

ST MARY'S

COLLEGE *of* MARYLAND

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FY2022 Capital Budget Request

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Introduction – The Public Honors College

As the State's designated public honors college, St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) provides a **premier liberal arts education** that is both **affordable** and **accessible**. The College awards a

The Nation's 1st Public Honors College

variety of undergraduate degrees as well as a graduate Master of Arts in Teaching degree. With a faculty of gifted teachers and distinguished scholars, a talented and diverse student body, and a low student/faculty ratio, St. Mary's College provides a challenging curriculum within an academically nurturing environment. In addition, the College fosters a sense of social responsibility and community among its students through its curriculum and campus life.

Supporting the two goals articulated by the State's 1992 mandated mission for the College - the educational requirements of an honors program and the promise of access - sets St. Mary's College uniquely in the State and in the national higher education sector.

As a public college that is both accessible and affordable, St. Mary's provides the opportunity for academically talented students from a broad socioeconomic, ethnic, and racial spectrum to acquire a liberal arts education. This diversity creates a rich academic and social environment that enhances the education provided by the College.

Maryland's Public Honors College
Mission unique in the Nation
▪ *Liberal arts college excellence akin to elite privates → curricular innovation and relevance*
▪ *Public = Accessible + Affordable + Diverse*

St. Mary's College was established by the Maryland legislature in 1840 as a living memorial to Maryland's founders and their ideals of tolerance and innovation. The school evolved into a four-year institution in 1967.

Today, St. Mary's College maintains its identity as a residential liberal arts institution, fostering principles of diversity, civic-mindedness, and intellectual exploration. The College offers academic and extracurricular programs that build upon the rich historical, cultural, and natural environments that come from its affiliation with Historic St. Mary's City and its location on the banks of the St. Mary's River within the Chesapeake Tidewater region.

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

Capital Budget for FY 2022

The College concurs with the analyst’s recommendations. The table below summarizes the FY22 request.

SMCM FY22 Capital Budget Request

New Academic Building & Auditorium*	
• GO Bonds FY21	\$20.0M
• College Funds	<u>\$ 0.3M</u>
	\$20.3M
*Final year of construction	
Campus Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 1.5M

New Academic Building and Auditorium

Funding is requested to complete construction and provide FF&E for the facilities. The project constructs two new academic buildings to house the departments of Music and Educational Studies, as well as study space, and a 700-seat auditorium. Relocating the Music and Educational Studies departments will enable the College to reallocate vacated space to the sciences (Goodpaster Hall) and the arts (Montgomery Hall). The new study space will provide a contemporary “Learning Commons” for student collaboration and research. The auditorium will provide an appropriately sized facility for concerts, lectures, and other uses that currently cannot occur for lack of a suitable facility on campus. A café, funded by the College, is also included.

Construction began in February 2020. Overall, the project is approximately 35% complete with much of the heaviest construction, to include foundations, utilities, steel framing and roofing, mostly complete. The work progresses as scheduled and, importantly, on budget at this time for a spring 2022 completion.

Campus Infrastructure Improvements

These projects will provide infrastructure improvements in multiple phases, addressing critical building HVAC systems, roof replacements, building envelopes, pedestrian safety, and campus

roadways. The Governor's CIP includes \$1.5M in FY22 to include the Schaefer Hall central plant replacement, Calvert Hall window replacement, and campus roadway repairs – Phase 3. The Governor's FY23-FY26 CIP includes \$7.5M for additional renewal projects across campus.

Outyear Projects Proposed in the FY23 - FY26 Capital Improvement PlanGoodpaster Hall Renovation

State funding of \$1.8M is included in FY23 to convert existing space to new science laboratories, after the Educational Studies Department relocates to the New Academic Building and Auditorium. Non-budgeted funds from the College totaling \$0.165M are scheduled in FY22 for the design of the renovation.

Montgomery Hall Renovation

In FY25 State funding of \$1.5M is included to initiate design for the Montgomery Hall renovation. The total project cost is estimated at \$36.8M. The building houses the Departments of Art and Art History, Theater, Film and Media Studies, and English. Relocating the Department of Music to the New Academic Building and Auditorium will allow the complete renovation of Montgomery Hall in phases to improve teaching spaces and to address significant deficiencies in its 40-year-old systems.

