

## HECC University Capital Prioritization

### Process:

The capital prioritization scoring rubric which was developed by HECC staff in consultation with our university partners and approved by the HECC Funding and Achievement Subcommittee in July was used to examine the Tier I capital submission by the institutions. This process focused questions and allowed for a guided, but subjective examination to best match the HECC strategic plan with the needs of each university and the state as a whole. In this process Section H – “Strategic Priority” from the rubric was not used as it was too undefined.

### Narrative:

The following prioritization of capital projects, as submitted by each institution, if fully or substantially funded provides a major investment in critical teaching, research and student support space in an effort to reach 40-40-20. No effort was made to the size or scope of any one project. Capital Repair/Renewal Projects were prioritized as the individual and collective first priority of each institution. Additional resources were dedicated to Capital Repair/Renewal Projects to support ADA accessibility improvements at all campuses. The majority of projects in Tier I dedicate resources to repurpose and redevelop existing buildings to meet the pressing needs stemming from enrollment growth over the past decade and to meet the needs of modern pedagogy and lab space. Collectively, these projects represent nearly 1 million gross square feet of project space and the leveraging of university and donor funds in excess of \$121 million dollars to increase access, grow capabilities and extend our universities competitive advantage in research and economic development.

The following list of Tier I capital projects will be submitted to the Governor, representing the HECC’s strategic priority in university capital investments. Efforts including Commission staff and the seven universities will continue to inform the Governor, his staff and DAS to ensure that a fiscally prudent, yet maximally effective set of projects will be funded to support Oregon’s ambitious achievement goals. Tier II and Tier III projects as well as reauthorization of prior projects will be included in the Agency Request Budget.

Recognizing that there are significant ADA code compliance and upgrade needs at all institutions, capital repair and renewal funds were not reduced from the combined request of all institutions, but increased to support this critical deficit. Staff recommends that institutions prioritize where possible the elimination of ADA and accessibility issues through the strategic use of Capital Repair/Renewal dollars. ADA and accessibility issues should be dealt with as a matter of course and prioritized among the many demands on institutional resources. The following list provides significant resources for the ongoing maintenance needs of the current portfolio of university assets, and invests in the usability and accessibility of Oregon’s university campuses to all students.

Additional information on each Tier I project can be found in the document titled “HECC Tier I Project Description Narrative.”