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Introduction

St. Mary's College of Maryland, located in Historic St. Mary's City, is designated the state's public honors college. The College's charter, established by the State of Maryland in 1992, provides both the promise of a public education affordable to all, thriving on diversity and the high standards of academic excellence. St. Mary's is one of only two public honors colleges in the nation.

As always, the College is grateful to the Governor and to the Legislature for their ongoing commitment to higher education, in general, and to St. Mary's College of Maryland specifically.

Capital Budget for FY 2017

New Academic Building and Auditorium

The New Academic Building and Auditorium (52,289 GSF) will provide the College with critical new academic facilities including instructional space for music and educational studies programs, additional study space configured as a learning commons, and a 700-seat auditorium to support music performances as well as a variety of lectures and events. Importantly, the project will allow for existing space to be reallocated to support STEM programs. The project will address significant campus-wide deficits in instructional labs (15% deficit), assembly space (45% deficit), and study areas for students (26% deficit).

The new facility will be a significant asset for the local community and the region. The auditorium will vastly enrich cultural programming in Southern Maryland. For many years, the College has served as a major hub for a variety of performances and lectures in the region, but has been seriously hindered from its lack of an appropriate venue. Music performances as well as high profile lectures, such as the Bradley and Twain series, and programs sponsored by our Center for the Study of Democracy, will enable us more broadly serve the community in a new and appropriate facility.

The site for the new building requires the displacement of varsity sports facilities to enable the new building to be constructed adjacent to existing academic buildings. New sports facilities include a natural grass field, an artificial turf field, track, and supporting infrastructure.

For FY17, the College requests \$1.8 million to begin planning and design of both the new sports facilities displaced by the new building and the New Academic Building and Auditorium. The total project is estimated to cost \$76 million.

Infrastructure Improvements

The College's capital budget request includes \$10.3 million in FY17 through FY22 to make much needed infrastructure improvements throughout the campus. The FY17 request totals \$0.9 million for pedestrian safety improvements on Maryland Route 5 and Trinity Church Road as they pass through campus. State funding for the Maryland Route 5 pedestrian safety project serves as a match for a \$1.7 million federal grant.

Infrastructure projects in FY18 and the following years include a variety of facility renewal projects such as window and roof replacements, upgrades to HVAC systems, and roadway repairs.