



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
31.		Favor	Wendy R Lipin	
		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>Explaining the revenue and expenditures for the budget of the Rio Hondo Community College District for the fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 involves a few key steps. Below are some guidelines and points you can use to structure your explanation effectively:</p> <p>1. Overview of the Budget Process Purpose: Explain that the budget is a financial plan that allocates resources to achieve the district's educational goals. Timing: Mention that budgets are usually developed on an annual basis but can also cover multi-year projections for planning purposes. Stakeholders: Highlight the involvement of various stakeholders, including faculty, staff, students, and the community.</p> <p>2. Revenue Sources State Funding: Describe major sources of revenue, such as state apportionments based on enrollment numbers. Highlight any anticipated changes in state funding for the upcoming years. Local Property Taxes: Explain how property tax revenues contribute to the budget and any expected fluctuations based on local real estate trends. Student Fees and Tuition: Mention any changes in tuition rates or fees that may impact revenue. Grants and Special Funding: Discuss any grants, federal assistance, or special funding opportunities available to the district. Other Revenue: Include income from auxiliary services, such as bookstore sales or facilities rental.</p> <p>3. Expenditures Personnel Costs: Explain that a significant portion of the budget is allocated to salaries and benefits for faculty and staff. Discuss potential increases due to negotiations or changes in hiring practices. Operational Expenses: Outline expenditures related to the day-to-day operation of the college, including utilities, maintenance, and supplies. Program Development: Highlight funding for new programs, initiatives, or improvements in existing services. Capital Projects: Mention if there are any expected costs for infrastructure development, equipment purchases, or renovations. Compliance and Services: Discuss budget areas dedicated to meeting regulatory requirements, student support services, and technology enhancements.</p> <p>4. Budget Balancing Strategies Surplus and Deficit Considerations: Explain how the district plans to balance its budget, whether through surplus funds from previous years, reducing</p>



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expenditures, or seeking new revenue sources.

Contingency Planning: Discuss how the district prepares for unexpected changes in funding or enrollment, including maintaining reserves.

5. Challenges and Opportunities

Economic Factors: Address any potential economic challenges that could impact funding, such as state budget cuts or economic downturns.

Trends in Enrollment: Consider how enrollment trends may affect both incoming revenue and necessary expenditures.

Community Engagement: Mention how the district seeks input from the community and stakeholders in budgeting priorities.

6. Conclusion

Mission Alignment: Summarize how the budget reflects the district's commitment to providing quality education and supporting student success.

Future Outlook: Provide a brief outlook on how the district plans to achieve its goals in the face of the financial realities outlined in the budget.

Additional Resources

Official Documents: Refer to the official budget documents or presentations prepared by the Rio Hondo Community College District, if available, for precise figures and detailed breakdowns.

Q&A Sessions: Encourage questions from the audience to further clarify any points and foster understanding.

By structuring your explanation using these guidelines, you can provide a comprehensive overview of the revenue and expenditures for the Rio Hondo Community College District's budget for the specified years.

Strengthening the financial health of a community college district like Rio Hondo Community College while reducing expenditures involves a multifaceted approach. Here are several strategies to consider for each of the specified categories:

Personnel Costs

Streamline Staffing: Conduct a thorough review of staffing levels and responsibilities to eliminate redundancy and enhance operational efficiency.

Cross-Training Employees: Train staff to take on multiple roles, allowing for greater flexibility and efficiency, especially during peak times.

Implement Flexible Work Arrangements: Consider part-time positions, job sharing, or remote work options for eligible roles to potentially reduce costs.

Evaluate Employee Benefits: Regularly review and negotiate employee benefits packages to ensure competitiveness without overspending.

Encourage Volunteerism and Internships: Use volunteer programs and internships to supplement workloads without significant costs.

Operational Expenses

Energy Efficiency: Invest in energy-efficient technologies and practices to



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reduce utility costs (e.g., solar panels, energy-efficient lighting).
Bulk Purchasing and Contracts: Negotiate bulk purchasing agreements for supplies and services to take advantage of volume discounts.
Outsource Non-Core Functions: Consider outsourcing certain operational functions (e.g., IT services, housekeeping) to specialized firms that may offer more efficient services.
Regularly Review Contracts: Audit existing contracts with suppliers and service providers to identify potential savings or renegotiation opportunities.

Program Development

Focus on Grant Writing: Invest in grant writing expertise to secure additional funding for program development rather than relying solely on district funds.
Collaborative Program Development: Partner with other institutions or local businesses to share costs in developing programs that meet mutual needs.
Data-Driven Program Evaluation: Use data to assess student outcomes and program effectiveness to focus resources on the most successful initiatives.

Capital Projects

Prioritize Projects: Establish a clear prioritization framework that focuses on projects with the highest potential return on investment or those that are crucial for compliance and safety.
Seek Alternative Funding Sources: Explore grants, public-private partnerships, and other funding sources that can help finance capital projects without relying solely on district funds.
Leverage Existing Assets: Optimize the use of existing facilities to reduce the need for new capital expenditures.

Compliance and Services

Continuous Training: Ensure staff are well-trained and updated on compliance regulations to avoid fines and ineffectual processes.
Use Technology for Compliance: Implement compliance management systems that streamline compliance processes and reduce labor costs associated with manual tracking.
Regular Audits: Conduct regular audits to identify inefficiencies and areas for cost reduction in compliance-related activities.

General Strategies

Financial Literacy Programs: Offer training for faculty and staff on budget management and financial literacy to foster a culture of cost-consciousness.
Engagement with Stakeholders: Involve faculty, staff, students, and the community in budget discussions to identify savings opportunities and increase accountability.
Regular Financial Reviews: Conduct regular financial reviews to identify trends, variances, and opportunities for cost-saving measures.

Conclusion

The effectiveness of these strategies will depend on the unique context of the Rio Hondo Community College District. Engaging stakeholders, prioritizing transparency, and fostering a culture of accountability and financial prudence

				will be essential in successfully implementing these measures. Regular monitoring and adaptation of strategies will also be critical to ensure long-term sustainability and effectiveness.
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