

# A PATH TOWARD OUR FUTURE

Gov. Rick Snyder's fiscal year 2018 budget invests in key initiatives to keep Michigan on a path toward our future.



**\$12.3**  
BILLION TOTAL

## K-12 EDUCATION

Since FY 2011, Gov. Rick Snyder has invested an additional \$1.6 billion in K-12 education and funding is now at its highest level in state history at \$12.3 billion, providing Michigan students with more opportunities for success.



**\$1.49**  
BILLION TOTAL

## HIGHER EDUCATION

Gov. Rick Snyder's FY 2018 budget proposes another increase for higher education funding, which has increased by \$239 million since FY 2012. Total funding proposed for FY 2018 is \$1.49 billion. The Governor also proposes an \$18 million increase in financial aid and scholarships to help more families afford college.



**\$40.9**  
MILLION TOTAL

## SKILLED TRADES

To help Michiganders get the skills they need to meet the demands of incoming jobs, a 32% increase for the Going Pro Program will help ensure we are training job seekers to be professionals in their field of choice, whether it's professional trades, information technology, or other high demand occupations.



**\$214.3 MILLION  
INCREASE**  
FOR BETTER ROADS AND BRIDGES

## INFRASTRUCTURE

The fiscal year 2018 budget is the first full-year budget to incorporate the 2015 transportation package, which provides a \$214.3 million increase for state and local roads, and \$15 million for transit and rail programs.



**\$1 BILLION  
RAINY DAY FUND**

Gov. Rick Snyder is also recommending a \$20 million deposit into the Michigan Infrastructure Fund as the start of a down payment on future infrastructure investments. In addition, supplemental funding is recommended to implement the commission's identified pilot for a statewide asset management database to better align and coordinate infrastructure needs.

## RESPONSIBLE BUDGETING

When the Governor took office, the Budget Stabilization Fund balance had been depleted to just \$2 million. With the recommendations provided in the fiscal year 2018 budget, that balance will reach the \$1 billion mark.



**\$9.2 MILLION**  
INCREASE FOR ADDITIONAL  
STATE TROOPERS

**STRONGER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES**

Gov. Rick Snyder proposes \$2 million to support Project Rising Tide. The state will work with local leaders to provide smaller communities with the tools needed to design and build a solid planning, zoning, and economic development foundation to attract new jobs and improve the quality of life for residents.

An additional \$9.2 million will train 100 additional state troopers, bringing the total number of enlisted Michigan State Police personnel to its highest level since 2003.

The proposed fiscal year 2018 budget also includes increased spending in the areas of cyber security, computer crimes, and forensics.



**\$29.4**  
MILLION TO IMPROVE  
QUALITY OF CHILD CARE

**TAKING CARE OF MICHIGAN'S KIDS**

Providing helpful services to Michigan's hard-working, low-income families is a top priority for Gov. Rick Snyder. In the FY 2018 budget, the Governor recommends increasing the clothing allowance from \$140 to \$200 a year.

The Governor proposes a \$29.4 million increase for child care provider rates and other improvements to enhance the quality of care.

The budget includes \$3.5 million to enhance supports to recruit and train foster and adoptive parents.



**\$5.6 MILLION**  
INCREASE

**PATHWAYS TO POTENTIAL**

The proposed FY 2018 budget invests another \$5.6 million into the Pathways to Potential Program, which places a social worker directly in a school, allowing students and families to meet with them more conveniently and eliminate barriers to success.



**\$3.6 MILLION**  
VETERANS HOMES SERVICES

**SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY AND VETERANS**

The fiscal year 2018 budget recommends a \$3.6 million increase for veteran homes staffing and training, ensuring better services for Michigan's veterans.

The Governor also proposes \$4 million for National Guard tuition assistance., a \$500,000 increase from last year.



**\$3.6 MILLION**  
ELIMINATE WAITING LIST FOR  
SENIORS' SERVICES

**TAKING CARE OF MICHIGAN'S SENIORS**

We want Michigan to be a state where we live well and age well. The wait list for home-delivered meals and in-home services was nearly 7,000 at the end of fiscal year 2016. As the senior population grows and the state does a better job of informing seniors about the programs available, waiting lists reappear. Gov. Rick Snyder's fiscal year 2018 budget proposes a \$3.6 million investment to help eliminate today's new waiting list.

