

## FY2022 State Budget Request

The Council's state budget request for FY2022 includes the following critical and strategic investments in New Jersey's Community Colleges, their students, communities, and the state, with a focus on access, equity and student success.

### 1. Increase Investment in Community College to Support Equity, Access and Student Success

**\$144.1 million in state operating aid**, which represents a \$10 million increase more than the \$134.1 million allocated to community colleges prior to the pandemic, which will ensure a high-quality and affordable education for all New Jerseyans. This additional \$10 million in funding would be allocated to community colleges based on factors consistent with Vision 2028 and the State's Plan for Higher Education Plan including student progress, equity and access.

### 2. Expand Access to Higher Education and Support Success for the Most Vulnerable Students

**Full funding for the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG)** program to ensure that the program will continue with the same parameters that are in place for the fall 2021 semester, expanding access to a post- secondary education for more New Jerseyans;

**\$5 million in CCOG Student Success funds to** community colleges to provide critical advising, mentoring and other assistance to students;

**\$1 million in College Readiness Now to** support dual enrollment partnerships between community colleges and highs schools throughout the state and further expand economic opportunity.

### 3. Invest in Community College Facilities

**Full funding of the Chapter 12 program to** its full capacity so that important capital projects can continue, which will provide employment for New Jersey residents.