



# **BUDGET SUMMARY**

for Fiscal Year 2018 March 23, 2017

#### **STATEWIDE**

- ◆ Recommend \$11,311.6 for Public Education and Delaware Technical and Community College employees salary steps.
- Recommend \$9,860.3 for projected Debt Service payments for the State's General Obligation debt.
- ♦ Recommend \$6,750.0 to annualize the October 1, 2016 general salary increase.
- Recommend \$3,038.5 for retiree health increases.
- Recommend a net (\$1,543.4) in pension funding to reflect an increase in the basic pension rate from 9.58 percent to 10.42 percent and a decrease in the rate for Post Retirement Increases. Post retirement increases are amortized over a five year period and this completes the amortization period for two increases provided for in Fiscal Year 2012 and 2013.
- Recommend (\$6,534.0) for employee health care.
- ♦ Recommend (\$7,344.7) decrease in the yearly contribution to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund.
- Recommend (\$3,500.0) to eliminate the double state share health insurance benefit.
- Recommend (\$5,000.0) to reflect an elimination of 200 positions statewide.
- ◆ Recommend (\$594.3) to reflect a 10 percent reduction to all pass through programs contained in the operating budget, and (\$3,695.5) reflecting the reallocation of all 501(c)3 pass through programs to the Grants in Aid legislation.
- Recommend (\$500.0) in Energy due to energy and cost savings improvements.
- Recommend (\$200.0) in statewide Fleet, reflecting a reduction in fuel prices.

#### (10) EXECUTIVE

#### Office of Management and Budget (10-02-00)

- Recommend (\$933.1) in operations.
- ◆ Recommend (\$5,000.0) in the Elder Tax Relief and Education Expense Fund by reducing the reimbursement by \$100.

#### **Criminal Justice (10-07-01)**

Recommend (\$171.1) by eliminating the Board of Parole.

#### **Delaware Justice Information System (10-07-02)**

 Recommend (\$387.0) to switch fund operating expenses to ASF. These costs will be offset by a proposed increase in the DELJIS surcharge from \$1 to \$3.

## (11) TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION

 Recommend (\$367.9) by expanding cost recovery initiatives to pay for general operating expenditures.

## (20) **STATE**

- Recommend (\$583.9) and \$583.9 ASF as a result of switch funding Veterans Home costs to special funds.
- Recommend (\$525.6) and \$525.6 ASF as a result of switch funding a portion of Library Standards funding to special funds. Recommend a further reduction of (\$270.8) to Library Standards.

# (35) HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- ◆ Recommend \$11,810.9 in Medicaid for increased capitation payments and the projected growth in eligibles.
- ♦ Recommend \$1,000 for Substance Use Disorder services.
- Recommend \$823.7 in Birth to Three program for the projected caseload increase for those children identified and eligible for early intervention services.
- ♦ Recommend (\$4,964.1) in adjustments to programs which will now be funded through the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA).
- Recommend (\$2,500.0) to eliminate the Delaware Prescription Assistance Program.
- ◆ Recommend (\$3,075.0) due to projected savings from leveraging Medicaid reimbursement for certain departmental programs.
- Recommend (\$2,604.0) by reducing Medicaid reimbursement rates for dental services by 14 percent. This proposal lowers Delaware's reimbursement rate, currently the highest in the country for dental services provided through Medicaid.
- Recommend (\$1,409.8) in the TANF Cash Assistance program due to projected utilization.
- ♦ Recommend (\$440.0) reduction due to implementation of utilization efficiencies in Medicaid non-emergency transportation.
- Recommend (\$477.1) in projected savings due to a renegotiation of the health care contract for Stockley Center.
- Recommend (\$2,947.1) in additional reductions throughout the Department.

## (38) CORRECTION

- Recommend \$8,080.8 to address security in prison facilities to include:
  - o \$4,500.0 for a \$1,500 increase to Hazardous Duty Pay.
  - \$2,326.3 for 50 Correctional Officers for the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center and 25 Correctional Officers for the Baylor Women's Correctional Facility.
  - \$1,254.5 in security and safety equipment.
- ♦ Recommend \$9,159.0 in Medical Services for contractual inflators, as well as increased costs associated with the treatment of Hepatitis C.

## (40) NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

- Recommend (\$592.1) and \$592.1 ASF to switch fund 4.0 FTEs in the Division of Energy and Climate to Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Administration costs, and the Solid Waste Program to Scrap Tire funds.
- Recommend (\$309.6) in additional reductions throughout the department.

## (45) SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

- ♦ Recommend (\$700.0) in State Police to accurately reflect a 50/50 share of costs through an existing agreement with Sussex County for 44 State Troopers.
- ♦ Recommend (\$250.0) and \$250.0 ASF to switch fund State Police operating costs to the Fund to Combat Violent Crime.

## (55) TRANSPORTATION

Recommend (\$500.0) in General Fund support for Contractual E-ZPass Operations.

# (90) HIGHER EDUCATION

#### **University of Delaware**

 Recommend (\$2,411.9) reflecting a reduction to University Operations, College programs and scholarships.

#### **Delaware State University**

• Recommend (\$658.8) reflecting a reduction to University Operations.

#### **Delaware Technical and Community College**

 Recommend (\$198.0) to reflect a reduction in funding for the Environmental Training Center which provides technical training for local and municipal water and wastewater treatment, and reduction of funding for the Associate in Arts program.

### (95) EDUCATION

- ◆ Recommend \$25,071.5 in Public Education enrollment growth to reflect unit growth of 333.6 units over two years.
- Recommend \$751.2 in Related Services. This program allows for districts and charters to purchase services such as speech, occupational, and physical therapy.
- Recommend \$4,700.0 in Early Childhood Initiatives for projected expenditures in 3, 4 and 5 Star Tiered Reimbursements.
- Recommend \$1,000.0 in Education Opportunity Grants aimed at schools with a high population of low income students and English Language Learners.
- Recommend (\$21,974.4) in the Educational Sustainment Fund. School districts will have the authority to recover these reductions through generating additional local revenue without a referendum.
- ♦ Recommend (\$15,000.0) representing approximate a 1.5 percent reduction to school operations.
- Recommend (\$488.3) for a reduction to the Division II Energy unit value.
- ◆ Recommend (\$442.2) reflecting a 5 percent reduction to the Adult Education and Workforce Training grant.
- Recommend (\$1,022.0) to other programs in the Department of Education.