



Patrick Morrisey
Governor of West Virginia

March 27, 2025

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 2
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

The Honorable Randy Smith
West Virginia Senate
State Capitol
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear President Smith:

I herewith submit, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, revisions to the FY 2026 budget bill I presented to the Legislature on February 12, 2025, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Patrick Morrisey".

Patrick Morrisey
Governor

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The Honorable Randy Smith
President of the Senate
State Capitol, Building 1, Room 229-M
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

The Honorable Roger Hanshaw
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State Capitol, Building 1, Room 228-M
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear President Smith and Speaker Hanshaw:

After submission of my recommended FY 2026 Executive Budget on February 12, 2025, there are areas that require adjustment.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 51, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, I submit revisions to the FY 2026 Budget Bill for the following sections:

TITLE II – APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. Appropriations from general revenue.

Executive

Governor's Office, Fund 0105, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0100

(To add a new item of appropriation.)

- "Civil Contingent Fund (R)" (fund 0105, appropriation 61400) for \$9,308,802.

Department of Administration

West Virginia Public Employees Grievance Board, Fund 0220, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0219

(To increase and restore cuts to the Personal Services and Employee Benefits.)

- Increase "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" (fund 0220, appropriation 00100) by \$100,000.

Office of Technology, Fund 0204, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0231

- (To decrease Directed Transfer appropriation to offset funds needed in fund 0220.)
- Decrease “Directed Transfer” (fund 0204, appropriation 70000) by \$100,000.

Department of Tourism

Department of Tourism – Office of the Secretary, Fund 0246, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0304

(To add a new line of appropriation and restore funding for Tourism which was funded in the previous fiscal year with FY25 surplus.)

- Add “Tourism (R)” (fund 0246, appropriation XXXXX) for \$7,000,000.

Division of Culture and History, Fund 0293, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0432

(To restore funding for WV Humanities Council.)

- Add “WV Humanities Council” (fund 0293, appropriation 16800) for \$250,000.

Department of Education

State Board of Education – State Department of Education, Fund 0313, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0402

(To decrease Hope Scholarship Program appropriation to correctly reflect the per pupil average provided by WV Department of Education – Office of School Finance.)

- Decrease “Hope Scholarship Program” (fund 0313, appropriation 30401) by \$4,344,832.

State Board of Education – State Aid to Schools, Fund 0317, Appropriation “Less Local Share”

(To decrease “Less Local Share” and “Adjustments” modifications to accurately reflect certified property valuations provided by County Assessors. The new “Less Local Share” total will now be -\$566,787,626 and the new “Adjustments” total will be -\$3,422,328)

- Decrease “Less Local Share” (fund 0317) by \$3,368,658.
- Decrease “Adjustments” (fund 0317) by \$8,845,312.

Department of Veterans’ Assistance

Department of Veterans’ Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0613

(To increase Personal Services and Employee Benefits to move FTE. Net zero alignment.)

- Increase “Personal Services and Employee Benefits” (fund 0456, appropriation 00100) by \$113,249.

Department of Veterans’ Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0613

(To increase Current Expenses to better align spending goals. Net zero alignment.)

- Increase “Current Expenses” (fund 0456, appropriation 13000) by \$75,000.

Department of Veterans’ Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0613

(To increase Veterans’ Field Offices to better align spending goals. Net zero alignment.)

- Increase “Veterans’ Field Offices (R)” (fund 0456, appropriation 22800) by \$180,000.

Department of Veterans’ Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0613

(To decrease Veterans’ Nursing Home to move FTE. Net zero alignment)

- Decrease “Veterans Nursing Home (R)” (fund 0456, appropriation 28600) by \$113,249.

Department of Veterans’ Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0613

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(To decrease Veterans' Reeducation Assistance to better align spending goals. Net zero alignment.)

- Decrease "Veterans' Reeducation Assistance (R)" (fund 0456, appropriation 32900) by \$30,000.

Department of Veterans' Assistance, Fund 0456, Fiscal Year 2026, Org 0613

(To decrease Veterans' Grant Program to better align spending goals. Net zero alignment.)

- Decrease "Veterans' Grant Program (R)" (fund 0456, appropriation 34200) by \$225,000.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Your cooperation is always appreciated. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick Morrissey", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick Morrissey
Governor

cc: The Honorable Jason Barrett, Senate Finance Chairman
The Honorable Vernon Criss, House of Delegates Finance Chairman
State Budget Office