

Equity in Support



District Facilities Capital Outlay and Deferred Maintenance

ISSUE

The cost of facility construction and modernization, and deferred maintenance projects, continues to escalate.

As campus infrastructure and facilities age and building systems and existing technology become outdated, the replacement need increases significantly. In Riverside Community College District repairs, replacements and upgrades are urgently needed before catastrophic failures and service interruptions occur. State maintenance funding has been significantly reduced and/or eliminated causing

delays to repairs, maintenance and modernization of facilities necessary for a 21st century learning environment.

Due to the ongoing educational programmatic development in response to regional market needs, employment demand, and enrollment growth, there is urgent need for 21st century educational facilities as well as campus supporting amenities. The 2023 November Facilities Condition Assessment report, completed by the Foundation of California Community Colleges system, illustrates that the District and its colleges face a \$240 million

in deferred maintenance and scheduled maintenance backlog.

BACKGROUND

Based on educational needs in 2020, the Riverside Community College District and colleges updated their facility master plans. Founded in 2016, the Riverside City College campus has several existing facilities, amenities and infrastructure that have deteriorated and remain outdated. At Moreno Valley College and Norco College growth remains a concern as the campuses continue to struggle for additional facilities to become comprehensive colleges that

offer art, kinesiology, technology education programs, library and learning resource centers, and other in-demand programs. These two colleges, which were founded in 1991, require infrastructure upgrades.

The District has also identified a need for a training center. The Inland Empire Technical Training Center in the city of Jurupa Valley would provide western Riverside County residents with access to training opportunities that would lead to quality jobs in current and emerging sectors in the region. The District used a state appropriation of \$33 million to secure the land for the Inland Empire Technical Trade Center. Additionally, Norco College, in order to serve residents of Corona, is looking to expand course offerings within the city limits.

REQUEST

Riverside Community College District's 2004 local general obligation bond has been exhausted. In 2019, the Department of Finance approved scoring criterion for capital outlay funding, requiring a minimum 25 percent local match for a project proposal, with no hardship provision. In alignment with the colleges' educational master plans and the District's five-year capital construction plan, the District and its colleges have identified the following critical-mission projects:

- 100 percent construction funding for Norco College's Center for Human Performance & Kinesiology building (\$65 million); project was approved and partially funded by a state capital outlay funding in the 2021-22 fiscal year (\$33 million);

- 100 percent project funding for Moreno Valley College's Library & Learning Resource Center building (\$106.3 million); project is eligible for the growth category as well as a part of the state capital outlay funding's spending plan for the 2025-26 fiscal year;
- 100 percent project funding for Norco College's Library & Learning Resource Center building and Student Services (\$83 million); project is eligible for the growth category as well as a part of the state capital outlay funding's spending plan for the 2025-26 fiscal year;
- 100 percent funding for Riverside City College's Cosmetology building (\$48.2 million); project is eligible for growth category and part of the state capital outlay funding and spending plan for the 2025-26 fiscal year;
- 100 percent funding for the School of Public Safety Education building 2-A at the Ben Clark Education Center (\$39.5 million); project is eligible for growth category and part of the state capital outlay funding's spending plan for 2025-26 fiscal year;
- 100 percent funding for Moreno Valley College's Biological & Science building (\$56.5 million); project is eligible for growth category and will be submitted in August 2024 for 2026-27 fiscal year spending plan;
- 100 percent funding for Norco College's STEM building, Phase I (\$129.1 million); project is eligible for growth category and will be submitted in August 2024 for 2026-27 fiscal year spending plan;



- 100 percent funding for Riverside City College's Applied Technology facility (\$177.3 million); project is eligible for growth category and will be submitted in August 2024 for 2026-27 fiscal year spending plan;
- Provide an annual budget for scheduled maintenance projects. Currently there is a backlog on 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);
- Funding for the Inland Empire Technical Trade Center infrastructure/site development (\$30 million), with estimates for the first permanent building at \$80 million and supporting facilities at \$20 million;
- Funding for the Corona Center land acquisition (\$24 million), site development (\$20 million), and the Center's first permanent building (\$60 million) as well as supporting facilities (\$15 million).