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Deans Program

# Budgeting with Impact

Essentials for Academic and Student Services Deans

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# Who is in the room with me?

- ▶ Name / Title / College or District
- ▶ How long have you been working in Post-Secondary Education?
- ▶ What is your favorite ice cream flavor?
- ▶ On a scale of 1-10, what is your level of experience with the budget?



# Overview

What is “The Budget”?

Breaking down the Student-Centered Funding Formula

Understanding the Connection - Managing Your Budget

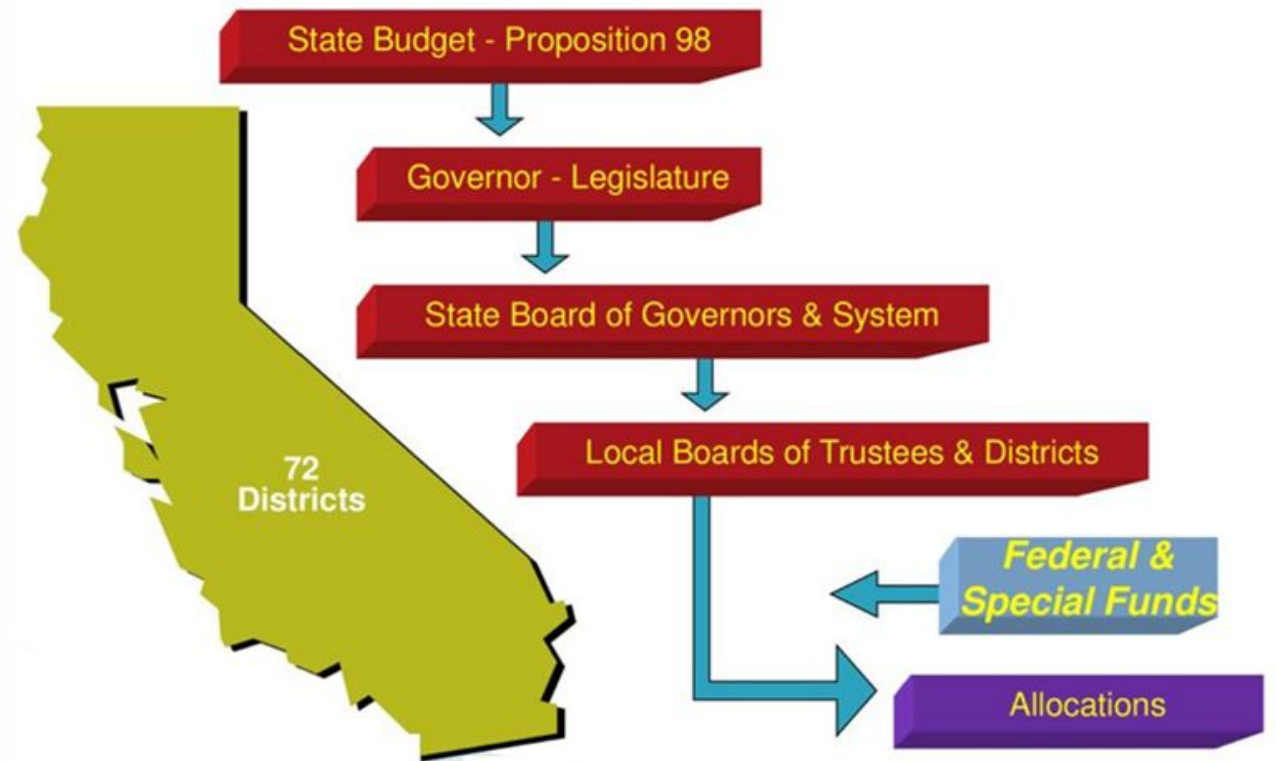
Leveraging Resources (Compendium of Allocations)

Questions / Once Around the Room



# How Are We Funded?

- ▶ Proposition 98
- ▶ Student Centered Funding Formula
- ▶ Other Funding Sources:
  - ▶ State and Federal Grants
  - ▶ Student Fees
  - ▶ Local Funding
  - ▶ Lottery
  - ▶ Non-Prop 98 General Fund



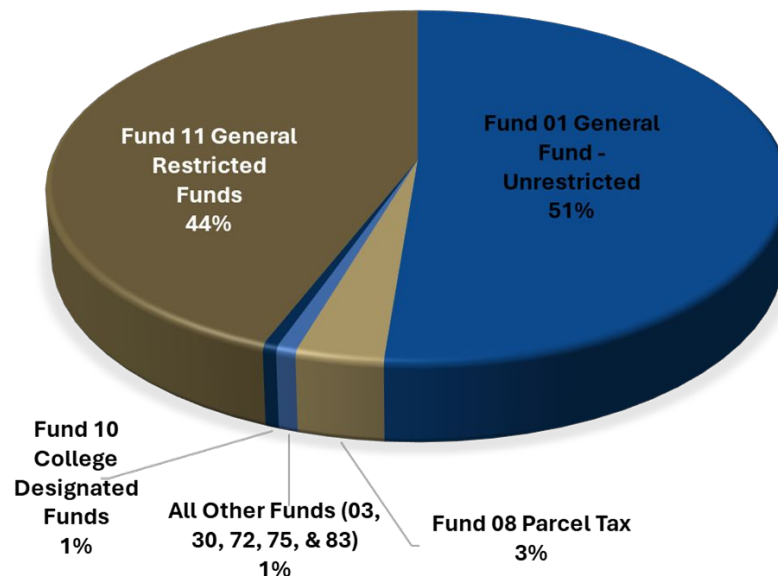
# Restricted vs Unrestricted Funds



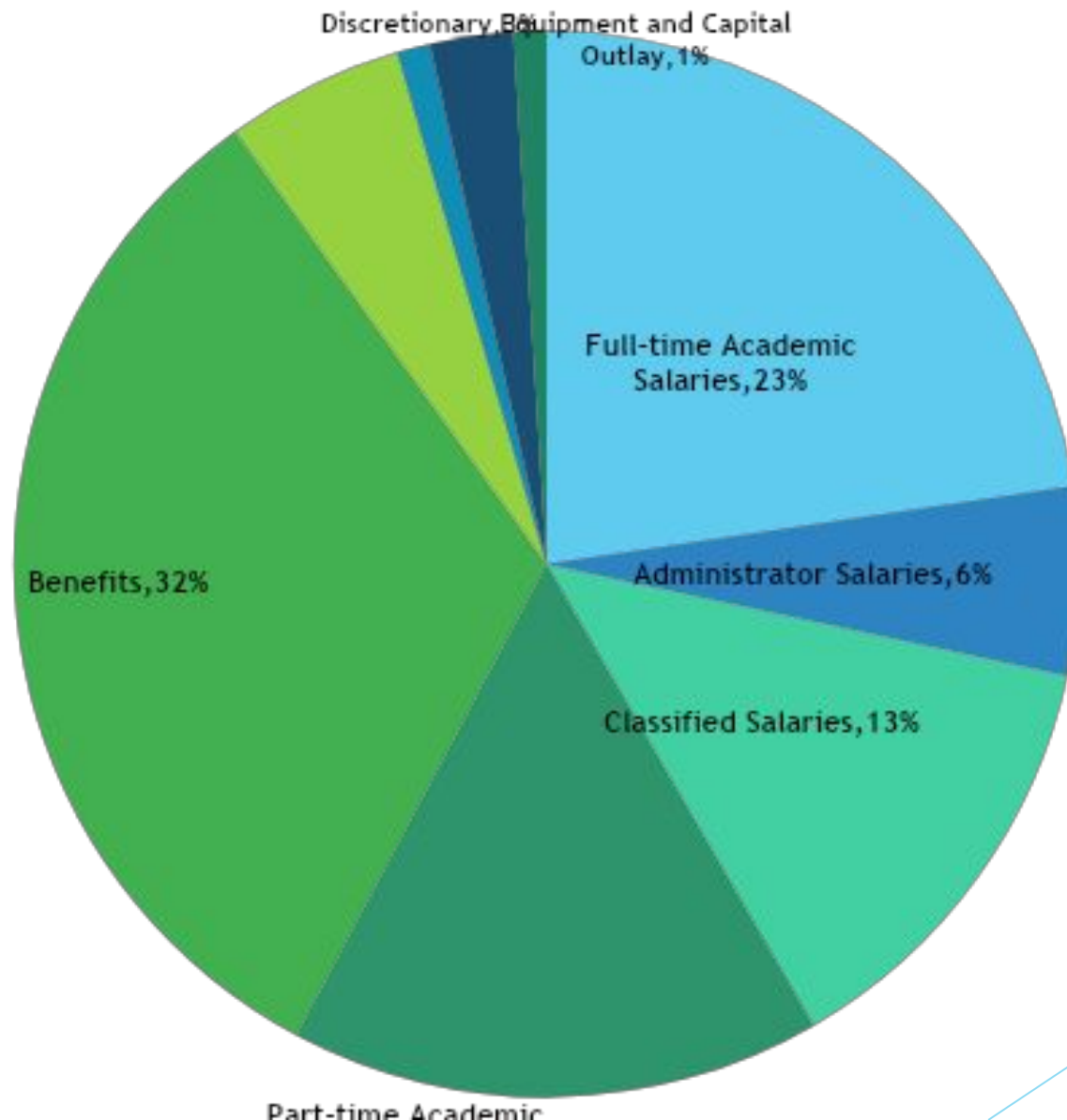
**General Fund Unrestricted (GFU):** Operational apportionment that funds salaries, benefits, classes, programs, services, and discretionary items.



**General Funds Restricted (GFR):** Funds designated by law or donor agency for specific purposes. Unspent GFR funds may be carried over to the next fiscal year.



# College Adopted Budget - Fund 01



# Fixed Expenses

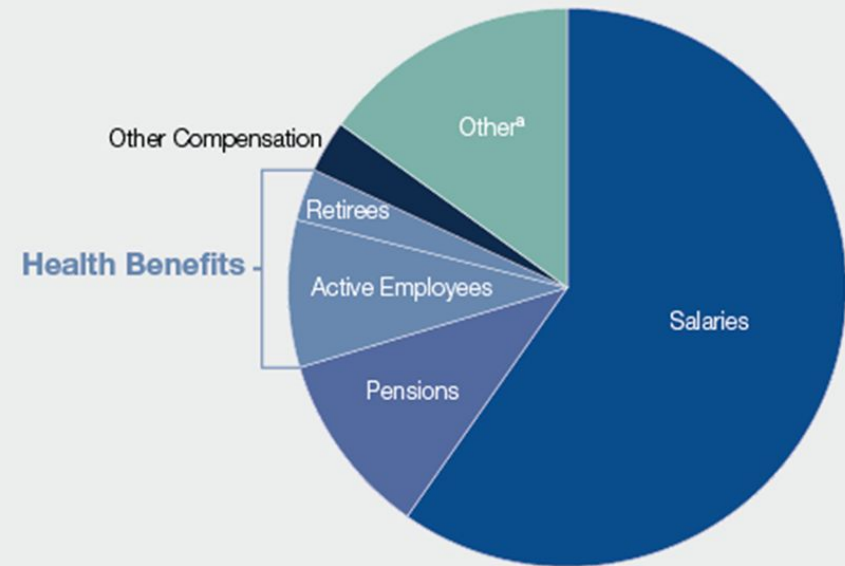
- Salaries, Benefits, and Other Compensation
- Pensions
- Other costs include facilities, utilities, insurance, equipment, contracts, legal, other services

\*Chart from CA Legislative Analyst's Office re: 2024-2025 CCC Budget

Figure 6

## Bulk of District Spending Is for Compensation

Stylized Community College District Budget



<sup>a</sup> Includes operating expenses such as campus utility and technology costs.

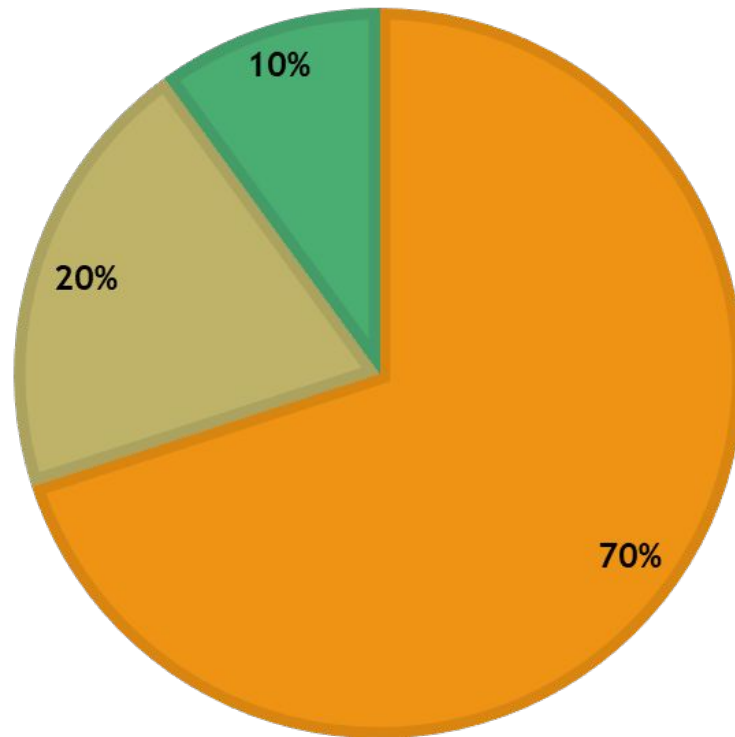


# Student Centered Funding Formula



# The 3 Components of the SCFF

■ Base Allocation   ■ Supplemental   ■ Student Success



- ▶ **Base Allocation (Access):** Largely reflects enrollment (FTES)
- ▶ **Supplemental Allocation (Equity):** Counts of low-income students
- ▶ **Student Success Allocation:** Based on student success outcomes related to the Vision for Success, with “premiums” for low-income students

### Supplemental Allocation Metrics

| Metric                          | Definition                                                                                                                                               | Statutory Reference | Data Source(s) | Data Element(s)                  | Detail                     | Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>AB540 Students</b>           | Headcount of students by district who were granted an exemption from nonresident tuition pursuant to ECS 68130.5 in the district in the reporting year   | ECS 84750.4(e)(3)   | CCFS-320       |                                  |                            | CCFS-320 Part IX                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Pell Grant Recipients</b>    | Headcount of students by district who received a Federal Pell Grant in the district in the reporting year                                                | ECS 84750.4(e)(2)   | MIS            | GI01 DISTRICT-COLLEGE-IDENTIFIER | In district                | Students who meet all the following criteria are counted:<br><br>With a record in the student aid award (FA) file for the district for the reporting year where student award type is GP and the student aid award amount received is greater than zero                            |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                          |                     |                | GI03 TERM-IDENTIFIER             | In reporting year          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                          |                     |                | SF21 STUDENT-AID-AWARD-TYPE      | GP                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                          |                     |                | SF22 STUDENT-AID-AMOUNT-RECEIVED | > 0                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Promise Grant Recipients</b> | Headcount of students by district who received a California College Promise Grant fee waiver pursuant to ECS 76300 in the district in the reporting year | ECS 84750.4(e)(4)   | MIS            | GI01 DISTRICT-COLLEGE-IDENTIFIER | In district                | Students who meet all the following criteria are counted:<br><br>With a record in the student aid award (FA) file for the district for the reporting year where student award type is BA, B1, B2, B3, BB, BC, or BD and the student aid award amount received is greater than zero |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                          |                     |                | GI03 TERM-IDENTIFIER             | In reporting year          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                          |                     |                | SF21 STUDENT-AID-AWARD TYPE      | BA, B1, B2, B3, BB, BC, BD |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                 |                                                                                                                                                          |                     |                | SF22 STUDENT-AID-AMOUNT-RECEIVED | > 0                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

# Student Success Metrics



Associate's Degrees for Transfer



Associate's Degrees



Baccalaureate Degrees



CE Certificates



Transfer Level Math & English



Transfers to a 4-year institution



9+ CTE units



Regional Living Wage



Student Centered Funding Formula Metric Definitions

# Table 1 – SCFF Calculations

## FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget Total Computational Revenue (TCR)

State COLA  
FY 2024-25: 1.07%

| SCFF Components & Metrics  |                                     |           |       |            |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
|                            |                                     | FTEs      | Rate  | Total      |
| Base Allocation            | Basic Allocation                    |           |       | 26,033,798 |
|                            | Credit FTEs: 3-Year Average Credit  | 12,470.94 | 5,294 | 66,026,455 |
|                            | Incarcerated Credit                 | 6.53      | 7,425 | 48,482     |
|                            | Special Admit                       | 610.19    | 7,425 | 4,530,373  |
|                            | CDCP                                | 95.40     | 7,425 | 708,300    |
|                            | Non Credit                          | 69.98     | 4,465 | 312,431    |
|                            | Subtotal                            | 13,253.04 |       | 97,659,839 |
| Non-Credit FTEs            |                                     |           |       |            |
| Total                      |                                     | 13,253.04 |       | 97,659,839 |
| Supplemental Allocation    |                                     | Headcount | Rate  | Total      |
|                            | Pell Grant Recipients               | 4,891.00  | 1,252 | 6,123,343  |
|                            | AB540 Students                      | 419.00    | 1,252 | 524,572    |
|                            | California Promise Grant Recipients | 11,294.00 | 1,252 | 14,139,653 |
|                            | Total                               | 16,604.00 |       | 20,787,568 |
| Student Success Allocation | All Students:                       | Outcomes  | Rate  | Total      |
|                            | Associate Degrees                   | 742.33    | 2,215 | 1,644,049  |
|                            | Associate Degrees for Transfer      | 412.00    | 2,953 | 1,216,611  |
|                            | Baccalaureate Degrees               | 0.00      | 0     | 0          |
|                            | Credit Certificates                 | 271.33    | 1,476 | 400,615    |
|                            | Nine or More CTE Units              | 2,243.67  | 738   | 1,656,352  |
|                            | Transfer                            | 972.67    | 1,107 | 1,077,084  |
|                            | Transfer Level Math and English     | 490.33    | 1,476 | 723,962    |
|                            | Achieved Regional Living Wage       | 2,663.67  | 738   | 1,966,411  |
| Subtotal                   |                                     | 7,796.00  |       | 8,685,085  |



**Table 1 – SCFF Calculations (Continued)**

|                                            |                                 |                  |         |                    |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Pell Grant Recipients Bonus:               | Associate Degrees               | 418.00           | 838     | 350,260            |
|                                            | Associate Degrees for Transfer  | 230.67           | 1,117   | 257,714            |
|                                            | Baccalaureate Degrees           | 0.00             | 0       | 0                  |
|                                            | Credit Certificates             | 121.00           | 559     | 67,594             |
|                                            | Nine or More CTE Units          | 892.00           | 279     | 249,148            |
|                                            | Transfer                        | 428.33           | 419     | 179,459            |
|                                            | Transfer Level Math and English | 187.67           | 559     | 104,836            |
|                                            | Achieved Regional Living Wage   | 678.67           | 279     | 189,561            |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                            |                                 | <b>2,956.34</b>  |         | <b>1,398,573</b>   |
| California Promise Grant Recipients Bonus: | Associate Degrees               | 582.67           | 559     | 325,494            |
|                                            | Associate Degrees for Transfer  | 327.00           | 745     | 243,562            |
|                                            | Baccalaureate Degrees           | 0.00             | 0       | 0                  |
|                                            | Credit Certificates             | 185.33           | 372     | 69,022             |
|                                            | Nine or More CTE Units          | 1,458.33         | 186     | 271,555            |
|                                            | Transfer                        | 630.00           | 279     | 175,968            |
|                                            | Transfer Level Math and English | 260.33           | 372     | 96,953             |
|                                            | Achieved Regional Living Wage   | 1,255.33         | 186     | 233,755            |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                            |                                 | <b>4,698.99</b>  |         | <b>1,416,309</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>                               |                                 | <b>15,451.33</b> |         | <b>11,499,967</b>  |
| <b>SCFF Calculated TCR</b>                 |                                 |                  |         | <b>129,947,374</b> |
| Hold Harmless Calculated TCR (= Max TCR)   |                                 |                  |         | <b>148,941,102</b> |
| Hold Harmless Funding Amount               |                                 |                  |         | <b>18,993,728</b>  |
| Revenue Deficit                            |                                 |                  | 2.4052% | <b>(3,582,263)</b> |
| <b>Projected Net Apportionment Revenue</b> |                                 |                  |         | <b>145,358,839</b> |

What is something  
you can do at your  
college to impact  
one or more of the  
SCFF metrics?





# Making the Connection: Managing Your Budget



**BACK TO BASICS**

# DECODING THE BUDGET STRING (Chart of Accounts)

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|          |      |             |             |         |                 |         |              |
|----------|------|-------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|---------|--------------|
| Location | Fund | Cost Center | Object Code | Program | Activity Suffix | Project | Account Line |
|----------|------|-------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|---------|--------------|



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# FUND

2-digit number indicating Type of Resource

Restricted v Unrestricted

Most Commonly Used for Deans:

- Fund 01 (General Fund Unrestricted)
- Fund 11 (General Fund Restricted)

# OBJECT CODE

The EXPENSE Category

Tells us what the funds were spent on (or allocated to)

4-digit Code beginning with 1-7 (8 is revenue)

- 1000s - Personnel (Instructional)
- 2000s - Personnel (Non-Instructional)
- 3000s - Benefits
- 4000s - Supplies and Materials
- 5000s - Other Operating Expenses and Services (Contracts, Travel, etc)
- 6000s - Capital Outlay / Equipment
- 7000s - Other Outgoing

# ACTIVITY

Tells us the purpose of the funds



Usually the 4- or 6-digit TOP code



Instructional vs Non-Instructional  
Activities



# The 50% Law

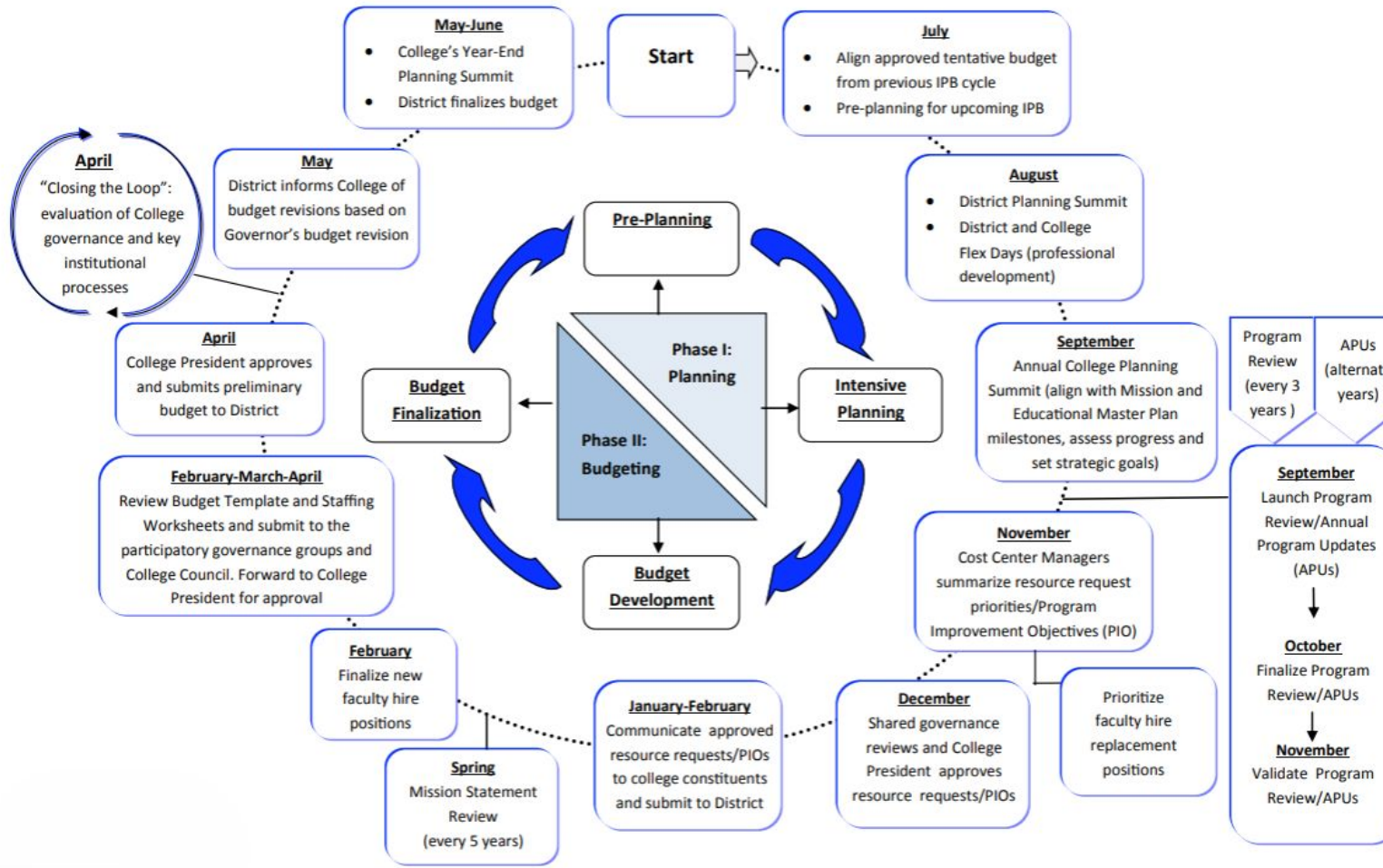
(California Ed Code Section 84362)

- ▶ Requires each district to spend at least half of their general funds each fiscal year on the salaries and benefits of classroom instructors
  - ▶ Includes faculty and instructional aides
  - ▶ Direct Instructional costs only
- ▶ Currently in review - seen as a limitation in providing support services for some Districts (Basic Aid)



State Auditor's Report: [California Community Colleges: Oversight of the 50 Percent Law Is Ineffective, and the Law Could Be Amended to Better Support Students](#)

# Budget Planning and Development



# Challenges

- ▶ Not enough resources to fully fund program needs or to address priorities
- ▶ Priorities between the department and division (or division and college) do not align (program review, SLOs, etc)
- ▶ Priorities/needs are unclear or shift once resources have been allocated
- ▶ Cost Center Managers do not understand all resources/funds that are available
- ▶ No clear process or direction in determining resource allocation

# Responsible Budget Management



Departments, campus, District cannot spend more than what is funded; results in deficit budget, different from deficit spending.



Be knowledgeable of your budget. If you didn't develop your own budget, make sure you understand what assumptions were used.



Use a budget worksheet or available financial reports to monitor your expenditures on a regular basis.



Identify potential risks to your budget as early as possible. Keep your supervisors and Business Services informed.



You are a steward of the college's resources; handle your division's budget as if it were your own checkbook.

# Key Considerations

## A cost CANNOT SUPPLANT:

- The cost must not be a general expense required to carry out the grantee's overall responsibilities. May not free up state or local dollars for other purposes, but should create or augment programs

## A cost is ALLOWABLE when:

- Necessary and directly related to the program's objectives. It serves a purpose (aligns with institutional priorities).
- Permissible according to college policies
- Conforms to the terms/conditions of the sponsoring agency agreement.

## A cost is ALLOCABLE when:

- The cost is proportionate to the benefit received by the project/objectives of the program.

## A cost is REASONABLE when:

- It can withstand public scrutiny (reflect what a prudent person would pay under similar circumstances)



# REPORTING

- ▶ Grants / Categoricals: Understand what you will need to report and how often
  - ▶ Project-based? By funding round? By discipline?
  - ▶ Quarterly? Bi-annual? Annual?
  - ▶ Can funds carryover?
- ▶ External reporting platforms - e.g. NOVA, Reepoint, etc
- ▶ Evaluating progress and assessing spend rates
- ▶ Demonstrating effective use of funds

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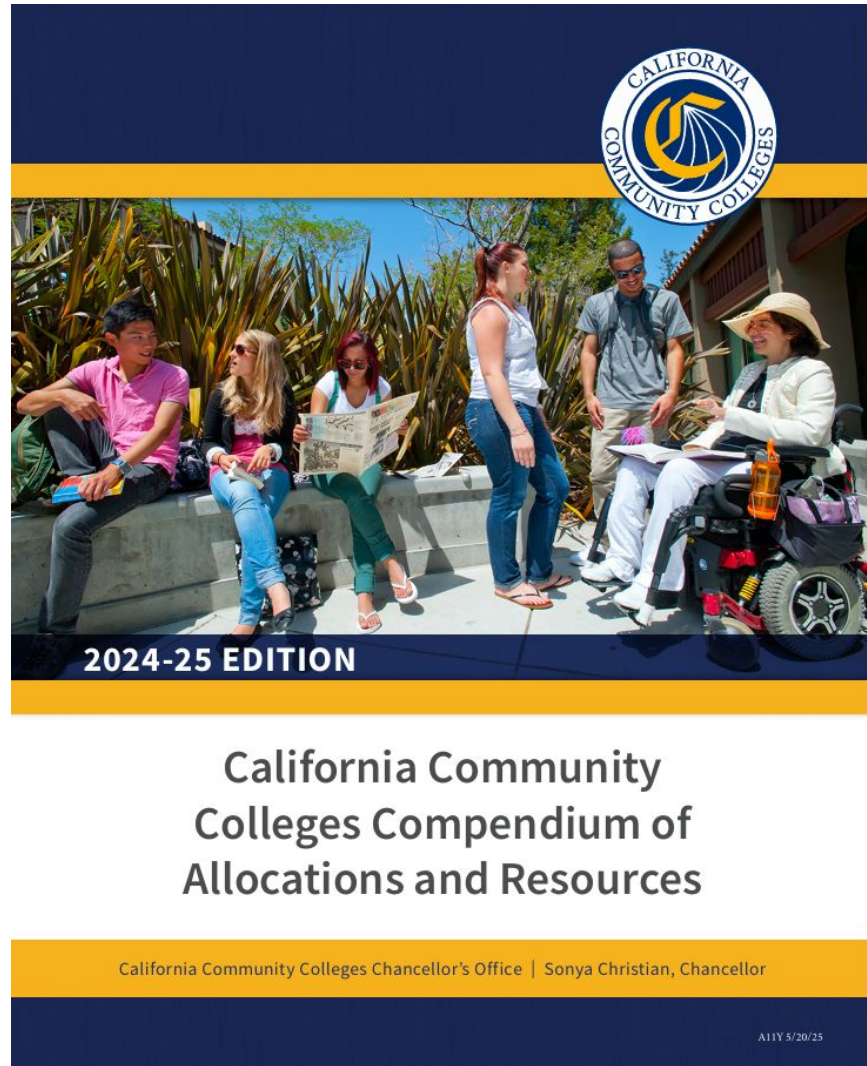


**QUIZ TIME!**



# Leveraging Resources





# BE IN THE KNOW!

★ 2024-25 EDITION California Community  
Colleges Compendium of Allocations and  
Resources

# Other Funding Sources



Grants (State, Federal, Private)



Lottery Funds



Partnering with Agencies and Foundations



Gifts/Donations (can be cash or in-kind equipment, materials, etc)



Indirect Cost Recovery



Fundraising or Fee-for-Service

# A Little Bit of Budget Wisdom

- ▶ Pay attention to economic trends both at the State and Federal level
- ▶ Be aware of your College's priorities and any shifts
- ▶ Always keep students and their success at the forefront
- ▶ Don't ever let a lack of funding stop you
- ▶ Build relationships and partnerships across the college, district, and community
- ▶ Make a friend in the Business Office and listen to your VPAS!





# Once Around the Room

Share ONE WORD to  
describe how you feel right  
now at this exact moment.