

2023 Public University Support Fund Request

Budget Overview

The Public University Support Fund (PUSF) is the state's General Fund contribution to the operation of educational programs and support services at Oregon's seven public universities. Oregon ranks 45th in the nation for public spending per student at four-year public institutions. The PUSF funds an average of approximately 24% of universities' educational and general (E&G) expenses, while 68% of E&G comes from student tuition and fees. As a result, Oregon students pay a uniquely disproportionate share of the cost of a college education.

State Public University Education Appropriations per Full-Time Equivalent Student (Fiscal Year 2021)



Source: State Higher Education Executive Officers Association: 2021 State Higher Education Finance Report; Table 3.2.

2023 Request - \$1.05 Billion

Oregon's public universities request PUSF funding at \$1.05 billion for the 2023-25 biennium. Over the last two years, the public universities worked diligently to support students through the pandemic and establish a thoughtful approach to diversity, equity, and inclusion; better health and safety practices; and supportive learning through virtual spaces. A \$1.05 billion PUSF is a stability budget that sustains institutional investments, maintains improved completion rates, and supports the work of public universities to provide all students the opportunity to succeed.

- As a result of the pandemic, students have greater needs than ever before. It is critical for the state to support investments to continue wraparound services that meet the growing needs of universities' increasingly diverse student bodies.
- A \$1.05 billion budget allows public universities to make higher education more attainable by minimizing the burden on students to pay for growing costs and inflation and allowing most universities to keep tuition increases at or below 5%.

For More Information

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