

Illinois Community College Trustees Association Action Alert

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Last week Gov. Rod Blagojevich exercised his veto authority and reduced over \$463 million in General Revenue funds from the Fiscal Year 2008 budget sent to him by the Illinois General Assembly.

The community college budget was reduced by \$10 million below the level approved by the General Assembly. Lawmakers had passed a \$7 million increase in credit hour grants, which amounted to an approximate 2% increase in overall funding. Additionally, the General Assembly had approved \$7.2 million in funding for Illinois Veterans Grants -- but that was included as a separate line item apart from the colleges' operating grants.

The Governor eliminated the \$7 million increase in credit hour grants and also eliminated the \$3 million Student Success grant to colleges. These reductions bring the community college budget to \$3 million below FY 2007 funding levels -- and amounts to a 1% reduction in overall funding compared to last year. The Veterans Grant funding was maintained at \$7.2 million.

Attached is a chart that shows community college funding levels during various times during the process:

- * The first column of the chart shows the college name.
- * The second column shows the amount of state funds the college received in FY 07.
- * The third column shows the FY08 budget that the General Assembly approved and sent to the Governor.
- * The fourth column shows the funding level after the Governor reduced (item reduction veto) the community college budget.
- * The fifth, sixth and seventh columns calculate the differences between the various columns.

The ICCTA legislative team is exploring options to recommend towards restoring community college funding to the levels approved by the General Assembly.

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**Community College Funding
FY 07 compared to FY 08**

	FY2007 Operating Grant Final Allocations	FY2008 General Assembly Action	FY2008 with Governor's Veto	<i>Differences</i>		
				FY07 to General Assembly	FY07 to Governor's Action	FY08 General Assembly to Governor's Action
BLACK HAWK	9,010,522	8,981,813	8,781,812	-28,709	-228,710	-200,001
CHICAGO	58,296,062	57,678,039	55,892,006	-618,023	-2,404,056	-1,786,033
DANVILLE	3,620,828	3,679,761	3,601,731	58,933	-19,097	-78,030
DUPAGE	14,157,893	14,260,323	13,549,870	102,430	-608,023	-710,453
ELGIN	5,647,054	5,486,628	5,235,601	-160,426	-411,453	-251,027
HARPER	7,052,266	7,578,419	7,124,042	526,153	71,776	-454,377
HEARTLAND	2,213,739	2,263,897	2,133,705	50,158	-80,034	-130,192
HIGHLAND	2,615,333	2,711,608	2,626,428	96,275	11,095	-85,180
ILLINOIS CENTRAL	10,017,148	10,201,511	9,897,434	184,363	-119,714	-304,077
ILLINOIS EASTERN	13,617,901	14,999,932	14,763,791	1,382,031	1,145,890	-236,141
ILLINOIS VALLEY	3,298,672	3,507,312	3,382,886	208,640	84,214	-124,426
JOLIET	6,603,680	6,937,915	6,576,493	334,235	-27,187	-361,422
KANKAKEE	6,336,921	6,128,001	6,000,602	-208,920	-336,319	-127,399
KASKASKIA	8,405,523	8,923,012	8,780,968	517,489	375,445	-142,044
KISHWAUKEE	4,113,547	4,147,124	4,022,150	33,577	-91,397	-124,974
LAKE COUNTY	6,815,318	7,061,852	6,705,681	246,534	-109,637	-356,171
LAKE LAND	10,733,896	11,282,365	11,049,247	548,469	315,351	-233,118
LEWIS & CLARK	6,146,380	6,403,822	6,232,335	257,442	85,955	-171,487
LINCOLN LAND	4,256,836	4,793,102	4,583,321	536,266	326,485	-209,781
LOGAN	12,679,617	13,277,002	13,080,452	597,385	400,835	-196,550
MC HENRY	2,578,703	2,678,674	2,518,728	99,971	-59,975	-159,946
MORAIN VALLEY	8,596,661	8,505,429	8,046,963	-91,232	-549,698	-458,466
MORTON	3,167,103	2,957,053	2,841,950	-210,050	-325,153	-115,103
OAKTON	5,973,999	6,467,838	6,157,230	493,839	183,231	-310,608
PARKLAND	7,903,561	8,062,972	7,767,128	159,411	-136,433	-295,844
PRAIRIE STATE	2,612,901	2,742,480	2,579,202	129,579	-33,699	-163,278
REND LAKE	6,866,067	7,267,912	7,152,379	401,845	286,312	-115,533
RICHLAND	2,806,719	3,109,510	3,002,665	302,791	195,946	-106,845
ROCK VALLEY	5,626,669	5,715,739	5,462,971	89,070	-163,698	-252,768
SANDBURG	5,033,107	5,158,945	5,056,499	125,838	23,392	-102,446
SAUK VALLEY	2,572,519	2,777,780	2,700,641	205,261	128,122	-77,139
SHAWNEE	4,784,765	4,887,374	4,813,235	102,609	28,470	-74,139
SOUTH SUBURBAN	7,340,044	7,122,747	6,851,677	-217,297	-488,367	-271,070
SOUTHEASTERN	5,840,108	5,729,670	5,635,145	-110,438	-204,963	-94,525
SOUTHWESTERN	15,422,171	16,118,900	15,723,963	696,729	301,792	-394,937
SPOON RIVER	2,253,358	2,128,381	2,073,443	-124,977	-179,915	-54,938
TRITON	8,117,508	8,126,584	7,771,631	9,076	-345,877	-354,953
WAUBONSEE	4,377,486	4,669,256	4,430,086	291,770	52,600	-239,170
WOOD	3,246,015	3,227,918	3,152,509	-18,097	-93,506	-75,409
	300,758,600	307,758,600	297,758,600	7,000,000	-3,000,000	-10,000,000