

KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

FY 2026-28 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION





MORE THAN **110,000** STUDENTS
FROM ALL **120** COUNTIES
enrolled in credit-bearing coursework.

OVER **70,000** KENTUCKIANS
RECEIVED CUSTOMIZED
workforce training in the last year.

74% OF KCTCS STUDENTS
GRADUATE **DEBT FREE.**

1 OUT OF EVERY **49** JOBS
IN KENTUCKY **IS SUPPORTED**
by the activities of KCTCS colleges
and their students.

KCTCS total estimated
ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT
is **\$3.9 BILLION** for Kentucky.

HALF OF KCTCS's **16** COLLEGES
are recognized as top community
colleges in the U.S. by
THE ASPEN INSTITUTE.

HB619 – SYSTEM REFORM

- **Modernize KCTCS Governing Structure**
 - Ensure geographic representation across Kentucky
 - Provide full votes to elected regents
 - Repeal college boards of directors to clarify governance roles
- **Build More Industry Connection**
 - Add industry representatives to the Board of Regents
- **Repeal Antiquated Statutes**
 - Establishing statutes from the creation of the system no longer apply
- **Provide greater flexibility to meet Kentucky needs**

OPERATING WITH THE FUTURE IN MIND

- **Disposition of Property**
 - Disposing of property to generate nearly \$2.7 million in recurring/non-recurring cost reductions, avoidance and savings
- **Cost Reduction and Avoidance**
 - Implemented systemwide energy management practices decreasing consumption by 31% since FY22
 - Reduced system office personnel expenses in FY26 by more than 5% with an estimated \$440,000 in savings
 - Suspended, removed or consolidated 248 credential programs based on value to employers
- **Strategic Investments and Shared Services**
 - Implemented new bookstore contract with BibliU yielding a projected \$4.3 million in savings the first 5 years
 - Implemented internal capital project management to build efficiency in new projects and sustained preservation of assets
 - System Business Prime account with Amazon for all 16 colleges, yielding up to an additional \$110,000 in savings and rebates
 - Consolidated system marketing agency contracts into a single, full-service agreement with up to \$300,000 in annual savings
 - New managed services contract to avoid a projected \$8.5 million in market cost increases over the next five years
- **Ensuring Efficient and Effective Operations**
 - Implemented a new assessment tool to monitor enrollment, financial health and space utilization across the system to inform decision-making about efficient deployment of resources
 - Developed new shared services in several areas to gain economies of scale and greater efficiency (payroll, procurement, IT)

OPERATING REQUEST

	FY25-26 Enacted	House Budget (HB500 as filed)		KCTCS Budget Request	
Provision	FY25-26	FY27	FY28	FY27	FY28
Base Operating Budget	165,761,600	165,788,800 4% reduction	160,607,900 7% reduction	172,696,700	172,696,700
Inflation Adjustment/Base	6,935,100	-	-	8,295,900	16,591,900
Performance Funding	25,281,00	25,281,000	25,281,000	31,876,000	35,173,500
Performance Funding One-time Allocation	-	-	-	2,147,800	-
Debt Service on New Bonds	11,457,000	416,500	1,862,000	13,632,000	31,074,500

MANDATED PROGRAMS

	FY25-26 Enacted	House Budget (HB500 as filed)		KCTCS Budget Request	
Provision	FY25-26	FY27	FY28	FY27	FY28
KCTCS-TRAINS Customized training for Kentucky companies. In FY25, 17,060 training enrollments and 374 employers benefited from TRAINS	4,149,800	3,983,800	3,859,300	8,000,000	8,000,000
ECTC Training Center (formerly BOSK) KCTCS incurs costs at the state-funded training center. State support is required to operate as plant manufacturing evolves	-	-	-	1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Adult Agriculture Education Supports training for Kentucky farmers and the Young Farmer Association. Request restores the cut to the 2016-18 biennium and adds capacity	1,000,000	960,000	930,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
State Fire & Rescue Training Supports the Fire Commission's fire/rescue training	1,869,900	1,795,100	1,739,000	2,200,000	2,200,000
Fire & Tornado Insurance Supports rising costs for public colleges/universities	4,637,500	-	-	4,637,500	4,637,500

AUTHORIZING LANGUAGE

Included in HB500

- Firefighters Foundation Program Fund
- Firefighter Incentive Payments
- Volunteer Fire Department Aid
- Firefighters Training Center Fund
- Disposition of KCTCS Property

Not Included in HB500

- Commonwealth West Healthcare Workforce Innovation Center – Carry Forward Balance



**Transformative education.
Commonwealth close.**

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

Project	College	Amount
Construct Student Services Center	Jefferson Community and Technical College	\$47,300,000
Prison Education Program Facility	Bluegrass Community and Technical College	\$42,000,000
Construct Allied Health Building	Gateway Community and Technical College	\$34,200,000
Expand Transpark Campus	Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College	\$29,900,000
Expand Glasgow Campus	Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College	\$22,000,000
Construct Skills Trade Center	Hopkinsville Community College	\$13,000,000
Aviation Equipment Pool	Systemwide	\$10,000,000
Expand and Relocate CDL Program	Gateway Community and Technical College	\$9,300,000
Expand Springfield Campus	Elizabethtown Community and Technical College	\$9,000,000
Construct Diesel Technology/CDL Training Center	Hopkinsville Community College	\$4,500,000

NEW CAPITAL INVESTMENT

\$47,300,000 - Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC)

This project will construct an approximately 75,000 square foot facility that would be Phase I to create a Student Service Center to serve the students of JCTC's downtown campus.

\$42,000,000 - Prison Education Program Facility (BCTC)

This project will construct a 51,000 square foot prison education and training facility to support inmate re-entry into society, reduce recidivism, accelerate workforce development and increase savings to society. The facility will be focused on workforce training in fields likely to hire second-chance employees.

\$34,200,000 - Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC)

This project will construct a new building at the GCTC Edgewood Campus. The facility will provide essential space for modern classrooms, labs and simulation areas. It will allow for a more comprehensive, hands-on learning experience the meets current industry standards and regulatory requirements.



ASSET PRESERVATION

KCTCS supports additional funding for Asset Preservation. **KCTCS's portion of the request pool would be \$184 million, covering 70 campuses across the state.** KCTCS also requests no match requirement for the asset preservation pool. The following is a sample of KCTCS asset preservation projects.

Project	College	Amount
Upgrade Safety and Security Infrastructure	Systemwide	\$30,000,000
Replace Student and Academic Support Center	Maysville Community and Technical College	\$25,400,000
Renovate Main Campus Phase II	Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College	\$17,300,000
Renovate Leestown Building A	Bluegrass Community and Technical College	\$21,000,000
Renovate Hartfield Library	Henderson Community College	\$10,300,000
Upgrade Prestonsburg Campus Buildings	Big Sandy Community and Technical College	\$7,400,000
Replace HVAC Phase III	Owensboro Community and Technical College	\$6,300,000
Renovate Smith Administration Building	Hazard Community and Technical College	\$5,000,000
Renovate Mayo Campus	Big Sandy Community and Technical College	\$4,500,000
Replace Elevators College Drive Campus	Ashland Community and technical College	\$1,500,000

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