

FEA Review of Governor Crist 2009-10 Proposed Budget

General Overview:

The \$66.5-billion budget includes \$4.7 billion in federal stimulus dollars for 2009-10 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Without these funds, the Governor stated cuts were avoided amounting to \$3.4 billion. The Governor's budget proposal allocates \$25.2 billion to Health and Human Services, \$21.5 billion to Education, \$10.3 billion to Transportation and Economic Development and \$4.9 billion to Public Safety.

Note: All increases reflected in the following review include federal ARRA funds and are compared to FY 2008-09 post Special Session A appropriations.

Voluntary PreKindergarten

The VPK program funding proposal reflects an increase of \$13.8 million to \$368.9 million, a 3.9% increase.

Florida Education Finance Program (K-12)

Required Local Millage	Unchanged
Discretionary Millages	Unchanged
School Taxable Value	-6.16%
Results from declining property values (see Local Funds in table)	
Unweighted FTE	-11,626.14
Base Student Allocation = \$3,776.74	-109.40

Funding Breakdown:

	2008-09	2009-10 Proposal	Increase (Decrease)
State	8,557,259,970	8,514,235,951	(43,024,019)
Local	9,373,899,625	8,933,593,752	(440,305,873)
Federal (ARRA)	0	880,609,831	880,609,831
Total	17,931,159,595	18,328,439,534	397,279,939
Total \$/FTE	6,860.36	7,043.69	183.33

Total \$/FTE	2.67%
School Recognition	\$85 per FTE
Merit Award Program	Funding Eliminated
Class Size Reduction Categorical	\$89 million increase
Governor freezes CSR at school-wide average for 2009-10	

National Board Certification

Governor Crist proposes an increase of \$6.4 million to a total of \$61.7 million to support the payment of the 10% bonus.

Community Colleges

Governor Crist proposes \$1.8 billion for community colleges, including tuition. The proposal includes a base tuition increase of 5 percent for resident undergraduates at Florida's community colleges. Federal funding for community colleges through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 constitutes \$70.8 million of the total. The increase is 8.2%.

Universities

In total, Governor Crist proposes \$3.6 billion for the State University System, including tuition. This proposal consists of \$3.4 billion for university and public medical school operating funds and \$129.3 million for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida. Federal funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 constitute \$130.8 million of the Governor's state university budget proposal. The proposal includes a base tuition increase of 5 percent for resident undergraduates at Florida's state universities.

The proposal gives university boards of trustees the opportunity to work with the Board of Governors to establish differential tuition rates for in-state undergraduate students. This differential fee, in combination with any base tuition increase, cannot exceed 15 percent of the prior year's tuition and fees per year. Base tuition will continue to be covered by Bright Futures Scholarships and the Florida Prepaid College Program.