Oklahoma Budget FY 2020 Announcement
Highlights May 13, 2019

SAVINGS
- $200 million in Oklahoma’s savings account, putting Oklahoma on the path to storing
two months of expenses, more than $1 billion, to protect core services in difficult times.

EDUCATION: $200 million for public education across the spectrum
- $155 million for common education:
  - $1,200 teacher pay raise, to include public school teachers working at the
    Department of Corrections, Schools for the Blind and Deaf, and the Oklahoma
    Juvenile Affairs;
  - $5.5 million for the Reading Sufficiency Act, fully funding the third-grade reading
    initiative for the first time in state history;
  - An additional $70 million for local schools to use to hire additional teachers,
counselors, social works or address their unique needs in their districts.
- $18 million for career tech centers to increase compensation for employees and
teachers
- $28 million for higher education to bolster research programs and provide a salary
  increase for college teachers
- Graduate Medical Education funding for of physician residency programs for Oklahoma’s
teaching hospitals (see below in health care section)

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL OKLAHOMA
- $500,000 to fund a public-private partnership to maintain clean water in Northeast
  Oklahoma and areas with high poultry density
- $90,000 to hire an additional state veterinarian
- $1.1 million for wildfire mitigation funding and additional resources for rural fire fighters
- $1.5 million to improve rural flood control dams

GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION
- Funding prioritization for an additional state employee pay raise, building upon the state
  employee pay raises given in FY’2019 of up to $2,000 per employee.
- $15 million for digital transformation of state government services to enhance
  transparency and make customer service more efficient and effective
- $1.7 million for the creation of a legislative budget oversight office/LOFT
- $700,000 to hire more auditors and increase the State Auditor’s office capability to
  conduct more regular audits across state agencies

ROAD AND BRIDGES
- Fully funding Oklahoma Department of Transportation’s 8-year plan
- Restored $30 million in funding to CIRB supporting county roads

PUBLIC SAFETY
- Funding prioritization for two new trooper academies, putting an estimated 80 more
  troopers on the roads in 2020.
- $16 million for a 14% pay raise for current correctional officers and to hire additional
  correctional officers
- $1 million to reduce the backlog of untested rape kits

(over for additional priorities)
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- $15 million to reform the funding of District Attorney offices
- $10 million for Smart on Crime programs through the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- $1.5 million for the Women in Recovery diversion program
- $1.7 million to address increasing demand for mental health services

JOBS / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- $19 million for the Quick Action Closing Fund, prioritizing recruitment opportunities to grow Oklahoma
- $1 million for additional job growth and economic development specifically in the automotive industry and in aerospace through the Department of Commerce's Aerospace Commerce Economic Services (ACES) program
- $1 million to assist new entrepreneurs and small business innovators through the Oklahoma Center for Advancement of Science and Technology
- $5.3 million to modernize and expedite the Oklahoma Corporation Commissions’ permit processing for energy development

HEALTH CARE
- $62.8 million for the Graduate Medical Education program to support physician training for rural hospitals
- $105 million reallocation to increase provider rates for physicians, hospitals and nursing homes
- $29 million saved to a new stabilization fund to preserve Medicaid provider rates when the federal government’s 3-year rolling average results in a rate decline.
- $10 million to decrease the Developmental Disability Services wait list and increase provider rates
- $4.9 million to increase immunizations and staff county health departments throughout the state