

To: Members of the Board of Trustees

From: Christopher A. Ruhl, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Andrew Bean, Associate Vice President, Finance and Assistant Treasurer

Date: Sept 28, 2026

Re: 2027-2029 Line Item Appropriations

Line Item Appropriation Requests

In addition to operating, fee replacement (debt service), facility repair and rehabilitation and cash capital appropriations, the State of Indiana funds certain specific activities for Indiana’s public colleges and universities, referred to as line items. Table 1, below, shows Purdue’s five line items and their annual appropriations. As a reminder, in the state’s 2025-2027 biennial budget, all higher education operating and line item appropriations were reduced by 5%, relative to their 2023-2025 levels.

After reviewing each program and its current financial position, we intend to request the restoration of the appropriations to their 2023-2025 levels for the 2027-2029 biennium. The programs were able to adjust to the 5% reductions via short-term mitigation measures, but restoration of the appropriations to their prior levels will ensure the long-term success in meeting the needs of Indiana.

Table 1: Summary of Purdue University Line Items

Line Item	2025-2027 Annual Appropriation	2027-2029 Increase Request	2027-2029 Requested Appropriation
Ag Research and Extension - Crossroads	\$ 8,550,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 9,000,000
County Agriculture Extension Educators	\$ 7,600,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 8,000,000
Purdue Polytechnic Statewide*	\$ 6,360,495	\$ 334,763	\$ 6,695,258
Center for Paralysis Research	\$ 496,430	\$ 26,128	\$ 522,558
Indiana Technical Assistance and Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness Program	\$ 4,208,701	\$ 221,511	\$ 4,430,212
TOTAL	\$ 27,215,626	\$ 1,432,402	\$ 28,648,028

Attachment 1 provides a short program description of each program. We will submit the prescribed line item budget schedules and tables issued jointly from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE) and the State Budget Agency (SBA) together with a written narrative describing each line item, noting recent accomplishments and biennial goals and objectives.

Line Item Consolidation

CHE continues to discuss consolidating existing itemized appropriations into the institutions' main operating appropriations. We are not advocating for consolidation of Purdue's line items, but also have no specific objections should CHE or the legislature move forward with consolidation. The programs supported by these appropriations are broad, long-term and closely aligned with the university's core missions and operations.

c: President Mitch Daniels
 Provost Patrick Wolfe
 Corporate Secretary Cindy Ream
 Legal Counsel Steve Schultz

Attachment 1

Agricultural Research and Extension/Crossroads

Crossroads funding supports Purdue's College of Agriculture research and extension programs, which are essential to Indiana's agri-food system. Indiana's agriculture-related industries contribute approximately \$35 billion and nearly 190,000 jobs to the state's economy.

Crossroads funds support high-impact programs that focus research and extension efforts on highly relevant, timely Indiana issues and opportunities; develop science-based education that is disseminated across the state of Indiana; and leverage other state or federal resources to conduct world-leading research. Programs include:

- The eight regional Purdue Agricultural Centers (PACs) provide a statewide network conducting field crop and animal research while also demonstrating cutting edge production practices and agricultural technology.
- Plant and Pest Diagnostic Laboratory (PPDL) provides rapid and reliable plant diagnostics that help protect agricultural plant biosecurity in Indiana. The lab diagnoses plant pest and disease problems for farms, the turf industry, nurseries, orchards, greenhouses, and for residents of Indiana.
- Agricultural Science and Extension for Economic Development (AgSEED) funds high priority projects in the areas of innovation in Indiana plant and animal agriculture and innovation in rural entrepreneurship through a rigorous internal competitive proposal process.

County Agriculture Extension Educators

Since 1914, Purdue Extension has strengthened lives and livelihoods by connecting communities to world class Purdue research and providing local lifelong learning opportunities for Indiana's residents. In accordance with state guidelines, we maintain a strong Extension Educator presence in each county, delivering educational programming to:

- Help Indiana's agriculture industry thrive, with an eye toward providing objective information focused on economic success and environmental responsibility.
- Grow the next generation of leaders and STEM workforce through hands-on learning experience in Indiana 4-H, the state's premier informal youth educational program.
- Assist community leaders, business owners, and decision-makers to foster economic and community development across the state of Indiana.
- Improve the quality of life for individuals and families by providing educational programming related to food, family, money, and health.

In addition to assisting with program delivery, funding from the State of Indiana fulfills Purdue Extension's required match to receive federal Smith-Lever funding. We also use state funding as a match on competitive grants to help us further diversify our educational programming options.

Purdue Polytechnic Statewide

Serving Indiana for over 50 years, Polytechnic Statewide was created to extend Purdue's technology programs across the state to meet Indiana's need for educated technologists, technicians, and innovators in communities where highly skilled workers with problem-solving skills are in great demand. Most Statewide graduates remain in the community where they received their degree, bolstering the local economy and supporting the local industry base with highly qualified graduates.

Center for Paralysis Research

Since its founding in 1987, the Center for Paralysis Research (CPR) has played a central role in the research enterprise of the College of Veterinary Medicine. The Center has become known for innovative discoveries in the areas of spinal cord injury (SCI), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and related neurodegenerative diseases (NDs). Over the past quarter century, research at CPR has evolved from its early work on oscillating electric field stimulators to promote axonal regeneration to polymer-based neuronal repair (Polyethylene glycol, or PEG), and drug therapies (4-aminopyridine, aldehyde scavengers) which provide neurorepair, neuroprotection, and restoration of neuronal function following SCI, TBI and NDs. The Center's groundbreaking work has resulted in novel therapies undergoing both veterinary and human clinical trials and FDA approval for clinical application.

Indiana Technical Assistance and Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness Program

Indiana's long-term economic competitiveness depends on developing a highly skilled workforce and supporting innovation in advanced manufacturing, automation, artificial intelligence, microelectronics, digital technologies, and other high-demand industries. Purdue's Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and Indiana Manufacturing Competitiveness Center (IN-MaC) strengthen Indiana's manufacturing ecosystem by providing technical expertise, workforce development, research, and industry partnerships. Together, these programs directly support the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's priorities of expanding educational opportunities, aligning education with workforce needs, and advancing research and innovation.

Since TAP's inception nearly four decades ago, it has assisted approximately 10,000 organizations and trained more than 100,000 employees in its mission to increase Indiana productivity, profitability, and technology adoption in areas of manufacturing, health care quality and safety, energy efficiency, and sustainability. TAP serves employers in every Indiana county, impacting thousands of Hoosier jobs through technical assistance, workforce and leadership development, with an emphasis on Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), Purdue Healthcare Advisors (PHA), and cyberTAP initiatives.

Over the past 14 years, IN-MaC has advanced Indiana's manufacturing ecosystem through Manufacturing Research and Prototyping (MRP), Technology Adoption and Demonstration (TAD), and Education and Workforce Development (EWD), accelerating technology adoption while strengthening the state's talent pipeline.