



Hello MJC Campus Community –

One of Resource Allocation Council's (RAC) goals for the current year was to establish a communication calendar to share fiscal information to the college community. This email is coming to you as our first communication so that we can share the Governor's 2021-2022 budget for the community college system.

Overall, the State budget is remaining fairly flat compared to the 2020-2021 budget with the budget committing to pay down liabilities, maintaining reserves, and increasing spending through one-time initiatives. The major themes of the budget are to offer relief to low-income individuals impacted by COVID-19, economic recovery, and support to facilitate reopening of in-person learning, with a focus on younger students.

Ongoing proposals for the community college system include the following: a cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 1.5% which will be tied to a draft actionable plan to close equity gaps, enrollment growth of 0.5%, funding for expanding the California Apprenticeship Initiative, investment in the online education ecosystem and infrastructure and COLA of 1.5% for certain categorical programs. The ongoing proposals also include a reduction in funding for the Student Success and Completion program, California College Promise program and Financial Aid Administration program. This reduction in funding is due to the reduction in data metrics associated with each program.

One-time proposals in the budget include the following: pay down of deferrals, emergency financial assistance for students, grants to students to address housing and food insecurity, support for retention and (re)enrollment strategies, expanding work-based learning, expanding zero-textbook cost program, and instructional materials for dual enrollment students.

Between now and the implementation of the State's Budget Act of 2022, the Legislative Analyst's Office will review the Governor's January Budget, State Budget Committee hearings will be held, the Governor will issue a revision to his budget in May, and the State Budget Subcommittee will take final actions to ensure a budget is provided to the Governor for consideration and approval in June.

At the Federal level, in December 2020 Congress passed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act which is a \$900 billion economic relief package. MJC allocation is approximately \$20.6 million. Per the funding guidelines, of the \$20.6 million, a minimum of \$4.8 million must be spent on emergency aid to students. The remaining portion is to be spent on areas of the college that have been impacted by the pandemic.

Please keep an eye out for additional communications throughout the year that will cover information ranging from the tentative to final budgets as well as actual expenditures. If you

have any questions about the information provided, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.  
Thank you!