

2025-27 AGENCY REQUEST BUDGET UNIVERSITY CAPITAL GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

PROCESS OVERVIEW

The goal of this process is to assist the Legislature to "determine strategic investments in the state's public universities and student access programs necessary to achieve state postsecondary education goals, (ORS 350.075)."

Because funding is limited, a prioritization process must occur. Project submissions are collected to meet Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Capital Budget requirements and to provide the necessary data for consideration. The Commission's recommendations are based upon a prioritization process that incorporates the criteria detailed below.

All capital project submissions will be evaluated by HECC staff and may include a campus site visit to review project plans and discuss details with institution representatives. HECC will compile information and evaluator feedback on the project proposals submitted from the seven governing boards, which will then be used to establish a statewide priority list.

The Commission will establish the priority ranking of governing board recommended projects that are consistent with the state's goals. Projects that are recommended, but not funded, can be resubmitted the following budget cycle if the project remains a priority for the institution. Previously recommended, but unfunded, projects are not guaranteed recommendation in the following cycle.

HECC strongly suggests institutions engage their academic and institutional research teams to assist in the development and completion of the submittal.

HECC UNIVERSITY CAPITAL PRINCIPLES

The prioritization of capital projects will focus on aligning economic incentives of the institutions with the state's strategic capital plan. The prioritization process is not a distribution model. All state-backed debt will support Education & General (E&G) space and program needs for the 21st century, extend the capacity of existing facilities to support student success, and align capital investments with workforce and economic development needs.

Projects that demonstrate the following will be prioritized:

- Projects that align with the <u>HECC Equity Lens</u> and enhance the <u>Oregon Strategic Roadmap</u>.
- Capital renewal approach that repurposes existing space
- Operational cost savings along with safety and security
- Public-private and multi-party collaborations
- Leveraging of private resources and institutional funds

STRATEGIC CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

During 2019, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission developed a 10-year strategic capital plan for all seven public universities, in partnership with the public universities and a panel of experts in strategic capital and higher education planning. This project provides a target public university capital portfolio through 2029 and will be used to guide the HECC in prioritization of capital projects and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on the critically important need for strategically driven capital investments for years to come. The 10-year strategic capital plan is a high-level summary of capital needs based on demographic, economic, industrial, and other environmental factors, dividing the targeted portfolio by region of the state. It divides the existing and potential future capital portfolio according to ideal usage and utilization, estimating the space needed for different academic disciplines and functions. By design, the Capital Prioritization Rubric ties to the Strategic Capital Development Plan and reflects the State's goals and interests.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY/RULES

Authority for this work is included in ORS 350.075.

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall:

- (a) Develop state goals for the state postsecondary education system, including community colleges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002 (Public universities), and for student access programs.
- (b) Determine strategic investments in the state's community colleges, public universities, and student access programs necessary to achieve state postsecondary education goals.
- (c) Coordinate the postsecondary elements of data collection and structure, with the advice and recommendation of the state's independent institutions, community colleges and public universities, as appropriate, in order to construct a state longitudinal data system.
- (d) Adopt a strategic plan for achieving state postsecondary education goals, taking into consideration the contributions of this state's independent institutions, philanthropic organizations and other organizations dedicated to helping Oregonians reach state goals. State postsecondary education goals as described in this section should include, but need not be limited to:
 - a) Increasing the educational attainment of the population
 - b) Increasing this state's global economic competitiveness and the quality of life of its residents
 - c) Ensuring affordable access for qualified Oregon students at each college or public university
 - d) Removing barriers to on-time completion

e) And tracking progress toward meeting the state's postsecondary education goals established in the strategic plan.

The related rules are included in Oregon Administrative Rule 715-013-0070 which identifies the capital improvement and renewal distribution formula.

HECC EQUITY LENS AND OREGON STRATEGIC ROADMAP

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission vision is a future in which all Oregonians—and especially those whom our systems have underserved and marginalized—benefit from the transformational power of high-quality postsecondary education and training.

Oregon's Strategic Roadmap for Oregon Postsecondary Education and Training, finalized in August, 2021, sets an ambitious path forward by describing how postsecondary systems, policies, and practices need to change in order to achieve Oregon's goals for educational attainment and equity. The Roadmap is intended to guide not only HECC initiatives and investments, but also those of Oregon's postsecondary education and training partners statewide, with implications for public and private colleges and universities, the Legislature and Governor, education and workforce development partners, as well as faculty, students, and staff.

The Roadmap sets the following five categories for strategic action as major areas of focus for the HECC, the Legislature, and other partners, with specific examples described in the document.

Transform and innovate to serve students and learners best—Support education and training institutions in continuing to transform, expand, and redesign their outreach and delivery models to engage today's learners.

Center higher education and workforce training capacity on current and future state needs—Focus postsecondary education and training resources to serve Oregonians where they are and who they are, with a priority on communities and populations that have been historically underserved.

Ensure that postsecondary learners can afford to meet their basic needs—Improve college affordability for Oregonians and ensure that fewer students struggle with homelessness, housing insecurity, and food insecurity.

Create and support a continuum of pathways from education and training to career— Ensure that all learners have access to a full range of education and training options beyond high school, including apprenticeships, career certificates, and college degrees.

Increase public investment to meet Oregon's postsecondary goals—Through adequate and sustained levels of public investments, minimize tuition increases and build programs and services to equitably serve learners.

TIMELINE

For each new biennium, the budget process starts the year prior. All materials are received in the even years and biennium budgets are started in the odd years. For this process, institutions must submit project proposals to HECC by the first week of April of the even year. HECC staff is tentatively scheduled to present the prioritized statewide list to the Commission at the June 2024 meeting. The Commission will then decide what actions to take based on the evaluation and prioritization list.

February-March 2024: Instructions released for 2025-27 ARB

April 5, 2024: Submission Deadline

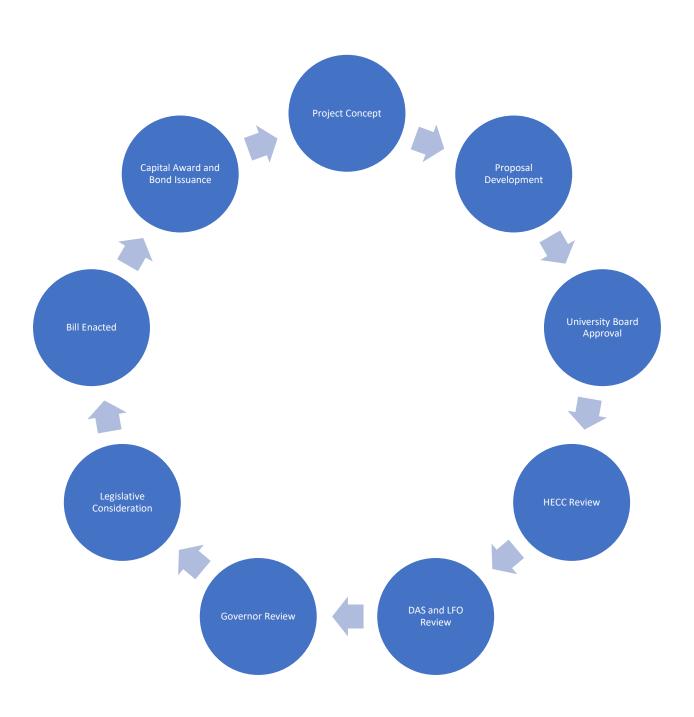
April 7 - 30, 2024: Evaluations

May 2024: Presentations to HECC Funding & Achievement (F&A) Subcommittee

June 2024 (tentative): HECC staff present capital recommendations to HECC F&A

August 13, 2024: HECC ARB due to DAS and LFO

CAPITAL PROJECT PROCESS FLOWCHART



PROJECT SUBMISSION

INSTITUTION CAPITAL PLAN INFORMATION

Institutions requesting cash or debt financing from the state for capital projects in the upcoming biennium, are expected to provide the information described below. This information is required once, regardless of how many projects are being submitted.

- 1. Identify whether the institution has a master facilities' plan and, if so, the date on which it was adopted and/or last amended.
- 2. Share your policy of funding for future education and general deferred maintenance needs.
 - a. Provide a description of the institution's plan for managing facilities, reducing any deferred maintenance backlog, and addressing future deferred maintenance needs.
 - b. Please report the current balance in the capital depreciation or set aside account.
- 3. Provide an estimate of the institution's total deferred maintenance backlog for education and general service facilities. Show the method of estimating the backlog and the investment level for institutional deferred maintenance reduction, for example, 1% of current replacement value.
- 4. Provide an estimate of the institution's seismic upgrade needs for educational and general service facilities.
- 5. Identify any bond-funded projects that were authorized in prior biennia that will require reauthorization by the legislature. Include the name of the project, when it was authorized, the amount that needs to be reauthorized, and a description of any changes to the project since it was originally authorized (include changes in project cost and funding).
- 6. The SCDP recommends embracing a broader definition of capital assets including those that are not bondable (SCDP, p. 19, 2019). If funding were available, would you be interested in demolishing any facilities? If so, please indicate which facilities and why.

PROJECT SUMMARY

For each project, please provide the following information.

- 1. Project Data
 - 1.1. Short working title for the project
 - 1.2. Project location address or campus location
 - 1.3. Academic programs served
 - 1.4. Total project cost
 - 1.5. State funding request
 - 1.6. Committed external funds
 - 1.6.1. Gift amount
 - 1.6.2. Plant funds amount
 - 1.6.3. Specify amount and source of other fund sources
 - 1.7. Total gross square feet
 - 1.8. Total net square feet
 - 1.9. Identify the project start and completion dates
- 2. Complete the appropriate DAS required bond Forms 107BF11a and/or 107BF12 for each project. (Appendix A)
- 3. Describe how this project will address the following:
 - 3.1. Resolve an unmet capacity need
 - 3.2. Raise facility quality
 - 3.3. Improve campus infrastructure
 - 3.4. Fulfill special need (e.g., shared performing arts facility). This is an excellent example of supporting an equity focus and could be something like American Disabilities Act universal design compliance for laboratories, classrooms, and auditoriums.
- 4. Complete HECC Capital Project Cost Summary form (appendix C)
- 5. Optional photo or graphic, or additional text if needed
- 6. Appendix Document List
- 7. Executive Summary of the Proposed Project

- 7.1 Provide a brief description of the project
- 7.2 Summarize how the project supports the HECC Equity Lens and enhances the Oregon Strategic Roadmap
- 7.3 Identify why the project is a critical need for the institution.

BUSINESS PLAN

The aim is to provide a high-level view and accompanying estimates of the potential future savings that may be possible. Please include Appendix B in an excel version of your brief business plan.

1. Operations Overview

- 1.1. Provide an overview of the financial plan associated with the operations of the programs and facility described in the project. Costs may be defined by previously approved or existing expenses and revenue, and new expenses and revenue needed because of the proposed project.
- 1.2. Summarize the annual net additional costs for programs, staffing, operations, utilities, and maintenance costs. Costs should be consistent with planned student enrollment increases, staffing increases, and additional net area created from the project.
- 1.3. Describe financial efficiencies achieved with the project. How will they be realized (demolitions, shared spaces, funding sources, etc.)? If this is a new planned replacement building for planned demolition(s), quantify the financial benefits, or describe other opportunities created with the project. Does this project represent a new "replacement building" that is no more than 10% more square feet than a building proposed to be demolished?

2. Revenue Sources, Fundraising and Partnerships

- 2.1. Will there be a fundraising campaign or other community/industry partners that will be specifically associated with this project, and what are the specific funding goals? If there are unique features of the campaign, please describe.
- 2.2. What are the revenue sources expected to defray additional ongoing costs, such as estimated additional tuition, grants, or other sources? Anticipated funding and tuition income should be supported by the academic strategic plan for credential production and enrollment increases.

3. Review of Alternatives (Page 21 of the SCDP)

3.1. Discuss a review of project alternatives and less capital-intensive options that were considered to meet the identified space need.

CAPITAL PROJECT EVALUATION

All project types, whether major renovations, new construction, or building replacements, regardless of sector or Capital Improvement and Renewal (CIR) bond funding formula, will be reviewed based on the submitted project proposal and the scoring criteria. This is only a brief summary of the evaluation process. The project points are awarded based on the rubric responses that follow.

Once HECC receives your project submittal, it will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Capital projects will be linked to state goals, including the following objectives:

- Increasing degree production, particularly at the undergraduate level
- Enhancing research and/or workforce development
- Identifying and addressing education and workforce needs of local and regional economies

Projects are based on the focus, or expected impact, of the project on student success with special emphasis on the priority populations outlined in the SSCM as informed by the HECC Equity Lens. This will be measured by a clear connection to higher credential attainment as a result of the project. Capital projects should enhance campus mission and distinction and should be envisioned in the institution's current Master Plan.

Institutions should develop project proposals that include academic planning and architectural programs, which may include early design ideas regarding the uses and layout of buildings impacted by each project.

Institutional facility needs and condition, as analyzed by the HECC Space Planning Guidelines, are a factor in determining institutional priorities.

External funding should be a factor in project priority but should not inappropriately determine institutional or system priorities. The capital match component identifies a minimum percentage of project costs to be borne by the institution, ideally from private fundraising. Non-state funds raised above the minimum percentage garner additional points in the scoring process.

CAPITAL SCORING RUBRIC

The points assigned to each evaluation criteria are detailed below.

Prioritization Criteria			
Strategic Priorities (52 points total)			
A. Strategic Capital Development Priorities			
Part 1: Space renewal, workforce, or completion priorities	24		
Part 2: Addressing deferred maintenance issues	12		
Part 3: Supports research and economic development	8		
Part 4: Collaboration with interested parties	8		
State Priorities (48 points total)			
B. Operational Savings and Sustainability	8		
C. Life Safety, Security, Code Compliance and/or Loss of Use	10		
D. Institutional Priority	5		
E. Student Success for Underserved Populations	10		
F. Leveraging Institutional Resources	15		
TOTAL	100		

COMPONENT A: STRATEGIC CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

Component A, Part 1: Space renewal, workforce, or completion priorities

Proposals that increase the efficiency and effectiveness of educational and general space, address workforce needs pursuant to the SCDP, or support student success and degree completion numbers pursuant to the 40-40-20 Strategic Plan.

- Proposal increases the capacity and effectiveness of instructional space
 - o Academic Space Surplus or Deficit (SCDP, page 9)
 - o Academic Support Space Surplus or Deficit (SCDP, page 9)
 - Reference the institutional specific section of the report, (SCDP, pages 57 62 and "Space Analysis" sections of institutional data).
- Addresses workforce needs by providing clear pathways to aligning the educational supply with employment demand (SCDP, pages 40-47 or within the institutional specific data section)
 - o Fills occupations that have postsecondary credential and university-based requirements, reference institutional section of the report for your specific institution.
 - o Institution requires an internship with industry for the career track.
 - Reference the institutional specific section of the report, "Program Completion Rates",
 and "Gaps at the bachelor and above degree level" chart.

• Proposal brings business and industry to campus by core sectors for research collaboration or economic development projects or to assist in an educational capacity.

Component A, Part 2: Addressing deferred maintenance issues

- This component relates to either the reduction of deferred maintenance at an institution or the creation of a university-funded deferred maintenance set aside account to proactively address future deferred maintenance needs (SCDP, pages 10 13).
 - i. Deferred Maintenance Reduction proposal eliminates deferred maintenance, demolishes a non-usable asset, or repurposes an existing under-utilized asset to a much higher academic use (cross check the building inventory in the most current CIR Table). For DM projects, identify the expected source of funding as internal to institution or State CIR funded.
 - ii. Deferred Maintenance Account proposal establishes a university-funded depreciation account for the new/upgraded facility.

Please see sample capital grading table below for the calculation method for deferred maintenance.

Rubric Criteria	UO Friendly	OSU CIC	PSU FWWS	WOU Health
Addressing deferred				
maintenance issues	<mark>12</mark>	8	<mark>4</mark>	4
DM Eliminated	72,000,000	70,000,000	18,700,000	1,580,000
Total Project Cost	82,973,000	166,000,000	79,275,000	43,523,000
DM Eliminated % of Total				
Cost	87%	42%	24%	4%
Point Scale of DM				
Reduction				
0 -25	4	4	4	4
26-50	6	<mark>6</mark>	6	6
51-75	8	8	8	8
76-100	10	10	10	10
Two points if depreciation				
fund established	2	2	2	2

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Component A, Part 3: Supports the research and economic development capacity of the institution

- Proposals should identify that they are supporting degree programs that are important
 to employers, or that they support economic development as defined by creating or
 renovating space for workforce partnerships and collaborations. Projects could also
 demonstrate that they lead to the development of additional research capabilities or
 help the institution earn additional, external research grant funding (SCDP, pages 6973).
- Proposals could support innovation with industry partners or create innovation districts and/or co-labs. Proposals could optimize resources on campus in support of industry partnerships, support entrepreneurial degree programs or address community and workforce needs (SCDP, pages 40-47 or within the institutional specific data section).

Component A, Part 4: Collaboration between the public universities and interested parties

- Proposals should encourage collaborative efforts between the university and other interested parties or the creation of consortia (SCDP, page 9).
- Public service entities could include but are not limited to public universities, community colleges, public school districts, regional consortiums, or private institutions.

COMPONENT B: OPERATIONAL SAVINGS AND SUSTAINABILITY

Projects are scored based on the cost savings generated by operational savings and/or sustainability savings. The project plan should demonstrate understanding of lifecycle costs. Savings are demonstrated by the inclusion of a pro forma detailing future operational costs of the facility compared to current operational costs. See Appendix B for an example of a project cost summary.

Points could be earned for any positive return of operational savings continuously applied after construction which could include net additional savings from staffing, operations, utilities, and maintenance costs. Points could also be earned for the more efficient execution of existing programs through higher utilization of student stations or a lower cost per unit of student stations.

Sustainability could mean the sustainability of program operations demonstrated through more efficient execution as mentioned above. Or sustainability could mean LEED certification in which a project demonstrates a more efficient use of energy resources. Points could be awarded for a project that includes a LEED or equivalent sustainability level certification.

COMPONENT C: LIFE SAFETY, SECURITY, OR LOSS OF USE

Proposals are scored based on the project's ability to address life safety, promote security, or remediate a potential loss of use issue. All are deemed mission critical. The institution should be prepared to explain how a project accomplishes these elements.

Documentation of a code violation could be included. A consultant's recommendation, and inclusion as a design element, of recommended safety upgrades to a facility could be included. Other evidence of a potential loss of use could be presented. See Appendix E for recent examples of safety elements as noted in the HECC Staff 2018 review.

Of the ten total points available, the inclusion and explanation of supporting evidence related to any one of these elements can garner a base score of eight points. Two additional points can then be added for verification by an independent, professionally certified expert.

It is possible the scoring for this component of the rubric will use a comparative approach across projects to assign points based on the relative number of elements addressed by each project submitted. Projects that address more elements might garner more points for this component relative to other projects.

- Life Safety. For a project to be considered critical, the project must predominantly address
 facility deficiencies (code compliance) related to the health, safety, and welfare of the
 occupants and the public. The request will be considered as to the significance of the
 hazard or risk the facility conditions pose and the immediacy of the period requested to
 address those concerns.
- Security. The proposal supports a safe and secure environment in all buildings and grounds owned, leased and/or operated by the universities. The proposal promotes safety through policies and programs. The proposal safeguards the university's property and physical assets.

3. Loss of Use. A project may be considered critical if it addresses imminent loss of use due to facility deficiencies. These can include mechanical, electrical, or structural systems as well as the accreditation requirements of a program. Critical loss of use projects would directly result in the inability of that program to function in the related area and/or maintain the funding necessary to sustain that program.

COMPONENT D: INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITY

Each institution will identify the top three projects from only the tier one category as defined by the university presidents. The institution's first priority will receive 5 points, second priority will receive 3 points, and the third priority will receive one point. Subsequent project proposals will receive no points for this component.

COMPONENT E: STUDENT SUCCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

Proposals should clearly communicate the expected increases in success for underserved populations. The underlying data used in the calculations of the Student Success and Completion Model (SSCM) provide a baseline for degree attainment by priority communities of color, rural, LGBTQIA+, students with disabilities, and veteran populations. Institutions should review that data and then describe how this project will improve outcomes in any of the categories.

Points will be awarded for documenting the integration of the project with academic plans and by incorporating greater collaboration among institutions to support and retain priority students. Proposals should document a clear, intended purpose of the project to meet the needs of priority students. Examples of support, retention and academic plans could include additional support services for priority students or the proposal of new goals for priority student achievement resulting from the completion of the project.

It is possible the scoring for this component will use a comparative approach across projects to assign points based on the relative magnitude of the proposed increase in student success by each project submitted. Projects that include a greater projected increase in student success might garner more points for this component relative to other projects.

COMPONENT F: LEVERAGING INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES

External funding should be a factor in prioritizing projects but should not inappropriately determine institutional or HECC priorities. The campus match component identifies a minimum percentage of project costs to be borne by the institution, ideally from external funding which could include grants, donations or other funds not derived from institutional or state resources. The two largest institutions UO and OSU have a common matching table. PSU has a unique matching table to reflect its matching capacity more appropriately. Technical and Regional institutions have an adjusted matching schedule to acknowledge a smaller private funding base in the rural communities of the state. The match expectation is differentiated by type of project as well.

Ten points are based on the level of matching and five points are based on the availability of funds according to the schedules below:

	OSU and UO Matching					
% Match	New Construction	Major Renovation				
25% or over	10	10				
24%	8	10				
15%	6	10				
10%	5	9				
5%	4	5				

OR

	PSU Matching					
% Match	New Construction	Major Renovation				
15% or over	10	10				
12%	8	10				
9%	6	10				
6%	5	9				
3%	4	5				

OR

	Technical Regional Matching						
% Match	% Match New Construction Major Renovation						
5% or more	10	10					
4%	8	10					
3%	6	10					
2%	4	7					
1%	2	5					

AND

Majority pledged or in hand. (Verified in proposal)		
% Match	Points	
100% add	5	
75% add	4	
50% add	3	
25% add	2	
0%>=10% add	1	
0%	0	

APPENDIX A: DAS AND HECC PFC REQUIRED FORMS

In accordance with the Department of Administrative Services' Capital Instructions, send HECC the following files by September of respective year. Please do not alter these forms as we are using them in a rollup or summary function.

HECC Public University Major Construction Project Narrative 107BF11a

Higher Education Coordinating Commission - Public University / Community College Major Construction/Acquisition Project Narrative

Note: Complete a separate form for each project.

Public University or	Project Type - indicate percent of budget in each		get in each
Community College:	University of Oregon	category; total should add to 100%:	
Project Name:	Friendly Hall Deferred Maintenance Pro	Planning/design	20%
Estimated Start Date:	Janaury, 2024	Land/real property acquisition	
Estimated Completion Date:	December, 2027	New construction	
Total Estimated Project Cost ¹ :	\$82,973,000	Addition	
Cost per net usable square		Remodel	80%
foot added or renovated:	\$1,855/SF	Total	100%

¹Include all costs regardless of proposed funding model, such as design and planning, hard and soft construction costs, land and real property acquisition, infrastructure development, furnishings and fixtures, contingencies, etc.

Project Summary (describe the nature and purpose of the project):

Since 1893, Friendly Hall has housed and served generations of University of Oregon students. The Friendly Hall Deferred Maintenance and Renovation Project will ensure the legacy of this historic building will be preserved for students and faculty for decades to come. The renovation will ameliorate serious safety issues by providing seismic upgrades, a more accessible building, resolving building and site code violations, and eliminating a portion of the University of Oregon's deferred maintenance backlog. In addition, it will bring together multiple language programs currently scattered around campus into a centralized Global Studies and Languages hub benefitting from modern classrooms, office spaces, and gathering spaces and creating efficiencies with a centralized student resource center focusing on student support for underrepresented students, study abroad programs, and career development.

Facility Details (describe specific details such as number of stories, square feet, type and number of components such as classrooms and labs):

44,740 gsf, four stories plus basement. School of Global Studies and Languages including:

- o Classrooms serving over 3,500 students annually.
- o Up to 130 faculty and graduate student/instructor offices and workstations.
- o Collaborative learning spaces including Language Hubs that support underrepresented students.
- o Student- and faculty-focused, administrative support office suite.
- o Facilities for School's degree programs: 16 Undergraduate Majors, 22 Undergraduate Minors, and 11 Graduate degrees/specializations.

Funding Request			
	Project Funding Amount	Biennial Debt	Debt Service ⁵ Funding
Type of Funding Requested	Requested	Service ⁵	Source
General Funds/Lottery Funds			N/A
Article XI-F(1) Bond Proceeds ^{2, 4}			Other Funds
Article XI-G Bond Proceeds ^{3, 4}	\$ 7,543,000		General Fund
Article XI-Q Bond Proceeds ⁴	\$ 67,887,000		General Fund
Lottery Revenue Bonds			Lottery Funds
Total	\$ 75,430,000	\$ -	

XI-F (1) REVENUE SUFFICIENCY

Solely for self-funded projects, the project will not be graded and will be separately
submitted in a cluster of similar project requests. Include any board resolutions for
the project with the revenue sufficiency analysis and include a pro forma in a
standard format annotating business assumption about the project like the following
examples:

What is the project? Renovation of Smith Memorial Student Union and relocation of the Student Health and Counseling Center

- a PSU educates the most underserved students in the state, yet has the largest deficit in the types of spaces needed to better serve URM students. 40% of students served by Student Health and Counseling are considered priority populations.
- b. The buildings detailed in this request: Vacate the University Center Building and its costly lease. Relocate Student Health and Wellness to Fariborz Maseeh. Renovate Smith Memorial Student Union.

2. What is hoped to be accomplished by the project?

- a. Exit costly lease and building at the University Center and relocate to Fairborz Maseeh. Renovate Smith Memorial Student Union
- b. Centralize and improve student services

3. What is the total project cost?

- a. The total project cost is \$16M of taxable XI-F bonds for the Student Health and Wellness Center and \$9.7M (of which \$8.2M is taxable XI-F bonds) for Smith Memorial Student Union.
- b. The City of Portland requires that the first floor of any building in downtown Portland must serve a retail purpose and consequently the bond request has this segment parsed as taxable bond.

4. What are the current building descriptions?

Smith Memorial Student Union (SMSU)

Smith Memorial Student Union (SMSU) is a four-story building with two basement levels located between SW Park, Montgomery, Broadway, and Harrison. It is the building just south of Cramer Hall and north of Fairborz Maseeh Hall. Skybridges on the third and fourth floors lead to Cramer Hall and Fairborz Maseeh Hall. The third floor skybridge also connects to the University Services Building, School of Business Administration, the School of Education, and Parking Structure 2. Tunnels from the basement level lead to Cramer Hall to the North, and Fairborz Maseeh Hall to the South.

SMSU is PSU's student union and includes a food court on the first floor; a games room in the basement; a ballroom for events on the third and fourth floors; and offices for student organizations, groups, and other services throughout the building.

SMSU was the second building constructed for Portland State and was built in four separate phases between 1956 and 1966. Phase 1 was completed on May 28, 1958. The second phase completed on January 5, 1960, in the northeast corner, was known as Library East until 2012 and possesses separate mechanical and electrical systems. Library East was Portland State College's central library until the construction of Library West (now Millar Library) in 1968. Phase 3 (Addition 1) added the southwest corner of the building and additional work on the northwest corner was completed October 28, 1961 with the final southeast phase (Addition 2) completed on May 28, 1965. The first three phases (NW, NE/Library East, and SW) were all designed by the architects, Lawrence, Tucker & Wallman, with the original unit also benefiting from the consulting services of college union pioneer, Porter Butts. The final SE addition was designed by Mockford and Rudd.

Square Footage:

Gross Square Footage: 220,435

Net Assignable Square Footage: 128,450

Student Health and Wellness Center (SHAC) will be relocated to the Fairborz Maseeh Hall from the UCB.

Fairborz Maseeh Hall is a five story structure located on Broadway between Harrison and Hall Street on the South Park Blocks of Portland State University campus. It is the building just south of Smith Memorial Student Union and north of Shattuck Hall. Skybridges on the second and third floors lead from the north side to Smith Memorial, Parking 2, the School of Business Administration and the School of Education. A tunnel connects the basement to Smith Memorial. The second floor of FMH will be renovated to make it suitable for clinic use after the Art and Design is vacated. The second floor currently at FMH contains open studios and some classrooms.

Square Footage

Building Gross Square Footage: 212,804

Building Net Assignable Square Footage: 188,575

• Six Year Capital Plan - DAS Capital 107BF12

Update the six-year capital plan with your new changes and save file with your validations and footnotes. HECC Staff will provide DAS Capital with the rollup of CIR needs and a summary tab.

Agency: HECC - Oregon Tech Agency #: 525000	Provide amounts of agency financing needs for the by expected use and repayment source. Include pro amounts only (do not include debt service from eith debt or from new debt issuance).				proposed project		
		Bon General Obligation	dТ	уре		Totals by Repayment	
Use of Bond Proceeds		Bonds		Revenue Bonds		Source	
Major Construction / Acquisition Projects							
General Fund Repayment	\$		\$	-	\$	-	GF
Lottery Funds Repayment				-		-	LF
Other Funds Repayment		71,440,000		-			OF
Federal Funds Repayment		-		-		-	FF
Total for Major Construction	\$	71,440,000	\$	-	\$	-	
Equipment/Technology Projects over \$500,000							
General Fund Repayment	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	GF
Lottery Funds Repayment		-		-		-	LF
Other Funds Repayment		-		-		-	OF
Federal Funds Repayment		-		-		-	FF
Total for Equipment/Technology	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Debt Issuance for Loans and Grants							
General Fund Repayment	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	GF
Lottery Funds Repayment		-		-		-	LF
Other Funds Repayment		-		-		-	OF
Federal Funds Repayment		-		-		-	FF
Total for Loans and Grants	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Total All Debt Issuance							
General Fund Repayment	\$		\$	-	\$	-	GF
Lottery Funds Repayment		-		-		-	LF
Other Funds Repayment		71,440,000		-		71,440,000	OF
Federal Funds Repayment		-		-		-	FF
Grand Total 2023-25	\$	71,440,000	\$	-	\$	71,440,000	

APPENDIX A1: XI-REVENUE SUFFICIENCY

REVENUE SUFFICIENCY PROCESS FOR ARTICLE XI-F BONDS

Revenue sufficiency includes three components: (1) the annual attestation to the DAS CFO that the institution has sufficient funds to pay the debt service for the projects previously awarded according to ORS 291.445, (2) the HECC internal review required by ORS 350.095 for prospective projects and (3) the external review directed by DAS Capital prior to bond sale for those projects that have obtained Legislative approval.

1. Attestation of Existing Projects

This is required annually and is an attestation by the institution to the DAS CFO under ORS 291.445. This applies to debt service for existing projects. HECC's role is limited to summarizing institutional responses. The HECC does not independently verify the attestations.

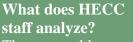
2. HECC Review of Prospective Projects

Prospective XI-F bond projects are not evaluated and prioritized using the HECC University Capital Rubric. As self-funded projects, they are treated as a loan guarantee from the state. They have fewer reporting requirements than the rubric projects. HECC Staff summarizes the project and provides a prospective analysis. There are five primary steps included as part of the HECC's review in fulfillment of ORS 350.095:

- Create a proposal package with a project summary (see pages 6-7 of the Capital Guide) and a financial <u>proforma</u> documenting revenue sufficiency
- 2. Review concept with institution staff including documentation of assumptions, enrollments forecasted, and footnotes
- Confirm board resolution supporting the project
- 4. Development of HECC staff analysis
- 5. Report to DAS Capital, LFO and HECC as appropriate

3. DAS Capital External Review

This review is directed by DAS Capital prior to the sale of the bonds and is conducted by an independent contractor. The preliminary work at HECC may be used to assist in verifying revenue sufficiency of each proposed project. What is a pro forma? Typically includes revenue and expense estimates to project future operating results given certain assumptions.



The reasonableness of the assumptions made and the sensitivity of the assumptions to potential variation.



CAPITAL PROJECT COST SUMMARY

Institution:						
Project Title:						
Priority Number:						
Capital Construction/Capital Renewal Project	t Cost Si	ummary/C	ost Saving	şs		
	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year	Fifth Year	Total Project Costs
Land/Building Acquisition	real	rea	rear	real	reui	COSCS
Professional Services Architectural Services Engineering Services Planning Services Other Expenses Construction Services Site Improvements						
Utility Improvements Cost of Construction Other Const. Services						
Equipment and Furnishings Equipment Furnishings Communications + IT						
Operational Savings Staffing Utilities Other	0	0 0	0	0	0	0 0
Net Project Total:			U	U		U

^{*} Note that bonded projects have a three year project spend plan.

APPENDIX B: DEFINITIONS

A project qualifies for HECC capital construction review and inclusion in the capital construction budget if it meets the criteria set out below:

Capital Asset means:

Life of more than one year

A cost of at least \$5,000

Real property.

Information technology.

Fixed equipment.

Movable equipment; or

Instructional or scientific equipment with a cost that exceeds \$50,000

Capital Asset does not include:

Instructional or scientific equipment purchased by a state institution of higher education if the institution uses moneys other than those appropriated

Capital Construction includes:

Must be capital costs with a life of more than one year and a cost of at least \$5,000 (State's threshold)

Acquisition of a capital asset or disposition of real property.

Construction, demolition, remodeling, or renovation of real property necessitated by changes in the program. Changes in the program may also incorporate the need to meet standards required by applicable codes; to improve energy conservation; to save costs for facility staffing, operations, or maintenance; or to improve appearance.

Demolition costs are only capitalizable as part of a new building or asset being added in its place.

Site improvements or development of real property (landscaping, upgraded utilities, signage etc.) that are capitalizable.

Installation of the fixed or moveable equipment necessary for the operation of new, remodeled, or renovated real property, if the fixed or movable equipment is initially housed in or on the real property upon completion of the new construction, renovation, or remodeling. The equipment must be capitalized as part of the construction project.

Installation of the fixed or movable equipment necessary for the conduct of programs in or on real property upon completion of the new construction, remodeling, or renovation. The equipment must be capitalized as part of the construction project.

Contracting for the services from architects, engineers, and other consultants to prepare plans, program documents, life-cycle cost studies, energy analyses and other studies associated with any capital construction project and to supervise construction or execution of such capital construction.

Installation, development, or upgrade of information technology, including the purchase of services for the office of information technology on the condition that the use of such services is the most cost beneficial option or falls within the duties and responsibilities of the office of information technology or the office's chief information officer. Only the application development stage of IT systems is capitalizable, per GASB 51.

Preliminary planning including initial review of proposed projects for a) conformity with long-range development plans; b) technical and economic feasibility of the project; c) preparation of outline plans and specifications; or d) preparation of preliminary cost estimates. The State allows these costs if the asset location has been identified, as costs must be directly identifiable with a specific asset. A feasibility study to determine the best location would not be capitalizable.

A new construction or renovation, including the cost of initial design has the total cost normally of more than \$500,000.

Capital construction projects arise out of an institution's need to create, expand, relocate, or alter a program due to growth, advances in technology or changes in methods or program delivery. Requests addressing physical space requirements needed to accommodate functions, such as those traditionally included in facility programs, would constitute a "program-driven" request, and therefore, be considered a capital construction request.

Capital Renewal requests are classified and prioritized as capital budget requests. Capital Renewal requests have costs normally exceeding \$2.0 million in a fiscal year and include projects that that are more cost-effective or better addressed by corrective repairs.

Capital Renewal and Major Maintenance: Capital renewal and major maintenance or major repairs and replacements (R & R) are synonymous. They are funded the capital funds budget and not from normal maintenance resources received in the operating budget cycle. However, major maintenance, in some cases, is included as a routine part of current fund operations and maintenance and included as operating budget expenditure in the category of non-capitalized work. In other cases, an accounting decision can categorize a project as capital renewal and treat it as capitalized work. The need to fix rules, typically by a minimum dollar threshold for capital renewal, avoids this confusion between O&M and capital renewal funding.

A capital renewal program is a systematic management process to plan and budget for known cyclic repair and replacement requirements that extend the life and retain usable condition of facilities and systems and are not normally contained in the annual operating budget. Capital renewal is a planned investment program that ensures that facilities will function at levels commensurate with the academic

priorities and missions of an institution. Included are major building and infrastructure systems and components that have a maintenance cycle more than one year.

Renewal and replacement are an accounting terms used to distinguish a subgroup of plant fund assets from capitalized plant additions and improvements. However, institutional accounting practices vary; decisions are sometimes made to capitalize portions of major maintenance and renewal and replacement. Replacements in the form of new construction are routinely designated as capitalized and are grouped together with renewals as capital renewal and replacement programs. As a form of capitalized construction, replacements are interchangeable with new construction, whether they are replacing an existing facility or are an addition to the plant. Linking capital renewals with replacements is a more accurate way to describe a program for renewal of existing plant assets as distinguished from totally new additions to plant assets.

The scope, complexity, cost, and duration of a project can dictate whether major maintenance should be supervised by maintenance management or by a separate design and construction department. As an alternative to using in-house maintenance and design staff, a major maintenance project requiring plans, specifications, and competitive bidding can be designed by consultants and constructed by contractors. Capital renewal and replacement usually requires external assistance in design and construction administration to avoid dedicating facilities management staff to lengthy, time-consuming projects. Regardless of the choice made, major maintenance and capital renewal and replacement require supervision by facilities management staff to coordinate campus conditions (e.g., access during construction, interim relocations, utilities) and ensure project delivery in conformance with specifications, budgets, and schedules. (Source: Harvey Kaiser, APPA, Book of Knowledge, 2018).

Completion: University completion rates show the percentage of first-time, full-time freshmen in the fall 2012 cohort who earn a bachelor's degree within 6 years at any of the public universities. Community college completion rates show the percentage of students who earned an associate degree or career certificate or who transferred to any 4-year university nationwide, among students who were new to the institution in fall 2013, were not enrolled in dual credit/accelerated learning, and earned at least 18 quarter credits over 2 years or earned an award requiring fewer than 18 credits. This cohort reflects the degree-seeking cohort of the Voluntary Framework of Accountability (VFA) but with 4-year outcomes.

Deferred maintenance: Deferred maintenance was defined as major maintenance or capital projects that had gone unfunded in previous budget cycles. Deferred maintenance became a universally adopted part of the vocabulary of higher education.

During this period, efforts to document condition deficiencies more systematically and to prepare data on which to plan corrective measures came in the form of the Facility Audit. The methodology was documented in the Facilities Audit Workbook in 1982.2 jointly sponsored by APPA and the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), a simple format, building on work by the Tennessee Board of Higher Education and military agencies, described a process that produced comparative ratings of campus facilities conditions. In 1993, APPA's The Facilities Audit provided a cost-deficiency technique to measure the extent of maintenance backlogs. It is common now for many statewide public systems and individual institutions to annually report findings of

condition inspections, although, on many campuses, assessment of deteriorating conditions was still largely episodic, sometimes related to campus master planning.

From the very beginning, when the facilities audit began to catch on as increasingly common practice, uncertainty prevailed about whether to include the prospective costs of subsystems life expiration, because prospective costs of renewal did not fit within the definition of "unfunded in previous budget cycles." If these costs anticipated in the future were included in reports of what was called deferred maintenance, then those deferred maintenance backlogs ballooned to disproportionate amounts, because they included both past accumulated deficiencies and projected future needs.

The result was that many institutions and public systems experienced instant rejection of unreasonably large funding requests, sometimes presented as an "urgent one-time need." The shock wave in those reactions then led to resubmission of capital funding requests significantly understating real needs but formulated to gain acceptance for at least partial funding. (Harvey Kaiser, APPA, Book of Knowledge, 2018).

Education and General (E&G) Expenses: For decades, NACUBO's Financial Accounting and Reporting Manual (FARM) has served as the definitive guide for assigning expenses to a primary function. Those categories have not only shaped the organization of our general ledgers and audited financial statements, but they also form the basis of institutional reporting to the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

HECC E&G	Non E&G	
Instruction		
Academic Support		
Student Services		
Scholarships and Fellowships		
Research		
Public Service		
Institutional Support		
	Auxiliary Enterprise	
	Hospitals	
	Independent Operations	
	Operations and Maintenance	
	Depreciation	
	Interest Expense	
Adapted from FARM 703 NACUBO and required for IPEDS		

Strategic Capital Development Plan (SCDP): The 10-year strategic capital development plan or SCDP is a high-level summary of capital need based on demographic, economic, industry, and other environmental factors, dividing the targeted portfolio by region of the state. It divides the existing and potential future capital portfolio according to ideal usage and utilization, estimating space need for different academic disciplines and functions.

UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN OREGON: For the State of Oregon as a whole (not education-specifically), a 2021 definition of historically and currently underserved communities

includes Oregonians who are: Native Americans, members of Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes, American Indians, Alaska Natives; Black, Africans, African Americans; Latino/a/x, Hispanic; Asian, Pacific Islanders; Arab/Middle Eastern/North Africans; immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers; undocumented persons, DACA recipients, "Dreamers"; linguistically diverse; people with disabilities; LGBTQ+; aging/older adults; economically disadvantaged; farmworkers, and migrant workers. 5

UNDERSERVED STUDENTS AND LEARNERS: Students and learners whom education systems have historically failed to support or are currently failing to support sufficiently in the achievement of equitable outcomes. The specific categories of historically and currently underserved groups in the context of postsecondary education and training may vary by the specific outcome measure (for example, the disparities for college access differ from the disparities for college completion). For the HECC, postsecondary education equity will be achieved once one's identity/identities or demographic group/s—including but not limited to racial/ethnic identity, socio-economic background, dis/ability status, gender, sexual orientation, parental status, veteran status, and geographic origin or location—no longer predict inequitable access to and success in postsecondary education and training.

APPENDIX C: EXAMPLES OF SAFETY ELEMENTS

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Water intrusion in ceilings causing mold

Other Campus Safety

APPENDIX D: NOTEWORTHY CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSAL EXAMPLES BY RUBRIC COMPONENT

COMPONENT A: STRATEGIC CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ALIGNMENT

Oregon State University - Cordley Hall Renovation, Phase II



A. Strategic Capital Development Plan Alignment

Part 1: Space renewal, workforce, or completion priorities

Biology is at the core of the teaching mission for the two departments in Cordley Hall. The impact of IB and BPP on undergraduate students is significant. The Biology Program has over 1,200 students and is the fourth largest major at OSU. Upon completion, Biology students score in the 82-93 percentile on the ETS Biology Major Field Test. Faculty members in Cordley Hall teach foundational courses in biology, including Principles of Biology and Anatomy & Physiology, which are required courses for over 30% of OSU undergraduates; in total, foundational courses at OSU are taken by at least 60% of undergraduates. The introductory biology and botany courses for non-majors serve over 70 majors in eight colleges. Because of the focus on experiential learning, 609 undergrads have had research experiences within labs in Cordley Hall in the last four years, and 404 have served as undergraduate learning assistants in classrooms.

Component B: Portland State University - Operational Savings and Sustainability:

Operational costs of the facility compared to current operational costs.

The following energy savings estimates come from the Technical Analysis Study, which was completed in August 2018 in partnership with the Energy Trust of Oregon. With all recommended energy efficiency measures identified in this study, it is estimated that the SB1 Project will result in a reduction in electricity consumption of 22% and gas consumption of 62%.

EEM Description	Estimated annual kWh savings	Estimated total thermal savings	Total annual energy cost savings
Lighting Upgrades	122,922	-2,337	\$7,746
VAV Fume Hoods	174,845	20,704	\$31,225
HVAC Heat Recovery	-19,051	11,719	\$8,350
Improved Controls	2,583	475	\$604
Upgrade Windows	-115	2,590	\$2,169
Upgrade Chiller	36984	0	\$2,922
Total Energy Savings	318,168	33,151	\$53,016

Lighting Upgrades: LED lighting will be installed which will reduce LPD values in all areas. We have assumed that lighting power density (LPD) values in all areas will be reduced by 25% to 30%. Note that this upgrade is discussed here only to show the effect of such LPD reductions on the total building energy usage and to include the interactive effects of these reductions in the other measures. Reduced lighting power will reduce the heat gain to the building from the lighting and thus increase the space heating demand.

VAV Fume Hoods: Although the fume hood exhaust fans are currently equipped with variable frequency drives (VFDs), approximately half of the fume hoods throughout the building are constant volume types. Replacing these fume hoods with variable air volume (VAV) fume hoods will reduce the average exhaust airflow pulled from the building. This will allow the exhaust fans to operate at reduced speeds and will reduce the amount of outside makeup air that will need to be heated or cooled.

HVAC Heat Recovery: A significant quantity of air is exhausted from the building at all hours, requiring outside makeup air to be conditioned and introduced.

Component C: Oregon Institute of Technology - Life Safety, Security, or Loss of Use

Oregon Tech's Risk, Environmental Health and Safety, Facilities Management and Information Technology Services departments have identified specific risks, hazards and repair needs for Boivin Hall. Issues are categorized in terms of life safety and code compliance, security, and loss of use below.

Life Safety and Code Compliance:

Asbestos removal/abatement is needed including tile mastic, lagging gables and eaves, chemistry lab counter tops and fume hoods. Several floor panels are broken, exposing asbestos mastic. There may be significant unidentified asbestos throughout the building based on its age and design.

Bathroom plumbing is not reliable and needs upgrading to prevent clogs, persistent backups and to fix constant leaks creating health and usability hazards. This has caused building closures/truncated use in the recent past. Bathroom ventilation is inadequate or non- existent. Chemistry labs are designed in such a way that causes congestion near instructor benches and can create an egress hazard in the event of an emergency.

Chemistry labs have live-electrical outlets below the work surfaces, when exposed to liquid spills creates a shock hazard. Similar issues exist in chemical and glassware prep areas.





Early conceptual renderings from SRG Architects

Underrepresented Minority Students

The Student Success Center is the cornerstone to WOU's efforts to maximize retention rates and graduation rates. Currently the key academic support services such as tutoring, advising, support programs, and the Registrar's office are located across multiple university buildings. The decentralized locations of these critical services reflect the challenge noted in the SCDP report about WOU lacking adequate Academic Support space. If anything, the study undercounts the needed space since WOU has a higher percentage of first-generation, low-income and minority students and these students require more wrap-around support services for their success.

WOU's long-term success in retaining and graduating Latinx students has been recognized nationally by the Education Trust in 2010 while the WOU's success with Pell Grant students was recognized in 2015. The Student Success Center will expand the circle of success to other diverse groups including rural students and Veterans. The Student Success Center's design and cluster of services will maximize staff availability while minimizing student waiting time and delays. The movement of several services from the Werner University Center to the Student Success Center will also allow the university to expand the amount of space for clubs, student groups and other co-curricular activities that support student engagement and success.

