The SC Education Lottery legislation states that “proceeds of lottery games must be used to support improvements and enhancements for educational purposes and programs as provided by the General Assembly and that the net proceeds must be used to supplement, not supplant, existing resources for educational purposes and programs.” Each year, the Legislature decides how lottery funds are appropriated.

Since the start of the Lottery on January 7, 2002, the Legislature has appropriated more than $4.6 billion through Fiscal Year 2016-17. Lottery funds have been used to support a variety of educational programs. Here is a summary:

**Lottery Dollars Appropriated to Date**

* Dollar figures for all charts are in millions and incorporate the period January 7, 2002-June 30, 2017. Information provided by the Executive Budget Office, Department of Administration. When the Lottery 'takes' in a dollar, how is it spent? [Read more...](http://www.sceducationlottery.com/educationwins/educationwins.aspx)

The South Carolina Education Lottery is not responsible for distributing the funds raised by the Lottery. This responsibility belongs to the State. To see how funds are divided, please visit the Executive Budget Office, Department of Administration's chart of Education Lottery Appropriations at [www.admin.sc.gov/budget/education-lottery](http://www.admin.sc.gov/budget/education-lottery).
Higher Education Programs*

More than $3.22 BILLION has been appropriated to Higher Education Programs by the Legislature to include the following:

- **$3.097 BILLION** - Scholarships and grants at 2-year and 4-year colleges and technical institutions.
- **$180 million** - SmartState Program™ - Creating Research Centers for Economic Excellence at the state's three research universities from FY 2002-03 through FY 2007-08:
  - Clemson University
  - Medical University of South Carolina
  - University of South Carolina
- **$157 million** - Technology at public 2-year and 4-year colleges and technical institutions.
- **$181 million** - Other Higher Education Programs that include:
  - $59 million - Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program: Appropriations to 4-year institutions where 60 percent or more of the enrolled undergraduates receive Pell Grants. The general purpose of the program is to enhance higher education opportunities at the eligible institutions through enhanced facilities and improved academic instruction.

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$41 million - **S.C. State University**: The University has dedicated lottery funding to correct deferred maintenance problems on campus. There have been more than 25 expansive projects supported by ELA appropriations including: Dukes Gym wheelchair lift project and roof replacement; campus-wide security cameras and extended campus lighting; and multiple projects on Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium.

**Other Community Education Appropriations**

$72 million has been appropriated by the Legislature to enhance community education in the Palmetto State through:

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- **$20.1 million – Allied Healthcare Initiative**: Specifically designed to help address South Carolina’s skilled healthcare workforce shortage. Allied Healthcare Initiative funds have allowed the state’s 16 technical colleges to upgrade infrastructure resources, improve curriculum, increase enrollment, improve retention, and implement new programs in all allied healthcare program areas. The Allied Healthcare Initiative has received appropriations from FY 2006-07 through FY 2009-10.

- **$19.9 million – Educational Television Network (ETV)**. Primarily to upgrade to digital technology from FY 2002-03 through FY 2004-05.

- **$22 million – County Libraries.** The formulas which dictate the amount of funding each county receives are set by the Legislature from FY 2002-03 through FY 2007-08 and FY 2011-12 through FY 2016-17.

- **$2.9 million – S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS)** for gambling treatment services from FY 2002-03 through FY 2007-08 and FY 2011-12 through FY 2016-17.

- **$6.8 million to other Community Education Programs.**
K-12 Program Appropriations*

Programs targeting grades K-12 have received more than $921 million in appropriations.

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- $517 million – Directed towards primary education (grades K-5) enhancement programs in the subjects of reading, math, science and social studies.
- $104 million – Appropriated to programs that support the Education Accountability Act (EAA) to raise the standards in all classrooms. The EAA establishes an accountability system for public education that is used to provide specific resources to improve student performance and teacher and staff development and assistance. (Source: EAA Act) Appropriations are for FY 2002-03 through FY 2006-07.
- $126 million – Appropriated to purchase more than 1,000 school buses, provide maintenance and fuel from FY 2002-03 through FY 2006-07 and FY 2011-12 through FY 2016-2017.
- $173 million - Directed towards other K-12 educational programs, including $48 million appropriated to the K-12 Technology Initiative.

For a complete breakdown of appropriations from the Education Lottery Account, please visit the Executive Budget Office, Department of Administration’s website at [www.admin.sc.gov/budget/education-lottery](http://www.admin.sc.gov/budget/education-lottery).

To see how your county has benefited from lottery appropriations, please visit the section titled “Distribution by County” on the SCEL website.

SCEL recognizes that each lottery dollar transferred to the Education Lottery Account is critical to enhancing educational opportunities. For fiscal year 2015-16, for every dollar that we gross, 65.28 percent is paid as prizes to winners. The retailer commissions equate to 7 percent of every dollar and retailer incentives are 0.04 percent. Of the total amount, 2.46 percent pays for a combination of administration costs, gaming costs, and advertising to promote product sales. The residual portion, 25.22 percent, is transferred to the Education Lottery Account.

By statute, SCEL’s administrative percentage and the 7 percent mandated retailer commission must not exceed 15 percent. SCEL is currently operating at well below the mandated percentage.

**Other financial data indirectly related to the Lottery**

Indirect lottery financial data that has a bearing on state government include the following:

- More than $109.6 million withheld in S.C. Income Tax from lottery winnings*
- More than $2.1 million collected in debt set-off and unpaid child support*

* Dollar figures reflect the period of January 7, 2002 - June 30, 2016. Proceeds are transferred to the S.C. General Fund to be appropriated by the General Assembly.