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# A THRIVING ILLINOIS

Higher Education Paths to Equity,  
Sustainability, and Growth

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# A Thriving Illinois



A thriving Illinois has an inclusive economy and broad prosperity with equitable paths to opportunity for all, especially those facing the greatest barriers.





# Strategies for a Thriving Illinois



Close the equity gaps for students who have been left behind.



Build a stronger financial future for individuals and institutions.



Increase talent and innovation to drive economic growth.

Invest an additional \$139M in general funds in Fiscal Year 2023 for  
*A Thriving Illinois*

Meet certified funding levels for State Universities Retirement System

Reappropriate funding for ***Rebuild Illinois*** and all current capital projects

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# Sustainability Strategy 1: Invest in public higher education through an equitable, adequate, and stable funding system



Develop equitable, adequate, and stable funding system based on principles from *A Thriving Illinois*

## ILLINOIS COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY FUNDING

More information available  
at the [Commission website](#)



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# Sustainability Strategy 1: Invest in public higher education through an equitable, adequate, and stable funding system



A First Step: allocate \$58 million in new university funds based on number and percent Pell students

Public University Allocation (\$ in thousands)	FY22 Appropriation	New \$ Allocation	FY23 Recommendation	% Change from FY22
CSU	35,019	2,385	37,404	7%
EIU	41,924	2,333	44,257	6%
GSU	23,194	2,785	25,979	12%
ISU	69,619	4,728	74,348	7%
NEIU	35,567	4,043	39,610	11%
NIU	87,804	7,209	95,013	8%
SIU	193,631	7,674	201,305	4%
U of I	622,040	22,563	644,603	4%
WIU	49,588	4,676	54,264	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,158,386</b>	<b>58,397</b>	<b>1,216,783</b>	<b>5%</b>

**+\$58M**  
**+5%**



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# Sustainability Strategy 1: Invest in public higher education through an equitable, adequate, and stable funding system



Increase funding by \$15.8 million for community colleges, adult education, and career and technical education



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**+5%**



**SUSTAINABILITY**

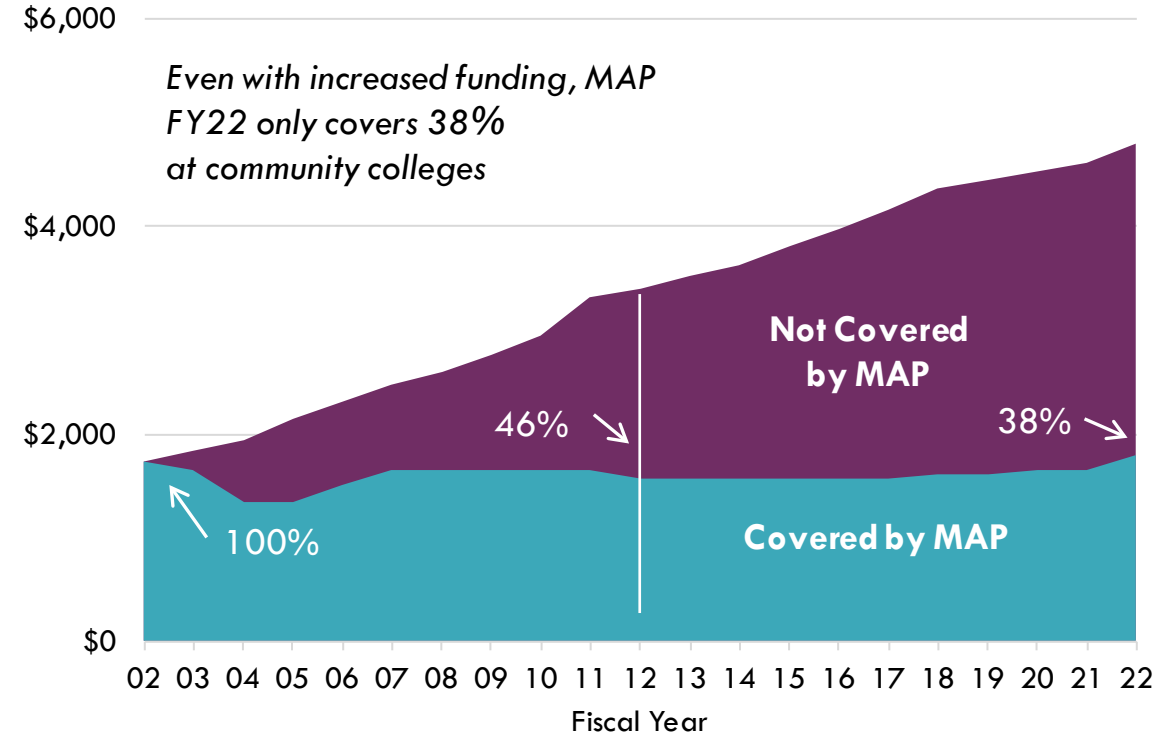
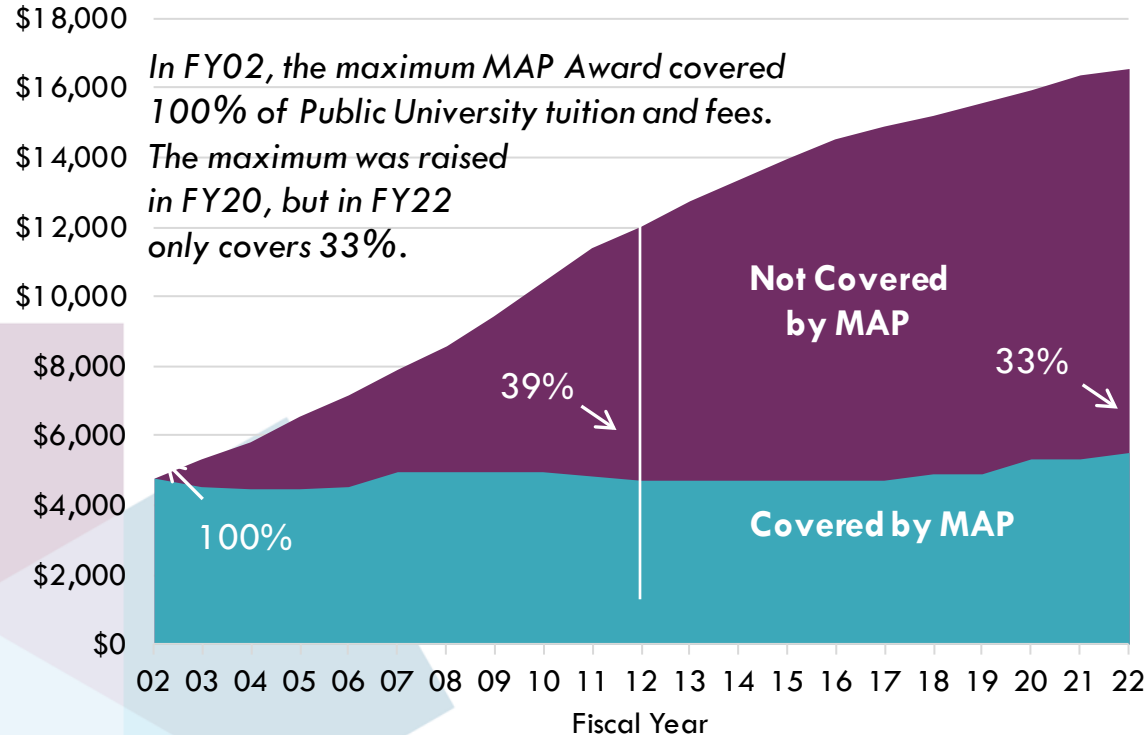
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# Sustainability Strategy 2: Increase MAP \$50M per year to reach \$1 billion



## Fund MAP at \$530 million in Fiscal Year 2023



# Sustainability Strategy 6 calls for creative options for building family savings



Add \$10 million to *College Illinois!* to meet commitments already made to families saving for college

**+\$10M**



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# Equity Strategy 1: Support learning renewal and student supports



Direct federal funds to meet needs of those most impacted by the pandemic



Illinois Tutoring Initiative:  
\$25 million through FY 23

- Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER): \$80 million through 2023



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## Equity Strategy 3: Implement equitable talent management to increase and retain faculty, staff, administrators of color



Add \$525,000 to the Diversifying Faculty in Illinois program to serve 35 more fellows, one-third of those who are turned away each year



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## Equity Strategy 8: Expand college access and support models



Provide \$5 million in state funds  
to continue ISACorps and other ISAC services



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# Growth Strategy 4: Encourage high school graduates to stay in Illinois



## Maintain Funding for AIM HIGH Scholarships at \$35 million

### AIM HIGH Implemented with Equity Focus

In an analysis of the second year of the program, ISAC found that AIM HIGH recipients were:

- 15% Latinx
- 17% Black
- 60% Pell Eligible, including 6 schools where more than 60% of AIM HIGH students were Pell eligible. Notably, 99% of NIU's and 65% of UIUC's AIM HIGH students were Pell eligible.



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# Growth Strategy 5: Establish Consortium to better serve incumbent early childhood workforce



## Continue \$200 million federal investment to support the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity



- Student scholarship applications available now
- Community-based navigators launching soon
- College and University-based coaches and mentors coming soon
- Streamlined process for transferring from community colleges to universities



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## Growth Strategy 7: Enhance access to educator preparation programs



### Expand Minority Teacher Scholarships and Illinois Teacher Loan Repayment Program by \$2.8 million

- Increase numbers served by Teacher Loan Repayment Program
- Increase Minority Teacher Scholarship to \$7,500, award up to 560 scholarships, set-aside 30% of funds for bilingual teacher candidates



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# Higher Education is the Path to a Thriving Illinois



The challenge of the next decade is to focus on creating broad, sustainable, and equitable paths to a prosperous future for every learner, leader, and community that we engage.





# Appendix



# Fund State Universities Retirement System Certified Contribution



State Universities Retirement System <i>\$ in Thousands</i>	FY22 Enacted Appropriation	FY23 Certification	Percentage Change From FY22
State Contribution	2,101,279	2,118,567	0.8%
Community College Health Insurance (CIP)	4,834	4,938	2.1%
<b>Total General Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,106,113</b>	<b>\$ 2,123,505</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Change from F22 Appropriation</b>		<b>\$ 17,392</b>	

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Close the equity gaps for student who have been left behind.

1. Support **learning renewal and student supports**
2. Implement institution-level **equity plans and practices**
3. Use **equitable talent management** to increase and retain faculty, staff and trustees of color
4. Provide more pathways through **higher education for adults**
5. Consider a **direct admissions program** to simplify college search and admissions
6. Expand equitable access to **early college coursework** for high school students
7. Support implementation of **developmental education reform**
8. Expand **college access and support** models to improve college-going and completion

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1. **Invest** in public higher education through an **equitable, stable, and sufficient funding** system
2. Increase **Monetary Award Program (MAP) funding to \$1 billion** over ten years
3. Allow MAP grants to be used for **year-round study**
4. Address the **challenge of “holds”** on student accounts that prevent them from completing their degrees
5. Support new **low-interest loan programs** through the Office of the Treasurer for low-income students
6. Encourage creative options for family **savings through Illinois’ 529 plans**
7. Pilot and expand **shared services** programs to reduce administrative costs
8. Expand **joint purchasing** among institutions

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GROWTH

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1. Leverage the **Illinois Innovation Network**
2. Establish a statewide **Business and Employer Advisory Council** to foster the growth of Illinois' talent pipeline
3. Align the state's **economic development and higher education** strategies, ensuring that both address historic inequities
4. Encourage high school graduates to **stay in state for college** and keep talent in Illinois
5. Establish a consortium of community colleges and universities to better serve the incumbent **early childhood workforce**
6. Expand higher education models of teaching and learning to prepare students for **success in the work of the future**
7. Enhance access to **teacher preparation** programs
8. Strengthen the **credit transfer system** to help students stay on track
9. Consider the role the **Private Business and Vocational sector** for workforce needs



# Sustainability Strategy 1: Invest in public higher education through an equitable, adequate, and stable funding system



## First Step: Equitable allocation of \$58M in new university funds

Public University Allocation	Number of Pell Recipients*	% Pell
CSU	1,295	63%
GSU	1,764	54%
UIC	10,670	52%
WIU	3,292	49%
NEIU	2,977	47%
NIU	5,619	44%
SIUC	3,631	38%
EIU	2,177	37%
UIS	988	35%
SIUE	3,707	34%
ISU	5,432	30%
UIUC	7,946	23%
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,499</b>	<b>37%</b>

\*Three-year average



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