

Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Capital Construction

Oregon's Investment in Postsecondary Capital

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\$3.7 Billion State Investment in Capital

State Issued Bonds for Postsecondary Education, 2007-2023



\$1.0B University Paid (F) Comm. Colleges (G) \$461M Universities (G, Q) \$2.2B XI-F(1) BONDS – Public University Only Backed by university revenues and can be utilized for non-E&G projects University pays debt service XI-G BONDS – Comm. Colleges and **Public Universities** Institution must provide at least 1:1 match. Restricted to higher education. State pays debt service XI-Q BONDS – Public University Only

No matching requirement. Restricted to state-owned buildings.

State pays debt service



Notes: Data from DAS Capital and HECC staff. Does not include institutional funding, state cash funded projects, or local bonds.

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What progress has been made?

(Public universities)

	Current Replacement Value (\$ millions)	Deferred Maintenance (\$ millions)	Facility Condition Index (FCI)		
2002	\$2,971	\$592	19.9%		
2012	\$4,230	\$528	12.5%		
2019	\$10,158	\$966	9.5%		
2024	\$16,285	\$1,594	9.8%		
For E&G facilities only. The FCI is DM / CRV. Below 10% is ideal.					

- The FCI has improved due to state investment.
- Replacement value has grown faster than inflation since 2002.
- The *functional age* of major facilities has declined from 54 to 21 years old since 2019.



HECC Capital Principles

Renewal approach that repurposes existing space Operational cost savings along with safety and security

Multi-party collaborations

Leveraging of private and institutional resources



Community College Limitations University Capital Principles

Aggregate No more amount Funded than one per by Article project project at XI-G approved, a single bonds or awaiting college lottery match per may not funds. exceed \$8 college. million.

All state-backed debt will support investments in education and student support spaces.

Institutions must plan for the ongoing needs of their facilities.

State-backed debt will extend the useful life of assets, expand the capacity to meet student needs, or further competitive advantages.



Note: Community college limitations from SB 5506 (2013 RS).

Process Timeline and Overview



Community Colleges

- The Commission is charged with approving all capital construction projects and listing them in priority order (OAR 589-003-0100).
- Projects ranked in collaboration with the colleges using a rubric in rule.

Public Universities

- Commission charged with establishing a process for reviewing requests (ORS 352.089).
- Projects ranked using a Commissionadopted rubric.



College Rubric

Project Criteria

(1-50 points)

Strategic Review Criteria

University Rubric

Strategic Priorities (1-52 points)

Operational Savings and Sustainability (1-8 points)

Life safety, Security or Loss of Use (1-10 points)

Institutional Priority (1-5 points)

Student Success for Underserved Populations (1-10 points)

Leveraging Institutional Resources (1-15 points)



(1-26 points)

Due Diligence Criteria (1-24 points)

Detailed rubrics are included in the appendix.

Community College Capital Construction Projects

	Project	XI-G Bonds	Match	
Clackamas	Center for Excellence for Farming, Horticulture, and Wildland Fire	8.0	24.0	
Mt Hood	Classroom and Lab Renovations	8.0	32.6	
Klamath	Cosmetology ADA Remediation	4.0	4.0	
	TOTALS	\$20.0	\$60.6	



Must be at least a 1:1 match; only for higher education; State pays debt service.

POP 108: \$20.2M

The GRB also includes reauthorization for two previously approved projects:

• Clatsop – Maritime Science Building, \$7.9M

2025-27 GRB, in \$ millions

• Southwestern – Student Services Focused Renovations, \$8.0M



Public University Capital Construction Projects

2025-27 GRB, in \$ millions

	Project	XI-Q Bonds	XI-F Bonds	Match
All Univ	Capital Improvement and Renewal (CIR)	\$200.0	-	-
PSU	Student Housing	-	\$85.0	-
PSU	Performing Arts	\$85.0	\$52.5	\$85.0
	TOTALS	\$285.0	\$137.5	\$85.0



XI-F(1) BONDS

Backed by university revenues; often used for auxiliary projects; univ. pays debt service.

XI-Q BONDS

Restricted to state-owned buildings; State pays debt service.

- CIR funding was the top ranked priority.
- Article XI-F bond requests are not prioritized since the university pays the debt service; however, they are analyzed for revenue sufficiency.



Capital Improvement and Renewal (CIR) Funding

For code compliance, ADA/safety related issues, critical deferred maintenance

Allocated by adjusted E&G GSF and density factor

Benefits all public universities

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2019-21 \$65M	Comparison by Project	Comparison by Project Type			
₽	CIR Projects	Legislatively-Named Projects			
2021-23 \$110M	Bondable	Bondable			
	<u>Must</u> involve renewal and improvement	<u>May</u> involve renewal and improvement			
2023-25	Lower cost projects	Higher cost projects			
\$100M	Institution chooses project priority	Legislature authorizes each project			
2025-27 GRB \$200M	Legislature determines total funding that HECC allocates	Legislature determines funding by project			





Appendix

2025-27 Community College Capital Rubric





2025-27 Public University Capital Rubric

Strategic Priorities (1-52 points)	 24 pts – Space renewal, workforce or completion priorities 12 pts – Addressing deferred maintenance issues 8 pts – Support research & economic development 8 pts – Collaboration with interested parties
Operational Savings and Sustainability (1-8 points)	 Does the project reduce operational costs, support continued efficiency or increase the sustainability of the facility?
Life safety, Security or Loss of Use (1-10 points)	 Does the project meet life, safety and code compliance needs of mission critical items or improve the security of the facility?
Institutional Priority (1-5 points)	 What's the priority within the existing master plan?
Student Success for Underserved Populations (1-10 points)	 How will the project impact the success of students from underserved populations?
Leveraging Institutional Resources (1-15 points)	 Is the project funded by a campus match or pledged resources?



HECC-Prioritized Community College Projects

2025-27 Biennium, in \$ millions (ARB)						
Priority and College		Project	XI-G Bonds	Institution Funds	Total Project Cost	
1	Clackamas	Center for Excellence in Farming, Horticulture and Wildland Fire	\$8.0	\$24.0	\$32.0	
2	Mount Hood	Classroom and Lab Renovations	\$8.0	\$32.5	\$40.5	
3	Klamath	Cosmetology – ADA Remediation	\$4.0	\$4.0	\$8.0	
		TOTALS	\$20.0	\$60.5	\$80.5	

Project Notes

One project renovates classrooms and laboratories reducing deferred maintenance. Two projects align with workforce needs improving programs in farming, horticulture, and wildland fire. They include \$60M in matching funds and the potential for eliminating \$16M in deferred maintenance.



Notes on Public University Projects Submitted

Focus on improvement and replacement

• Six projects include a demolition and new construction. Three projects include both renovations and expansions. One project includes land reparation and new construction.

Focus on student success, resiliency, creative thinking, and arts

Four projects relate to student success, resiliency, creative thinking, and arts. Two projects focus on health and dental. Two projects are renovations/or expansion of library centers. One project addresses child behavioral health needs. One project is a heat plant demolition and creation of a physics laser lab. One project is a data center replacement.

\$188.4 million in institutional matching

• Most institutional matching comes from donor funds.

\$264.2 million in eliminated deferred maintenance



HECC-Prioritized Public University Projects

2025-27 Biennium, in \$ millions (ARB)

Priority Unive		Project	XI-Q Bonds	XI-G Bonds	Institution Funds	Total Project
N/A	PSU	Center for the Performing Arts	-	85.0	85.0	170.0
1	ALL	Capital Improvement and Renewal	120.0	-	-	120.0
2	UO	Child Behavioral Health	35.5	17.8	17.8	71.0
3	SOU	Creative Industries/Student Success	38.1	2.45	2.45	43.0
4	WOU	Data Center	12.4	0.7	0.7	13.8
5	EOU	Loso Hall Student Access & Renewal	53.6	1.7	1.7	57.1
6	OSU	Heat Plant Repurpose	47.8	25.3	28.0	101.0

Note: The PSU Center for the Performing Arts was not prioritized according to the rubric due to its uncommon complexities.



HECC-Prioritized Public University Projects (Continued)

2025-27 Biennium, in \$ millions (ARB)						
Priority Univer		Project	XI-Q Bonds	XI-G Bonds	Institution Funds	Total Project
7	OSUC	OSU Cascades Student Health	10.0	32.0	42.0	84.0
8	WOU	Performing Arts Renewal	22.6	0.7	0.7	24.1
9	OIT	Learning Resources Center Renewal	35.3	2.0	2.0	39.3
10	PSU	Millar Library Deferred Maintenance	73.1	6.0	6.0	85.0
11	OIT	Semon Hall Renovation/Expansion	38.3	2.1	2.1	42.5
		TOTALS	\$486.8	\$175.6	\$188.3	\$850.8



University Self Funded (XI-F Bond) Projects

2025-27 Biennium, in \$ millions (ARB)				
	Project	XI-F Bonds	Total Project	
PSU	Performing Arts Parking Structure	\$35.5	\$35.5	
PSU	New Housing	\$85.0	\$85.0	
	TOTALS	\$120.5	\$120.5	

Article XI-F bond requests are not prioritized according to the rubric. However, HECC staff performs a revenue sufficiency analysis as part of the review process.

