



EQUITY IN THE PROPOSED BIENNIAL BUDGET

EDUCATION

- ✓ \$94.8 million over the biennium to transform Virginia's early childhood education system and increase access to at-risk three and four year olds across the Commonwealth
- ✓ \$140.4 million to increase the At-Risk Add-On and better support high-needs students in grades K-12. This is the largest proposed single increase to this program in Virginia's history.
- ✓ \$10.6 million for school breakfast and lunch programs across the Commonwealth, to help ensure all students are healthy and prepared to learn.
- ✓ Over \$31 million in operating funds and over \$262 million in capital funding for Virginia State University and Norfolk State University, Virginia's only public HBCUs. This is the largest proposed infusion of operating funds for Virginia public HBCUs in decades.
- ✓ \$145 million for the Governor's "Get Skilled, Get a Job, Give Back" program, to provide tuition-free community college to middle and low-income students in high demand fields
- ✓ \$500,000 to Old Dominion University to support Virginia Symphony Orchestra minority fellowships

HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, AND NUTRITION

- ✓ \$92 million in new funding to address homelessness, expand the supply of affordable housing, reduce eviction rates, and provide permanent supportive housing for populations with special needs
- ✓ Nearly \$22 million over the biennium to combat maternal and infant mortality and reduce the racial disparity in Virginia's maternal mortality rate

- ✓ Funding for the Virginia Department of Health to expand the Office of Health Equity, provide adult sickle cell services, and fund staff in four high-need health districts for community health pilot programs
- ✓ \$3 million in non-general funding to the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, to provide child nutrition programs and increase food security across Virginia.
- ✓ \$7.77 million in general funding and \$5.05 million in non-general funding to create a summer food security program through TANF

ENVIRONMENT

- ✓ \$2.7 million to the Department of Environmental Quality, to be directed specifically towards environmental justice and community outreach efforts

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- ✓ \$5.6 million for additional district court clerk positions, to ensure a more accessible, efficient, and responsive criminal justice system
- ✓ \$14.8 million to establish a new public defender's office in Prince William County, and fund additional public defenders
- ✓ \$6.6 million for alternative incarceration and re-entry services by expanding pretrial, local probation, and supporting pre-release and post-incarceration services

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- ✓ \$1.4 million to establish and support a statewide unit to strategically source small, woman, and minority-owned (SWaM) business participation on large dollar Commonwealth contracts

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY/ HISTORICAL EQUITY

- ✓ \$2.5 million to support K-12 student attendance at the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia, as well as to support traveling exhibits from the center to K-12 schools.

- ✓ \$2 million to provide students from across the Commonwealth the ability to visit the American Civil War Museum, to better tell the truth about the Civil War and Virginia's role in it
- ✓ \$300,000 to digitize, expand, and increase access to Virginia's historical highway marker program
- ✓ Over \$7 million to support historic African American sites, including Freedom House, Monticello, Montpelier, and Maymont
- ✓ \$1 million to support the Slavery and Freedom Heritage site in Richmond
- ✓ Budget creates an African American Cemeteries fund

GOVERNMENT

- ✓ \$1.2 million to fully fund the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- ✓ Funding to pay Governor's fellows and interns with the Office of the Governor