

Community Colleges

(Amounts In Thousands)

Funding History

	FY90			FY01	FY02	FY03
GF/GP	\$212,490.5			\$315,011.7	\$319,596.3	\$319,732.3
All Funds	\$212,490.5			\$325,011.7	\$321,596.3	\$321,732.3
	% Change - GF/GP				1.5%	0.0%
	% Change - All Funds				-1.1%	0.0%

KEY ISSUES

	GF/GP	All Funds
Renaissance Zone Reimbursement Funding	<u>\$136.0</u>	<u>\$136.0</u>
Subtotal	\$136.0	\$136.0
FY 2003 Executive Recommendation	\$319,732.3	\$321,732.3

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Michigan's comprehensive community college system provides its citizens with access to affordable, high quality postsecondary education. Last year, over 400,000 residents increased their skills by taking courses at one of Michigan's 28 public two-year colleges in the areas of occupational training, professional and personal development, and preparation for continued study at four-year colleges and universities. State funding provides one-third of total community college operating revenues. The Governor's fiscal year 2003 budget recommendation maintains fiscal year 2002 appropriation levels for community colleges and totals \$321.7 million, \$319.7 million general fund.

Community College Operations (\$ In Thousands)	FY 2003
Macomb	\$34,381.0
Lansing	32,223.0
Henry Ford	22,708.5
Oakland	21,688.0
Grand Rapids	18,633.4
Wayne County	17,223.7
Mott	16,291.5
Delta	14,813.9
Washtenaw	12,937.2
Kalamazoo Valley	12,826.0
Schoolcraft	12,728.7
Jackson	12,570.4
Kellogg	10,077.0
Northwestern	9,460.2
Muskegon	9,271.1
St. Clair	7,264.6
Southwestern	6,832.8
Lake Michigan	5,423.5
Alpena	5,312.0
Bay de Noc	5,129.9
Mid Michigan	4,586.4
Monroe	4,462.2
Gogebic	4,365.1
Montcalm	3,227.5
North Central	3,140.2
Kirtland	3,058.4
Glen Oaks	2,485.5
West Shore	2,382.3
Total	\$315,504.2

Achievements of Engler Administration

Since fiscal year 1990, the general fund support for community colleges has increased by \$107 million - 50 percent - well above inflation. This increased state support has helped community colleges remain affordable. The average cost for a full-time student to attend a community college is approximately \$1,800. This compares to average tuition and fees exceeding \$4,900 at state universities. Additionally, community college students benefit from several state student financial aid programs including the Tuition Incentive Program and the Postsecondary Access Student Scholarship Program, which primarily target students enrolled in associate degree programs.

State support has been provided to meet capital and infrastructure needs as well as operating needs. Since 1990 the state has authorized almost \$560 million for 47 different community college building and renovation projects to provide modern academic facilities on community college campuses.

Over the past 12 years, Michigan's community college system has been an integral part of Michigan's economic development success. A recent issue of *Expansion Management* magazine ranked Michigan among the best states in workforce training programs. Cooperative partnerships between the state and community colleges to promote workforce development include:

M-TEC's. The state has committed \$60 million for community college capital costs to establish eighteen new technical training centers called Michigan Technical Education Centers (M-TEC's).

There are 13 M-TEC's currently open and four more are scheduled to open this year. These centers deliver training tailored to specific skills for high wage, and high demand, occupations such as information technology.

Economic Development Job Training Program. The Economic Development Job Training (EDJT) program, created in 1993, provides job training assistance to Michigan businesses to improve the skills of current and future employees. The program annually serves more than 500 companies and provides training to more than 40,000 people. Community colleges conduct more than 70 percent of the training funded by this program.

Response to Revenue Decline

Both the Governor and the Legislature have acted to protect community colleges from the effects of the current recession. In fiscal years 2001 and 2002, general fund spending for community colleges *increased* by 6 percent and 1.5 percent respectively, compared to net general fund revenue *declines* of 8.1 percent in fiscal year 2001 and 2.6 percent in fiscal year 2002.

Summary of Fiscal Year 2003 Executive Budget

The Executive Recommendation protects community college operations funding from reductions and adds \$136,000 to reimburse colleges for revenue loss as a result of the establishment of Renaissance Zones, bringing the total Renaissance Zone reimbursement to \$536,000.