



## Missouri House of Representatives

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# House Republicans Pass Balanced State Budget

*Historic Investments in Education, Public Safety, and Transportation  
while Ensuring a Sustainable and Balanced Budget*

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Today, Missouri House Republicans passed the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) state appropriations bills, a balanced state budget with historic investments in education, public safety, and transportation.

“Once again, House Republicans delivered a balanced state budget,” **House Speaker Jon Patterson**, R-Lee’s Summit, said. “I want to thank Budget Chair Dirk Deaton, Vice-Chair Bishop Davidson, and the entire budget committee for their hard work throughout the budget process. I believe Missourians can have confidence knowing we are funding the needs of Missourians, while remaining fiscally responsible.”

“The House budget is a fiscally responsible spending plan that balances the budget. It leaves nearly \$2 billion on the bottom line to help sustain the budget into the future, while also making historic investments in critical areas,” **Budget Chair Dirk Deaton**, R-Seneca, said. “Our focus is never just this fiscal year in isolation, but on lasting financial strength and stability in the Show-Me State. This is our mandate from Missouri citizens.”

The Missouri FY26 state operating budget is approximately \$47.9 billion, including funds to support:

### Education

- More than \$4 billion of state funding to support public education, including a \$200 million increase in foundation formula funding, the largest increase in more than 20 years.
- \$376 million in K-12 transportation funding, including \$15 million new dollars.
- \$50 million to expand the Empowerment Scholarship Program.
- \$33.4 million for the Teacher Baseline Salary Grant Program.
- \$27 million to continue higher education capital improvement projects.

- \$16.8 million core funding increase for state higher education institutions.

“We have fully funded the provisions of last year’s education bill (SB 727), and we have invested a historic \$50 million into MO Scholars, ensuring a high-quality education for all Missouri families and students,” Deaton also said. “Our budget also provides more money for higher education to continue training and growing our state workforce of tomorrow.”

### **Public Safety**

- 6.8% salary increase for troopers in the Highway Patrol.
- 6.8% salary increase for state park rangers.
- \$25 million for public safety, transportation, and other initiatives surrounding the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Kansas City.
- \$12.8 million for a new crime lab in Cape Girardeau.
- \$10 million to “Blue Shield,” a new grant program for local police departments for training and equipment.
- \$5 million for a new grant program for volunteer fire departments.
- \$4 million to match local funding in support of a police training facility in O’Fallon.

### **Transportation**

- \$70 million in new general revenue for highway projects across the state.
- \$20 million in additional funding for low-volume and lettered roads in rural areas.
- \$10 million for river ports infrastructure projects.
- \$1 million for a River des Peres flood risk and mitigation study.

### **Health & Family Services**

- \$4 million increase for the Alternatives to Abortion program.
- \$3 million for a children’s advocacy center in southwest Missouri.
- \$2 million in additional funding for Pregnancy Resource Center grants.
- \$1 million for nursing incentive grants to help grow Missouri’s healthcare workforce.
- \$750,000 for Missouri foster children to support the goal of achieving placement with extended family members.
- \$250,000 for newborn safety incubators.

The bills now move to the Missouri Senate for consideration. The Missouri General Assembly will have to reach a final agreement on the bills by Friday, May 9. To view the FY 2025 appropriation bills, please visit: <https://house.mo.gov/budget.aspx>