

Maryland Independent College and University Association

**Support with Amendments** 

#### SB 291/HB 301 Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022

#### Senate Capital Budget Subcommittee of the Budget and Taxation Committee House Capital Budget Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee

Testimony by Sara C. Fidler, President <u>sfidler@micua.org</u> February 22, 2022/February 23, 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding <u>Senate Bill 291/HB 301</u> <u>Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022</u>. I write in **support** of three proposed capital construction and renovation projects at MICUA member institutions, as well as in support of deferred maintenance funding included in the Capital Budget for our schools. MICUA respectfully requests that you **increase the allocation for our capital projects to be \$13.3 million**, **and increase the allocation for deferred maintenance funding to be \$13 million**.

#### MICUA's Fiscal 2023 Capital Project Requests

The Governor's fiscal 2023 capital budget allocated a total of \$11.3 million to be divided among a project at Hood College, McDaniel College, and Stevenson University. **MICUA respectfully requests an additional \$2 million, for a total of \$13.3 million, to allow these projects to move forward.** These projects have all been endorsed by the MICUA Board of Trustees, are well-aligned with the goals identified in the *Maryland State Plan for Postsecondary Education,* and are directly related to the academic priorities and missions of each institution. These facilities will be designed and constructed to maximize opportunities for student and faculty collaboration and to promote and facilitate interdisciplinary teaching, learning, and research. Further, these projects will help meet or exceed the postsecondary expectations of a Maryland K-12 population that is increasingly trained to expect state-of-the-art facilities.

Collectively, these projects will leverage over \$24 million in private resources to increase student enrollment, address workforce needs, attract research dollars, and support a vibrant economy. During the construction phase, the projects will support over 250 construction jobs. Once completed, the projects will provide future employment for academicians, and other staff.

**Hood College** requests **\$6 million** to renovate and complete a 32,000 gross square foot addition to the Hodson Science and Technology Center, to accommodate growth in STEM programs. The proposed project will accommodate a new School of Health Sciences to house Nursing, Nutrition, Bioinformatics, Public Health, and Sustainability Studies. Renovation and expansion of the Center will also address the need for additional space in the growing science and computer science/cybersecurity programs. The estimated total cost of this project is \$20.1 million.

**McDaniel College** requests **\$1.3 million** to connect academic environmental spaces between the main campus and the McDaniel Environmental Center (MEC). The 7,577 gross square foot project will improve and expand the existing College greenhouse, turning it into an academic space, expand the MEC, and develop and expand the existing Harvey Stone Pavilion into an outdoor teaching complex. In addition to the academic opportunities for McDaniel students, these spaces will be used to expand on existing community partnerships. The estimated total cost of this project is \$2.7 million.

**Stevenson University** requests **\$6 million** to construct a 45,000 gross square foot building to house a black box theater, scene shop, student classrooms, and administrative and support space located on the Owings Mills North campus. The project, which will connect the Owings Mills East property with the existing Owings Mills campus, brings faculty, staff, and students, close to both campuses. This project will make collaborative and entertainment spaces available for community groups and neighbors for special events. The estimated total cost of this project is \$12.7 million.

#### MICUA's Fiscal 2023 Deferred Maintenance Request

On December 13, 2021, MICUA wrote to the Governor and asked to be included in the Capital Budget for \$26.5 million in one-time deferred maintenance projects. These projects would address: accessibility issues for individuals with disabilities; sustainability and energy efficiency efforts including doors, windows, roofs, HVAC and other building systems; pandemic-related upgrades; and code/life/safety concerns. A list of these projects is attached to this testimony, collectively representing less than 7% of the total inventory of deferred maintenance needs on our campuses (over \$380 million). While the State has always been generous in helping to fund academic buildings on the MICUA campus, these deferred maintenance funds would be applied to residence halls with plumbing issues; student centers with unforgivably slow and inconvenient (though legal) ingress and egress for ambulatory-challenged students; and a roof that is both leaking and in danger of collapsing on an administrative building.

We have deferred these projects in order to spend more of our operating budget on student financial aid and other student-facing supports and services like mental health. However, we find it extremely difficult to convince a donor that a new chiller or boiler is an expense for which they would like to contribute and have named in their honor. Without this funding, we will continue to triage as best we can. We are hopeful that the State will help us to serve our students in facilities of a caliber that they have come to expect, and deserve.

The Governor included MICUA in the Capital Budget for \$3.4 million in deferred maintenance funds. **MICUA respectfully requests that you increase this allocation by \$9.6 million to be \$13 million total, disbursed as \$1 million per MICUA institution**. Attached please find testimony from every MICUA institution regarding how impactful these deferred maintenance funds will truly be.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the MICUA member institutions and for the opportunity to offer these comments.

# MICUA Deferred Maintenance Requests for Fiscal 2023 Thursday, December 9, 2021

School	Estim	ate	Project Name	Description
Capitol Technology University	\$	1,400,000	MCI Hall, MA/Com Hall, and Telecommunications Hall Renovations	Renovate the original building (built in 1980's): (1) Replace heating and cooling systems including the cooling tower, the mechanical water loop, and systems that support the university's server rooms, (2) Replace skylights and exterior windows, (3) Modernize accessibility and access by installing access control and automatic features on all store front doors, (4) Install natural gas service connection, (5) Replace the original wall divider system in classroom (244/245), (6) Replace floor coverings throughout classrooms, hallways, and offices.
	\$	330,000	Campus Exterior Modernization	Renovate exterior infrastructure: (1) Resurface and repair outdoor surfaces including asphalt and sidewalks, (2) Improve access to ground level entries by installing lighting, sidewalks, and drivable pathways behind the original buildings, (3) Improve Exterior perimeter lighting including upgrades to LED lights with digital controls near original buildings, along original walkways and along campus drive, (4) Improve storm water management by replacing pumps and renovating the drainage system for the storm water retention pond, (5) Demolish vacant buildings on campus.
				Limited renovations to buildings annexed to the original buildings (Puente Library and Gudelsky Auditorium) as well as to the newest academic building, McGowan Academic Center will address energy efficiencies and water intrusion. This project includes:
	s	231.000	Additional Building Renovations (Puente Library, McGowan Academic Center, and Gudelsky Auditorium)	(1) Upgrade the Puente Library interior and replace roof, (2) Modernize the HVAC and environmental controls and replace the McGowan Academic Center roof
	\$		Sub-Total	
Goucher College	\$	475,000	Comprehensive Structural Repairs	Replace concrete beam & repair column spalling; replace water membranes, address mechanical and horizontal waterproofing electrical systems impacted by deferring water penetration repairs; treat concrete with corrosion inhibitor
				Replace topping slabs; repair bonding slabs and full-depth precast planks; apply pedestrian safety coating on exposed concrete; apply sealer to masonry and stone surfaces; apply acrylic concrete coating to plaza area; replace earthwork allowance for
	\$	650,000	Envelope / Façade / Exterior Concrete Repairs	deteriorating envelop areas; repair roof flashing' repair/replace embedded metal connection.
	\$	585,000	Façade Sustainability Screening	Remove wood sun-shading structure and replace with metal screening used to control building solar heat gain for energy efficiency
				Remove and reconstruct interior walls; replace flooring; repaint walls; make other repairs needed to improve safety and livability of
	<u>\$</u> \$		Interior Space Renovations Sub-Total	public spaces.
Hood College	\$	, ,	Joseph Henry Apple Academic Resource Center	Replace all windows in the Joseph Henry Apple Academic Resource Center
C	\$	550,000	Joseph Henry Apple Academic Resource Center	Modernize 20-year old elevator
	\$	100,000	Carson Cottage	Demolish deteriorated building (Carson Cottage)
	\$	250,000	Tatem Arts Center	Install an automatic temperature control system in the Tatem Arts Center
	\$	20,000	Tatem Arts Center	Exterior stair repairs
	\$	100,000	Alumnae Hall	Replace exterior concrete stairs at the back of the Alumnae House
	\$	30,000	Rosenstock	Exterior stair repairs
	\$	500,000	Shriner Hall	Replace all windows in Shriner Hall
	\$	200,000	Parking Lot Behind Smith Hall	Rebuild and repave the existing parking lot behind Smith Hall that is crumbling
	\$	25,000	Alumnae House	Replace aging roof on Alumnae House
	\$	25,000	Admissions House	Replace aging roof on Admissions House
	\$	25,000	Strawn Cottage	Replace aging roof on Strawn Cottage
	\$		Coffman Chapel	Install lightening rod on steeple of Coffman Chapel
	\$	2,181,000	Sub-Total	
Johns Hopkins University	\$	250,000	Life and Safety Improvements (Peabody)	Modernize Austrian Hall fire alarm, including fully addressable system with audible alarm as required by ADA
	\$		Elevators (Peabody)	Modernize 30-year old elevator in Peabody Living Center
	\$		Power Resiliency (Homewood)	Implement emergency power upgrades to address power quality
	\$	· · · · ·	HVAC (School of Medicine)	Replace and make efficiency upgrade to chilled water coil that is at the end of service life in Turner.
	\$		Life and Safety Improvements (Homewood)	Modernize fire alarm in Latrobe Hall, including fully addressable system with audible alarm as required by ADA
	\$	150,000	Accessibility (Homewood)	Make exterior slope and grade corrections
				Overhaul chiller plant to ensure adequate cooling from existing system. This will enhance operational efficiency leading to lower
	\$		HVAC (Peabody)	electricity consumption for the next five years
	\$		HVAC (Homewood)	Replace chillers in Olin Hall to address end of service life and increase efficiency
	\$	2,157,000	Sub-Total	

Loyola University Maryland	S S S S S	175,000 500,000 150,000 180,000 700,000	Knott Hall Server Room Humanities Cooling Tower Maryland Hall Early House Renovation Jenkins Hall ADA campus-wide walkway initiative	Replace the HVAC (Liebert) units—there are two units in this space to ensure full cooling redundancy (\$210,000). Replace the UPS (uninterrupted power service) that provides the power transition in the switchover to generator power (\$100,000). Units have been downsized since so much server capacity has been moved to the cloud. Replace cooling tower is at the end of its life to improve energy efficiency Replace 20 year old chiller that is at the end of its useful life; roof replacement Repairs to building used by ROTC for academic programing. Envelope repairs—washing and repointing of stone Address the accessibility needs of the campus and students by funding hardscape improvements to make the campus more accessible and follow universal design goals
	\$	2,015,000	Sub-Total	
Maryland Institute College of Art	\$	55,000	Gateway Residence Hall Building Automation System Integration	Integrate automation system to improve energy management, air quality, and safety
	\$	75,000	Meyerhoff House Building Automation System Integration	Integrate automation system to improve energy management, air quality, and safety Install automated lighting controls like occupancy sensors and photo sensors throughout campus. Integrate lighting systems into the Building Automation System to enable monitoring/control of lighting systems, improve maintenance, and reduce usage. Install and automate new electric submeters throughout campus to enable monitoring/control of electric consumption and improve maintenance
	\$		Energy Management	capability, resulting in reduced energy usage. Address accessibility projects that will enable MICA to complete approximately 40% of the total outstanding list of accessibility
	<u>\$</u> \$		Campus wide Accessibility Upgrades Sub-Total	projects
McDaniel College	\$	898,000	Eaton Hall Replace Three R22 Chillers (HVAC project)	Replace three dated York R22 electric screw chillers that operate with R22 refrigerant
	\$ \$ \$	598,680 319,220	Eaton Hall Replace Cooling Towers (HVAC) Hill Hall Replace Three R22 Chillers (HVAC project) Hill Hall Replace Cooling Towers (HVAC) Sub-Total	Overhaul three existing cooling towers including, replace fan, bearing and hi-efficiency motor and fill, verify/repair pan is water tight, spray valves and header is in fully operable condition. Replace pneumatic controls valves with electronic actuators Replace two dated York R22 electric reciprocating chillers that operate with R22 refrigerant Overhaul two existing cooling towers: replace fan, bearing and hi-efficiency motor and fill, verify/repair pan is water tight, spray valves and header is in fully operable condition. Replace pneumatic controls valves with electronic actuators
Mount St. Mary's University	\$ \$ <u>\$</u>	500,000 750,000	Water System Supply Waste Water Supply System Filtration and Treatment Central Plant Steam and Fire Suppression	Repair, update, and fortify waste supply's filtration and treatment system to the benefit of the University and neighboring Town of Emmitsburg Repair, update, and fortify waste water supply's filtration and treatment system Install fire suppression systems in older buildings. Upgrade and fortify central plant steam system to ensure availability of heating and hot water during winter months
Notre Dame of Maryland University	S S S S	830,000 280,000 30,000	Roofs Elevators Mechanical Exterior Building Envelope Sub-Total	Replace roofs to Doyle, Knott and Fourier Halls and roof repairs to Meletia Hall and MBK Athletic Complex-all over 20+ years old Replace two elevators - one installed in 1958 (Gibbons Hall) the other in 1965 (Doyle Hall) - that are at end of life Replace 6 AHUs, replace water valves and fan coil units across the campus, HVAC repair, and facilities maintenance on the campus central distribution system Repave roads, construct and restore sidewalks, and repair windows Building envelope repairs and doors, stairs upgrades to provide handicap accessibility (Noyes House)
Stevenson University	\$ \$ \$ \$	390,000 1,000,000	Heat Pump Systems (R22) Window and Lighting Replacement HVAC and Boiler Replacement, Knott Hall Sub-Total	Replace nearly 200 heat pumps approaching 20 years in age which utilize R22 refrigerant (banned by the EPA in January 2020). Service and recharging of the systems have become increasingly costly as replacement parts and R22 reserves dwindle nationwide. Replace older lighting systems and inefficient windows to improve energy efficiency Replace Knott Hall HVAC and boiler systems to improve energy efficient and reduce environmental impact
St. John's College	\$ \$ \$	750,000 350,000	Barr Buchanan Greenfield Library Randall Hall <b>Sub-Total</b>	Upgrade inadequate bathrooms to include more resource efficient systems and include gender inclusive options; install ADA ramp for accessibility, replace flooring, repair exterior masonry, replace exterior door, replace LED lighting, replace HVAC system, repair ceiling in lower levels Install ADA Ramp for accessibility; repair roof and plaza Address plumbing issues and upgrade to resource efficient systems with gender inclusive options

Washington Adventist University	\$ 50,000	Boiler Controls	Install boiler controls to improve efficiency that will reduce carbon footprint of plant
	\$ 150,000	Athletic Field - Retaining Wall	Build retaining wall to prevent Ball Field from sinking
	\$ 375,000	Chiller Replacement	Replace 36 year old chiller
	\$ 265,000	General Services Roof	Replace General Services roof; Building houses the institution's vital data center
	\$ 335,000	Health Science Roof Replacement	Replace 30 year old roof
	\$ 400,000	Halcyon Hall Roof Replacement	Replace Halcyon Hall roof to provide health and safety to women's residence hall
	\$ 425,000	Morrison Hall Roof Replacement	Replace Morrison Hall roof to provide health and safety for men's residence hall
	\$ 2,000,000	Sub-Total	
Washington College	\$ 255,000	Reid Hall Upkeep	Replace windows
	\$ 889,000	Johnson Fitness Center Refurbishment	Refurbish metal roofs and parapet flashing
			Replace building automation system, Retro-commission building equipment, upgrade VAV fume hood controllers, upgrade fume
	\$ 855,000	Toll Science Center Automation System	hood sash controls
			Update greenhouse management software for temperature, humidity, and blind controls, repair greenhouse leak, modify vivarium
	\$ 20,000	Greenhouse Maintenance	HVAC & humidity controls, repair vivarium plumbing
	\$ 75,000	Toll Science Center's Litrenta Auditorium	Replace Litrenta auditorium seating
	\$ 2,000	Toll Science Center's Litrenta Auditorium	Repair Litrenta auditorium screen
	\$ 2,096,000	Sub-Total	

\$ 26,455,000 Grand-Total



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Testimony Regarding MICUA's Facilities Renewal Funding – increase to \$13 million

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At **Capitol Technology University**, \$1 million in facilities renewal funding represents 59% of the total need on our campus. Specific projects we anticipate completing with these funds include:

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These projects are critical as they address concerns with promoting a learning and work environment that is safe & secure, environmental & energy efficient, ADA compliant, and avoids academic service disruption. Without this funding, these projects could be delayed, resulting in increased project costs due to inflation and missed energy efficient cost saving opportunities, which ultimately are increased costs passed along to our students in the form of tuition increases and or reduction in student services.

We are proud and honored to be a part of the longstanding partnership between the State of Maryland and MICUA. Located in Prince George's County District 23a, we are also pleased to serve our local community as an employer and as a neighbor. We are committed to increasing diversity on our campus, currently serving 36% of our undergraduate students are low-income (Pell eligible) and majority of our students are students of color, additionally our part-time undergraduate students are adult learners with an average age of 28. Our graduation and retention rates are high, and we contribute to the workforce development pipeline through our cybersecurity, engineering, and management degrees. During the 2020-2021 academic year we conferred 184 degrees in high demand workforce areas at all levels of education. Additional information about Capitol Technology University is attached.

Over the course of the pandemic, we have observed the financial need of our students increase significantly. As we redirect more and more operational funding toward need-based financial aid, having set aside in institutional aid for this purpose, we would so greatly welcome the opportunity to spend less on the leaking windows and more on ensuring that students have the access to and choice of institution of higher education in Maryland that will best fit their needs.

Maryland's longstanding commitment to its independent colleges and universities is truly transformative for both our schools and our students, especially during these challenging and uncertain times, and we do not take it for granted. If you would like to discuss any of these projects in further detail, or have questions or concerns, please contact Kathleen Werner, VP Finance & Administration at kmwerner@captechu.edu.

As Washington D.C. 's premier STEM University, Capitol Technology University graduates are highly sought-after by America's most technologically advanced government agencies and their private sector partners. With "hands on" curricula focused purely on STEM careers, Capitol Technology University positions its students for top roles in the region's booming tech hub.



#### Student Financial Assistance

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Technology University

90% of FY20 Sellinger funds were awarded to Capitol students as financial aid. Capitol Technology has also contributed \$4.5 million toward student scholarships.



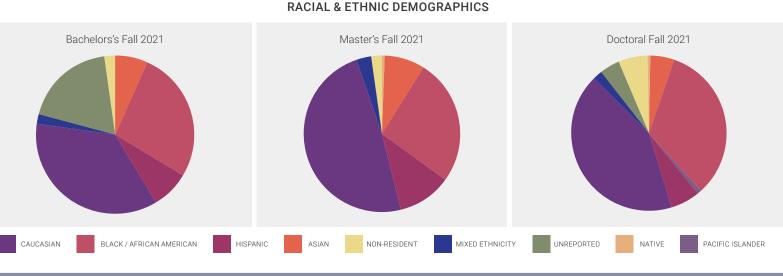
#### Pipeline to Maryland Workforce

Over 86% of Capitol's B.S. graduates receive a job offer with a competitive salary in STEM fields within 90 days of graduation.



#### Diverse Student Body

76% of Capitol's undergraduate population is from Maryland. 66% of Capitol's undergraduate population is from underrepresented student populations.





THE CAPITOL COMMITMENT

Students will receive a job offer within 6 months of graduation or we'll provide up to 36 additional undergraduate credits for FREE.

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#### SERVING MILITARY

Over 14% of Capitol's students are veterans, active-duty military, or national guard members.



#### MEETING STUDENT NEEDS

67% of the undergraduate population received some type of federal financial aid and over half (55%) are Pell Grant eligible.



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Our students have launched 5 payloads **into space** in the last 5 years!



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At Goucher College, the \$1 million in facilities renewal funding represents just a tiny fraction of the \$80 million in deferred maintenance across our campus. Annually we budget anywhere from \$2 million to \$5 million to address ongoing deferred maintenance. However, the increased expenses and lost revenue directly attributable to the effects of the COVID pandemic plus the increased need we are seeing from our students whose families have been financially impacted by the pandemic have made our normal level of deferred maintenance spending all but impossible to sustain.

Meanwhile, critical life/safety maintenance issues, like replacing the leaking roof on the College's primary auditorium, Kraushaar Auditorium, built in 1962 and visited by thousands of Baltimore City and Baltimore County public elementary, middle, and high school students every year, can't be deferred. Without this funding, we will have no choice but to reallocate operational funding that otherwise would be used for student support to address this critical life/safety issue starting this summer.

We are proud and honored to participate in the partnership between the State of Maryland and MICUA which dates back almost 250 years. Located in Baltimore County, almost one-third of our study body are low-income students, and Black, Latinx, or Asian American students comprise 42% of our total student population. Our graduation and retention rates are high, and we contribute to the workforce development pipeline with over 800 students currently enrolled in our school of education and 100% of the graduates of our post-baccalaureate pre-med program accepted into top medical schools every year.

Maryland's longstanding commitment to its independent colleges and universities is truly transformative for both our schools and our students, especially during these challenging and uncertain times, and we do not take it for granted. If you would like to discuss any of the above in further detail, or have questions or concerns, please contact: Stephanie Coldren (<a href="stephanie.coldren@goucher.edu">stephanie.coldren@goucher.edu</a>).





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At Hood College, \$1 million in facilities renewal funding represents 1% of the total need on our campus. Specific projects we anticipate completing with these funds include:

- Replacement of the windows in the Joseph Henry Apple Resource Center, which will improve energy efficiencies.
- Replacement of the elevator in the Joseph Henry Apple Resource Center to improve accessibility.
- Demolition of Carson Cottage, which is an aged building that is no longer being used due to the cost of required repairs.
- Repairs to the exterior stairs of Alumnae Hall, Tatem Hall and Rosenstock Hall to address safety issues.
- Replacement of the roofs at Alumnae House and the Admissions House.

Without this funding, these deferred maintenance projects would need to be delayed until another fiscal year.

We are proud and honored to be a part of the longstanding partnership between the State of Maryland and MICUA. Located in Frederick County, we are also pleased to serve our local

community as an employer and as a neighbor. We are committed to diversity on our campus, where 37% of current undergraduate students are Pell eligible and 39% are of color. Our graduation and retention rates are high, as we continue supporting the workforce development pipeline.

Over the course of the pandemic, we have observed the financial need of our students increase significantly. As we redirect more and more operational funding toward need-based financial aid, having set aside \$29.6 million in institutional aid for this purpose, we would so greatly welcome the opportunity to spend less on the leaking roofs and more on ensuring that students have the access to and choice of institution of higher education in Maryland that will best fit their needs.

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# JOHNS HOPKINS

# **Government and Community Affairs**

- TO: The Honorable Craig Zucker, Chair Capital Subcommittee, Senate Budget and Tax Committee
- FROM: Annie Coble Assistant Director, State Affairs, Johns Hopkins University and Medicine

DATE: February 22, 2022

On behalf of Johns Hopkins University and the nearly 24,000 students that we serve, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the \$3.4 million in facilities renewal funding that has been allocated to the member institutions of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) under <u>Senate Bill 291 (Administration)/House Bill 301(Administration) Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022</u>. We urge the Legislature to **increase this funding to be \$13 million**, to be disbursed evenly among the 13 state-aided private nonprofit institutions in the State at \$1 million per school. These funds will be used generally for costs to improving much needed, long delayed projects across the State. The projects will allow for meaningful improvements campuses for all students, staff and faculty.

At Johns Hopkins, \$1 million in facilities renewal funding will accelerate addressing a number of impactful deferred maintenance requirements. Specific projects we anticipate completing with these funds include: modernizing firing alarms to become code and ADA compliant, modernizing elevators, implementing emergency power upgrades, correcting exterior slopes and grade corrections for improved accessibility, and increase energy efficiencies in our buildings. These funds will assist the university in meeting the safety and accessibility needs of its students, faculty and staff and improve the energy efficiency and reliability on its campuses.

We are proud and honored to be a part of the longstanding partnership between the State of Maryland and MICUA. Located predominately in Baltimore City, we are also pleased to serve our local community as an employer and as a neighbor. We are committed to increasing diversity on our campus, currently enrolling over 18% undergraduate students from low-income families. Johns Hopkins is already a "minority majority" campus where 68% of our students are people of color. Our graduation and retention rates are high, and we contribute to the growth of key Maryland industry sectors with programs of excellence in the biosciences, engineering and technology.

As we redirect more and more operational funding toward need-based financial aid, we would so greatly welcome the opportunity to spend less on the modernization of old facilities and more on ensuring that students have the access to and choice of institution of higher education in Maryland that will best fit their needs.

Maryland's longstanding commitment to its independent colleges and universities is truly transformative for both our schools and our students, especially during these challenging and uncertain times, and we do not take it for granted. We welcome the opportunity to discuss any of these projects in more detail and urge the Subcommittee to increase the Governor's allocation for this initiative.



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On behalf of Loyola University Maryland (<u>www.loyola.edu</u>) and the over 5,000 students that we serve, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the \$3.4 million in facilities renewal funding that has been allocated to the member institutions of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) under <u>Senate Bill 291</u> (Administration)/House Bill 301(Administration) Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated <u>Capital Bond Loan of 2022</u>. We urge the Legislature to **increase this funding to be \$13 million**, to be disbursed evenly among the 13 state-aided private nonprofit institutions in the State at \$1 million per school. These funds will be used for projects associated with increasing access to our buildings for individuals with disabilities; sustainability and energy efficiency projects including the restoration and replacement of roofs, windows, doors, chillers, cooling towers, HVAC, and other building systems; as well as code/fire/life safety issues.

At Loyola University Maryland \$1 million in facilities renewal funding represents less than 1% of the total need on our campus. Specific projects we anticipate completing with these funds include: 1) replacing HVAC and other mechanical systems, specifically heating and cooling units, 2) building and envelope repairs for academic buildings on campus, and 3) addressing accessibility needs of the campus for our students by funding hardscape improvements. Without this funding, our systems are in danger of failure, our buildings could go into disrepair, and we will be unable to address the ADA campus-wide walkway initiative that complements our universal design goals.

We are proud and honored to be a part of the longstanding partnership between the State of Maryland and MICUA. Located in Baltimore City, we are also pleased to serve our local community as an employer and as a neighbor. We are committed to increasing diversity on our campus. Currently, 15%

of Loyola's undergraduate population is Pell eligible, and 29% are students of color. Our graduate student population is 35% students of color. Our 4-year graduation (77%) and retention (88%) rates are high, and we contribute to the workforce development pipeline through career facing programs in business administration, education, and the social sciences, among others.

Over the course of the pandemic, we have observed the financial need of our students increase significantly. As we redirect more and more operational funding toward need-based financial aid, having set aside over \$110 million in institutional aid for this purpose, we would so greatly welcome the opportunity to spend less on our buildings and infrastructure and more on ensuring that students have the access to and choice of institution of higher education in Maryland that will best fit their needs.

Maryland's longstanding commitment to its independent colleges and universities is truly transformative for both our schools and our students, especially during these challenging and uncertain times, and we do not take it for granted. If you would like to discuss any of these projects in further detail, or have questions or concerns, please contact John C. Coppola, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer, at 410-617-2917 or jccoppola@loyola.edu.



## Senate Budget and Taxation Committee/House Appropriations Committee Capital Budget Subcommittee

## Senate Bill 291 (Administration)/House Bill 301 (Administration) Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022

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On behalf of McDaniel College and the 3,081 students that we serve, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the \$3.4 million in facilities renewal funding that has been allocated to the member institutions of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) under <u>Senate Bill 291 (Administration)/</u><u>House Bill 301(Administration) Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022</u>. We urge the Legislature to increase this funding to \$13 million, to be disbursed evenly among the 13 state-aided private nonprofit institutions in the State at \$1 million per school. These funds will be used generally for costs associated with increasing access to our buildings for individuals with disabilities; sustainability and energy efficiency projects including the restoration and replacement of roofs, windows, doors, chillers, cooling towers, HVAC, and other building systems; and code/fire/life safety issues.</u>

At McDaniel College, \$1 million in facilities renewal funding represents 4% of the total need on our campus. McDaniel intends to complete two projects. (1) Replace R22 Chillers - Six existing York R22 electric screw chillers are dated and operate utilizing an obsolete refrigerant. Replace chiller capacity with non-ozone depleting refrigerant in coordination with the campus cooling plan. (2) Replace Cooling Towers - Overhaul Five existing cooling towers including, the replacement of fans, bearing an hi-efficiency motor and fill, verify and ensure repair pan is watertight, spray valves and header in fully operable condition. Replace pneumatic controls valves with electronic actuators.

Without this funding, there will be no cooling in the buildings. We are currently experiencing a range of challenges due to the failing systems. In one facility, only half of the chiller capacity is operational and if that compressor fails, there will be no cooling for that entire facility. In other facilities, the chillers are past the end of life and using R22 refrigerant. In short, without funding, the building systems ability to provide necessary cooling will remain compromised. Although several pieces of equipment will continue operating at reduced capacity, the system will no longer

have the ability to meet the chilled water demand. The loss of cooling will not only effect academic classrooms, but critical lab space where research experiments are currently being performed. Lastly, we will continue to experience elevated costs to secure R-22 refrigerant from the aftermarket since it is no longer manufactured.

We are proud and honored to be a part of the longstanding partnership between the State of Maryland and MICUA. Located in Carroll County, we are also pleased to serve our local community as an employer and as a neighbor. We are committed to increasing diversity on our campus, currently serving 35% Pell-eligible students and 40% students of color. Our graduation and retention rates are high, and we contribute to the workforce development pipeline through 421 Bachelor's degrees awarded in popular high-demand fields such as Kinesiology, Business Administration, Psychology, and Biology.

Over the course of the pandemic, we have observed the financial need of our students increase significantly. As we redirect more and more operational funding toward need-based financial aid, having set aside \$53.1M in institutional aid for this purpose, we would so greatly welcome the opportunity to spend less on the failing HVAC systems and more on ensuring that students have the access to and choice of institution of higher education in Maryland that will best fit their needs.

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On behalf of <u>the Maryland Institute College of Art</u> and the 3,350 students that we serve, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the \$3.4 million in facilities renewal funding that has been allocated to the member institutions of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) under <u>Senate Bill 291 (Administration)/House Bill 301(Administration)</u> Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022. We urge the Legislature to increase this funding to be \$13 million, to be disbursed evenly among the 13 state-aided private nonprofit institutions in the State at \$1 million per school. These funds will be used generally for costs associated with increasing access to our buildings for individuals with disabilities; sustainability and energy efficiency projects including the restoration and replacement of roofs, windows, doors, chillers, cooling towers, HVAC, and other building systems; and code/fire/life safety issues.

At the Maryland Institute College of Art, \$1 million in facilities renewal funding represents **2.3%** of the total need on our campus. Specific projects we anticipate completing with these funds include:

#### SHORT TERM

- I. \$4.5M "Individuals with Disabilities" Improve accessibility throughout campus (see Accessibility Facilities Condition Assessment, AFCA)
  - \$1M Accessible Routes Modify permanent building fixtures to create accessible pathways throughout campus.
  - \$1.5M Restrooms \$1M Main Building modify existing restrooms to improve accessibility related to access, upgrades and \$500K to modify permanent restroom fixtures and accessories to create accessible restrooms throughout campus
  - \$1.5M Vertical Circulation \$500K Main Building Elevator Replacement; \$250K Bunting Center Elevator Restoration; \$250K 81 Mosher Elevator Restoration
- II. \$14.5M "Deferred Maintenance" (see Facilities Condition Assessment, FCA)
  - \$2.5M Main Building Roof Repair
  - \$4M Main Building Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical & Fire Protection Systems

End of Life Cycle Replacement

- \$1.5M Mount Royal Station Renovation
- \$250K Roof Restoration
- \$500K Facade Restoration (including windows)
- \$250K Mechanical and Electrical Infrastructure Replacement
- \$1.5M 81 Mosher Mechanical System End of Life Replacement 3rd and 4th Flrs
- III. \$1M, "Challenges of the Pandemic" Indoor Air Quality
  - \$1M Building Management System (BMS) Control Implementation in order to enable active management of building air quality
  - Specific Building Indoor Air Quality \$250K Leake Hall; \$250K Gateway; \$250K Dolphin Building; \$250K Main Building
- IV. \$500K, Updated Supporting Equipment including dispensers, lighting and other items in service to accessibility and environmental needs

#### MID-TERM NEEDS

- I. \$500K, "Fighting Climate Change" Sustainability
  - Energy Management \$250K Implement Building Lighting Control Throughout all 33 campus buildings to enable automatic management of lighting levels based on actual environmental conditions and room occupancy loads.
  - Energy Management \$250K Implement Building Electric Metering throughout all 33 campus buildings to enable active management of building electric loads.
- II. \$2.1M, Campus stormwater management
  - \$1M Mount Royal Station Parking Lot Stormwater Mgt The parking lot currently floods during rainstorms. Developing a detention system below the parking lot will eliminate flooding and allow the storm water to get distributed to the Baltimore City stormwater system at low peak demand times which would reduce flooding in other parts of Baltimore City. (Projected Cost TBD)
  - Landscaping \$100K Develop rain gardens throughout campus in order to reduce the amount of stormwater that is introduced into the Baltimore City stormwater management system.
  - Rainwater collection systems \$500K Develop building systems that collect rainwater for reuse as building grey water.
  - \$500K Develop systems for producing green energy such as solar arrays, geothermal wells and/or wind turbines.
- III. \$500K, Electric transition
  - \$250K Change all Facilities Management vehicles to electric (\$50K/ea x 5 ea)
  - \$250K Add Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (\$25K/station x 10 ea)

#### LONG TERM NEEDS

- I. \$10M Main Building Renovation (61,000 SF x \$160/SF; includes deferred maintenance.; Roof and elevator repairs are included separately above. MEP replacements are included separately above. The total projected project cost is \$18M, not including program changes.)
- II. \$10M "Fighting Climate Change" Sustainability Develop a campus trigeneration plant in order to drastically reduce carbon emissions by providing centrally generated and distributed hot and chilled water sources for building mechanical systems.

The renovation and preservation of our facilities is deemed necessary by the campus master planning process in order to serve current and future students effectively, and to best prepare students for challenging and exciting new careers while providing access for public events, meetings and programming.

MICA is a centrally located urban campus that has been expanded and developed in large part by renovation of existing historic structures. In the absence of available new land for such a facility, adaptive re-use has been MICA's best option for meeting the growing demand for classrooms, studios, community space, offices, event space and labs. Due to strategy, MICA's acquisition and renovation of facilities has resulted in some buildings with challenges that need to be addressed through upgraded supporting systems.

Most of our adaptive reuse buildings are at least 50 years old. Several buildings are 100+ years old. All require structural repair and systems overhaul due to inefficient and outdated mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and life safety and accessibility features. These multi-building renovations will address the need for user-friendly spaces, full accessibility for the disabled, and efficient, upgraded heating and cooling systems to create energy-efficient upgrades. Advanced systems that reduce carbon emissions and improve indoor air quality is a top priority when dealing with specialized chemicals involved in art-making. In addition, the elevator systems in over 50% of our buildings are outdated and will be upgraded since the original are worn out and inefficient.

In addition, the environmental goals of increasing green energy, improving air quality, implementing more efficient mechanical plumbing and electrical systems in order to reduce our carbon footprint across campus needs to be addressed throughout the more than 30 facilities on MICA's Central Baltimore campus. As the buildings have been brought online for use throughout the past decades, the standards of energy efficiency have changed. In addition, some of these building renovations were done over 20 years ago and have older systems in place that need to be upgraded and will benefit from modern more efficient technologies.

The pandemic has increased the urgent and dire need for improving indoor air quality and reducing opportunities to spread infections through shared contacts in order to ensure the safety of our community. This requires key renovations to make upgrades and to provide the best possible solutions given the constraints of our facilities and the work our students do with chemicals in labs and studios throughout the campus.

With increased demand throughout the state for economic growth through new industries and innovative technologies, as well as workforce development and sustainable careers, MICA's students are poised to play a key role in Maryland's future. With healthy, responsible and updated systems in our facilities, MICA's students, faculty and broad community can be freed up to explore creative thinking, contribute to research and development of new products, and prepare future leaders in the field. In partnership with the state, MICA can help anticipate future trends while building a highly qualified workforce that both feeds and inspires the creation of new businesses in Maryland.

The most viable solution for MICA's need to maintain our position as a nationally-recognized 21st century interdisciplinary art and design education institution is to bring our facilities and their condition, accessibility and environmental safety capacity in line with State of Maryland projected goals and expectations. Through creation of fully sustainable, environmentally friendly and healthy state-of-the-art

facilities, MICA can serve students through targeted programs and services accessible to the overall MICA community and beyond.

Without this funding for the upgraded systems and accessibility renovations, MICA would have to augment additional spaces to accommodate specific services, and therefore, would have to function in a more decentralized way while trying to address the needs and requirements of our community and the State. This would result in a less integrated approach for the students and therefore less favorable academic outcomes.

We are proud and honored to be a part of the longstanding partnership between the State of Maryland and MICUA. Located in Baltimore City, we are also pleased to serve our local community as an employer and as a neighbor. We are committed to increasing diversity on our campus, currently serving 460 low-income students, 940 students of color and 61 transfer students. Our graduation and retention rates are high, and we contribute to the workforce development pipeline through such degree programs as Ecosystems, Sustainability, & Justice, Game Design, Architectural Design, Product Design, and Graphic Design and targeted programs in Entrepreneurship, Creative Citizenship, Public Health and Social Justice. Between 7.1.2020 and 6.30.2021, the Maryland Institute College of Art conferred 326 BFA degrees, 143 MPS degrees, and 139 MA and MFA degrees.

Over the course of the pandemic, we have observed the financial need of our students increase significantly. As we redirect more and more operational funding toward need-based financial aid, having set aside \$900K in institutional aid for this purpose, we would so greatly welcome the opportunity to spend less on the stormwater management, fighting climate change, transitioning to electric vehicles, and improving disability accessibility across campus and more on ensuring that students have the access to and choice of institution of higher education in Maryland that will best fit their needs.

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#### **Support with Amendments**

## Senate Budget and Taxation Committee/House Appropriations Committee Capital Budget Subcommittee

## Senate Bill 291 (Administration)/House Bill 301 (Administration) Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022

Testimony Regarding MICUA's Facilities Renewal Funding – increase to \$13 million

#### February 22/23, 2022

On behalf of Mount St Mary's University and the 2,570 students that we serve, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the \$3.4 million in facilities renewal funding that has been allocated to the member institutions of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) under <u>Senate Bill 291 (Administration)/House Bill 301(Administration) Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022</u>. We urge the Legislature to **increase this funding to be \$13 million**, to be disbursed evenly among the 13 state-aided private nonprofit institutions in the State at \$1 million per school. These funds will be used generally for costs associated with increasing access to our buildings for individuals with disabilities; sustainability and energy efficiency projects including the restoration and replacement of roofs, windows, doors, chillers, cooling towers, HVAC, and other building systems; and code/fire/life safety issues. Being in a rural setting, our water system is critical as it also provides potable water to the Township of Emmitsburg.

At Mount St Mary's University, \$1 million in facilities renewal funding represents approximately 1/20<sup>th</sup> of the total need on our campus for deferred maintenance. Specific projects we anticipate completing with these funds include: upgrading our potable water system, enhancing our waste water filtration and treatment system, enhancing our central steam plant and upgrading fire suppression systems for enhanced life safety. These systems are critical to our continued operation and a failure of any of these systems could compromise our ability to serve our students. Without this funding, we will continue to address upgrading these systems on a slower pace as funds become available.

We are proud and honored to be a part of the longstanding partnership between the State of Maryland and MICUA. Located in Frederick County, we are also pleased to serve our local community as an employer and as a neighbor. We are committed to increasing diversity on our campus, currently serving 528 Pell eligible students and 845 students of color which represents 43% of our student enrollment. Our graduation and retention rates are high, and we contribute to the workforce development pipeline through the transition of 557 students receiving degrees in our undergraduate and graduate programs this past year resulting in a significant contribution to the workforce.

Over the course of the pandemic, we have observed the financial need of our students increase significantly. As we redirect more and more operational funding toward need-based financial aid, having significantly increase our commitment for need based financial aid totaling approximately \$4.5 million in institutional aid for this purpose. We also distributed approximately \$3.4 million in emergency student financial aid funded from Federal HEERF funds. We would so greatly welcome the opportunity to spend less on the supporting infrastructure and more on ensuring that students have the access to and choice of institution of higher education in Maryland that will best fit their needs.

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Sincerely,

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William E. Davies February 18, 2022



#### Senate Budget & Taxation & House Appropriations Committees Capital Budget Subcommittees SB291/HB301 - Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022 *February 22/23, 2022* Favorable with Amendments

On behalf of Notre Dame of Maryland University (NDMU) and the over 2200 students that we serve, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **support** of <u>SB291/HB301</u> - <u>Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022</u>. We appreciate the Governor including the members of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) in the proposed FY2023 Capital Budget for \$3.4 million in facilities renewal funding. We respectfully urge the Maryland General Assembly **to increase this funding to \$13 million**, to be disbursed evenly among the 13 state-aided private non-profit institutions in the State at \$1 million per college or university.

Across the MICUA campuses these funds will be used for costs associated with increasing access to our buildings for individuals with disabilities; sustainability and energy efficiency projects including the restoration and replacement of roofs, windows, doors, chillers, cooling towers, HVAC, and other building systems; and code/fire/life safety issues.

At NDMU, \$1 million in facilities renewal represents approximately 1.5% of our total facility related needs on campus. Specific projects we anticipate addressing with these funds include: urgent replacing of roofs on Doyle and Knott Halls; replacing 1960 era elevators in Gibbons and Doyle Halls; replacing water valves and water distribution systems throughout campus; and refurbishing the exterior of Noyes House, including providing handicap accessibility. Without this funding, these projects will continue to be deferred until other funding becomes available or such a point that the systems fail and must be remediated.

NDMU is grateful for the strong long-running partnership between the State and the MICUA institutions. As you likely know, Notre Dame serves a unique and diverse population of students. In the traditional undergraduate Women's College, 89% of our students are Maryland residents and 52% are individuals of color, including a growing 15% Hispanic population. Many of these students are first generation (32%) and participate in our recognized Trailblazer Scholar Program. Further, 55% of Women's College students are Pell Grant eligible and rely on a combination of federal, state, and institutional financial aid to support their educational pursuits.

Each year Notre Dame finds our student population requiring a growing amount of financial aid, and we have stepped up to the plate increasing our allotment of institutional aid to over \$9M annually to allow more students to pursue and ultimately complete their education at NDMU. During the COVID-19 pandemic, NDMU has seen the need of our students grow significantly as personal and family incomes have been stressed. As we redirect more operational funding to scholarships and need-based aid, we appreciate the General Assembly's support in addressing

important facilities needs on our campus. Your support means that students in Maryland have more access and more choice to identify the college or university that will best fit their needs.

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# Senate Budget and Taxation Committee/House Appropriations Committee Capital Budget Subcommittee

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On behalf of St. John's College (www.sjc.edu), President Demleitner, our Board of Visitors and Governors, and the 550 students that we serve, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the \$3.4 million in facilities renewal funding that has been allocated to the member institutions of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) under <u>Senate Bill 291 (Administration)/House Bill 301(Administration) Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022</u>. We urge the Legislature to **increase this funding to be \$13 million**, to be disbursed evenly among the 13 state-aided private nonprofit institutions in the State at \$1 million per school. These funds will be used generally for costs associated with increasing access to our buildings for individuals with disabilities; sustainability and energy efficiency projects including the restoration and replacement of roofs, windows, doors, chillers, cooling towers, HVAC, and other building systems; and code/fire/life safety issues.

At St. John's College, \$1 million in facilities renewal funding represents 2% of the total need on our campus for deferred maintenance projects estimated to be in excess of \$54 million. Specific projects we anticipate completing with these funds include: replacement of plumbing systems in 2 residential buildings – Campbell Hall (built in 1954) and Pinkney Hall (built in 1855) - to include upgrading bathrooms to current ADA accessibility standards and current water and energy conserving systems. Systems in both of these buildings are in dire need of repair. Pervasive leaks in antiquated plumbing systems and standing water in residential bathrooms have created unsanitary living conditions for our student population that our beleaguered staff have struggled to remediate on a daily basis. If we do not address these issues immediately this summer, the college could be faced with a shutdown of a residence hall during the academic year if problems escalate further – resulting in a loss of housing for students on campus, significant loss of revenue for the college, the city of Annapolis and ultimately the State, and an increased challenge for retaining students. An investment in these dormitories would retain and update the historic heart of the campus to make it more energy efficient.

We are proud and honored to be a part of the longstanding partnership between the State of Maryland and MICUA. Located in historic downtown Annapolis, right next to the State legislature, in Anne Arundel County, we are also pleased to serve our local community as an employer and as a neighbor. We are committed to increasing diversity on our campus, currently serving 287 students with financial need, which includes 94 Pell grant recipients and 91 historically underrepresented students. 23% of our domestic students identify as students of color.

Although small in size, St. John's College is an internationally recognized liberal arts school known for having 'the most rigorous education in America,' with a chronological study of more than 200 great books and scientific experiments spanning 3000 years of human thought and achievement. A low student-to-faculty ratio contributes to an excellent classroom environment, and small class sizes ensure that all students have a voice and the opportunity to participate in the "Johnnie" experience. The college also has a great commitment to affordable education for all students, having reduced tuition prices in fiscal year 2020 by more than 33% and featuring a tuition rate among the most affordable of top-ranked liberal arts colleges in the country.

Over the course of the pandemic, we have observed the financial need of our students increase significantly. As we redirect more and more operational funding toward need-based financial aid, having set aside over \$8 million in institutional aid for this purpose, we would so greatly welcome the opportunity to spend less on the plumbing systems and bathrooms and more on ensuring that students have the access to and choice of institution of higher education in Maryland that will best fit their needs.

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On behalf of Stevenson University, <u>https://www.stevenson.edu</u> and the 3,492 students that we serve, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the \$3.4 million in facilities renewal funding that has been allocated to the member institutions of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) under <u>Senate Bill 291</u> (Administration)/House Bill 301(Administration) Creation of a State Debt - Maryland <u>Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022</u>. We urge the Legislature to **increase this funding to be \$13 million**, to be disbursed evenly among the 13 state-aided private nonprofit institutions in the State at \$1 million per school. These funds will be used generally for costs associated with increasing access to our buildings for individuals with disabilities; sustainability and energy efficiency projects including the restoration and replacement of roofs, windows, doors, chillers, cooling towers, HVAC, and other building systems; and code/fire/life safety issues.

At Stevenson University, \$1 million in facilities renewal funding represents 25% of the total need on our campus. Specific projects we anticipate completing with these funds include: Replace heat pumps approaching 20 years in age which utilize R22 refrigerant banned by the EPA, January 2020. Servicing and recharging the systems has become increasingly costly. Additionally, replacing older lighting systems and inefficient windows will improve energy efficiency. Lastly, the aging boiler systems need replacement to improve energy efficiency and reduce the environmental impact. Without this funding, these systems will remain in place until they fail or the University is able to purchase through operating funds.

We are proud and honored to be a part of the longstanding partnership between the State of Maryland and MICUA. Located in Baltimore County, MD we are pleased to serve our local community as an employer and as a neighbor. We are committed to increasing diversity on our campus, currently serving 852 Pell students and 1,541 students of color. Our graduation and retention rates are high, we contribute to the workforce development pipeline with degrees in:

Accounting					
Applied Mathematics					
Biochemistry					
Biomedical Engineering					
Business Administration					
Business Communication					
Chemistry					
Communication Studies					
Computer Information Systems					
Counseling and Human Services					
Criminal Justice					
Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics					
Early Childhood Education: Liberal Arts and Technology					
Elementary Education: Liberal Arts and Technology					
English Language and Literature					
Environmental Science					
Fashion Design					
Fashion Merchandising					
Film and Moving Image					
Forensic Science					
Graphic Design					
History					
Interdisciplinary Studies					
Legal Studies					
Marketing					
Mathematics					
Medical Laboratory Science					
Middle School Education: Liberal Arts and Technology					
Nursing					
Psychology					
Theatre and Media Performance					

Over the course of the pandemic, we have observed the financial need of our students increase significantly. As we redirect more and more operational funding toward need-based financial aid, having set aside \$2.6M in additional institutional aid for this purpose, we would so greatly welcome the opportunity to spend less on the physical plant for deferred maintenance and more on ensuring that students have the access to and choice of institution of higher education in Maryland that will best fit their needs.

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On behalf of **Washington Adventist University**, <u>(wau.edu)</u> and the 1,000 students that we serve, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the \$3.4 million in facilities renewal funding that has been allocated to the member institutions of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) under Senate Bill 291 (Administration)/House Bill 301(Administration) Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022. We urge the Legislature to **increase this funding to be \$13 million**, to be disbursed evenly among the 13 state-aided private nonprofit institutions in the State at \$1 million per school. These funds will be used generally for costs associated with increasing access to our buildings for individuals with disabilities; sustainability and energy efficiency projects including the restoration and replacement of roofs, windows, doors, chillers, cooling towers, HVAC, and other building systems; and code/fire/life safety issues.

At **Washington Adventist University**, \$1 million in facilities renewal funding represents 8.3% of the total \$12 million need on our campus. Specific projects we anticipate completing with these funds include critical roof replacement for residence halls and our information technology building, and chiller replacement (HVAC). Without this funding, the institution will continue to have information technology outages as well as residence hall deteriorating conditions of living spaces and academic space for the Business Department.

We are proud and honored to be a part of the longstanding partnership between the State of Maryland and MICUA. Located in Montgomery County, we are also pleased to serve our local community as an employer and as a neighbor. We are committed to increasing diversity on our campus, currently serving 400 low-income students (Pell recipients) and 620 students of color as well as 249 undergraduate adult learners (not including 82 graduate students). Our graduation and retention rates are high, and we contribute to the workforce development pipeline through our nursing, business, clinical psychology programs, computer science, and medical imaging.

Over the course of the pandemic, we have observed the financial need of our students increase significantly. As we redirect more and more operational funding toward need-based financial aid, having set aside over \$5 million in institutional aid for this purpose, we would so greatly welcome the opportunity to spend less on the roofing and air conditioning issues and more on ensuring that students have the access to and choice of institution of higher education in Maryland that will best fit their needs.

Maryland's longstanding commitment to its independent colleges and universities is truly transformative for both our schools and our students, especially during these challenging and uncertain times, and we do not take it for granted. If you would like to discuss any of these projects in further detail, or have questions or concerns, please contact Patrick Farley, EVP for Financial Administration at <u>pfarley@wau.edu</u> or phone at 301-518-1097.

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# Senate Budget and Taxation Committee/House Appropriations Committee Capital Budget Subcommittee

# Senate Bill 291 (Administration)/House Bill 301 (Administration) Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022

Testimony Regarding MICUA's Facilities Renewal Funding - increase to \$13 million

# February 22/23, 2022

On behalf of Washington College and the over 1,000 students that we serve, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the \$3.4 million in facilities renewal funding that has been allocated to the member institutions of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) under <u>Senate Bill 291 (Administration)/House Bill 301(Administration) Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2022</u>. We urge the Legislature to **increase this funding to be \$13 million**, to be disbursed evenly among the 13 state-aided private nonprofit institutions in the State at \$1 million per school. These funds will be used generally for costs associated with increasing access to our buildings for individuals with disabilities; sustainability and energy efficiency projects including the restoration and replacement of roofs, windows, doors, chillers, cooling towers, HVAC, and other building systems; and code/fire/life safety issues.

At Washington College, \$1 million in facilities renewal funding represents 5% of the total need on our campus. Specific projects we anticipate completing with these funds include: replacement of the windows of a landmark residence hall Reid Hall, replacement of the automation system in the Toll Science Center, and refurbishment of the metal roofing of the Johnson Fitness Center. Without this funding, we will continue to struggle with energy efficiency and comfortable living conditions in this central residence hall and essential building functions to two of our largest most heavily used buildings. The Toll Science Center is the home to three of our biggest programs—Biology, Chemistry, and Mathematics and Computer Science. The Johnson Fitness Center is the recreational hub of the campus and is also widely used by community members and camps.

We are proud and honored to be a part of the longstanding partnership between the State of Maryland and MICUA. Located in Kent County, we are also pleased to serve our local community as the county's largest employer and as a neighbor. We are committed to increasing diversity on our campus, currently serving over 200 low-income students and over 200 students of color. Our graduation and retention rates

are high, and we contribute to the workforce development pipeline with a career success rate of over 90 percent for students six months after graduation.

Over the course of the pandemic, we have observed the financial need of our students increase significantly. As we redirect more and more operational funding toward need-based financial aid, we would so greatly welcome the opportunity to spend less on the urgent deferred maintenance projects and more on ensuring that students have the access to and choice of institution of higher education in Maryland that will best fit their needs.

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