

2023 Public University Capital Request

Overview

Oregon's seven public universities support the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's (HECC) request of **\$90 million for Capital Improvement and Renewal (CI&R) and \$488.2 million in state Article XI-Q and Article XI-G bonds**. This investment will leverage \$127.8 million in institutional and gift funds in support of construction projects focused on completing urgent renovations and intentional modernization to improve students' learning environment and reduce the backlog of CI&R work.

Strategic Capital Development Plan

The public universities' request is less than the investments recommended by the state's Strategic Capital Development Plan completed by the HECC in 2019. That plan highlights the critical student success gains associated with building modernization and the direct correlation between high-quality university facilities and workforce development. Its top recommendation is to "focus on the improvement and renewal of existing capital assets" and calls for minimum investments of:

- **\$304 million biennially for CI&R,**
- **\$508 million biennially for capital renewal,**
- **A total of just over \$800 million biennially.**

Nearly half of the state's capital assets can be found on public university campuses and nearly half of those buildings are over 30 years old. As university buildings age, rising maintenance costs have created a backlog of essential repairs that impact universities' ability to provide important programs and services to students.

HECC Public University Capital Request						
2023-25 HECC University Capital Request (in millions)						
		Article XI-Q	\$ 472.6			
		Article XI-G	\$ 105.6			
			\$ 578.2			
INSTITUTION	PROJECT	XI-Q	XI-G	TOTAL STATE	XI-F	INSTITUTIONAL & GIFT FUNDS
ALL	Capital Improvement and Renewal	90,000,000	-	90,000,000	-	-
UO	Friendly Hall Deferred Mai and Renovation Project	67,887,000	7,543,000	75,430,000	-	7,543,000
OSU	Collaborative Innovation Complex	-	75,000,000	75,000,000	-	91,000,000
PSU	Phase II of Gateway Project for Art + Design and Vernier Science Center	54,725,000	4,275,000	59,000,000	16,000,000	4,275,000
WOU	Health Sciences Renovation	42,217,310	-	42,217,310	-	1,305,690
SOU	Central Hall Phase II	14,100,000	-	14,100,000	-	750,000
SOU	Creative Industries/Student Success and Leadership Center	40,900,000	-	40,900,000	-	2,150,000
OIT	Learning Resource Center Renovation	25,200,000	1,400,000	26,600,000	-	1,400,000
EOU	Loso Hall Renovation Phase II	37,325,600	-	37,325,600	-	1,154,400
WOU	Center for Human Achievement, Movement & Performance Renovation (CHAMP)	27,805,050	-	27,805,050	-	859,950
OIT	Semon Hall Renovation	19,800,000	1,100,000	20,900,000	-	1,100,000
OSU-C	Health Sciences and Recreation Center	30,000,000	15,000,000	45,000,000	-	15,000,000
OIT	Center for Student Success	22,680,000	1,260,000	23,940,000	-	1,260,000
PSU	Smith Memorial Student Union Major Repair Project	-	-	-	8,200,000	7,543,000
	Subtotals	472,639,960	105,578,000	578,217,960	24,200,000	127,798,040

Governor's Recommended Budget

The GRB recommends \$200 million for capital improvement and renewal at public universities.

Between institutional matching dollars, dramatic increases in lifetime earnings for graduates that contribute to the tax base, and the significant economic impact of campus construction in local communities, university capital construction provides an excellent return on investment for the state's limited capital bonding dollars. Oregon's public universities are asking that the legislature fund the shown list of projects recommended by the HECC.

Article XI-F Bond Funds

In addition to Article XI-F and Article XI-G, Oregon's public universities utilize bonds derived from the Oregon Constitution Article XI-F. Article XI-F provides bonds for universities to address capital projects with their own funds. As with other projects on university campuses, the institutions repay the bonds issued under Article XI-F. In the 2023-25 biennium, Oregon's public universities are asking for the issuance of **\$24.2 million in Article XI-F bonds**.

For More Information

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