.

FY 2026 ANALYSIS

FIG. 5 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS, FY 2026



* Note: Reflects legislative-approved expenditures for FY 2025, excluding reappropriations.

FIG. 6 BUDGET HIGHLIGHT CHANGES, FY 2026

Fund	2025 Agency	2025 Approved*	2026 Agency	Agency Change from Previous-Year Agency		Agency Change from Approved*	
SGF	\$ 407,221,234	\$ 419,759,204	\$ 583,556,942	\$ 176,335,708	43.3 %	\$ 163,797,738	39.0 %
All Other Funds	19,836,291	71,706,241	113,426,473	93,590,182	471.8	41,720,232	58.2
TOTAL	\$ 427,057,525	\$ 491,465,445	\$ 696,983,415	\$ 269,925,890	63.2 %	\$ 205,517,970	41.8 %

* Note: Reflects legislative-approved expenditures for FY 2025, excluding reappropriations.

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FIG. 7 SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUEST, FY 2026

	Agency			Legislative Budget Committee		
	SGF	All Funds	FTE	SGF	All Funds	FTE
Approved, FY 2026	\$ 419,759,204	\$ 491,465,445	58.0	\$ 419,759,204	\$ 491,465,445	58.0
2024 SB 28 & HB 2551	419,759,204	491,465,445	58.0	419,759,204	491,465,445	58.0
Enhancement Requests	\$ 273,174,088	\$ 273,174,088	-	\$ -	\$ -	-
<i>Kansas Board of Regents Enhancements</i>	<i>\$ 138,942,853</i>	<i>\$ 138,942,853</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>-</i>
1. Student Affordability	90,108,553	90,108,553	-	-	-	-
2. IT and Cybersecurity—State Institutions	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	-	-
3. IT and Cybersecurity—Two-Yr. Colleges	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	-	-
4. NISS Playbook	6,361,600	6,361,600	-	-	-	-
5. Student Success Initiatives	11,672,700	11,672,700	-	-	-	-
6. Washburn Science Labs	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	-	-
7. Washburn Operating Grant Increase	3,300,000	3,300,000	-	-	-	-
8. Adult Education	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	-	-
9. Hero's Act Scholarship	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	-	-	-
<i>State University Enhancements</i>	<i>\$ 108,131,235</i>	<i>\$ 108,131,235</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>-</i>
10. One Health	51,000,000	51,000,000	-	-	-	-
11. Regional Growth and Development	21,000,000	21,000,000	-	-	-	-
12. K-State 105	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	-	-
13. KSU Next Generation Initiative	7,500,000	7,500,000	-	-	-	-
14. KU School of Architecture	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	-	-
15. KUMC Medical Student Loan Program	8,631,235	8,631,235	-	-	-	-
16. WSU School of Dentistry	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	-	-
<i>Two-Year Colleges Enhancements</i>	<i>\$ 26,100,000</i>	<i>\$ 26,100,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>-</i>
17. GED Accelerator	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-
18. Capital Outlay	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	-	-	-
19. HIRED Pilot Program	10,500,000	10,500,000	-	-	-	-
20. Technical Colleges Operating Grant	10,500,000	10,500,000	-	-	-	-
Other Changes	\$ (109,376,350)	\$ (67,656,118)	5.0	\$ (109,376,350)	\$ (67,656,118)	5.0
21. Kansas Campus Restoration Act	(25,000,000)	7,700,000	-	(25,000,000)	7,700,000	-

FIG. 7 SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUEST, FY 2026

	Agency			Legislative Budget Committee		
	SGF	All Funds	FTE	SGF	All Funds	FTE
22. Two-Yr. Colleges–Student Success Init.	(17,500,000)	(17,500,000)	-	(17,500,000)	(17,500,000)	-
23. Two-Yr. Colleges–Bus. Apprenticeships	(14,300,000)	(14,300,000)	-	(14,300,000)	(14,300,000)	-
24. IT and Cybersecurity Systemwide	(14,000,000)	(14,000,000)	-	(14,000,000)	(14,000,000)	-
25. Rural Family Physician	(10,000,000)	(10,000,000)	-	(10,000,000)	(10,000,000)	-
26. Technical Colleges Operating	(10,500,000)	(10,500,000)	-	(10,500,000)	(10,500,000)	-
27. NISS Playbook	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)	-	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)	-
28. Educational Building Fund	-	9,000,000	-	-	9,000,000	-
29. All Other Adjustments	(9,576,350)	(9,556,118)	5.0	(9,576,350)	(9,556,118)	(5.0)
TOTAL	\$ 583,556,942	\$ 696,983,415	63.0	\$ 310,382,854	\$ 423,809,327	58.0

1. STUDENT AFFORDABILITY (KBOR) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$90.1 million SGF for KBOR Student Affordability. This funding would support the operation of the public universities and will be invested in ensuring the system of the universities and KBOR Office can recruit and retain faculty and staff, provide a greater level of financial aid to Kansas resident students, and provide wider adoption of open educational resources (course materials provided at no cost to students). The funding will be allocated in the following way:

- \$46.0 million for system-wide cost increases;
- \$27.5 million SGF for a pay plan increase;
- \$14.4 million for need-based aid;
- \$1.8 million for market pay adjustments for Washburn University; and
- \$200,000 for an OER subscription.

- **Agency:** Add \$90.1 million SGF for student affordability for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$90.1 million SGF for student affordability for FY 2026.

2. IT INFRASTRUCTURE AND CYBERSECURITY – STATE UNIVERSITIES (KBOR) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$10.0 million SGF for IT infrastructure and cybersecurity to reduce the security and operating risks facing the institutions from legacy technologies. The funding will be devoted to efforts across all public institutions, including cybersecurity assessments and thirty-party penetration exercises. *This item is a repeat request from prior years.*

- **Agency:** Add \$10.0 million SGF for IT and cybersecurity at state universities for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$10.0 million SGF for IT and cybersecurity at state universities for FY 2026.

3. IT INFRASTRUCTURE AND CYBERSECURITY – TWO-YEAR COLLEGES (KBOR) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$10.0 million SGF for continued investment in IT infrastructure and cybersecurity for two-year colleges. The funding request is for security improvements that require additional resources to protect college networks from cyber criminals while ensuring campus operations. *This item is a repeat request from prior years.*

- **Agency:** Add \$10.0 million SGF for IT and cybersecurity at two-year colleges for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$10.0 million SGF for IT and cybersecurity at two-year colleges for FY 2026.

4. NISS PLAYBOOK (KBOR) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$6.4 million SGF for the NISS (National Institute for Student Success) Academic Playbook. The NISS Playbook provides specific recommendations to each university to increase graduation and retention rates for all students. *This item is a repeat request from prior years.*

- **Agency:** Add \$6.4 million SGF for the NISS Academic Playbook at state universities and Washburn for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$6.4 million SGF for the NISS Academic Playbook at state universities and Washburn for FY 2026.

5. STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVES (KBOR) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$11.7 million SGF for student success initiatives at two-year colleges. The initiatives will focus on training the Kansas workforce and ensuring completion and retention of students. *This item is a repeat request from prior years.*

- **Agency:** Add \$11.7 million SGF for student success initiatives at two-year colleges for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$11.7 million SGF for student success initiatives at two-year colleges for FY 2026.

6. WASHBURN SCIENCE LABS (OT) (KBOR) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$5.0 million SGF for Washburn science labs. Washburn University has adopted the KBOR general framework, which requires students to take a science course with a lab component. The request would support the expansion of general laboratory space at Stoffer Hall.

- **Agency:** Add \$5.0 million SGF for Washburn science laboratories for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$5.0 million SGF for Washburn science laboratories for FY 2026.

7. WASHBURN OPERATING GRANT (KBOR) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$3.3 million SGF for an increase to the Washburn University operating grant. Historically, the municipal operating grant has received \$14.3 million SGF, so this request would bring the total allocation to \$17.6 million for FY 2026. This request will support operations to implement new pathways and programs, such as a cybersecurity program with an applied focus on health care and forensic investigation. Other initiatives include expanding the education program and increasing scholarship aid for students. *This item is intended to be a recurring request.*

- **Agency:** Add \$3.3 million SGF for an increase to the Washburn Operating Grant for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$3.3 million SGF for an increase to the Washburn Operating Grant for

8. ADULT EDUCATION (KBOR) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$1.0 million SGF to increase the number of English Language Acquisition (ELA) students served and expand integrated education and training efforts to help students get their high school equivalency and industry certification. *This item is a repeat request from prior years.*

- **Agency:** Add \$1.0 million SGF for adult education centers for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$1.0 million SGF for adult education centers for FY 2026.

9. HERO'S ACT SCHOLARSHIP (KBOR) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$1.5 million SGF due to an increase of applications for the Hero's Act scholarship. In FY 2023, there were 113 new applicants; in FY 2024, 175 new applicants; and in FY 2025, 212 applicants in the first seven weeks. *This item is intended to be a recurring request.*

- **Agency:** Add \$1.5 million SGF for increased applicants for the Hero's Act scholarship for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$1.5 million SGF for increased applicants for the Hero's Act scholarship for FY 2026.

10. ONE HEALTH – (UNIVERSITIES) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$51.0 million for the One Health project. This is a joint initiative between Wichita State University, University of Kansas, and Kansas State University to create new companies and jobs and train the next generation of scientists and health care professionals. This request will be used to establish a dedicated strategic research fund that will be used by the three research institutions to address current health challenges.

The University of Kansas will focus on expanding impact through human health research and expanding the health care workforce. Kansas State University will focus on biosecurity, improving livestock health, and enhancing veterinary medicine. Wichita State University will focus on a digital transformation solution to support improved health care outcomes, leveraging assets such as the Wichita Biomedical Campus. The funding would be split equally, with \$17.0 million SGF allocated to each university. *This item is intended to be a recurring request.*

- **Agency:** Add \$51.0 million SGF for the One Health initiative at state research institutions for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$51.0 million SGF for the One Health initiative at state research institutions for FY 2026.

11. REGIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (UNIVERSITIES) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$21.0 million to strengthen educational, economic, and workforce outcomes for three Kansas regions. This request is on behalf of the three regional institutions: Emporia State University (ESU), Pittsburg State University (PSU) and Fort Hays State University (FHSU). The agency requests funding to maintain, sustain, and grow education and economic outcomes within these three distinct rural

regions. The funding will allow the three institutions to collaboratively improve student access to education, grow the regional workforce, and address identified health and educational priorities. The funding would be divided, with FHSU receiving \$8.0 million, ESU receiving \$6.0 million, and PSU receiving the remaining \$6.0 million.

- **Agency:** Add \$21.0 million SGF for the Regional Growth and Development initiative at regional institutions for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$21.0 million SGF for the Regional Growth and Development initiative at regional institutions for FY 2026.

12. K-STATE 105 (UNIVERSITIES) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$5.0 million SGF for the K-State 105 initiative to focus on local care strategies, caregiver support, access to digital health resources, and behavioral health needs. This initiative engages communities and strengthens expertise across all 105 counties, fostering collaborations with state institutions, agencies, nonprofits, and community organizations. *This item is a repeat request from prior years.*

- **Agency:** Add \$5.0 million SGF for the K-State 105 initiative for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$5.0 million SGF for the K-State 105 initiative for FY 2026.

13. KSU NEXT GENERATION INITIATIVE (UNIVERSITIES) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$7.5 million SGF to improve operations, recruit and retain faculty, and offer scholarships for rural students through the Kansas State University (KSU) Next Generation Animal/Human Health Initiative. The funding will be used to advance animal health through enhanced facilities, greater research activity, and educational programs. *This item is intended to be a recurring request.*

- **Agency:** Add \$7.5 million SGF for the KSU Next Generation initiative for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$7.5 million SGF for the KSU Next Generation initiative for FY 2026.

14. KU SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE (OT) (UNIVERSITIES) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$10.0 million SGF for the University of Kansas (KU) School of Architecture. The School is currently located in seven locations across campus and is in need of a studio, teaching office, and common area spaces. The project would allow KU to admit more qualified applicants, create space to house existing programs, and expand program options in a consolidated space.

- **Agency:** Add \$10.0 million SGF for the KU School of Architecture capital improvements for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$10.0 million SGF for the KU School of Architecture capital improvements for FY 2026.

15. KUMC MEDICAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM EXPANSION (UNIVERSITIES) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$8.6 million SGF for the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) Medical Student Loan program to increase the number of available slots to medical students and expand the program to include medical specialists. The Medical Student Loan program provides a forgivable loan covering the medical

student's tuition and a monthly stipend (up to \$2,000 per month). The service fulfillment is on a year-for-year basis and the loan is forgiven upon completion of the service. *This item is intended to be a recurring request.*

- **Agency:** Add \$8.6 million SGF to expand the Medical Student Loan program at KUMC for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$8.6 million SGF to not expand the Medical Student Loan program at KUMC for FY 2026.

16. WSU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY (OT) (UNIVERSITIES) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$5.0 million SGF for Wichita State University (WSU) to conduct a feasibility study to determine the exact requirements and costs to establish an accredited dental school. The university currently has two dental hygiene programs and estimates it would cost \$100.0 million to construct a facility.

- **Agency:** Add \$5.0 million SGF for the WSU Dentistry exploration project for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$5.0 million SGF for the WSU Dentistry exploration project for FY 2026.

17. GED ACCELERATOR (TWO-YEAR COLLEGES) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$100,000 for the GED Accelerator. The Board of Regents administers the Postsecondary Education Performance-Based Incentives Fund (known as the GED Accelerator), per KSA 74-32,434. This fund provides incentives to institutions for adult students seeking and earning a GED or high school equivalency diploma, an identified industry credential, or both, while enrolled in an eligible postsecondary technical education program. This program has historically been funded through an SGF transfer, which is now depleted. *This item is a repeat request from prior years.*

- **Agency:** Add \$100,000 SGF for GED Accelerator incentives for two-year colleges for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$100,000 SGF for GED Accelerator incentives for two-year colleges for FY 2026.

18. COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAPITAL OUTLAY (TWO-YEAR COLLEGES) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$5.0 million SGF for community college capital outlay. This funding is for those community colleges that do not receive funding under current statute, KSA 74-32,413. *This item is a repeat request from prior years*

- **Agency:** Add \$5.0 million SGF for community college capital outlay aid for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$5.0 million SGF for community college capital outlay aid for FY 2026.

19. PILOT PROGRAM FOR TECH COLLEGES (TWO-YEAR COLLEGES) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$10.5 million SGF to launch a pilot program targeting skilled workforce education. The pilot program, called HIRED, helps to support talent attraction and retention in high-demand, sustainable-wage, and critical-need

occupations requiring less than a baccalaureate degree. Technical colleges would be eligible for a portion of the funding based on their success meeting certain criteria.

- **Agency:** Add \$10.5 million SGF for the HIRED pilot program at technical colleges for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$10.5 million SGF for the HIRED pilot program at technical colleges for FY 2026.

20. TECH COLLEGES OPERATING GRANT (TWO-YEAR COLLEGES) ENHANCEMENT

The agency's request includes \$21.0 million SGF for technical college operating grants to support facility improvements, equipment, and other program enhancements. Previous funding has expanded capacity in advanced manufacturing, HVAC, plumbing, welding, and early childhood education. *This item is a repeat request from prior years with an increase of \$10.5 million per year.*

- **Agency:** Add \$10.5 million SGF for technical college operating grants for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete \$10.5 million SGF for technical college operating grants for FY 2026.

21. KANSAS CAMPUS RESTORATION ACT

The agency's request includes \$32.7 million from the Kansas Campus Restoration Fund. The 2024 Legislature passed SB 552, called the Kansas Campus Restoration Act. The fund was created with the State Treasury and transfers \$32.7 million from the State General Fund to the Kansas Campus Restoration fund. The Board of Regents distributes the funds according to the requirements outlined in the bill. The last transfer approved by the bill will be in FY 2031.

The request includes a decrease of \$20.0 million SGF for the State Universities Capital Renewal Initiative and \$5.0 million for demolition of buildings that was approved in FY 2025.

- **Agency:** Add \$7.7 million all funds, including a decrease of \$25.0 million SGF, to the Kansas Campus Restoration Act for deferred maintenance for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** No changes.

22. TWO-YEAR COLLEGE STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVES

The agency's revised estimate includes a decrease of \$17.5 million for student success initiatives at two-year colleges that focus on training the Kansas workforce and ensuring completion and retention of students.

- **Agency:** Delete \$17.5 million SGF for student success initiatives at two year colleges for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** No changes.

23. TWO-YEAR COLLEGE BUSINESS APPRENTICESHIPS

The agency's revised estimate includes a decrease of \$14.3 million SGF for the Two-Year College Apprenticeship program. The 2024 Legislature appropriated \$14.3 million to be used for the development of registered apprenticeships, business and industry outreach, and the development of programing to meet the emerging needs of Kansas businesses.

- **Agency:** Delete \$14.3 million SGF for the Two-Year College Apprenticeship program for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** No changes.

24. IT AND CYBERSECURITY

The agency's revised estimate includes a decrease of \$14.0 million SGF for IT infrastructure and cybersecurity. Of this amount, \$7.5 million was allocated to universities and \$6.5 million for community and technical colleges.

- **Agency:** Delete \$14.0 million SGF for IT infrastructure and cybersecurity for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** No changes.

25. RURAL FAMILY PHYSICIAN GRANT

The agency's revised estimate includes a decrease of \$10.0 million SGF to expand existing programs located in a county with a population between 40,000 and 60,000 designed to place rural family physicians in Kansas.

- **Agency:** Delete \$10.0 million SGF for Rural Family Physician grant for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** No changes.

26. TECHNICAL COLLEGES OPERATING GRANT

The agency's revised estimate includes a decrease of \$10.5 million SGF for the Technical Colleges Operating grant. *NOTE: This decrease is technical in nature as there are two increases to the operating grants that appear as enhancements. The total spend for the Technical Colleges Operating grant increased by \$10.5 million when including the HIRED pilot program.*

Agency: Delete \$10.0 million SGF for the Technical Colleges Operating grant for FY 2026.

- **LBC:** No changes.

27. NISS PLAYBOOK

The agency's revised estimate includes a decrease of \$8.5 million SGF for the NISS Academic Playbook. The NISS Playbook provides specific recommendations to each university to increase graduation and retention rates for all students. [Note: The Legislature appropriated \$8.5 million for the NISS Playbook in FY 2025; these funds were transferred to and expended at the university level. The 2026 request includes an enhancement of \$6.4 million for this purpose.]

- **Agency:** Delete \$8.5 million SGF for the NISS Academic Playbook for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** No changes.

28. EDUCATIONAL BUILDING FUND (EBF)

The agency's requests includes an increase of \$9.0 million, all EBF. These funds are dedicated to deferred maintenance for mission-critical buildings at state universities. The EBF receives revenue from a mill levy on all tangible property in the state that is subject to ad valorem taxation. The Board of Regents calculates EBF appropriations using an adjusted square footage formula that includes gross square footage, building age, and complexity of the physical plant.

- **Agency:** Add \$9.0 million, all EBF, for rehab and repair projects at state universities for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** No changes.

29. ALL OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

The agency's request includes a decrease of \$9.6 million, including a decrease of \$9.6 million SGF, for all other adjustments. The decreases are primarily due to decreases in the category of other assistance, such as decreased expenditures for the Osteopathic Medical Service Scholarship, workforce development at Fort Hays State University, the Manufacturing Training Center and Ensuring Pathways to Student Success programs at Washburn University, and other expenditures for Board programs and scholarships. These are largely funds that were intended to be one-time appropriations. In addition, the agency requests to maintain the additional 5.0 FTE positions requested in FY 2025.

- **Agency:** Delete \$9.6 million, including a decrease of \$9.6 million SGF, for all other adjustments and add 5.0 FTE positions for board administration and the Kansas Blueprint for Literacy for FY 2026.
- **LBC:** Delete 5.0 FTE positions for board administration and the Kansas Blueprint for Literacy for FY 2026.

CAPITAL BUDGET AND DEBT

FIG. 8 **CAPITAL BUDGET AND DEBT, FY 2024 – FY 2026**

	Actual FY 2024	Agency FY 2025	LBC FY 2025	Agency FY 2026	LBC FY 2026
EXPENDITURES:					
Capital Projects	\$ 262,000	\$ 5,057,000	\$ 5,057,000	\$ 94,700,000	\$ 94,700,000
State Univ. Capital Renewal	-	-	-	-	-
Educational Building Funds	262,000	107,000	107,000	62,000,000	62,000,000
Demolition of Buildings	-	4,950,000	4,950,000	-	-
Kansas Campus Restoration	-	-	-	32,700,000	32,700,000
Debt Service Principal*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service Interest*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 262,000	\$ 5,057,000	\$ 5,057,000	\$ 94,700,000	\$ 94,700,000
FINANCING:					
SGF	\$ -	\$ 4,950,000	\$ 4,950,000	\$ -	\$ -
Educational Building Fund	262,000	107,000	107,000	62,000,000	62,000,000
All Other Funds	-	-	-	32,700,000	32,700,000
TOTAL	\$ 262,000	\$ 5,057,000	\$ 5,057,000	\$ 94,700,000	\$ 94,700,000

* Note: Includes debt service expenditures on capital improvement projects only.

FY 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The **agency** submits a revised estimate of \$5.0 million in capital improvement expenditures in FY 2025, including \$5.0 million SGF. Details on these expenditures are available in the individual university budgets

1. EDUCATIONAL BUILDING FUND (EBF)

The agency's revised estimate includes \$107,000 remaining from the EBF in FY 2025. These funds are used for consultants monitoring the campus restoration plan. EBF moneys are dedicated to deferred maintenance for mission-critical buildings at state universities. The EBF receives revenue from a mill levy on all tangible property in the state that is subject to ad valorem taxation. The Board of Regents calculates EBF appropriations using an adjusted square footage formula that includes gross square footage, building age, and complexity of the physical plant.

2. DEMOLITION FUNDING

The agency's revised FY 2025 estimate includes \$5.0 million SGF. The 2024 Legislature appropriated \$5.0 million SGF to the demolition fund, of which \$750,000 reappropriated from FY 2024 to FY 2025. The Board of Regents transferred \$800,000 to Kansas State University in FY 2025, leaving the remaining amount of \$4,950,000.

FY 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The **agency** requests \$94.7 million in capital improvement expenditures for FY 2026. Details on these expenditures are available in the individual university budgets.

1. EDUCATIONAL BUILDING FUND

The agency requests \$62.0 million from the EBF. These funds are dedicated to deferred maintenance for mission-critical buildings at state universities. The EBF receives revenue from a mill levy on all tangible property in the state that is subject to ad valorem taxation. The Board of Regents calculates EBF appropriations using an adjusted square footage formula that includes gross square footage, building age, and complexity of the physical plant.

2. KANSAS CAMPUS RESTORATION ACT

The agency requests \$32.7 million from the Kansas Campus Restoration (KCR) Fund. The 2024 Legislature passed SB 552, or the Kansas Campus Restoration Act, which created the KCR Fund with the State Treasury and transfers \$32.7 million from the State General Fund to the KCR fund each fiscal year. The Board of Regents distributes the funds according to the requirements outlined in the bill.

REFERENCE TABLES

FIG. 9 **10-YEAR EXPENDITURE HISTORY, FY 2017 – FY 2026**

Fiscal Year	SGF	Change	All Funds	Change	FTE	CPI-U Change**
FY 2017	\$ 189,939,804	(3.8) %	\$ 205,303,370	(4.0) %	62.5	0.0 %
FY 2018	196,847,562	3.6	212,867,133	3.7	62.5	0.2
FY 2019	207,566,509	5.4	223,091,676	4.8	62.5	0.0
FY 2020	218,365,161	5.2	233,877,716	4.8	62.5	0.8
FY 2021	216,553,254	(0.8)	247,629,887	5.9	62.5	2.4
FY 2022	256,844,239	18.6	274,045,730	10.7	62.5	9.2
FY 2023	275,979,913	7.5	295,278,376	7.7	58.0	5.8
FY 2024	331,270,041	20.0	349,363,723	18.3	58.0	3.0
FY 2025 Agency	407,221,234	22.9	427,057,525	22.2	63.0	2.5
FY 2026 Agency	583,556,942	43.3	696,983,415	63.2	63.0	2.4
10-Yr. Chg. (FY 2017– 2026)	\$ 393,617,138	207.2 %	\$ 491,680,045	239.5 %	0.5	33.4 %
3-Yr. Avg. (FY 2022– 2024)*	\$ 288,031,398		\$ 306,229,276		59.5	

* Note: Reflects three most recent years of actuals data.

** Note: Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers estimate for FY 2025 and FY 2026 is from the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group.

FIG. 10 **EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM, FY 2024 – FY 2026**

Program	Actual FY 2024	Agency FY 2025	LBC FY 2025	Agency FY 2026	LBC FY 2026
Administration	\$ 7,876,796	\$ 18,012,044	\$ 18,012,044	\$ 17,976,610	\$ 17,976,610
Postsecondary Education Institutions	281,751,211	315,244,980	310,793,492	493,952,997	220,778,909
Student Financial Assistance	58,953,531	88,743,501	88,743,501	75,353,808	75,353,808
Capital Improvements	262,000	5,057,000	5,057,000	109,700,000	109,700,000
IT & Cybersecurity	450,000	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Transactions	70,185	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 349,363,723	\$ 427,057,525	\$ 422,606,037	\$ 696,983,415	\$ 423,809,327

FIG. 11 **FTE POSITIONS BY PROGRAM, FY 2024 – FY 2026**

Program	Actual FY 2024	Agency FY 2025	LBC FY 2025	Agency FY 2026	LBC FY 2026
Administration	58.0	63.0	58.0	63.0	58.0
Postsecondary Education Institutions	-	-	-	-	-
Student Financial Assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
IT & Cybersecurity	-	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 Transactions	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	58.0	63.0	58.0	63.0	58.0

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SYSTEM-WIDE

FIG. 12 BUDGET SUMMARY, FY 2024 – FY 2026

	Actual FY 2024	Agency FY 2025	Legislative Budget Committee FY 2025	Agency FY 2026	Legislative Budget Committee FY 2026
EXPENDITURES:					
State Operations*	\$ 3,073,559,691	\$ 3,202,736,520	\$ 3,202,736,520	\$ 3,200,487,218	\$ 3,200,487,218
Salaries and Wages	2,073,334,115	2,193,349,026	2,193,349,026	2,205,141,828	2,205,141,828
Contractual Services	771,566,168	766,231,921	766,231,921	752,135,317	752,135,317
Commodities	119,912,407	119,071,384	119,071,384	121,118,227	121,118,227
Capital Outlay	108,747,001	124,084,189	124,084,189	122,091,846	122,091,846
State Aid and Assistance	\$ 728,150,522	\$ 777,717,218	\$ 408,396,993	\$ 951,511,002	\$ 304,992,717
Aid to Local Units	279,768,335	305,814,663	304,546,588	291,212,175	228,339,168
Other Assistance	448,382,187	471,902,555	103,850,405	660,298,827	76,653,549
Capital Budget and Debt	\$ 327,850,995	\$ 924,434,680	\$ 924,434,680	\$ 388,876,093	\$ 388,876,093
Capital Improvements	246,965,020	849,578,952	849,578,952	319,222,636	319,222,636
Debt Service Principal	53,775,810	48,561,748	48,561,748	45,571,779	45,571,779
Debt Service Interest	27,110,165	26,293,980	26,293,980	24,081,678	24,081,678
TOTAL	\$ 4,129,561,208	\$ 4,904,888,418	\$ 4,535,568,193	\$ 4,540,874,313	\$ 3,894,356,028
FINANCING:					
State General Fund	\$ 1,140,291,527	\$ 1,438,817,032	\$ 1,069,496,807	\$ 1,396,635,640	\$ 750,117,355
All Other Funds	2,989,269,681	3,466,071,386	3,466,071,386	3,144,238,673	3,144,238,673
TOTAL	\$ 4,129,561,208	\$ 4,904,888,418	\$ 4,535,568,193	\$ 4,540,874,313	\$ 3,894,356,028
PERCENTAGE CHANGE:					
State General Fund	13.6 %	26.2 %	(25.7) %	(2.9) %	(46.3) %
All Funds	14.9 %	18.8 %	(7.5) %	(7.4) %	(14.2) %
FTE Positions	19,421.3	20,094.4	19,697.8	20,094.4	19,697.8

* Note: Expenditures for debt service interest are reflected under "Capital Budget and Debt."

FIG. 13 FTE POSITIONS BY INSTITUTION, FY 2024 – FY 2026

Program	Actual FY 2024	Agency FY 2025	LBC FY 2025	Agency FY 2026	LBC FY 2026
Kansas Board of Regents	58.0	63.0	58.0	63.0	58.0
Emporia State University	736.6	736.4	736.6	736.4	736.6
Fort Hays State University	993.0	999.0	993.0	999.0	993.0
Pittsburg State University	784.1	796.8	784.1	796.8	784.1
Kansas State University	3,651.5	3,717.0	3,651.5	3,717.0	3,651.5
KSU ESARP	1,156.4	1,148.0	1,148.0	1,148.0	1,148.0
KSU Veterinary Medical Center	637.0	652.0	637.0	652.0	637.0
University of Kansas	4,864.0	5,149.0	5,149.0	5,149.0	5,149.0
University of Kansas Medical Center	3,821.8	3,925.1	3,821.8	3,925.1	3,821.8
Wichita State University	2,718.8	2,908.1	2,718.8	2,908.1	2,718.8
TOTAL	19,421.3	20,094.4	19,697.8	20,094.4	19,697.8

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

The Board of Regents administers a number of student financial aid programs as well as other special programs. The agency requests \$72.0 million SGF to support State-sponsored student financial aid programs for FY 2026.

NEED-BASED AID

1. **KANSAS COMPREHENSIVE GRANT PROGRAM (KSA 74-32,120).** Created by the 1998 Legislature, the Kansas Comprehensive Grant program provides grants to financially needy students. The program provides need-based grants to full-time (taking 12 credit hours or more per semester) undergraduate students with no previous baccalaureate degrees who have submitted the federal student financial aid application by the priority deadline and who are Kansas residents enrolled in accredited Kansas colleges and universities. The program is intended to provide up to half of the average tuition and fees of state educational institutions. However, it is subject to available appropriations. The maximum annual award is \$1,500 for a student enrolled at a state educational institution or municipal university and \$3,500 for a student enrolled at an independent institution.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 40,548,342	\$ 40,548,342	14,000	\$ 40,548,342	\$ 40,548,342	14,000

2. **KANSAS STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (KSA 72-6810).** The State Scholarship program was enacted in 1963 and is the oldest State-supported financial aid program. State scholars are selected on the basis of merit (high school seniors who complete the Kansas Scholars Curriculum based on an index number utilizing ACT composite score and seventh-semester GPA). Recipients must be financially needy undergraduate Kansas residents with no previous baccalaureate degree, enrolled full-time, and have submitted the federal student financial aid application and state application. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 college GPA measured at the end of each spring semester.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 1,010,919	\$ 1,010,919	1,317	\$ 1,010,919	\$ 1,010,919	1,317

3. **KANSAS PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (KSA 74-32,271).** The scholarship is a "last dollar" scholarship awarded to students attending eligible programs of study at public community and technical colleges, Washburn Institute of Technology, and certain independent, not-for-profit institutions that offer eligible programs of study. The award amount is determined based on the student's aggregate amount of tuition, required fees, books, and required materials less all other aid (*i.e.* grants scholarships or financial assistance that they are awarded that do not require repayment). Students must be Kansas residents and sign an agreement to live and work in Kansas for two years after completing their program of study. Failure to do so will result in the student repaying the amount of the scholarship assistance that they received plus interest. The interest rate is set at the federal PLUS interest rate at the time that the student enters into the service obligation agreement.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	Variable	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	Variable

4. **KANSAS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP (SB 438).** In 2024 SB 438, a new scholarship was created to serve first-generation students (neither parent completed a bachelor's degree) as well as students whose parent is employed as a teacher or paraprofessional for grades pre-K through 12. To be eligible for a Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship, the bill requires the student to be a resident of Kansas; have been accepted for admission to or is enrolled full-time at an eligible institution (a public institution of higher education or a private nonprofit institution); have established financial need; and make satisfactory academic progress during their college enrollment.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	TBD	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	TBD

5. **KANSAS CAREER WORK-STUDY PROGRAM (KSA 74-3274).** The purpose of the Kansas Career Work-Study program is to provide work-related experiences to Kansas residents enrolled at Regents institutions and Washburn University. The program provides that at least one-half of a student's wages are paid by the employer and up to one-half are paid by the educational institution. Students work 15 to 20 hours per week and must be enrolled at least half-time. Funding is allocated among the institutions by the Board of Regents based on historical award patterns and recommendations by the participating schools. Approximately 13.0 percent of the funds are earmarked for students providing tutoring to elementary and secondary students at the school site and do not require matching funds.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 546,813	\$ 546,813	250	\$ 546,813	\$ 546,813	250

6. **HERO'S ACT SCHOLARSHIP (KSA 75-4364).** HB 2021 (2021) and HB 2072 (2005) expanded the number of tuition waivers available to certain students. Under current law, the following Kansas residents are eligible for enrollment without charge for tuition or fees for ten semesters at a Kansas educational institution: spouses or dependents of public safety officers killed in the line of duty; spouses or dependents of military personnel who died as a result of military service after September 11, 2001; and military personnel declared to be a prisoner of war after July 1, 1960. The statute also requires the Board of Regents to reimburse the educational institutions for the amount of the tuition and fees of the individuals.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	13	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	13

7. **KANSAS NURSE EDUCATOR SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (2006 HB 2968).** The purpose of the Kansas Nurse Educator Service Scholarship program is to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty in Kansas. The program was established by proviso during the 2006 Session to encourage registered nurses to pursue graduate education in order to enable them to become full-time nursing faculty. Scholarship recipients must be Kansas residents who are registered nurses and enrolled in an accredited program leading to a Master of Science degree in nursing or a doctorate degree in nursing at a state educational institution or another institution of higher education located in Kansas. The scholarship award shall not exceed 70.0

percent of the cost of attendance for an individual enrolled at a state educational institution. These grants shall be matched on the basis of \$2 from the Nurse Educator Service Scholarship program account for every \$1 from the state educational institution located in Kansas.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 188,126	\$ 188,126	33	\$ 188,126	\$ 188,126	33

8. **KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (KSA 74-32,100).** The Kansas Teacher Service Scholarship program was established in 1990 and provides financial assistance to students who plan to teach in a discipline or an under-served geographic area where there is a critical shortage of teachers, as determined by the State Board of Education. Up to 80.0 percent of the scholarships are typically awarded to students majoring in special education. Recipients of the award must teach in a hard-to-fill discipline or under-served geographic area for one year for each year they receive a scholarship or repay the scholarship with interest. Students must be Kansas residents, and priority is given to upper-class students, followed by high school students who demonstrate high achievement on the ACT with high GPA and class rank. The maximum award for the program is \$5,100 annually, with an average award of \$4,000 annually.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 3,094,046	\$ 3,094,046	545	\$ 3,094,046	\$ 3,094,046	545

9. **NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (KSA 74-3291).** The Nursing Service Scholarship program was established in 1989 for the purpose of providing financial assistance to nursing students in order to reduce the impact of nurse shortages, especially in rural areas of Kansas. Students seeking a nursing scholarship also must have a sponsor (a medical facility, a state agency that employs nurses, or a psychiatric hospital) that provides financial assistance to the student. Urban facilities must pay one-half of the \$2,500 (licensed practical nurse) or \$3,500 (registered nurse) annual scholarship. Rural and small approved facilities pay \$1,000. Students must be enrolled full-time in a Kansas nursing program and agree to provide one year of nursing service to the sponsor for each year of scholarship support. Recipients who do not serve must repay both the State and the sponsor with interest.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	Other Funds	Students
\$ 1,417,255	\$ 1,984,510	50	\$ 1,417,255	\$ 1,984,510	50

10. **CAREER TECHNICAL WORKFORCE GRANT (KSA 72-4460).** The Career Technical Workforce Grant was created in 1986 to recognize, with financial assistance, students who receive high scores on a standardized vocational skills test and who enroll in one- or two-year vocational programs. The program provides for a maximum individual grant of \$1,000. Students must be undergraduate Kansas residents with no previous baccalaureate degree, enrolled full-time, and have taken the Differential Aptitude Test. Funding is allowed for a second year if the recipient is enrolled in a program longer than one academic year. During the 2012 Session, this scholarship program was revised to include students pursuing certificate programs and part-time enrollment with a focus on those who are pursuing studies that lead to jobs in high-demand areas of the state's

economy. Recipients must be Kansas residents attending Kansas postsecondary educational institutions that award associate and certificate degrees. The Differential Aptitude Test will no longer be given to determine eligibility.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 114,075	\$ 114,075	138	\$ 114,075	\$ 114,075	138

11. **OPTOMETRY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (KSA 76-721A).** The Kansas Legislature authorized contracts between the Board of Regents and selected schools of optometry for approximately 40 students to attend out-of-state school at resident tuition rates. Depending on the school attended, the recipient may be required to practice optometry in Kansas for one year for each year of financial assistance or repay the assistance at the interest rate under the federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students program at the time the student entered into the agreement plus five percentage points. Students are ranked academically by the optometry schools and are funded in that order.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 107,089	\$ 107,089	28	\$ 107,089	\$ 107,089	28

12. **RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (KSA 74-3255).** The ROTC Service Scholarship program was established in 1979 to provide for the payment of tuition for eligible ROTC students each year at state and municipal universities that have an ROTC program. There is a statutory maximum of 160 recipients. In exchange, scholarship recipients agree to serve four years in the Kansas National Guard to repay the benefits plus interest. The average award for the program is \$7,256.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 175,335	\$ 175,335	22	\$ 175,335	\$ 175,335	22

13. **KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (KSA 74-32,145).** The Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance program was created in 1996 for the purpose of assisting students who are eligible National Guard members with tuition and fees for postsecondary education. The program provides 100.0 percent of the cost of tuition and fees for eligible guard members enrolled in an area vocational technical school, college, community college, municipal university, state educational institution, or accredited independent postsecondary institution within Kansas. The students receiving assistance must agree to complete their current service obligation in the Kansas National Guard, plus three months service for each semester of assistance they have received. Failure to do so results in the student repaying the State an amount equal to the total amount of assistance received. The annual award is projected to be \$3,300.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,200,000	1,072	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,200,000	1,072

14. **MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP (2007 SB 357).** The Kansas Military Service Scholarship was established by proviso during the 2007 Session to assist individuals who had served after September 11, 2001, in one or more of the following military operations: Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, or Iraqi Freedom. The scholarship provides payment of tuition and fees at eligible institutions, including technical schools, community colleges, the municipal university, and state universities.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 500,314	\$ 500,314	22	\$ 500,314	\$ 500,314	22

15. **COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATOR PROGRAM (2022 Sub. for HB 2466).** The program awards scholarships up to \$1,000 to licensed and preservice teachers who have completed at least one computer science course during enrollment at a postsecondary education institution in Kansas. The Board of Regents shall prioritize scholarship awards for applicants who are from underrepresented socioeconomic demographic groups, or agree to teach computer science in rural schools or schools with higher percentages of students from underrepresented socioeconomic demographic groups.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	1,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	1,000

16. **GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** The Board of Regents requests continuation of the \$20,000 appropriation from the SGF for Governor's scholarships, a financial assistance program that started in FY 2020. The Board of Regents has identified four of the public two-year colleges with the highest Student Success Index in the prior year and distributed \$5,000 to each college. Each college then awards \$1,000 to five students to help with their costs of attendance.

Agency Request, FY 2026			LBC Recommendation, FY 2026		
SGF	All Funds	Students	SGF	All Funds	Students
\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	20	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	20