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Governor's FY 2007 Budget Recommendations

Governor Vilsack issued his budget recommendations for FY 2007 yesterday. It included a \$6.0 million increase in state general aid for community colleges which represents a 4.0% increase in our base funding level. This recommendation is well below our IACCT legislative asking of \$11.25 million which was derived by applying a four percent increase to 75% of our Fund I budgets. All of our other programs are level funded with FY 06 with the exception of the ACE infrastructure program which is reduced from \$5.5 million to \$4.0 million.

Funding for the Iowa Tuition Grant Program supporting private college students is recommended to be \$52,653,990, an increase of 2,980,415 or 6.0%

Funding for the universities is recommended to be \$582,052,590, an increase of \$29,949,660 or 5.4%.

It is very disappointing that the Governor recommended a significantly higher percentage increase in private college and university funding than he did for our community college system, the only sector of education that continues to grow. We are encouraged, however, with our discussions with Senate Republicans who have indicated they will seek to raise our appropriation closer to our asking. We have our work cut out for us this year.

Program	FY 2006	FY 2007	Inc/Dec
State General Aid	\$149,579,244	\$155,562,414	\$5,983,170
An increase of 4.0% in growth over the FY 2006 appropriation. Kirkwood's estimated share of the proposed new funding will be \$1,366,153.			
Voc-Tech Tuition Grant	\$ 2,533,115	\$ 2,533,414	\$ 0
Maintains current level of funding. The current funding level provides average grants of \$700 to an estimated 3,618 students. Maximum grant is \$1,200.			
College Work Study	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 0
Maintains current level of funding. The current funding level provides average awards of \$636 to an estimated 220 students.			
Regional Telecom. Councils	\$ 1,240,478	\$ 1,240,478	\$ 0
Maintains current level of funding.			
Lean Manufacturing	\$ 0	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
New funding to establish a lean manufacturing institute for the training of executives in the systematic identification of ways to improve the manufacturing process.			

Workforce Dev. Field Off.	\$ 6,856,655	\$ 6,856,655	\$ 0
Maintains current level of funding for a network of 55 rural workforce development offices.			
Workforce Develop. Fund	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 0
Maintains current level of funding for the Workforce Development Fund account, the source of our 260F job training funding.			
Grow Iowa Values Fund	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 0
Maintains current level of funding from the Grow Iowa Values Fund for community college job training programs through the Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund. Kirkwood's share of this appropriation is estimated to be \$1,529,063.			
Corrections Education	\$ 1,058,358	\$ 1,058,358	\$ 0
Maintains current funding level.			
Fire Fighter Training	\$ 699,587	\$ 699,587	\$ 0
Maintains the current level of assistance for local volunteer fire departments and firefighters.			
Comm. Coll. Infrastructure	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 0
Provides funding for community colleges to address health, life, and fire safety infrastructure needs. Kirkwood's share of this appropriation is estimated to be \$285,200.			
ACE Infrastructure	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 4,000,000	-\$1,500,000
This reflects a \$1,500,000 decrease in funding for FY 07. Kirkwood's share is estimated to be \$266,667.			