

SECTION 2F. The sums set forth in this section are hereby appropriated from the Education and Transportation Fund, for the purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this section and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Except as otherwise stated, appropriations designated as one-time expenditures shall be made available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028.

Fiscal Year 2024 Resource Summary (\$000)

Government Area	FY2024 Budgetary Recommendation
Transportation	490,000
Education	510,000
Total	1,000,000

Transportation

Department of Transportation	490,000,000
1596-2400 MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS	100,000,000
For one-time expenses for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to support municipalities in the design and development of local transportation projects through new or existing technical assistance programs; provided, that said projects may be eligible for inclusion in the statewide transportation improvement program to receive matching federal funds; and provided further, that funds may be expended for the expansion of bike share infrastructure	
Education and Transportation Fund 100%	
1596-2401 FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS	50,000,000
For one-time expenses for a reserve to provide matching funds for state or municipal transportation projects eligible for federal discretionary grants offered by the federal department of transportation; provided, that the secretary of administration and finance shall be consulted prior to expenditure from this reserve towards matching federal grants	
Education and Transportation Fund 100%	
1596-2402 HIGHWAY BRIDGE PRESERVATION	100,000,000
For one-time expenses for construction, preservation, reconstruction, and repair improvements of bridges, approaches and related infrastructure, including all elements that improve access for all modes of transportation	
Education and Transportation Fund 100%	
1596-2403 ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION	14,000,000
For recurring expenses for a program to maintain and beautify the state's highways, including, but not limited to, increased mowing,	

graffiti removal, litter picking, street sweeping, mural painting and other maintenance

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

1596-2404 MBTA CAPITAL INVESTMENTS 181,000,000

For one-time expenses for programs to improve the MBTA's physical infrastructure; provided, that not less than \$100,000,000 shall be expended for bridge repair, rehabilitation and replacement across the MBTA network; provided further, that not less than \$70,000,000 shall be expended for station and accessibility improvements across the MBTA network; provided further, that not less than \$11,000,000 shall be expended for design of the red-blue connector project; and provided further, that the MBTA shall consult with the executive office for administration and finance on the projects to be funded by this appropriation

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

1596-2405 MBTA MEANS TESTED FARES 5,000,000

For one-time expenses for exploring the feasibility of implementing a means-tested fare program at the MBTA

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

1596-2406 REGIONAL TRANSIT FUNDING AND GRANTS 25,000,000

For recurring expenses for transit improvements across the commonwealth; provided, that not less than \$6,000,000 shall be expended for operating assistance to regional transit authorities distributed to each regional transit authority based on the following formula: 60 per cent based on total transit ridership as reported on the most recent certified national transit data base report, 30 per cent based on population of its member communities from the most recent census and 10 per cent based on service coverage area determined by the total square miles of its member communities; provided further, that not less than \$15,000,000 shall be expended for a discretionary innovation grant program administered by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for public, private, and non-profit transportation providers to support initiatives including but not limited to: new and innovative service delivery models, expanded service hours or weekend service, and rural connectivity; provided further, that a minimum of 25 per cent of the total amount awarded from the grant program shall be awarded to rural providers; and provided further, that not less than \$4,000,000 shall be expended for grants to transit providers through the Community Transit Grant Program to support expanded mobility options for older adults, people with disabilities and low-income individuals

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

1596-2407 PALMER AND PITTSFIELD RAIL PROJECTS 12,500,000

For one-time expenses for rail projects in Palmer and Pittsfield; provided, that not less than \$8,500,000 shall be expended for track

improvements at the Pittsfield Station; and provided further, that not less than \$4,000,000 shall be expended for study and design of a Palmer Station

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

1596-2408 WATER TRANSPORTATION 2,500,000

For one-time expenses for a pilot project including grants for operational assistance to ferry services

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

Education

Office of the Secretary of Education 10,000,000

1596-2413 EARLY COLLEGE AND INNOVATION PATHWAYS 10,000,000

For recurring expenses for the expansion of early college, workforce, technical and innovation pathway programs; provided, that such programs shall incorporate the guiding principles of designated pathways; and provided further, that appropriated funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

Department of Early Education and Care 140,000,000

1596-2410 CHILDCARE GRANTS TO PROVIDERS 100,000,000

For recurring expenses for grants to support available capacity, support workforce and address operational costs within the early education and care sector; provided, that grants shall be available to child care programs supervised by the department of early education and care; provided further, that the distribution of grants shall prioritize equity and early education programs with higher percentages of state subsidized enrollment; provided further, that the grants shall be provided to child care providers whose enrollment includes at least fifty percent of children with a state subsidy; provided further, that funds from this line item shall be expended in coordination with funds from line item 3000-1045; provided further, that the department shall collect data from participating programs, including but not limited to, the number of enrolled children, number of educators employed, and a breakdown of the funding from the operational grants spent to recruit and retain employees; provided further, that the department shall report such data to the joint committee on education, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the secretary of administration and finance on a quarterly basis; and provided further, that the department shall provide technical assistance to providers to assist them in planning expenditures so as to avoid any so called "funding cliffs" in future fiscal years

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

1596-2411 INCOME ELIGIBLE WAITLIST 25,000,000

For recurring expenses for reducing the waitlist for income-eligible early education and care programs; provided, that teen parents and homeless families at risk of becoming eligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children may be paid from this item; provided further, that informal early education and care benefits for families meeting income-eligibility criteria may be funded from this item; and provided further, that early education and care services funded from this item shall be distributed geographically in a manner that provides fair and adequate access to early education and care for all eligible individuals

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

1596-2412 CPPI PRE-K INITIATIVE 15,000,000

For recurring expenses for planning and implementation activities in cities, towns, regional school districts or educational collaboratives to expand pre-kindergarten or preschool opportunities on a voluntary basis to children who will be eligible for kindergarten within two school years, utilizing the Massachusetts Preschool Expansion Grant public-private partnership model; provided, that preference shall be given to districts serving high percentages of high-needs students; provided further, that additional preference shall be given to districts that have completed strategic planning efforts that support expanding access to high-quality preschool; and provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, funds distributed from this item shall be deposited with the treasurer of the city, town, regional school district or educational collaborative and held in a separate account and shall be expended by the school committee of such city, town, regional school district or educational collaborative without further appropriation

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

State Universities 8,000,000

1596-2420 STATE UNIVERSITIES STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY INITIATIVES 8,000,000

For recurring expenses for grants to State Universities for innovative programs focused on diversity, equity and inclusion; provided, that grants shall support funding for innovative campus initiatives targeted at improving student, faculty and staff equity

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

Department of Higher Education 342,000,000

1596-2414 FINANCIAL AID EXPANSION 93,000,000

For recurring expenses for a scholarship program to provide financial assistance to Massachusetts students enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education in any public institutions of higher education; provided, that funds from this item may be expended on the administration of the scholarship program; and provided further, that the commissioner of higher education, in coordination with the Massachusetts state scholarship office, shall adopt regulations governing the eligibility and the awarding of

	financial assistance Education and Transportation Fund 100%	
1596-2416	STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES For recurring expenses for grants to the University of Massachusetts, state universities or community colleges for comprehensive student success initiatives and supports; provided, that funds shall be allocated based on the relative share of Pell Grant-eligible students enrolled at the institution Education and Transportation Fund 100%	30,000,000
1596-2417	HIGHER EDUCATION CAPITAL FUNDING For one-time expenses for the study, design and construction of campus instructional lab facilities, infrastructure modernization, decarbonization or critical repair administered by the division of capital asset management and maintenance in collaboration with the executive office of education Education and Transportation Fund 100%	140,000,000
1596-2418	MASSRECONNECT For recurring expenses for MassReconnect, a scholarship program to provide financial assistance to students from the Commonwealth who: (a) are enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher education at a public community college; (b) are age 25 or older as of the first day of classes; (c) have not previously earned a college degree; and (d) are enrolled in at least 6 credits; provided, that the funds shall be used to cover any remaining tuition and fees, books and supplies due for any eligible student after all other sources of federal and state grant aid have been exhausted; provided further, that funds from this item may be expended on student support services, administration and marketing of said scholarship program; provided further, that appropriated funds may be expended for programs or activities during the summer months; and provided further, that the commissioner of higher education, in consultation with the executive office of education and the Massachusetts association for community colleges, and in coordination with the Massachusetts state scholarship office, shall adopt guidelines governing the eligibility for and the awarding of financial assistance Education and Transportation Fund 100%	20,000,000
1596-2419	HIGHER ED FEE STABILIZATION For recurring expenses for a reserve to provide funds to community colleges, state universities and the University of Massachusetts for innovative strategies that support cost predictability and transparency for students and families, encourage timely degree completion, protect students from economic uncertainties and promote financial planning for college including, but not limited to, price locks and other strategies; provided, that tuition and fees will continue to be set by each	59,000,000

respective board per chapters 15A and 75 of the General Laws and that such innovative strategies are supported by and voted on by the respective board; and provided further, that the vote of the respective boards shall be provided to the executive office for administration and finance to ensure a timely transfer of funds in support of such strategies

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

University of Massachusetts	10,000,000
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1596-2421 UMASH DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVES	10,000,000
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For recurring expenses for grants to the University of Massachusetts for innovative programs focused on diversity, equity and inclusion; provided, that grants shall support funding for innovative campus initiatives targeted at improving student, faculty and staff equity

Education and Transportation Fund 100%

