



# Joint Senate Finance – House Appropriations Committee

## 2026 & 2027 GENERAL FUND CASH TRANSFERS

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## FY 2026 CASH TRANSFERS

Includes several decisions to transfer cash from other accounts to balance the General Fund budget.

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# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES Program FUND

*H 312 (2015) created the Strategic Initiatives Program within the Transportation Department (§40-719). The program funds competitive transportation projects proposed by the department's six districts and local units of government. Funding is granted on a statewide basis determined by an analysis of the return on investment in the following categories:*

*(a) Safety, including the projected reduction of crashes, injuries and fatalities;*

*(b) Mobility, including projected traffic-flow improvements for freight and passenger cars;*

*(c) Economic opportunity, including the projected cost-benefit ratio for users and businesses;*

*(d) The repair and maintenance of bridges*

*(e) The purchase of public rights-of-way; and*

*(f) Child pedestrian safety on the state and local system*

## Motion 1.

I move the appropriation and transfer of \$45,000,000 from the Strategic Initiatives Fund to the General Fund as soon as practicable.

Governor's Recommendation - \$45,000,000

## IDAHO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Consists of moneys appropriated to the account by the Legislature, moneys contributed to the account from other sources, and the earnings on such moneys (§33-4303, Idaho Code). All moneys placed in the account and interest are continuously appropriated.*

Motion 1.

I move the appropriation and transfer of \$3,000,000 from the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship Fund to the General Fund as soon as practicable.

Governor's Recommendation \$3,000,000

## PERMANENT BUILDING FUND

*All moneys in the Permanent Building Fund are for building needed structures, and renovating, repairing, and remodeling of existing structures at state institutions and agencies (§57-1108). The Department of Administration's Division of Public Works receives partial funding for personnel costs and operating expenditures from this fund. The department's Management Services Program also receives partial funding for personnel costs and operating expenditures related to staffing meetings of the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council.*

Motion 1.

I move the appropriation and transfer of \$33,745,000 from the Permanent Building Fund to the General Fund as soon as practicable.

Governor's Recommendation \$33,745,000

## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FUND

*Moneys in the Water Pollution Control Fund may be used to pay general obligation bonds as required by Section 39-3633, Idaho Code, water quality contracts pursuant to Section 39-36, Idaho Code, capitalization of the Wastewater Facility Loan Fund pursuant to Section 39-3629, Idaho Code, capitalization of the Drinking Water Loan Fund according to Section 39-7602, Idaho Code, and such other purposes as authorized by the Legislature, including capitalization of the Environmental Remediation Fund pursuant to Section 39-3605C, Idaho Code, water quality monitoring, cleanup projects, and aquifer protection.*

Motion 1.

I move the appropriation and transfer of \$15,000,000 from the Water Pollution Control Fund to the General Fund as soon as practicable.

Governor's Recommendation - \$15,000,000

## IN-DEMAND CAREERS FUND

*Moneys in the fund are subject to legislative appropriation, consist of an annual transfer of \$80 million from the sales tax distribution, and may also consist of legislative appropriations, donations, and contributions to the fund, interest earned on idle moneys in the fund, moneys transferred to the fund, and moneys reverted or repaid to the fund pursuant to Section 72-1205, Idaho Code. This fund is used for the administration and payment of grants for Launch for High School Seniors pursuant to Section 72-1206(3), Idaho Code. If available appropriation exceeds participants, up to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of the remaining appropriation may be used to provide enhanced grant funding to either eligible students or eligible adult learners pursuant to Section 72-1206(4)(a), Idaho Code.*

Motion 1.

I move the appropriation and transfer of \$10,000,000 from the In-Demand Careers Fund to the General Fund as soon as practicable.

Governor's Recommendation - \$10,000,000

## FY 2027 IN-DEMAND CAREERS FUND

*Moneys in the fund are subject to legislative appropriation, consist of an annual transfer of \$80 million from the sales tax distribution, and may also consist of legislative appropriations, donations, and contributions to the fund, interest earned on idle moneys in the fund, moneys transferred to the fund, and moneys reverted or repaid to the fund pursuant to Section 72-1205, Idaho Code. This fund is used for the administration and payment of grants for Launch for High School Seniors pursuant to Section 72-1206(3), Idaho Code. If available appropriation exceeds participants, up to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of the remaining appropriation may be used to provide enhanced grant funding to either eligible students or eligible adult learners pursuant to Section 72-1206(4)(a), Idaho Code.*

### Motion 1.

For Fiscal Year 2027, I move the appropriation and transfer of \$10,000,000 from the In-Demand Careers Fund to the General Fund on December 31, 2026, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Governor's Recommendation - \$0