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REGULAR SESSION

TEXAS ASSOCIATION *of* COUNTIES

State Budget
Fiscal Years 2018-2019

MAJOR SOURCE OF FUNDING - STATE BUDGET				
By Articles, All Funds (In Millions)	Current Budget HB 1 (2016-17)	Conference Committee Report on SB 1 (2018 -19)	Net Change	Percent Change
Article I - General Government	\$7,043.9	\$6,240.8	(\$803.1)	-11.4%
Article II - Health & Human Services	\$81,280.1	\$79,456.5	(\$1,823.6)	-2.2%
Article III - Agencies of Education	\$79,148.6	\$80,433.0	\$1,284.4	1.6%
Article IV - The Judiciary	\$813.3	\$823.6	\$10.3	1.3%
Article V - Public Safety & Criminal Justice	\$12,575.5	\$12,311.7	(\$263.8)	-2.1%
Article VI - Natural Resources	\$4,530.2	\$4,544.5	\$14.3	0.3%
Article VII - Business & Economic Development	\$29,649.6	\$31,845.8	\$2,196.2	7.4%
Article VIII - Regulatory	\$956.4	\$630.6	(\$325.8)	-34.1%
Article IX - General Provisions	\$0.0	\$83.9	\$83.9	N/A
Article X - The Legislature	\$400.9	\$387.5	(\$13.4)	-3.3%
Total for All Articles	\$216,398.5	\$216,757.9	\$359.4	0.2%

Source: Legislative Budget Board
 Revised: 07/20/2017

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Article I General Government	Program Name/Purpose/Strategy	84th L.S. (Current Budget) 2016-2017	85th L.S. (CCR Budget) 2018-2019	% Change
Comptroller of Public Accounts	Lateral Road Fund Districts: These funds are allocated from the state motor fuel tax. The funds are to be used for improvements or construction on county lateral roads (Transportation Code, Section 256.002). Strategy - A.1.5	\$14,600,000	\$14,600,000	0%
	Gross Weight/Axle: This fund is dedicated to counties for partial reimbursement for overweight truck road damage. Strategy - A.1.10	\$20,000,000	\$34,000,000	70%
	Disable Veterans Assistance Payments - To cities and counties. Strategy - A1.12	\$5,000,000	\$6,500,000	30%
	Mixed Beverage Tax Reimbursement: Reimbursements to counties and incorporated municipalities from mixed beverage tax collections (not to exceed 10.7143 percent). Strategy - A.1.4; Rider 15	\$408,527,000	\$443,092,000	8%
	Grant Program Local Continuing Education(LEOSE): These funds may be used to pay for continuing education for law enforcement personnel. The funds are allocated to the county based on the number of law enforcement personnel. Strategy - A.1.7; Rider 19	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000	0%
Commission on State Emergency Communications	9-1-1 Services: Grants and assistance to local governments through Regional Planning Commissions as they develop and implement regional plans and maintenance for 911 services. Strategy - A.1.1	\$122,439,454	\$111,143,815	-9%
Texas Emergency Services Retirement System (TESRS)	TESRS was created to administer the pension fund, by SB 220 during the 83rd Legislature. TESRS previously existed as a pension fund under the auspices of the Office of the Firefighters' Pension Commissioner, so the program itself is not new. This agency is mostly funded by account 5064 (Volunteer Fire Department Assistance) - roughly \$1.329 million per year.	\$3,167,650	\$2,658,448	-16%

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Office of the Governor (Trustee Program)	Disaster Funds: Helps cover the cost of the 25 percent match required for FEMA local disaster grants. These funds play a vital part in the rebuilding of local communities. Strategy - A.1.1	\$14,800,000	\$110,000,000	643%
	Criminal Justice: Grants to local entities, non-profit organizations, and independent school districts for a variety of criminal justice related projects. Strategy - B.1.1	\$248,485,003	\$568,732,465	129%
	County Essential Services Grant: Funding to local governments with unanticipated and extraordinary criminal justice related expenditures. Strategy - B.1.2	\$2,340,666	\$2,340,666	0%
	Prostitution Prevention Programs: Making grants to counties for the implementation of prostitution prevention programs. Rider 20	\$2,921,000	\$2,921,000	0%
	Grants for Local Border Security: To fund grants to local law enforcement agencies to support Operation Border Star. The grant funds may also be awarded for the humane processing of the remains of undocumented migrants. Rider 21	\$10,200,000	\$10,200,000	0%
	Truancy Prevention Court Cost: To fund grants to justice, municipal, and constitutional county courts to establish a new juvenile case manager in a jurisdiction that does not already have a juvenile case manager. Rider 22	\$4,600,000	\$6,193,872	35%
	National Incident Based Reporting System: To provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for upgrading technology infrastructure to implement incident based reporting. (Using Radio Infrastructure Account 5153). Rider 27 (new rider)	\$0	\$11,300,000	N/A
	Economic Development/Tourism: Loans to local economic development corporations that assist local regions and communities with economic growth and development through job creation and capital investment. Goal C	\$296,648,024	\$316,983,673	7%

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Office of the Governor (Trusteed Program)	Drug Court Grants: Funding for those counties that would like to implement a drug court. Rider 12	\$1,500,000	\$4,000,000	167%
Historical Commission	Courthouse Preservation: Grants to counties for the renovation and rehabilitation of historic courthouses. GO-Bond Proceeds. Not including the debt service for \$1.5 million. Strategy - A.1.3	\$21,179,032	\$21,361,190	1%
	Development Assistance Programs: Grants to cities and counties that promote economic development through historic preservation. Strategy - A.2.1	\$4,660,377	\$5,028,048	8%
Library and Archives Commission	Aid to Local Libraries: Funding for the Loan Star Libraries grants for public library service enhancements, including the Texas Reads Grants for literacy programs and Library System Negotiated Grants for regional library system initiatives. Strategy - A.1.2	\$4,948,159	\$7,150,651	45%
Secretary of State	Elections Administration: Funds for the primary elections financing program and reimburses counties for postage for voter registration applications. Wages for the poll workers are also included. Strategy - B.1.1	\$8,580,530	\$9,003,113	5%
	Elections Improvement (HAVA): Provides for elections improvements for equipment that meets voting systems standards; provisional voting; statewide voter information for election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers. Strategy - B.1.4	\$4,294,595	\$2,949,567	-31%

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Article II Health & Human Services	Program Name/Purpose	84th L.S. (Current Budget) 2016-2017	85th L.S. (CCR Budget) 2018-2019	% Change
Department of Family & Protective Services	Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program: Abused children that do not receive intervention services are more likely to run away, drop out of school and end up in jail. When prevention is not prioritized, communities see heightened substance abuse and criminal activity. Goal C	\$121,361,343	\$209,894,497	73%
Health and Human Services Commission	Mental Health SVCS Adults: Contracts with Community Mental Health Centers to deliver mental health services in communities across Texas. When funding is reduced, counties will be faced with increased jail costs, an increase in hospital emergency room visits and increased demand for state hospital beds. Strategy - D.2.1	\$665,577,144	\$703,362,864	6%
	Mental Health SVCS Children: Funding for children in need of health and medical services. Strategy - D.2.2	\$204,650,668	\$166,373,576	-19%
	Mental Health Crisis SVCS: Funding to address mental health and substance abuse crisis. Strategy - D.2.3	\$253,570,022	\$325,430,552	28%
	County Indigent Health Care Svcs: Health care for the uninsured and indigent in Texas. Strategy - D.3.2	\$4,372,889	\$1,758,253	-60%
	Indigent Health Care Reimbursement (UTMB): Strategy - D.3.1	\$9,809,765	\$878,886	-91%
	Mental Health State Hospitals: Strategy - G.2.1	\$872,639,869	\$875,536,372	0%
	Mental Health Community Hospitals: Strategy - G.2.2	\$209,943,241	\$243,830,476	16%
	Substance Abuse Prev/Inter/Treat: Strategy - D.2.4	\$325,110,656	\$380,160,933	17%
	New Construction of State Hospitals: \$300 million from the Economic Stabilization funds for the planning of new construction projects at the state hospitals and other state funded in-patient mental health facilities in current and future biennia. Rider 221		\$300,000,000	

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Article III Higher Education	Program Name/Purpose	84th L.S. (Current Budget) 2016-2017	85th L.S. (CCR Budget) 2018-2019	% Change
Texas Forest Service	Volunteer Fire Dept. Acct 5064: Grant programs to local volunteer fire departments (mainly cities and counties) – providing them with equipment and training.	\$53,420,012	\$46,103,097	-14%
	Rural Volunteer Fire Dept. Acct. 5066: Grant programs to local volunteer fire departments – providing them with equipment and training.	\$2,000,000	\$2,930,000	47%

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Article IV Judiciary	Program Name/Purpose	84th L.S. (Current Budget) 2016-2017	85th L.S. (CCR Budget) 2018-2019	% Change
Office of Court Administration	Indigent Defense: State funding to assist counties in providing quality legal representation in a cost-effective manner. Strategy - D.1.1	\$71,136,949	\$66,435,712	-7%
Court of Criminal Appeals	Judicial and Court Personnel Training: Used to provide for the continuing legal education of judges and of court personnel. Strategy - B.1.1	\$19,805,785	\$16,651,835	-16%
Comptroller's Judiciary Section	County Level Judges Salary Supplements: A county judge is entitled to an annual salary supplement from the state of \$15,000 if at least 40 percent of the functions that the judge performs are judicial functions. Goal C	\$54,695,656	\$55,003,656	1%

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Comptroller's Judiciary Section	Juror Pay: Used to reimburse counties for the cost of juror services. Strategy - D.1.7	\$21,763,400	\$21,763,400	0%
	District Attorney - Salaries: Help defray the salaries and expenses of the office. Strategy B.1.1	\$1,483,454	\$1,483,454	0%
	Asst. Prosecutor Longevity Pay: These funds are used to supplement the pay of assistant district attorneys that have at least four years of lifetime service credit as an assistant prosecutor. Strategy - D.1.1	\$8,769,700	\$8,769,700	0%

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Article V Public Safety & Criminal Justice	Program Name/Purpose	84th L.S. (Current Budget) 2016-2017	85th L.S. (CCR Budget) 2018-2019	% Change
Department of Criminal Justice	Basic Supervision: State aid to the local community supervision and corrections department (CSCD) to pay for misdemeanor probation funding - primarily staff and departmental operations. Strategy - A.1.1	\$244,722,121	\$140,142,048	-43%
	Diversion Program: Residential treatment and rehabilitation programs for offenders in lieu of incarceration in jail or prison. Strategy - A.1.2	\$262,536,884	\$246,569,016	-6%
	Community Corrections: For the treatment and rehabilitation of offenders in the community, including some special needs programs, restitution programs, etc. Without funding, counties are likely to see increased jail populations, reduced sentencing options, increased recidivism and probation revocations. Strategy - A.1.3	\$94,915,274	\$86,360,909	-9%

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Department of Criminal Justice	TRMT Alternatives to Incarceration: Community based programs targeted to treating offenders in community in lieu of revoking to jail or prison. Without funding to TAIP (Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program), counties are likely to experience increased recidivism, unemployment, child support arrears and probation revocations. Strategy - A.1.4	\$23,803,044	\$21,547,951	-9%
	Academic/ Vocational Training: Provides TDCJ inmates with education and skills training so they will be better qualified in the workforce upon release from prison. Without funding, counties will inherit convicted offenders lacking basic education and job skills. Strategy - C.2.2	\$3,838,088	\$3,838,088	0%
	In-Prison Treatment: Provides treatment to incarcerated offenders, including drug/alcohol and special needs programs. Without funding, offenders will be released into the communities without the skills necessary to address the problems or behaviors that lead to incarceration. Strategy - C.2.5	\$65,417,211	\$65,419,087	0%
	Operate Parole: (Goal F) Without adequate funding for parole supervision, department operations and programs, counties can anticipate increased crime and parole revocation proceedings, increased jail populations and increased demands on the court system. Goal F	\$371,988,867	\$367,772,632	-1%
Commission on Jail Standards	Jail Standards: (Goal A) The Inspection and Enforcement strategy in the budget was restored. Note: \$1.128 million to implement the Sandra Bland Act (which is new money).	\$1,278,120	\$1,968,126	54%
Texas Juvenile Justice Department	Juvenile Justice Alternative Education: Provides for an alternative educational setting for expelled youth that focuses on discipline, behavior management and academic achievement. The funding to JJAEP is vital in keeping youth out of TJJD and TDCJ. Strategy - A.1.6/A.1.5; Rider 13 - Note: \$96 per student per day for the JJAEP.	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000	0%
	Harris County Leadership Academy: Eliminating/reducing would cause Harris County to close this boot camp which would require these young offenders to be shipped off to a Texas Juvenile Justice Department facility, if not to the TDCJ. Rider 35	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	0%

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Article VI Natural Resources	Program Name/Purpose	84th L.S. (Current Budget) 2016-2017	85th L.S. (CCR Budget) 2018-2019	% Change
Parks & Wildlife Department	Local Park Grants: Reduced funding at this level would require the sale of seven state parks (or transfer to local governments) and would eliminate the local park grant funding program to counties. Strategy - B.2.1. Note: This particular strategy no longer includes Boating Access and other grants - now a separate strategy B.2.2. (\$17.5 million).	\$31,969,922	\$28,703,751	-10%
Commission on Environmental Quality	Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP): TERP program is a comprehensive set of incentive programs aimed at improving air quality in Texas by reducing emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) from both on-road and non-road high-emitting internal combustion engines. Rider 20	\$236,263,007	\$154,739,737	-35%
	Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assist. Program (LIRAP): This program along with the Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP) have been critical in reducing emissions in Texas. Reductions in funding for these programs will hinder efforts to improve air quality. LIRAP funds are dedicated funds, paid by local citizens with the understanding they would help restore air quality in their counties. Est. revenue in account 151 - \$86,936,110 for 2018-19. Roughly \$507,780 to operate the LIRAP program, all remaining funds shall be used as LIRAP grants for local governments. Additional \$9.659 million is to be used for county to implement local initiatives projects to reduce air emissions. Rider 24 - VETOED BY GOVERNOR	\$9,659,346	\$0	-100%

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Article VII Business & Economic Development	Program Name/Purpose	84th L.S. (Current Budget) 2016-2017	85th L.S. (CCR Budget) 2018-2019	% Change
Department of Motor Vehicles	Automobile Burglary & Theft Grants: This program has been a huge success, especially in the Metroplex area around Dallas in reducing the number of vehicles stolen each year in Texas. Strategy - B.2.1	\$29,842,012	\$25,671,702	-14%
Department of Transportation	Contracted Planning & Design: Provides funding for all aspects of structural planning, design, review, construction and inspection of bridges. Strategy - A.1.2	\$934,533,220	\$1,420,850,629	52%
	Right of Way Acquisition: Provides funding to build, widen and enhance roads. Strategy - A.1.3	\$854,026,444	\$1,653,796,807	94%

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Note: To view prior appropriation years click on link below:

<http://www.county.org/Legislative/news/Documents/StateBudget-July.pdf>

Governor's veto items - click on link below:

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