

FY 2020 Budget Highlights

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The Executive Budget for FY 2020 reflects Governor Little's focus on job growth, economic opportunity, and ensuring that Idaho is a great place for families to live and work.

- Education is the Governor's top priority, with strategic K-through-Career investments. After legislative action, the FY 2020 public school support budget grew 6.3%.
- The Governor's revised recommendation represented a 6.8% budget increase from the FY 2019 original appropriation and was projected to end the fiscal year with a balance of \$169,781,000.
- After legislative action, the FY 2020 appropriation is a 7.1% budget increase from the FY 2019 original appropriation and DFM projects an ending balance of \$173,791,100.

Top Priority: Investing in K-through-Career Education

- **Literacy Proficiency.** The Governor recommended \$13,156,500 in ongoing General Fund, and the Legislature appropriated \$10,000,000 ongoing from the General Fund and \$3,156,500 one-time from the Opportunity Scholarship Program Account to provide literacy support for kindergarten through third grade students. Using the Idaho Reading Indicator as a baseline, funding will be distributed to schools to increase literacy proficiency and help ensure students are reading at grade level by the time they complete third grade.
- **Teacher Pay Raise.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated additional funding to be put into the career ladder to increase starting teacher pay to \$40,000 over the next two years. A \$3,796,200 appropriation will raise starting teacher pay to \$38,500 in FY 2020, and a \$7,665,900 appropriation in the next legislative session will raise starting teacher pay to \$40,000.
- **Our Kids, Idaho's Future.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated \$100,000 one-time General Fund to support a kindergarten through twelfth grade task force to evaluate critical next steps in the strategic funding of public schools for the future.
- **Master Educator Premium.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated \$7,175,400 to recognize and financially reward outstanding educators.
- **Career Ladder.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated \$49,681,500 for the fifth year of the five-year funding plan for the career ladder for certified instructional employees and pupil service staff.
- **Kindergarten Readiness.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated \$60,000 for library programs to help children be better prepared for kindergarten.
- **Advanced Opportunities.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated \$3,000,000, bringing the total to \$18,000,000, to accommodate the increasing number of students utilizing the Advanced Opportunities Program.
- **Mastery-Based Education.** The Governor signed legislation lifting the cap on the number of schools that may participate in mastery-based education, allowing the program to be implemented statewide using current resources and appropriation.
- **Enrollment Workload Adjustment - \$4,306,800.** The Governor recommended \$4,306,800 for an enrollment workload adjustment (EWA) as generated by the formula that compares student credit hour levels over three consecutive years. The Legislature appropriated \$4,704,000 for the enrollment workload adjustment which is more than the recommended amount due to a revision in the original calculations.

Summary Tables and Graphs

- **Opportunity Scholarship - \$7,000,000.** In lieu of outcomes-based funding or line items for higher education institutions, the Governor recommended \$7,000,000 in ongoing General Fund to increase funds available to eligible Opportunity Scholarship applicants. The Legislature appropriated \$7,000,000 in one-time dedicated fund spending authority from the Opportunity Scholarship Program Account.
- **Computer Science Initiative - \$1,000,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated a one-time General Fund transfer of \$1,000,000 to the STEM Education Fund for the promotion and support of the computer science initiative. Funding will support the needs of educators and industry, including computer science professional development, grants, workforce development, and data and gap analyses related to computer science.
- **GEAR UP Scholarships - \$1,400,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated \$1,400,000 in federal fund spending authority for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) initiative.
- **Workforce Readiness Incentive Grant - \$200,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated General Fund in the amount of \$200,000 for workforce readiness incentive grants. These grants will award incentive funds to Career Technical Education (CTE) teachers based on the number of secondary students who have completed all the requirements of a particular program and who have demonstrated workforce readiness at the completion of their CTE program.
- **Department of Labor Job Corps Demonstration Project - \$4,323,500.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated one-time lump sum federal fund spending authority for the first year of a three-year Job Corps demonstration project that will make Idaho the first state in the nation to assume operational control of a Job Corps center. This project will increase access to and enrollment in education and work-based learning for out-of-school and at-risk Idaho youth. The College of Western Idaho will deliver skills instruction to further the grant.
- **Youth ChalleNGe Cadre Positions - \$126,100 and 2.0 FTP.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated two new cadre team leader positions to intervene and help high school dropouts prepare to succeed as responsible and productive citizens of Idaho. The success of the program has increased participation rates and additional personnel are required to maintain the appropriate cadre-to-cadet ratio.
- **Graduate Medical Education - \$1,657,500.** The Governor recommended \$1,657,500 to address the shortage of physicians in the state and continue the implementation of the 10-year Graduate Medical Education plan. The recommendation included 19 new medical residents and fellows at a per resident amount of \$60,000 and an increase in the per resident amount for existing residents from \$35,000 to \$40,000. The Legislature appropriated \$1,517,500 for the programs with the major difference being the per resident amount for new medical residents and fellows set at \$50,000 for most of the programs. An additional \$300,000 was also appropriated, in lieu of a recommended supplemental of \$375,000, to address funding deficiencies due to Idaho State University Family Medicine Residency program's non-eligibility for Medicaid reimbursement. A comparison of the recommendation to legislative action follows for each program.
 - **University of Utah/Idaho State University - \$180,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated \$60,000 to fund three new residents.
 - **Family Medicine Residency (FMR) - \$450,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated \$450,000 to support a new resident and a hospitalist position in the Idaho State University FMR program, enhanced support to the 48 residents in the FMR of Idaho program, and 18 residents in the Kootenai FMR program.

- **Boise Internal Medicine - \$257,500.** The Governor recommended funding to support three new residents at \$60,000 each and enhanced support for existing residents and interns. The Legislature instead appropriated \$227,500, with a per resident amount of \$50,000 for new residents and support for existing residents at the recommended amount.
- **Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center - \$650,000.** The Governor recommended funding to support 10 new internal medicine residents at \$60,000 and enhanced support for 10 existing residents. The Legislature appropriated \$550,000, with a per resident amount of \$50,000 for new residents and support for existing residents at the recommended amount.
- **Bingham Internal Medicine - \$120,000.** The Governor recommended funding to support one new resident at \$60,000 and enhanced support for 12 existing residents. The Legislature appropriated \$110,000 to support the new resident at \$50,000 and existing residents at the recommended amount.
- **Public Education Stabilization Fund (PESF) Transfer - \$8,600,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated a transfer to PESF to replace net funds drawn in FY 2019.

Strategic Investments

- **Department of Transportation Contract Construction - \$121,140,100.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated dedicated and federal fund spending authority in FY 2019 (\$62,160,300) and FY 2020 (\$58,979,800) to support additional maintenance and construction projects funded by unallocated one-time dedicated funds, emergency relief grants, state transportation block grants, local participation in state highway projects, discretionary grants, and required state and local match.
- **Local Infrastructure Projects - \$1,050,400.** The Governor recommended shifting funding for the Beneficial Use Reconnaissance Program and Lake Management Plan from the Water Pollution Control Fund (WPCF) to the General Fund. The Legislature appropriated General Fund for the recommended shift. This will allow WPCF monies to be used for bonds, loans, and grants to local communities for infrastructure projects necessary to comply with the federal Clean Water Act.
- **Animal, Dairy, and Plant Pathology Lab - \$8,000,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated a new Department of Agriculture animal, dairy, and plant pathology laboratory to replace the current building constructed in 1965. The lab supports the increased projection of Idaho's dairy and agriculture industries, including the new beef processing plant in Kuna.
- **Department of Labor Rural Summit - \$20,000.** The Legislature appropriated one-time General Fund for the Department of Labor to conduct strategic planning and host a rural summit that will determine how to best deliver state services to the citizens of rural Idaho.

Investing in Health and Human Services

- **Proposition 2.** The Governor's budget implements Proposition 2 with a net-zero impact on the state's General Fund, after accounting for projected offsets from costs already borne by the state and by leveraging the Millennium Fund. The Legislature added a total of \$2,610,600 for costs associated with developing and implementing various waivers that add requirements for Idahoans that are eligible for Medicaid through expansion, of which \$784,100 is from the General Fund.
- **Combatting Opioid Abuse - \$4,207,800.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated federal fund spending authority to:
 - Develop a system of prevention, monitoring, and treating opioid-related addiction and
 - Execute the Partnership for Success grant, which aims to address prescription drug misuse among persons aged 12 to 25.

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- **Suicide Prevention Program - \$200,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated funding to support the state suicide prevention hotline and awareness infrastructure.
- **Fighting Fraud, Waste, and Abuse - \$330,400.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated funding for two investigators and a crime analyst to investigate allegations of fraudulent social security disability claims.
- **Statewide Family Caregiver Program - \$50,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated funding to establish a statewide family caregiver program that provides training and education, service coordination, counseling options, tax- based support information, and access to a self-directed caregiver registry.
- **Child Welfare Transformation Initiative - \$8,628,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated continuation of a project to modernize business practices and replace the existing Child Welfare Information System with a federally- approved and certified Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System.
- **North Idaho State Veterans Home - \$42,223,400.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated one-time dedicated and federal fund spending authority for the construction of a fourth state veterans home to be located in Post Falls.
- **Vaping Awareness - \$106,000.** The Governor signed an appropriation bill that funds a vaping education program in the Office of Drug Policy.
- **Recovery Centers - \$626,500.** The Governor signed an appropriation bill that provides funding for Recovery Idaho for community-based recovery centers.

Investing in Public Safety

- **School Safety - \$255,600.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated federal fund spending authority to develop and operate school threat assessments, crisis intervention teams, and mobile applications designed to alert law enforcement to potential threats to school safety.
- **Idaho State Police Motor Patrol Troopers - \$972,900 and 4.0 FTP.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated two motorcycle trooper positions in District 5 (Pocatello) and two motorcycle trooper positions in District 1 (Coeur d'Alene).
- **Island Park Resident Trooper Housing - \$130,100.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated funding for a housing unit for the District 6 Island Park patrol resident trooper to enhance law enforcement response times in the area.
- **Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Processing - \$188,100.** The Governor approved the appropriation of an additional DNA Forensic Scientist and additional Operating Expenditures and Capital Outlay to assist the Idaho State Police Forensic Services Division with the processing of sexual assault evidence kits.
- **Military Readiness Center Utility Installation - \$1,200,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated funding for utility installation for the Idaho National Guard's readiness center project in Twin Falls.
- **Orchard Combat Training Center - \$5,545,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated federal fund spending authority for the purchase of equipment for the maintenance and upkeep of the Orchard Combat Training Center.
- **Military Division Personnel - \$778,600 and 12.0 FTP.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated federal fund spending authority for two equipment operators, six wildland firefighters, one

structural firefighter driver-operator, two real property assistants, and one information technology network specialist.

- **Department of Correction Offender Management System - \$7,016,000.** The Governor recommended one-time dedicated fund spending authority for the second year of a three-year project to replace the Offender Management System (OMS). The Legislature provided reappropriation authority for \$7,016,000 one-time funding provided in FY 2019 from the Technology Infrastructure Stabilization Fund for the replacement of the OMS. The Legislature included intent language related to the implementation of the OMS, which establishes the funding as a series of annual one-time appropriations allowing the department to enter into a multi-year contract.
- **Department of Correction Correctional Officers Starting Salary - \$2,354,100.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated funding to increase starting correctional officers starting salary, adjust the set annual security retention plan increases, and to address compression in order to recruit and retain experienced security personnel.
- **Department of Correction Probation and Parole Positions - \$1,615,900 and 17.0 FTP.** The Governor recommended \$1,615,900 and 17.0 ongoing FTP for 15 probation and parole officer, senior positions and two probation and parole section supervisor positions. The Legislature provided a one-time appropriation of 17.0 FTP and \$1,465,900 for seven support staff and 10 probation and parole officers.
- **Department of Correction Electronic Monitoring - \$300,000.** The Governor approved the appropriation of \$300,000 to expand the department's capability to electronically monitor probationers and parolees.
- **Department of Correction PREA Screening - \$1,030,200.** The Governor approved the appropriation of additional funding for the Medical Services Division to conduct PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) screenings and to purchase an electronic medical information system PREA module.
- **Department of Correction North Idaho Re-Entry Center - \$12,200,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated one-time Permanent Building Fund spending authority for a community re-entry center in North Idaho. This 120-bed minimum custody correctional facility will provide additional housing for a growing offender population while preparing offenders for a positive reentry into the community.
- **Department of Correction St. Anthony Facility Expansion - \$7,400,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated one-time Permanent Building Fund spending authority for a 100-bed expansion of the St. Anthony Work Camp. The St. Anthony Work Camp currently has a 276-bed capacity and provides low-risk, minimum-security inmates vocational work project opportunities. The expansion will provide additional housing for a growing offender population and provide offenders paid work experience through contracted work and public service projects.
- **Tax Commission Field Office Security - \$115,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated General Fund to fortify taxpayer services counters and windows to reduce the risk of violent acts by disgruntled taxpayers.

Investing in Resource Management

- **Water Infrastructure Improvements - \$20,000,000.** The Governor signed a supplemental appropriation bill that provides \$20,000,000 for water infrastructure improvements for projects such as expanding Anderson Ranch Dam or the Mountain Home Air Force Base water delivery system.
- **Flood Management Program - \$1,000,000.** The Governor signed a supplemental appropriation bill that provides \$1,000,000 in funding for flood damage mitigation, prevention, and stream channel correction on a merit basis determined by the Board of Water Resources.

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- **Wolf Depredation Control Board - \$200,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated funding for the state's portion of the Wolf Control Program, which is a three-way partnership between livestock owners, sportsmen, and the state. Legislation passed to remove the sunset clause on the Board.
- **Livestock Disease Control and Inspection Services - \$175,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated dedicated fund spending authority for animal lab services, disease control activities, and Sheep Commission inspections.
- **Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System - \$757,300 and 3.0 FTP.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated funding for the continued implementation of the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for the state to assume primacy from the Environmental Protection Agency.
- **Albeni Falls Mitigation Project - \$5,940,400.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated one-time federal fund spending authority to begin the implementation and construction of the Clark Fork River Delta restoration project.
- **Thousand Springs Administrative Center - \$2,025,000.** The Governor recommended \$825,000 one-time dedicated and federal fund spending authority to construct a new administrative visitor information and interpretive center at the Billingsley Creek unit of Thousand Springs State Park. The Legislature appropriated an additional \$1,200,000 dedicated fund spending authority to give the RV Committee the opportunity to provide funding not recommended by the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council.
- **Thousand Springs Ritter Island Bridge - \$600,000.** The Governor recommended \$600,000 one-time General Fund to replace the Ritter Island bridge. The Legislature appropriated \$300,000 one-time General Fund and \$300,000 dedicated fund spending authority.
- **Lake Cascade Accessibility Improvements - \$432,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated one-time federal fund spending authority to improve accessibility and safety at the Pelican Cove, Blue Heron, and Crown Point units in Lake Cascade State Park.
- **Department of Lands Fire Costs - \$20,000,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated \$20,000,000 to cover costs of fires on lands protected by the State of Idaho.

Enhancing and Streamlining State Government

- **State Employees.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated a 3% Change in Employee Compensation and the Legislature directed that a portion of that amount be used to provide no less than \$550 per year increase for permanent state employees.
- **State Network Core Equipment Replacement - \$1,262,800.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated replacement of the state's core network equipment to ensure reliable network operations and avoid significant service interruptions.
- **Idaho's Information Infrastructure Modernization.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated consolidating, streamlining, and improving information technology operations across the state. This will allow agencies to focus more on core missions. Ultimately, modernization will enhance security, increase functionality, eliminate waste and duplication, and minimize risk to application support. The first phase of the initiative includes adding the Department of Finance, Division of Building Safety, Public Utilities Commission, Tax Commission, Department of Insurance, Industrial Commission, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Division of Veterans Services to the agencies currently supported by the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS).
- **Statewide Cybersecurity Training - \$50,000.** The Governor recommended and the Legislature appropriated funding for additional statewide cybersecurity training modules to supplement the current training for state employees and minimize the largest cybersecurity threat to the State – phishing.