



ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

2019 COMMUNITY COLLEGE ISSUES

- **Fiscal Year 2020 Budget**

The Governor has recommended a 5% increase (\$13.5 million) in state funding above FY 2019 levels for public community colleges and public universities. This recommendation follows four consecutive years of either very little state funding or austere budgets for higher education.

ACTION: Ask members of the Illinois General Assembly to support the Governor's budget recommendations to help community colleges recover from 16 years of declining state support.

- **Capital Construction**

There is more need for state capital construction projects than there is revenue to pay for them. In recent years, the General Assembly has not seen traditional rules and criteria for developing a higher education capital plan. The result has been inconsistent and often times no funding for community college construction. Only a few projects have been funded in recent years.

ACTION: Remind the members of the General Assembly of the critical need for a capital bill. Explain your community college capital needs to your legislators.

- **Thank You**

ACTION: Thank legislators for supporting community colleges during the state's budget impasse. Explain that their support allowed community college students to transfer to four-year universities and boosted college initiatives to create new vocational or technical programs that are putting people to work.