

Helping Main Street Businesses

- Tied for lowest unemployment rate in nation
- Lowest poverty rate in the nation
- Among most livable states in nation (US News & World Report)
- Cuts taxes to help Main Street businesses by reducing the BET and BPT rates
- Exempted Paycheck Protection Program loans from BPT liability to further help small businesses
- It reduces the Meals and Rooms tax to 8.5%, helping the hard hit restaurant and tourism industry bounce back.
- Increases the filing threshold for the BET providing financial relief
- Phases out interest & dividends to help seniors
- Record business tax revenues – Helping to fund social programs
- Provides \$400,000 thousand in funding to help Regional Economic Development Corporations
- Provides full funding for the Small Business Development Center which helps our state's small businesses grow and thrive

Reducing Property Taxes

- Sending \$100 million directly back to property taxpayers
- Sending \$188 million dollars from meals and rooms revenue back to cities and towns for property tax relief – an increase of \$50.5 million over the last budget, spearheaded by Sen. Ricciardi and her SB 99.
- For the first time, the State is putting revenue from the Meals and Rooms tax into a dedicated Trust fund for distribution to our cities and towns.
- This means that revenue from the meals and rooms tax will be taken off the top before it is deposited into the General Fund for distribution to the cities and towns.
- This plan puts revenue sharing at 30%, sending an additional \$50.5 million to our local communities. These are not one-time funds; these are funds they can count on receiving now, and in the future. In the last budget, Democrats appropriated one-time money with no requirement for it to be used to reduce property taxes.
- Republicans provided \$ 294.2 million in local aid to municipalities for roads and bridges, meals and rooms revenue sharing, state aid grants for sewer

projects, and body cameras.

Education Funding

- Democrats on the education funding commission proposed over \$1 billion for new education funding which would have resulted in an income tax or statewide property tax with donor towns
- Democrats proposed donor towns in 2021 (SB158) which Republicans blocked
- Republicans are providing \$100 million cut to the Statewide Education Property Tax, providing direct relief to every Granite Stater
- The language of SB 135 is included to deal with the COVID related enrollment dip, as well as the Governor's language keeping Free and Reduced lunch enrollment figures level for both years of the biennium, sending \$67 million in an additional funding to school districts.
- Senator Hennessey created the Relief Funding Plan, that will provide \$35 million in additional funding to the state's schools that are the most in need.
- The budget commits \$30 million towards new school building aid projects.
- Provides \$6 million for the Governor's Scholarship program
- Provides \$1.9 million in additional funding to help school districts make the switch from half day to full day kindergarten
- Fully funds special education funding
- Republicans increased education spending by \$102 million over current law bringing state funding for education to \$2.2 billion.

Improving education

- Education Freedom Accounts (EFAs) help low-income families provide more educational choices for their children
- Pandemic showed that all students learn differently
- The program includes families up to 300% of federal poverty and transition grants so there will be no disruption to public schools
- Democrats have insisted for years that school choice – charter schools, education tax credits and every form of school choice – will hurt public schools – this has not happened
- Provides funding for Governor's Scholarship Fund
- Provides \$30 million for school building aid
- Provides \$1.9 million for Kindergarten Adequate Education Grants
- Provides \$3 million to allow high school students to earn college credits for

STEM

Helping Working Families

- Sending \$100 million directly back to property taxpayers
- Sending \$188 million dollars from meals and rooms revenue back to cities and towns for property tax relief – an increase of \$50.5 million over the last budget
- To help boost the supply of affordable housing, this budget commits an additional \$25 million to the Affordable Housing Fund. This is in addition to the committed funding stream from the Real Estate Transfer Tax.
- This Fund has a great track record of getting projects done and leveraging private money, so this investment will likely leverage around \$300 million in additional funds.
- Provides for a voluntary family and medical leave program

Improving Mental Health Services

- Continuing to invest in mental health services by fully funding a new forensic psychiatric hospital (\$30 million). This new facility will free up beds at New Hampshire Hospital, and transfer patients from the secure psychiatric unit at the state prison, to a far more appropriate setting for treatment.
- Provides funding for additional transitional beds which will help reduce the emergency room mental health boarding crisis
- Provides more than \$8 million in new funding to help community mental health programs and mobile crisis teams that will help ensure that acute mental health issues can be addressed in the community before hospitalization becomes necessary
- Fully funds the developmental disability wait list
- Provides funding to help veterans and seniors cope (\$3 million) and recover from the social isolation caused by this pandemic.

Improving Health Care Services

- Maintains Medicaid provider rates

- Provides a 5% increase for Choices for Independence Program (CFI) providers which provides Medicaid-covered home and community based long term care services
- Provides a \$21.4 million boost to nursing home provider payments
- Increases funding by \$29.1m for county nursing homes to protect property taxpayers
- Provides \$440,000 for outreach to young people under the tobacco prevention and cessation program

Keeping our communities safe

- Makes investments in the Granite Shield program, which continues to work on drug trafficking interdiction, aimed at preventing the supply of illegal drugs from entering the State.
- Funds the Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community and Transparency recommendation to provide funding for body cameras. These cameras have been shown to work; complaints filed drop and when an incident occurs, they provide crucial evidence.
- Provides funding both for municipalities and the state department of corrections.

Protecting our Environment

- Provides \$15.6 million for state aid grants to keep our water clean
- Consolidates the functions of the Public Utilities Commission and Office of Strategic Initiatives into a new Energy Department which will realize efficiencies in state government and help guide energy policy for the state for the future, including supporting the development of off shore wind in Maine, which will be a boon to New Hampshire.

Protecting Children

- Continues to reimburse child-care facilities for enrolled low income children
- Provides \$500,000 in funding for the Internet Crimes Against Children Fund
- Provides funding for child protection workers (currently 37 funded vacant positions at DCYF)
- Provides \$600,000 in funding for juvenile diversion

Helping the Homeless

- Provides an increase of \$3.8 million dollars for homeless shelter programs

Improving Infrastructure

- Provides \$83.25 million in funding for local roads and bridges
- Puts \$50 million into the Highway Fund to support operations

Saving for the Future

- Increases the Rainy Day Fund to \$158.3 million, putting the state on a responsible path to greater financial stability

Strengthening Anti-Discrimination laws

- Updates anti-discrimination laws so that no one is considered inferior or superior because of inherent characteristics
- Allows for academic freedom

Protecting Life

- Ensures that abortion services are not paid for by taxpayers
- Prohibits abortions after 24 weeks