

Fair Share Amendment — FY26 Final Budget Update

In November 2022, Massachusetts voters passed the Fair Share Amendment, choosing a fairer tax system and guaranteeing that the richest one percent will pay more to fund our schools, colleges, roads, bridges, and public transit.

Now, legislators are delivering on the promise of the Fair Share Amendment by making new investments in transportation and public education. See exactly how the \$3 billion dollars from the Fair Share Amendment is being spent (in the state's Fiscal Year 2026 budget, which runs from July 2025 to June 2026).

TRANSPORTATION (\$1.33 BILLION)

For the cost of snow and ice removal services Laws	\$60.7 million
Local One-time Transportation Projects	\$42.4 million
MBTA Workforce/Safety Reserve	\$36 million
Operating transfer to the MBTA	\$300 million
Operating transfer to the MTTF for capital microtransit grant initiatives	\$10 million
Operating transfer to the MTTF for construction & reconstruction of municipal ways	\$80 million
Operating transfer to the MTTF for improvements to water transportation infrastructure	\$13 million
Operating transfer to the MTTF for capital infrastructure improvements	\$25 million
Operating transfer to the MTTF for culvert & small bridge improvements	\$16.45 million
Operating transfer to the MTTF for pilot programs	\$7 million
Operating transfer to the MTTF for workforce development	\$25 million
Regional Transit Authorities	\$162 million
Reserve for publicly incurred transportation costs	\$5 million
Transfer to Commonwealth Transportation Fund for future investment	\$550 million

PUBLIC EDUCATION (\$2.4 BILLION)

K-12 Public Schools	\$1.24 billion
Capital Improvements Grant Programs for career and technical education (CTE) schools	\$100 million
Chapter 70	\$497 million
Early literacy initiative	\$15 million
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Services Waitlist	\$10 million
Green School Works	\$10 million
High-dosage Tutoring Initiative Program	\$25.6 million
Local One-time Education Projects	\$34.5 million
Regional School Transportation Reimbursements	\$50 million
Reimagining High School and prioritize college and career readiness	\$8 million
Reserve for Special Education Circuit Breaker Reimbursements	\$190 million
Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund	\$100 million
Transportation of Pupils - Regional School Districts	\$8.13 million
Universal Free school meals	\$192 million
Public Colleges and Universities	\$402 million
Capital Programs at Public Institutions of Higher Education	\$115 million
Continued implementation of Community College Reform	\$21 million
MassReconnect	\$24 million
Operational funding for state universities	\$22 million
Reserve to provide financial assistance to Massachusetts students in public IHEs	\$18.3 million
Scholarship Program to Provide Financial Assistance to Students in Public IHEs (Financial Aid Expansion)	\$85 million
State University SUCCESS grants	\$14 million
Targeted Scholarships for In-Demand Professions	\$5 million
Tomorrow's Teachers	\$2.475 million
Tuition-free community college program	\$96 million

Early Education and Care	\$707 million
Affordability and quality improvements in EEC workforce	\$45.5 million
Early Education and Care services DCF & DTA related child care	\$92 million
Expand Pre-K or preschool opportunities to children eligible for kindergarten within 2 school years	\$15.5 million
Income-eligible early education and care programs	\$100.5 million
Maintain Capacity and rate structure for EEC financial assistance programs	\$83 million
Operational Grants to Child care providers	\$360 million
Reduce waitlist for income-eligible early education and care programs	\$10.7 million