

# 2023-25 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: 7, 9, 13, 15

## Overview

Big Bend Community College (BBCC) is a Hispanic-Serving Institution with a mission to be our community’s first choice to dream, learn and succeed. BBCC was founded in 1962 and serves a 4,600-square-mile service district in the central Columbia Basin. The college creates opportunities for students to succeed by offering a bachelor’s degree, college transfer, vocational and developmental education, community service and continuing education programs, along with student support services. Our strong partnership with local businesses and industries means our programs are tightly aligned to job opportunities.

## Meet Kristin Ortiz



Big Bend Community College student Kristin Ortiz has recently been chosen for the All-Washington Academic Team, an honor that recognizes both academic achievement and community involvement. Ortiz will graduate from Big Bend next spring. She plans to transfer to Central Washington University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in psychology. Ortiz has been an active member of the Rho Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, serving as

the club’s Vice President of Leadership for the 2021-22 academic year. Ortiz is also a participant in the TRIO Student Support Services program at Big Bend.

## Legislative Priority: Expand Opportunity for Students and Employers

Fully funding our budget requests will have real returns for students like Kristin Ortiz and for the communities and employers in our area. Students will learn from competitively-paid experts who choose to work at Big Bend Community College rather than pursue higher paying positions with private employers or K-12 schools. Our students will train for careers in robust workforce programs, with modern equipment and learning spaces that mirror their future work environments. We will be able to expand technology to bring a college education to more people in more ways, which is especially important for working adults. And, all our students will benefit from an inclusive environment where they are valued, supported and equipped to reach their goals.

Big Bend Community College will also receive funding to operate and maintain existing facilities and to design and construct its Health Science and Performing Arts Center.



## Our Students

Total headcount.....	3,219
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	1,556
Full-time .....	50%
Part-time .....	50%
Students of color .....	57%

## Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$353 million is fully funded, Big Bend Community College will receive approximately \$2.4 million in additional funding.

## Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s request is fully funded, Big Bend Community College will receive approximately \$5,805,200 for operation, maintenance, infrastructure, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities, and \$31,953,000 for design and construction of the Health Science and Performing Arts Center.

