



# HECC Policy Option Packages 2021-2023

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*Packages are prioritized with the highest priority first within each category. The categories include: Financial Aid to Students (100-level packages), Statewide Program Investments (200 level), University and College Financing & Capital Construction Projects (300 level), and HECC Operations (400 level).*

## Financial Aid

**101: Access-and-affordability Pathways for Adults and K-12 Pipeline Students:** Significantly expands need-based financial aid to Oregonians under a restructured program model that puts an increased focus on financial need and more flexibility for adults seeking shorter term training. This and the associated legislative concept would: 1) transform the current Oregon Promise from a last-dollar to first-dollar program that prioritizes recent high school graduates and GED completers with the least financial resources and ability to pay, and expand it for use beyond community colleges, allowing low- and middle-income students equitable pathways to a 4-year institution; and 2) transform the Oregon Opportunity Grant to support need-based financial aid to adults and young adults with increased flexibility so that they can enter or re-enter postsecondary training, allow for enrollment at less-than-half-time, and transform OOG awarding framework to one that covers up to average tuition and fees for the lowest-income students. Begins in second year of the biennium. **Total: \$290,630,051 GF**

**102: Equitable Access to Financial Aid and Postsecondary Training/LOGRA! (To Achieve):** Increases equitable access to financial aid resources and postsecondary training for underrepresented students of color and low-income students, with a goal of increasing state and federal financial aid applications (ORSAA and FAFSA) and participation in postsecondary education and training. In partnership with K-12, non-profit organizations, colleges and universities, HECC expands our network of partnerships and uses technology to increase access to effective college/ career planning tools and services with a focus on regions and populations that have the least amount of postsecondary participation, infrastructure, and support networks. **Total: \$1,752,724 GF**

**103: Deceased or Disabled Public Safety Officer Grant:** Provides dedicated funding for Deceased or Disabled Public Officers dependent scholarships, fixing a historical error in which OOG funds have been used for this purpose. **Total: \$555,000 GF**

**104: Student Childcare Grant:** Increases resources for the Oregon Student Child Care Grant Program and supports, including dedicated staff to administer the grant, coordinate with institutions and track the success of student parents. Improving equitable educational attainment among low-income students with children will have long-term multigenerational benefits in addition to immediate family economic returns. **Total: \$5,202,425 GF**

## Statewide Program Investments

**201: Adult Learner Grants:** Funds a new grant program to serve adult learners from communities of color, rural communities, generational poverty, and other underserved communities who lack access to flexible, affordable, and efficient postsecondary education and training that leads directly to a well-paying job. The grants support postsecondary education and training providers, community based organizations, local workforce boards, and other entities, and activities may include wraparound services, tuition and fee assistance, counselors/case managers, training in culturally-responsive approaches, career pathways, and more. **Total: \$7,74,731 GF**

**202: Oregon Youth Employment Program (includes OYC program):** Provides grants to local workforce development boards, community-based organizations, and other youth-serving organizations that will provide paid work experiences and workforce training to youth ages 14-24. Grantees must ensure that at least 75 percent of participating youths are from communities of color, rural communities, generational poverty or communities historically underrepresented in specific fields and occupations. **Total: \$11,768,289 GF**

**203: State and Local Workforce Development Boards:** Supports cross-sector workforce initiatives and future-planning to help ensure that all Oregonians, particularly those from communities of color, rural communities, and generational poverty, are able to recover from the economic downturn and thrive. It

specifically supports Strategic Innovation Grants, used to identify and address statewide inequities, needs and trends across the workforce system, as well as Workforce General Fund grants which allow Local Workforce Development Boards to implement community-based solutions (for example, on-the-job training, incumbent worker training, and targeted industry sector partnership action plans), that meet regional needs.

**Total: \$7,740,731 GF**

**204: Transfer Portal:** Building on the work of HB 2998 (2017) to support transfer pathways between community colleges and universities, this proposal supports the research and consulting necessary for a completed, actionable plan for future technology investments to effectively communicate the new transfer pathways to students. This would lay the ground work for a Statewide Transfer Portal, a single web-based tool where students, parents, advisors, families, faculty and staff can go to understand how courses articulate to degree completion for all of Oregon's public universities and community colleges. (ORS 350.400). **Total: \$550,534 GF**

**205: STEM Investment Council:** Supports the staffing and activities of the STEM Investment Council focused on addressing statewide training needs in high-wage and high-demand occupations and supporting implementation of Oregon's STEM Education Plan. **Total: \$500,000 GF**

**206: Equity in College Credit Partnerships:** Funds work defined in HB2263 (2019), supporting staffing and statewide block grant program to support partnership activities supporting equity in high school based college credit partnerships. Addresses disparities in access to and outcomes for accelerated college credit, and the fact that such partnerships are an effective strategy to engage students who otherwise would not consider college or other professional training beyond high school. **Total: \$14,632,989 GF**

## University and College Financing and Capital Construction Projects

**301: Community College Support Fund–Affordability Package:** Provides a stable foundation of support allowing the colleges to offer universal access and to focus on equity and student completions in alignment with the state's higher education goals. Keeps tuition increases below 3.5% on average. **Total: \$32,889,310 GF**

**302: Public University Support Fund–Affordability Package:** Provides a stable foundation of support allowing the university to focus on equity and student completions in alignment with the state's higher education goals. Keeps tuition increases below 5% for most public universities. **Total: \$22,496,761 GF**

**303: Community College Innovation Grants:** Supports competitive grants to community colleges for innovative proposals that increases equitable outcomes for community college students. Examples of projects that could be funded include: better ways to deliver remote curriculum, retool CTE for smaller cohorts and distance technology, student supports for remote environment, flexible occupational certificates with industry input, etc. **Total: \$35,000,000 GF**

**304: Public University Capital Construction:** Projects include: Capital Improvement/Renewal, PSU Gateway Ctr., OSU Cordley Hall, EOU Inlow Hall, UO Heritage Project, EOU Loso Hall, SOU Music Hall, WOU Health Sciences, SOU Brit Hall, WOU PE Remodel, OSU Collaborative Complex, OIT Learning Ctr., OSU Phase 2 Infrastructure, OIT Campus Infrastructure. **Total: \$621,232,900 OF bonds, \$8,027,100 GF**

**305: Community College Capital Construction:** Projects include: Tillamook Bay New CTE Bldg., Rogue Transportation Complex, Linn-Benton Agricultural Center, Chemeketa Center, Klamath Childcare Complex. **Total: \$32,500,000 OF XI-G Bonds, \$535,000 GF**

## HECC Operations

**401: HECC IT Modernization Initiative/FAMIS Replacement:** Modernizes the Financial Aid Management Information System (FAMIS), the primary system the agency uses to administer financial aid programs, which is 40 years old, has substantial security risks and process inefficiencies, and unable to efficiently meet the needs of students, partners and institutions. The goal of the modernization initiative is to replace the agency's aging systems that do not meet current business needs and implement a comprehensive approach to supporting long-term business operations. **Total: \$5,105,000 OF/GF**

**402: DEI Staffing Package:** Create 2 positions to support and operationalize equity leadership work across the postsecondary education and training network, strengthen community engagement and partnerships, support vulnerable populations, remove institutional racism and bias from policies, and consult/serve 9 Tribes. **Total: \$540,831 GF**

**403: Volunteer Services Program Specialist:** Creates 1 position which would allow Oregon Volunteers to develop and/or support community-based entities to recruit, manage and support volunteers, including their role

within disaster services. State funds would also count as required match, enabling OV to apply for federal funds through its current AmeriCorps funder. Total: \$216,263 GF

**404: Student Complaint Position:** Creates 1 position for a complaint specialist with legal background or training to handle both public and private school complaints. Total: \$239,831 GF/FF/OF

**405: Norpac Lease:** Pays for new lease agreement of HECC's office building at 3225 25<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Salem, enabling HECC to centralize its programs under one roof. Total: \$874,655 GF

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