



FOCUS ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget totals \$115.6 billion, more than \$3 billion lower than the current year's budget, and continues the Governor's commitment to fiscal responsibility. Of the total \$115.6 billion, the General Revenue portion is \$50.2 billion, a \$383.4 million increase over the current Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Revenue budget. Florida's total reserves are \$14.6 billion, over 12.5 percent of the total budget for the fiscal year, which leaves ample resources for unforeseen circumstances.

EDUCATION

\$1.5 BILLION in funding that must be used to provide salary increases for eligible teachers and other instructional personnel.

\$1.76 BILLION in funding for early child education, including a total of \$465.8 million for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) initiatives.

\$29.7 BILLION in funding for the K-12 public school system.

\$1.7 BILLION in state operating funding for the Florida College System.

\$3.9 BILLION in state operating funding for the State University System.

\$130 MILLION in total funding to reward quality nursing education programs to address nursing vacancies.

\$100 MILLION for the State University System for the recruitment and retention of highly qualified faculty.

TRANSPORTATION

\$14.8 BILLION for the Department of Transportation (FDOT).

\$13.8 BILLION of which is for the state transportation work program.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

\$505 MILLION for illegal immigration enforcement.

\$1.24 BILLION for disaster response and recovery and mitigation efforts against future disasters.

\$589 MILLION for the My Safe Florida Home Grant Program to continue assisting Florida Homeowners with free inspections and cost-sharing home-hardening projects.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & MILITARY

\$100 MILLION to give substantial pay raises to our state law enforcement officers.

\$23 MILLION for the fourth year of the Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program.

\$10 MILLION to continue the important work of the Florida State Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (S.A.F.E.) Program.

\$62 MILLION to continue equipping, training, and recruiting new Florida State Guard members.

\$190 MILLION to support National Guard facilities, guardsmen seeking higher ed degrees, recruitment and retention bonuses, and health insurance premium reimbursements.

TAX RELIEF FOR FLORIDA FAMILIES

\$2.2 BILLION in tax relief focusing on permanently repealing the business rent tax, creating a new venture tax credit program, renewing four traditional sales tax holidays, and providing additional tax holidays.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

\$75 MILLION to replenish the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund.

\$80 MILLION for marketing through VISIT FLORIDA.

\$91.9 MILLION for Small County infrastructure.

\$500 MILLION Again, fully funding the workforce housing program, which includes continued support of Hometown Heroes.

HEALTH CARE

\$15.3 MILLION to support capital improvements for the State Veterans' Nursing Homes.

\$266 MILLION for historic cancer research, including \$132.5 million for the Casey DeSantis Research Program to fund competitive grants and \$30 million for a new Cancer Collaborative Incubator.

\$114.2 MILLION to support the child welfare system, support for foster parents and caregivers, and community-based services.

\$151 MILLION for behavioral health services, including preadmission diversion and discharge services.

\$10.6 MILLION to enhance the Extended Foster Care Program for young adults 18 to 21 to provide financial assistance and resources.

\$93.7 MILLION to support individuals with unique abilities.

\$21 MILLION to increase services through the Community Care for the Elderly Program and the Home Care for the Elderly Program. This includes \$6 million to expand the number of seniors served through the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative.

\$31.8 MILLION to sustain and expand the Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Network across the state.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

\$1.5 BILLION for Everglades and water quality projects.

\$361 MILLION to strengthen Florida's world class coastline, including \$100 million for beach nourishment.

\$20 MILLION to support the Citrus Industry. This includes \$15 million for research and \$5 million for advertising.

With this recommended budget, Florida will reduce the size of state government and realign resources to focus on fiscal responsibility. This proposed budget also commits an additional \$830 million to the debt reduction program, which will result in a projected 48.7% of the state's total tax-supported debt being paid off since Governor Ron DeSantis took office.