## **Equity in Support**



## **District Facilities Capital Outlay & Deferred Maintenance**

#### ISSUE

The cost of new construction, facilities modernization, and deferred maintenance projects continues to escalate. Meanwhile, campus infrastructure and facilities continue to age, and building systems and existing technology become outdated and need significant repairs/replacements/upgrades before catastrophic failures and service outages occur. Recent state scheduled maintenance funding has been reduced. Unavailability or decreases in resources result in delays to repairs, maintenance and modernization of facilities necessary for the 21 st century learning environment. Additionally, due to the ongoing educational programmatic

development in response to the regional market needs/employment demand/enrollment growth, new educational facilities and campus supporting amenities need to be constructed and/or repurposed/ modernized.

#### REQUEST

Funding for Norco College's Center for Human Performance and Kinesiology building (\$60 million) was approved and partially funded by the state capital outlay funding in FY 21-22 (\$30 million). Funding for Moreno Valley College's Library and Learning Resource Center building (\$95 million) is eligible for growth category and part of the state capital outlay funding's spending plan for

FY 24-25. Funding for Riverside City College's Cosmetology building (\$48.2 million) is eligible for growth category and part of the state capital outlay funding's spending plan for FY 24-25. Funding for the School of Public Safety Education building 2-A (\$30 million) is eligible for growth category and part of the state capital outlay funding's spending plan for FY 25-26. Provide an annual budget for scheduled maintenance projects backlog and instructional support to address deferred maintenance needs, architectural barriers removal, hazardous waste mitigation, building seismic upgrades, and replacement of instructional equipment (\$10-15 million/annually).



## Sustainability & Climate Action

## ISSUE

Climate hazards and environmental risks require education awareness and action. Southern California is at risk for environmental and climate-related hazards. In the past few years, wildfires, extreme heat waves, historic drought, and aging utilities and facilities have threatened Californians' health and economic livelihood. The impact of these crises is more significant for vulnerable, low-income and disadvantaged communities, many which exist in the Inland Empire and within RCCD's service area.

## REQUESTS

Funding to implement energy conservation measures (ECM), such as boiler replacement, building energy sub-metering, daylight harvesting, glazing upgrades, reducing lighting power intensity, roof insulation, vampire load reduction, variable frequency drive, and wall insulation across the District sites are estimated at \$25 million. Funding to replace all natural gas appliances with electrical alternatives has an estimated budget of \$10 million. Funding to replace outdated and aged campus central plants and infrastructure systems with high efficiency alternatives has an estimated budget of \$20 million. Funding to replace existing water infrastructure including plumbing fixtures and irrigation controls to water-efficient fixtures has an estimated budget of \$7 million. Funding to convert turf-grass to native landscape areas or landscape meadows to align with the CCC system goal of turf-grass shall not exceed 50% of the landscaped areas on campus (\$3 million). RCCD is requesting \$65,000,000 in total to address our Sustainability and Climate Action needs.

# <u>Affordable</u> <u>Student Housing</u>

Housing is a vital foundation for CCC students as many studies show, including the September 2023 Basic Needs Report according to Real College California, that 60% of respondents are housing insecure, with concerns about increased rent, mortgage and utility rates making it difficult to pay total living expenses. Thus, RCCD and the CCC system recognize the significant need for affordable housing options for young adults, including those aging out of the foster care system. RCCD conducted several student housing surveys and market demand studies across the three colleges (Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City), which show that of over 2,100 RCCD students surveyed, 25% of respondents reported experiencing housing insecurity, and 18% experienced homelessness the previous year.

## REQUESTS

Funding for Moreno Valley College's affordable student housing project in the total amount of \$55 million for FY 24-25 will provide 280 affordable beds and Norco College's affordable student housing project in the total amount of \$56 million for FY 25-26 will provide 280 affordable beds at a low-income rate for qualified students.

