



**Alabama Commission
on Higher Education**

**Consolidated Budget
Recommendation Report
FY 2024-2025**

"The Commission shall receive, evaluate and coordinate budget requests for the public institutions of higher education of this state, shall hold open hearings on the budget requests of the separate institutions and shall present to each institution and to the Governor and the Legislature, a single unified budget report containing budget recommendations for separate appropriations to each of the institutions. The consolidated budget and analysis of the Commission shall be accompanied by the original requests and their justifications as submitted by each institution. The recommendations of the commission shall be derived directly from its assessment of the actual funding needs of each of the universities, as presented to it by the presidents, which assessment may include, but shall not be limited to, derived conclusions that may be based upon standard techniques of objective measurement, need and unit cost figures arrived at through the use of comparative and verified data secured from the various institutions, applied in an impartial and objective manner, and comparison shall be made not only between similar functions of institutions in Alabama but also between Alabama institutions and similar functions of institutions located in other states, provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit any institutions of higher education in this state from submitting any matter pertaining to the financial operation and needs of said institution to the Legislature or to the Governor at any time."

Alabama Code §16-5-9(b) (1975)

Consolidated Budget Recommendation by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education

As prescribed by Section 16-5-9(b) of the Code of Alabama, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education has evaluated the budgets submitted by the senior public institutions of higher education and by the Chancellor of the community and technical colleges. At the Commission meeting on December 8, 2023, the Commission approved the funding recommendation for higher education for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025.

The recommendation, identified as the FY 2024-2025 Recommendation, provides an overall appropriation increase of slightly over six percent (6.84%) from the Education Trust Fund (ETF) for public colleges and universities.

The Commission recommends a funding level of \$2,120,456,796 for all public colleges and universities. The recommendation is based on the following identified needs:

- (1) Develop budget recommendations based on higher education's share of the Education Trust Fund (ETF), which has historically been 25% to 27%.
- (2) Address personnel and salary concerns, including salaries to retain and attract faculty and staff as well as address issues with salary compression.
- (3) Provide assistance for increased mandatory costs related to retirement and insurance.
- (4) Fund ongoing inflationary costs, such as utilities and technology upgrades.
- (5) Support capital assets to address deferred maintenance, building construction, and building renovation.

The Commission also includes recommendations for other lines not directly associated with a public college or university. The amount of new money being recommended for these state level lines is \$19,701,582.

This brings the total increase in new funds needed for the recommendation to \$155,508,041 or an increase of six percent (6.76%).

The total amount recommended for higher education from the Education Trust Fund is \$2,454,745,381.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Consolidated Budget Recommendation

Institution	FY 2023-2024 Appropriation	FY 2024-2025 Institutional EBO Request	% Increase Requested	FY 2024-2025 Consolidated Budget Recommendation	FY 2024-2025 Amount CBR Increase	% Change CBR
AAMU	53,771,418	263,418,484	389.89%	57,110,648	3,339,230	6.21%
ASU	59,164,786	66,919,544	13.11%	62,833,634	3,668,848	6.20%
AU	330,460,333	363,299,854	9.94%	353,598,722	23,138,389	7.00%
UA	229,905,984	249,617,899	8.57%	247,127,000	17,221,016	7.49%
UAB	370,030,234	395,357,013	6.84%	401,415,675	31,385,441	8.48%
UAH	68,328,381	126,885,487	85.70%	73,142,112	4,813,731	7.04%
USA	150,374,562	167,112,019	11.13%	161,845,271	11,470,709	7.63%
Doctoral O&M Total	1,262,035,698	1,632,610,300	29.36%	1,357,073,061	95,037,363	7.53%
ATHENS	20,524,867	22,762,838	10.90%	21,704,933	1,180,066	5.75%
AUM	31,522,666	34,663,441	9.96%	33,671,445	2,148,779	6.82%
JSU	53,148,696	60,898,745	14.58%	56,484,190	3,335,494	6.28%
TROY	75,811,358	85,050,000	12.19%	80,863,580	5,052,222	6.66%
UM	28,843,970	32,923,065	14.14%	30,615,682	1,771,712	6.14%
UNA	48,855,509	58,050,000	18.82%	52,206,727	3,351,218	6.86%
UWA	27,710,078	32,255,786	16.40%	29,769,492	2,059,414	7.43%
Nondoctoral O&M Total	286,417,144	326,603,875	14.03%	305,316,049	18,898,905	6.60%
Total Universities	1,548,452,842	1,959,214,175	26.53%	1,662,389,110	113,936,268	7.36%
Total Two-Year	436,197,495	452,506,116	3.74%	458,067,686	21,870,191	5.01%
Total Public Institutions	1,984,650,337	2,411,720,291	21.52%	2,120,456,796	135,806,459	6.84%
All State-Level Programs	314,587,003	404,172,643	28.48%	334,288,585	19,701,582	6.26%
Total	2,299,237,340	2,815,892,934	22.47%	2,454,745,381	155,508,041	6.76%

FY 2024-2025 ETF Consolidated Budget Recommendation

Institution	FY 2023-2024 Appropriation (1)	Mandated Funds for Rate Increases (2)	Inflationary Costs Increase Over FY2024 Appropriation (3)	Distribution Based on Weighted Credit Hours by Level & Discipline (4)	Total Recommended Increase	Percentage of Total Recommended Increase (5)
AAM	\$ 53,771,418	\$ 541,641	\$ 1,882,000	\$ 915,589	\$ 3,339,230	6.21%
ASU	\$ 59,164,786	\$ 745,817	\$ 2,070,768	\$ 852,263	\$ 3,668,848	6.20%
AU	\$ 330,460,333	\$ 6,761,192	\$ 11,566,112	\$ 4,811,085	\$ 23,138,389	7.00%
UA	\$ 229,905,984	\$ 5,564,092	\$ 8,046,709	\$ 3,610,214	\$ 17,221,016	7.49%
UAB	\$ 370,030,234	\$ 12,210,998	\$ 12,951,058	\$ 6,223,385	\$ 31,385,441	8.48%
UAH	\$ 68,328,381	\$ 1,481,155	\$ 2,391,493	\$ 941,083	\$ 4,813,731	7.04%
USA	\$ 150,374,562	\$ 3,045,867	\$ 5,263,110	\$ 3,161,732	\$ 11,470,709	7.63%
Doctoral O&M Total	\$ 1,262,035,698	\$ 30,350,763	\$ 44,171,249	\$ 20,515,351	\$ 95,037,363	7.53%
ATHENS	\$ 20,487,367	\$ 231,103	\$ 717,058	\$ 231,906	\$ 1,180,066	5.76%
AUM	\$ 31,522,666	\$ 606,793	\$ 1,103,293	\$ 438,693	\$ 2,148,779	6.82%
JSU	\$ 53,428,224	\$ 671,583	\$ 1,869,988	\$ 793,923	\$ 3,335,494	6.24%
TROY	\$ 75,811,358	\$ 1,391,437	\$ 2,653,398	\$ 1,007,388	\$ 5,052,222	6.66%
UM	\$ 28,843,970	\$ 447,575	\$ 1,009,539	\$ 314,598	\$ 1,771,712	6.14%
UNA	\$ 48,855,509	\$ 884,235	\$ 1,709,943	\$ 757,040	\$ 3,351,218	6.86%
UWA	\$ 27,710,078	\$ 386,372	\$ 969,853	\$ 703,189	\$ 2,059,414	7.43%
Non-Doctoral O&M Total	\$ 286,659,172	\$ 4,619,098	\$ 10,033,071	\$ 4,246,736	\$ 18,898,905	6.59%
Total Senior Institutes	\$ 1,548,694,870	\$ 34,969,861	\$ 54,204,320	\$ 24,762,086	\$ 113,936,268	7.36%
Two-Year Colleges	\$ 436,197,495	\$ 3,290,307	\$ 15,266,912	\$ 3,312,972	\$ 21,870,191	5.01%
Total Public Institutions	\$ 1,984,892,365	\$ 38,260,168	\$ 69,471,233	\$ 28,075,058	\$ 135,806,459	6.84%
All State-Level Programs	\$ 314,587,003				\$ 19,701,582	6.26%
TOTAL ACHE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 2,299,479,368				\$ 155,508,041	6.76%

Notes:

(1) Figures taken from 2023 Act establishing the Education Trust Fund (ETF) FY 2024 budget.

(2) Institution Needs Assessment and EBO Budget Request Submissions shows Tier 1 TRS changed from 12.59% to 13.57%; and Tier 2 TRS changed from 11.57% to 12.60%.

(3) Inflationary Costs reflect an "Across the Board" increase of 3.5% above the institutions' FY 2024 ETF appropriations.

(4) An increase of 1.35% above the institutions' FY 2024 ETF appropriations, divided using the weighted credit hours from the ACHE Standard Calculation.

(5) Total Consolidated Budget Recommendation closely adheres to Act #2023-390 (SB101) which establishes a spending limit of 6.5% over the prior year appropriation.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Consolidated Budget Recommendation

	FY 2023-2024 Appropriation	FY 2024-2025 EBO Request	% Increase Requested	FY 2024-2025 Recommendation	FY 2024-2025 Recommended Increase	% Change FY 2024-2025 Recommendation
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<u>Other Two-Year</u>						
AL Community College System-System Office	14,060,405	15,263,425	8.56%	14,763,425	703,020	5.00%
Adult Basic Education	13,964,656	14,964,656	7.16%	14,662,889	698,233	5.00%
Alabama Fire College(a)	6,581,420	7,114,792	8.10%	6,910,491	329,071	5.00%
STEAM Pilot Program	800,000	800,000	0.00%	800,000	0	0.00%
Special Population Training	4,725,281	4,725,281	0.00%	4,725,281	0	0.00%
Life Tech	2,000,000	0	-100.00%	0	(2,000,000)	-100.00%
Perry County Facility	2,500,000	0	-100.00%	0	(2,500,000)	-100.00%
Corrections Ed-Therapeutic Training	1,999,901	0	-100.00%	0	(1,999,901)	-100.00%
Corrections Ed-Day Reporting Program	1,000,000	0	-100.00%	0	(1,000,000)	-100.00%
Mine Safety Training Program	350,000	350,000	0.00%	350,000	0	0.00%
AL Technology Network	5,558,830	5,861,967	5.45%	5,836,772	277,942	5.00%
AL Technology Network-Workforce Training	503,906	503,906	0.00%	503,906	0	0.00%
Dual Enrollment	30,682,385	40,682,385	32.59%	32,216,504	1,534,119	5.00%
Central-Truck Driver Training	240,790	240,790	0.00%	240,790	0	0.00%
Automotive Workforce Training Scholarship Program	300,000	300,000	0.00%	300,000	0	0.00%
Automotive Manufacturing Development Program	312,500	312,500	0.00%	312,500	0	0.00%
Distance Learning Program	3,375,000	3,375,000	0.00%	3,375,000	0	0.00%
Volunteer EMSP Certifications	125,000	125,000	0.00%	125,000	0	0.00%
Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham Ed Support	750,000	750,000	0.00%	750,000	0	0.00%
Smart Workforce Training Pilot Project	200,000	200,000	0.00%	200,000	0	0.00%
WF Dev. Short Term Certification Credential (Innovation Ctr)	15,000,000	20,000,000	33.33%	15,750,000	750,000	5.00%
LPN Programs	2,000,000	4,000,000	100.00%	2,100,000	100,000	5.00%
Cyber Security Center	0	63,000,000		29,364,699	29,364,699	
Career Tech Equipment	5,000,000	5,000,000	0.00%	5,000,000	0	0.00%
Total: <u>Other Two-Year</u>	121,670,482	197,210,110	62.09%	147,927,665	26,257,183	21.58%
<u>Other Higher Education</u>						
MESC/Dauphin Island Sea Lab	6,250,000	24,431,000	290.90%	6,562,500	312,500	5.00%
Private Colleges & Schools						
Talladega College*	1,069,234	1,069,234	0.00%	1,122,696	53,462	5.00%
A&M/Miles Consortium	493,486	532,964	8.00%	518,160	24,674	5.00%
State-Related Institution						
Tuskegee University	13,651,435	18,583,098	36.13%	14,334,007	682,572	5.00%
Total: <u>Private & State-Related Institutions</u>	15,314,155	20,185,296	31.81%	16,079,863		5.00%
Subtotal: <u>Other Higher Education</u>	21,564,155	44,616,296	106.90%	22,642,363	1,078,208	5.00%

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Consolidated Budget Recommendation

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025	% Increase	FY 2024-2025	FY 2024-2025	% Change
	Appropriation	EBO Request	Requested	Recommendation	Recommended Increase	FY 2024-2025 Recommendation
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Alabama Commission on Higher Education						
Planning & Coordination Services	4,254,527	4,654,527	9.40%	4,654,527	400,000	9.40%
Non-Resident Institutions (NRI)	236,239	236,239	0.00%	236,239	0	0.00%
SARA-ASPA	200,000	200,000	0.00%	200,000	0	0.00%
AGSC/STARS	602,489	802,489	33.20%	802,489	200,000	33.20%
SREB	690,615	890,615	28.96%	890,615	200,000	28.96%
Network of AL Academic Libraries	439,905	461,882	5.00%	461,882	21,977	5.00%
EPSCOR (Research)	1,290,923	1,355,452	5.00%	1,355,452	64,529	5.00%
STEM Major Teacher Recruitment	6,667,448	4,500,000	-32.51%	4,500,000	(2,167,448)	-32.51%
Outcomes Based Funding	15,000,000	15,000,000	0.00%	15,000,000	0	0.00%
Best and Brightest	0	300,000		300,000	0	
Engage Alabama	0	800,000		800,000	800,000	
Adaptive & Disability Sports Education	60,000	60,000	0.00%	60,000	0	0.00%
AL National Guard Scholarship. Program	8,750,992	8,872,952	1.39%	8,872,952	121,960	1.39%
Humanities	300,000	300,000	0.00%	300,000	0	0.00%
AL Student Assistance Program	9,092,248	10,000,000	9.98%	10,000,000	907,752	9.98%
AL Educational Grant Program (ASGP)	9,458,970	10,000,000	5.72%	10,000,000	541,030	5.72%
Police & Fire Fighters' Survivors Tuition	784,221	784,221	0.00%	784,221	0	0.00%
(Re)Engage Alabama Scholarship Program	4,500,000	5,000,000	11.11%	5,000,000	500,000	11.11%
Soil and Water Conservation	2,844,876	2,844,876	0.00%	2,844,876	0	0.00%
AL Forestry Foundation Blackbelt Initiative	535,600	535,600	0.00%	535,600	0	0.00%
Resource Conservation & Develop Program	6,020,080	6,020,080	0.00%	6,020,080	0	0.00%
Civil Air Patrol	100,000	100,000	0.00%	100,000	0	0.00%
Black Belt Treasures	337,400	337,400	0.00%	337,400	0	0.00%
Black Belt Adventures	477,401	477,401	0.00%	477,401	0	0.00%
National Computer Forensic Institute	550,000	550,000	0.00%	550,000	0	0.00%
AL Motorsports Hall of Fame	200,001	200,001	0.00%	200,001	0	0.00%
Alabama Trails Foundation	343,600	343,600	0.00%	343,600	0	0.00%
Math & Science Teacher Ed Scholarship Program	746,750	784,081	5.00%	784,081	37,331	5.00%
AL Recruit & Retain Minority Teachers Pilot	703,548	703,548	0.00%	703,548	0	0.00%
Forestry Commission Ed Program	200,001	200,001	0.00%	200,001	0	0.00%
AKEEP - Education & Teacher Recruitment Partnership	150,001	250,001	66.67%	250,001	100,000	66.67%
Birmingham Promise Scholarship Program	892,500	937,125	5.00%	937,125	44,625	5.00%
Retain Alabama	1,203,397	1,203,397	0.00%	1,203,397	0	0.00%
Industry Credential Directory	114,485	120,210		120,210	5,725	
Alabama Agricultural Land Grant Alliance	6,491,284	6,491,284	0.00%	6,491,284	0	0.00%

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Consolidated Budget Recommendation

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025	% Increase	FY 2024-2025	FY 2024-2025	% Change
	Appropriation	EBO Request	Requested	Recommendation	Recommended Increase	FY 2024-2025 Recommendation
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
USS Alabama Battleship	1,352,401	1,352,401	0.00%	1,352,401	0	0.00%
HBCU Cares	650,000	650,000	0.00%	650,000	0	0.00%
Historical Black Colleges and Universities	96	650,000	676983.33%	650,000	649,904	676983.33%
FAFSA Completion	542,800	592,800	9.21%	592,800	50,000	9.21%
Deferred Maintenance	5,000,000	10,000,000	100.00%	10,000,000	5,000,000	100.00%
ETF Source of Funds	91,038,048	98,778,102	8.50%	98,778,102	7,740,054	8.50%
ETF Transfer Source of Funds	746,750	784,081		784,081	37,331	5.00%
Total: <u>ACHE</u>	91,784,798	99,562,183	8.47%	99,562,183	7,777,385	8.47%
Other <u>Statewide Programs.</u>						
Dept. of Veterans' Affairs	62,530,364	47,870,931	-23.44%	47,870,931	(14,659,433)	-23.44%
American Legion Scholarships *	112,500	112,500	0.00%	118,125	5,625	5.00%
Dependents Blind Parents (a)*	10,399	10,399	0.00%	10,919	520	5.00%
Medical Scholarships	2,440,014	2,440,014	0.00%	2,562,015	122,001	5.00%
Optometric Scholarships (a)*	200,000	200,000	0.00%	210,000	10,000	5.00%
Dental Scholarships (a)*	871,166	731,166	-16.07%	914,724	43,558	5.00%
Nursing Scholarships*	616,027	616,027	0.00%	646,828	30,801	5.00%
Fostering Hope Scholarship Program (a)*	1,205,608	1,205,608	0.00%	1,265,888	60,280	5.00%
Teacher In-Service Centers*	3,509,080	3,509,080	0.00%	3,684,534	175,454	5.00%
<u>Public Health Dept.</u> - Continuing Ed EMT	1,635,782	1,635,782	0.00%	1,635,782	0	0.00%
Trauma Communications Center - UAB	1,000,000	1,000,000	0.00%	1,000,000	0	0.00%
Arts Council - Center for the Arts Foundation (a)	1,200,000	0	-100.00%	0	(1,200,000)	-100.00%
UAB-Chauncey Sparks/Special Mental Health*	4,236,628	4,236,628	0.00%	4,236,628	0	0.00%
Total: <u>Other Statewide Programs.</u>	79,567,568	63,568,135	-20.11%	64,156,375	(15,411,193)	-19.37%
TOTAL: <u>ALL STATE LEVEL PGMS.</u>	314,587,003	404,172,643	28.48%	334,288,585	19,701,582	6.26%
TOTAL <u>PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS</u>	1,984,892,365	1,990,013,162	0.26%	1,988,981,216	274,916,731	0.21%
TOTAL <u>HIGHER EDUCATION**</u>	2,299,479,368	2,394,185,805	4.12%	2,323,269,801	294,618,313	1.03%

* ACHE did not receive the FY 2024-2025 Budgeted Requests from these entities so the FY 2023-2024 appropriation was included as the requested amount.

**Total includes amounts not counted as Higher Ed.