

Access to college requires adequate facilities.

In the upcoming 2007 legislative session, the Oregon Community College Association will be requesting an investment in Community College Capital Construction of \$108.3 million in Article XI-G General Obligation Bonds. The Governor's recommended budget contains \$87.1 million to fund 12 projects.

Access

The capital construction package would allow Oregon's community colleges to build for the future and serve the current demand by Oregonians and business for training and educational opportunities. If we are to close the projected participation gap by 2015, community colleges must expand their capacity to serve more than 100,000 additional students. The package includes projects for each of Oregon's seventeen community colleges.

Partnerships

A dollar-for-dollar match is required. Dollar-for-dollar match requirement means that each community college must raise half of the money locally through fundraising or local bonding.

While most of Oregon's seventeen community colleges were originally built with bonding from the state in the 1960s and 1970s, a few community colleges remain without a permanent campus.

State Statute requires that the state "should maintain a policy of substantial state participation in community college building costs." ORS 341.009 (14)

Family Wage Jobs

The capital construction package provides the resources necessary to meet the growing demands by Oregonians in both rural and urban communities for workforce training and post-secondary education. It will create jobs statewide. The 2007 Capital Construction package for community colleges focuses on new buildings and rehabilitation of outdated buildings that will advance the ability of Oregon's community colleges to train Oregonians in professional and technical fields, such as the allied health professions.

Participation

Last session, Oregon community colleges received capital appropriations of \$38.5 million for projects at seven colleges. Before 2005, it had been twenty-five years since Oregon's community colleges had received general obligation bonds from the state.

A complete list of the proposed projects is on the back of this page.