



FY 2025026-267 Budget Briefing Summary

Office of the Governor (Except OIT)

The Office of the Governor includes the functions associated with the Governorship (oversight of executive branch agencies, policy development, communications, and citizen support services), as well as the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Office of State Planning and Budgeting, Office of Economic Development and International Trade, and the Office of Information Technology. The Department's FY 2025-26 appropriation represents approximately 1.2 percent of statewide operating appropriations and 0.3 percent of statewide General Fund appropriations.

The divisions included in this summary are the Governor's Office, the Lt. Governor's Office, the Office of Economic Development and International Trade, and the Office of State Planning and Budgeting.

Summary of Request

Governor – Lieutenant Governor – State Planning and Budgeting – Economic Development

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
FY 2025-26 Appropriation						
SB 25-206 (Long Bill)	\$156,244,480	\$46,868,449	\$94,689,093	\$5,836,297	\$8,850,641	206.0
Other legislation	7,870,208	146,720	7,723,488	0	0	0.1
Total	\$164,114,688	\$47,015,169	\$102,412,581	\$5,836,297	\$8,850,641	206.1
FY 2026-27 Requested Appropriation						
FY 2025-26 Appropriation	\$164,114,688	\$47,015,169	\$102,412,581	\$5,836,297	\$8,850,641	206.1
CEO R1 2.5 percent GF reduction	-102,600	-102,600	0	0	0	0.0
GOV R1 2.5 percent GF reduction	-263,942	-263,942	0	0	0	0.0
OEDIT R2 2.5 percent GF reduction	-528,964	-528,964	0	0	0	0.0
Impacts driven by other agencies	-614,924	385,076	-1,000,000	0	0	1.8
Employee compensation common policies	2,773,506	1,136,400	1,639,619	300,919	-303,432	0.0
Operating common policies	1,936,624	2,193,449	44,709	-301,534	0	0.0
Technical adjustments	549,401	0	0	549,401	0	-3.5
Prior year actions	-4,566,176	-64,459	-4,048,156	0	-453,561	0.8
Total	\$163,297,613	\$49,770,129	\$99,048,753	\$6,385,083	\$8,093,648	205.2
Increase/-Decrease	-\$817,075	\$2,754,960	-\$3,363,828	\$548,786	-\$756,993	-0.9
Percentage Change	-0.5%	5.9%	-3.3%	9.4%	-8.6%	-0.4%

CEO R1 2.5 percent GF reduction: The Department is asking to reduce the General Fund appropriation to the Colorado Energy Office by 2.5 percent.

Year 1: The total savings is \$102,600 General Fund. This amount would reduce the Program Administration line item as that is the only line item in the Energy Office that receives a General Fund appropriation.

GOV R1 2.5 percent GF reduction: The Department is asking to reduce the General Fund appropriation to the Governor’s Office by 2.5 percent.

Year 1: The total savings is \$263,942 General Fund. This amount would be spread across the various lines in the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lt. Governor, and the Office of State Planning and Budgeting that receive General Fund appropriations. The following table shows how the reduction would be spread across line items.

2.5% General Fund Reduction

Division	Line Item	FY 25-26 Appropriation	Requested Reduction	Requested Appropriation
Office of the Governor				
	Administration of Governor's Office and Residence	\$5,828,510	\$154,637	\$5,673,873
	Office of Climate Preparedness	\$470,962	\$12,453	\$458,509
Office of the Lt. Governor				
	Administration	\$555,899	\$14,775	\$541,124
	Commission of Indian Affairs	\$517,213	\$13,676	\$503,537
	Commission on Community Service	\$478,901	\$12,663	\$466,238
Office of State Planning and Budgeting				
	Personal Services	\$2,077,700	\$54,940	\$2,022,760
	Operating Expenses	\$30,177	\$798	\$29,379
Totals		\$9,959,362	\$263,942	\$9,695,420

OSPB R1 Extend IIJA cash fund [Legislation]: The Department is asking to extend the spending authority for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Cash Fund from June 30, 2027 to June 30, 2029.

Year 1: This request does not require an appropriation. It would allow the department to continue using the existing funds in the IIJA Cash Fund for two additional years.

OEDIT R1 Proposition 123 statute changes [Legislation]: The Department is asking that the Committee sponsor legislation to adjust the statute around Proposition 123 to better facilitate the implementation of the reduction of Proposition 123 funds diverted to OEDIT requested in the Department’s S-02 request.

Year 1: This request does not require an appropriation. Approval of the request would authorize OLLS to draft legislation.

OEDIT R2 2.5 percent GF reduction: The Department is asking to reduce the General Fund appropriation to OEDIT by 2.5 percent.

Year 1: The total savings is \$528,964 General Fund. This amount would be spread across lines in OEDIT in the following way:

2.5% General Fund Reduction

Line Item	FY 25-26 Appropriation	Requested Reduction	Requested Appropriation
Administration	\$1,835,287	\$44,433	\$1,790,854
Global Business Development	4,258,089	102,619	4,155,470
Office of Outdoor Recreation	379,978	8,992	370,986
Leading Edge Program Grants	76,000	1,587	74,413
Small Business Development Centers	486,502	11,637	474,865
Employee Ownership Office	146,383	3,703	142,680
Office of Film, Television, and Media	742,750	17,985	724,765
Colorado Promotion - CO Welcome Centers	250,000	5,819	244,181
Colorado Promotion - Other Program Costs	3,833,161	92,569	3,740,592
Destination Development Program	500,000	12,166	487,834
CO First Customized Job Training	1,456,499	179,318	1,277,181
Council on Creative Industries	1,382,279	33,325	1,348,954
Rural Jump Start	40,491	1,058	39,433
Rural Opportunity Office	579,609	13,753	565,856
Totals	\$15,967,028	\$528,964	\$15,438,064

OEDIT S1 CLIMBER balancing reduction [Legislation]: This is a supplemental budget request that the Department submitted with the November 1 budget request. The Department is asking for a one-time transfer in FY 2025-26 of \$15.0 million from the Small Business Recovery and Resilience Fund to the General Fund.

The Small Business Recovery and Resilience Fund supports the Colorado Loans to Increase Mainstreet Business Economic Resiliency loan program (CLIMBER). This is a revolving loan fund, so the transfer will reduce the corpus of the fund.

OEDIT S2 Proposition 123 reduction [Legislation]: This is a supplemental budget request that the Department submitted with the November 1 budget request. The Department is asking for a one-time reduction of the diversion from the General Fund to the State Affordable Housing Fund of \$110.0 million in FY 2025-26.

OEDIT receives 60.0 percent of Proposition 123 revenues, and only OEDIT's share of the revenue is available for budget balancing when the state is forecast to be under the TABOR cap. The reduced diversion would still allow an estimated \$77.76 million to be diverted to the State Affordable Housing Fund.

Impacts driven by other agencies: The Department is asking for a net decrease of \$614,924 for requests from other state agencies. These are also called "non-prioritized requests." The amount shown in the table below applies only to this department and does not necessarily reflect the total value of the request.

Impacts driven by other agencies

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
SB24-205 AI compliance	\$230,004	\$230,004	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.9
IT accessibility	170,762	170,762	0	0	0	0.9
Statewide enable AI	48,296	48,296	0	0	0	0.0
State accounting system (CORE) staff	11,248	11,248	0	0	0	0.0
OEDIT CTO gaming funds to HC	-1,000,000	0	-1,000,000	0	0	0.0
IT operating offset	-55,791	-55,791	0	0	0	0.0
IT efficiencies	-19,443	-19,443	0	0	0	0.0
Total	-\$614,924	\$385,076	-\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	1.8

Employee compensation common policies: The request includes a net increase of \$2.8 million for employee compensation common policies. A common policy refers to general policies applied consistently to all departments.

Employee compensation common policies

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Salary survey	\$1,342,296	\$575,792	\$504,236	\$77,763	\$184,505	0.0
Health, life, and dental	965,515	410,760	602,393	155,978	-203,616	0.0
ULAED	245,867	110,570	382,639	46,842	-294,184	0.0
Step plan	181,763	77,241	68,758	10,604	25,160	0.0
PERA direct distribution	25,280	-43,712	61,695	7,297	0	0.0
Paid family and medical leave insurance	11,065	4,976	17,219	2,108	-13,238	0.0
Short-term disability	1,720	773	2,679	327	-2,059	0.0
Total	\$2,773,506	\$1,136,400	\$1,639,619	\$300,919	-\$303,432	0.0

Operating common policies: The request includes a net increase of \$1.9 million for operating common policies.

Operating common policies

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
Legal services	\$1,311,836	\$1,316,609	-\$4,773	\$0	\$0	0.0
Office of Information Technology services	304,762	304,762	0	0	0	0.0
Capitol Complex leased space	127,172	310,956	0	-183,784	0	0.0
State accounting system (CORE)	108,286	128,821	-5,002	-15,533	0	0.0
Leased space	88,137	88,137	0	0	0	0.0
Statewide indirect cost adjustment	54,484	0	54,484	0	0	0.0
Workers' compensation	26,713	42,886	0	-16,173	0	0.0
Vehicle lease payments	1,278	1,278	0	0	0	0.0
Risk management & property	-86,044	0	0	-86,044	0	0.0
Total	\$1,936,624	\$2,193,449	\$44,709	-\$301,534	\$0	0.0

Technical adjustments: The request includes a net increase of \$549,401 for the following adjustments.

Technical adjustments

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
AIPP technical adjustment	\$549,401	\$0	\$0	\$549,401	\$0	0.0
HPTC FTE adjustment	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	-3.5
Total	\$549,401	\$0	\$0	\$549,401	\$0	-3.5

Prior year actions: The request includes a net decrease of \$4.6 million for the impact of prior year budget decisions and legislation.

Prior year actions

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
HB 25-1021 Emp-owned tax incentive	\$93,766	\$93,766	0	0	0	0.5
HB 25-1005 Film fest tax credit	93,765	0	\$93,765	\$0	\$0	0.5
HB 23-1272 Decarbonization tax policy	37,655	0	37,655	0	0	0.0

Item	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
HB 25-1215 Redist lottery fund	26,512	0	26,512	0	0	0.0
HB 25-1269 Building decarbonization	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
HB 25-1321 Support against fed actions	-4,000,000	0	-4,000,000	0	0	0.0
FY 25-26 Salary survey	-395,435	-1	-165,461	0	-229,973	0.0
HB 23-1247 Advanced energy solutions	-166,374	0	0	0	-166,374	0.0
SB 25-161 Transit reform	-146,720	-146,720	0	0	0	-0.1
FY 25-26 Step Plan	-97,841	0	-40,627	0	-57,214	0.0
HB 24-1325 Quantum tax credits	-11,504	-11,504	0	0	0	-0.1
Total	-\$4,566,176	-\$64,459	-\$4,048,156	\$0	-\$453,561	0.8

Issues Presented

Budget Reduction Options: The Office of the Governor, all offices except OIT, represents 0.3 percent of total state General Fund appropriations in FY 2025-26. The Executive budget request includes proposed reductions of \$895,506, representing 1.9 percent of the General Fund appropriations in this section of the budget. These reductions are offset by proposed increases, so that the Office's total General Fund is requested to increase by 5.9 percent.

For More Information

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