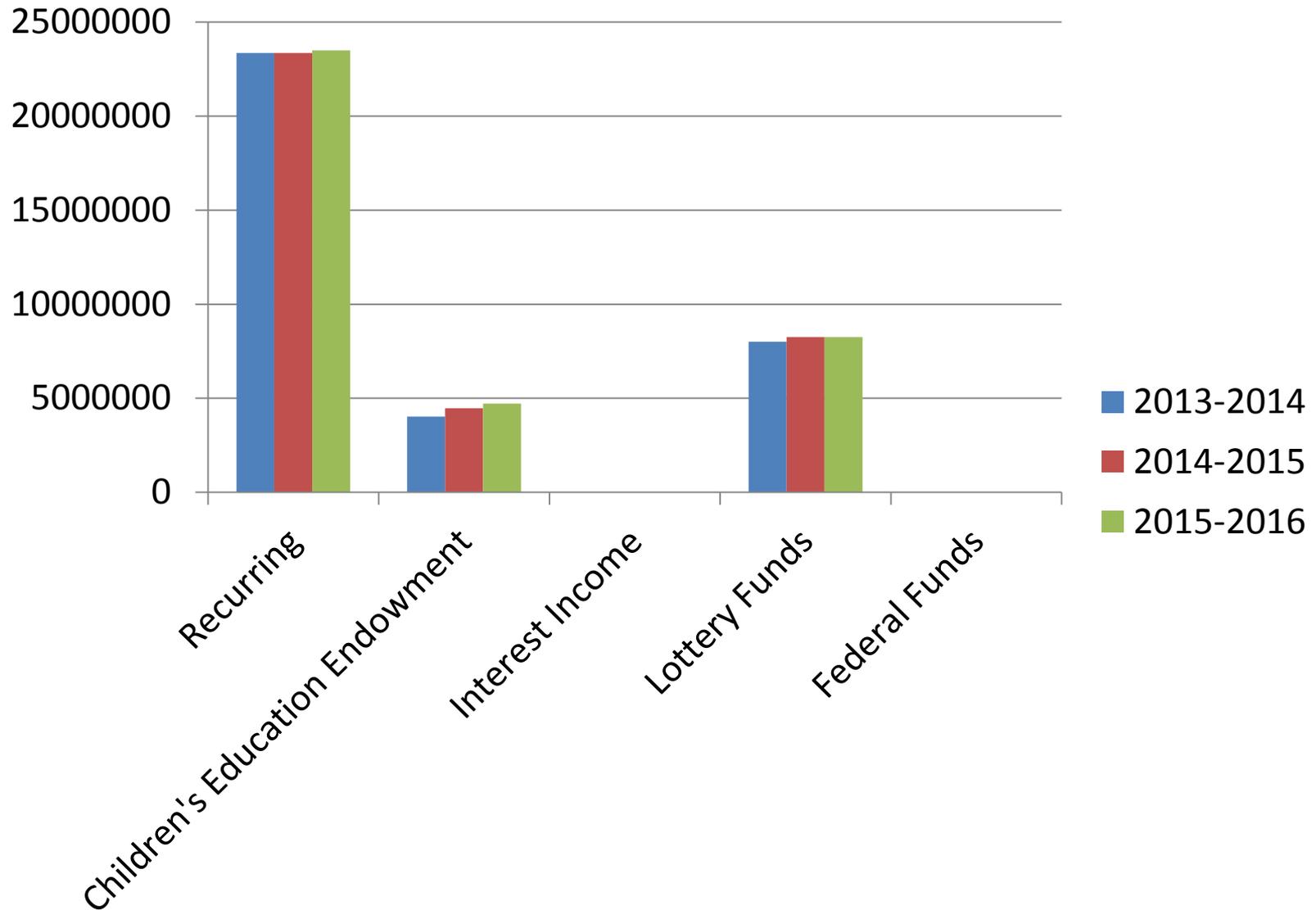


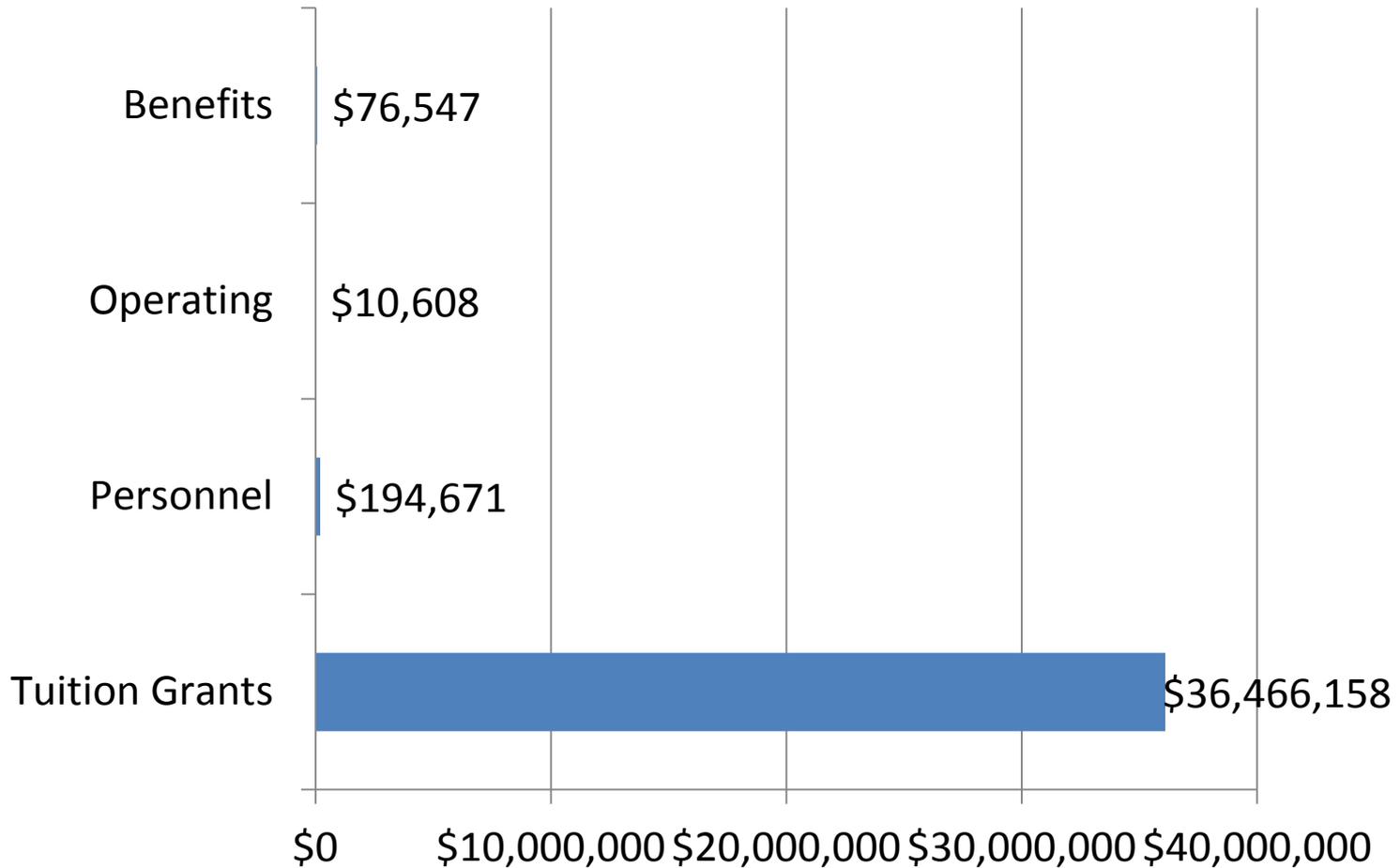
# South Carolina Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission

Budget Request 2016-17

# Appropriations History



# Current Funding FY 15-16



## Recurring Appropriations

### FY 15-16

- New recurring appropriations were received in the amount of \$136,772 for Tuition Grants.

## Non-Recurring/Capital Appropriations

### FY 15-16

- Increased appropriation via the Children's Education Endowment (through CHE): \$661,250.
- All funding increases used to increase Maximum Tuition Grant per student by \$100.

# Carry Forward

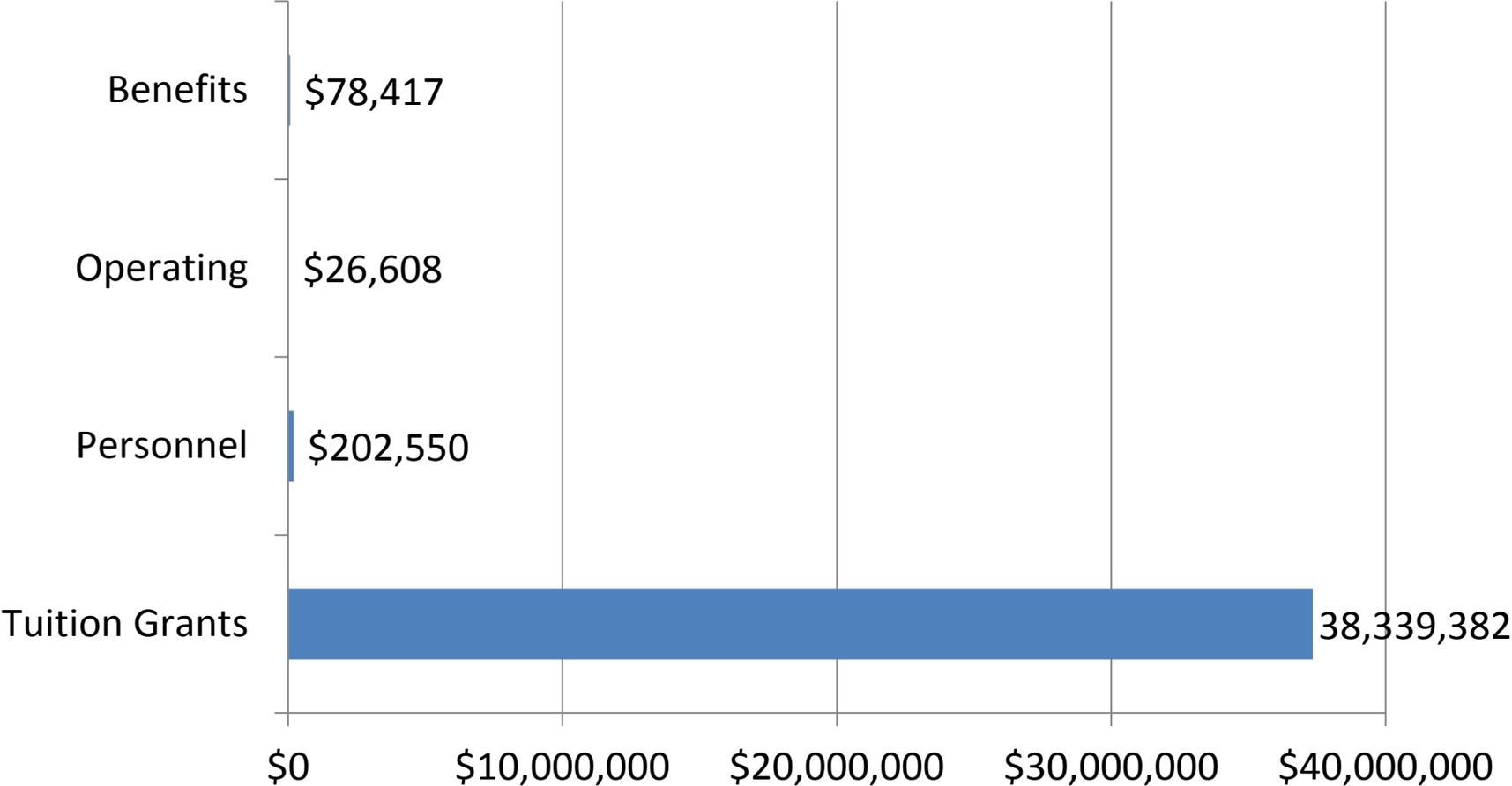
- FY13-14: \$3,245,155
- FY14-15: \$3,517,407
- FY15-16: \$2,764,691
  
- Anticipated carry forward funds for FY15-16 automatically includes \$2,064,691 in Lottery Funds because of the disbursement pattern for Tuition Grants (25% of funds received annually too late to disburse in current year and always used for first 25% of disbursements in successive year).
  
- Additional carry forward funds are one-time Children's Education Endowment funds that were not used in prior year maximum grant calculation. They will be used in FY16-17.

# Other Funds Oversight Committee

## JBRC

- The Commission has never appeared before OFOC or JBRC.
- The Commission does not anticipate that it will need to appear before OFOC or JBRC after the passage of the budget for FY 16-17.

# Budget Request FY 16-17



# Recurring Appropriations Request

## FY 16-17

- \$2,534,474: Student Grants Increase
  - increase student grants by \$100 per student for 2016-2017
- \$16,000: Information Security Requirements
  - increased administrative costs to implement mandated information security requirements
  - includes contracted services through Division of Technology for agency data management, firewall protection, user authentication, router maintenance, desktop hardware and software support and protection, security patches and updates, web site security, secure internet connection, and agency data back-up to insure information security protection.
- \$9,749: Reclassification of Employee
  - new additional duties associated with implementing the mandated information security requirements as approved by the State Office of Human Resources

# Non-Recurring/Capital Request

## FY 16-17

- No request

# Other/Federal Fund Request

## FY 16-17

- \$346,704: Other Funds (Children's Education Endowment)
  - increase spending authority for increases in Children's Education Endowment

# FTEs

- The Commission currently has:
- 5 authorized State FTEs, 1 vacant FTE
- 0 authorized Federal FTEs
- 0 authorized Other Funded FTEs
- 5 Total FTEs
  
- There are no requests for additional FTEs.

# Appendix

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# South Carolina Tuition Grants

- Program Statute-Title 59, Chapter 113
- Program administered by the Tuition Grants Commission located in Columbia.
- The South Carolina Tuition Grants Program was created to help educate our South Carolina citizenry by making the cost of attending in-state independent colleges more affordable, thereby gaining maximum usage from all available educational facilities located in South Carolina. The Tuition Grants Program also helps preserve the dual system of education in South Carolina and saves the state tax dollars (estimated at almost \$850 million since Program creation) by attracting South Carolina residents into the independent college sector, thereby saving the automatic state tax subsidy that goes to all students attending South Carolina's public colleges regardless of the financial need of the family.
- SC Tuition Grants Program was established in 1970 with 410,853 student grants awarded since then.
- In 2015-2016, 13,400 students, attending 21 eligible South Carolina independent colleges, are receiving a South Carolina Tuition Grant.

# South Carolina Tuition Grants

- By Statute, all recipients are South Carolina Residents.
- SC Tuition Grants are grants, not scholarships, requiring financial need to qualify although, by statute, “academic merit” is also required to qualify.
- Tuition Grants are awarded directly to eligible South Carolina students and can only be used to pay their tuition. No funds are provided to colleges.

# Eligible Colleges

All South Carolina Based by Statute (59-113-50)

All SACS accredited except Bob Jones University (TRACS accredited)

- ✦ Allen University
- ✦ Anderson University
- ✦ Benedict College
- ✦ Bob Jones University
- ✦ Charleston Southern University
- ✦ Claflin University
- ✦ Coker College
- ✦ Columbia College
- ✦ Columbia International University
- ✦ Converse College
- ✦ Erskine College
- ✦ Furman University
- ✦ Limestone College
- ✦ Morris College
- ✦ Newberry College
- ✦ North Greenville University
- ✦ Presbyterian College
- ✦ Southern Wesleyan University
- ✦ Spartanburg Methodist College
- ✦ Voorhees College
- ✦ Wofford College

# Five Year Grant History

- 2015-2016 – 13,400  
Max. Grant - \$3,100 Average Grant ~ \$2,710
- 2014-2015 – 13,346  
Max. Grant - \$3,000 Average Grant - \$2,672
- 2013-2014 – 13,498  
Max. Grant - \$2,900 Average Grant - \$2,641
- 2012-2013 – 13,881  
Max. Grant - \$2,800 Average Grant – \$2,603
- 2011-2012 – 14,192  
Max. Grant - \$2,600 Average Grant - \$2,278

# Maximum Grant History

2015-2016 -- \$3,100  
2014-2015 -- \$3,000  
2013-2014 -- \$2,900  
2012-2013 -- \$2,800  
2011-2012 -- \$2,600  
2010-2011 -- \$2,600  
2009-2010 -- \$2,800  
2008-2009 -- \$3,200

# 2014-2015 Recipients By College

<u>College Attended</u>	<u>Recipients</u>	<u>Tuition Grants</u>
• Allen University	284	\$741,000
• Anderson University	1,337	\$3,571,605
• Benedict College	690	\$1,893,525
• Bob Jones University	490	\$1,392,189
• Charleston Southern University	1,403	\$3,919,087
• Claflin University	1,010	\$2,833,909
• Coker College	611	\$1,449,814
• Columbia College	438	\$1,204,730
• Columbia International University	198	\$550,204
• Converse College	421	\$1,177,240
• Erskine College	356	\$1,017,350
• Furman University	421	\$1,133,280
• Limestone College	931	\$1,761,507
• Morris College	430	\$1,144,571
• Newberry College	609	\$1,740,300
• North Greenville University	1,164	\$3,329,705
• Presbyterian College	519	\$1,513,490
• Southern Wesleyan University	598	\$1,209,380
• Spartanburg Methodist College	593	\$1,625,922
• Voorhees College	229	\$655,500
• Wofford College	614	\$1,792,428

# Additional Information

- Many of our state residents, striving to improve their futures via higher education, come from economically challenged families.
- The merit-based scholarships offered by the state are very well-funded with far more funding going to those students and at much higher amounts per student than the state's need-based programs.
- Future consideration of increases in need-based funding for economically disadvantaged South Carolina students and their families, including funding for South Carolina Tuition Grants and the state Need-Based Grants for students attending public colleges, would be of great benefit to the long-term future of our great state.
- The Tuition Grants Commission supports the request in recurring funds of \$4.537 million for the state need-based grants program as requested by the Commission on Higher Education.
- There were 1,034 students who attended full-time in Fall 2015 who did not receive a Tuition Grant because they missed the application deadline. Enabling those student to be eligible, by moving the deadline to the first day of Fall classes (September 1), would cost an additional \$2.9 million.