

# ST MARY'S

COLLEGE *of* MARYLAND

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**FY2024 Capital Budget Request**

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**Subcommittee on Capital Budget**  
**Senator Craig J. Zucker, Chair**  
**February 14, 2023**

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**House Appropriations Committee**  
**Subcommittee on Capital Budget**  
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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 variety of undergraduate degrees, as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching graduate 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.

*The Nation's 1<sup>st</sup> Public  
Honors College*

Supporting the two goals articulated by the State's historical vision 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 rare company in the national higher education sector. St. Mary's College has been highly successful in supporting State-wide goals with one of the highest retention and completion rates among Maryland publics, a commitment to diversity, and in providing financial resources for students with need.

As a public college that is both accessible and affordable, St. Mary's College 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.

The College continues to evolve as an innovator within the national higher education sector. Our core curriculum, Learning through Experiential and Applied Discovery (LEAD), provides every student with theme-based integrated learning experiences, practical skills, internships, capstone projects, and other experiences that integrate career preparation with an honors curriculum within the context of the foundation of a liberal education. Our national standing and successes make us the leader among public liberal arts institutions. St. Mary's College has become **The National Public Honors College**.

**LEAD**

As always, the 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 2024**

The College concurs with the analyst's recommendations. The table below summarizes the Governor's FY24 allowance.

SMCM FY24 Capital Budget Request	
Montgomery Hall	
• GO Bonds FY24	\$2.6M
Campus Infrastructure Improvements	\$2.1M

**Campus Infrastructure Improvements**

The College's request for the funding of various infrastructure improvements in multiple phases is to address critical deferred maintenance and renewal needs. Funding for these capital reinvestments in the College's physical plant is essential for attracting, recruiting, and retaining students, faculty, and staff. The FY24 request is consistent with the Governor's CIP.

The FY24 campus infrastructure improvement funding request of \$2.1M is detailed in the CBIS report and will fund the north campus nodal loop modernizations. Infrastructure project priorities beyond FY24 include HVAC replacement in Kent Hall; Goodpaster Hall system controls upgrades; masonry restoration and slate roof replacement for the historic buildings on campus; Schaefer Hall system controls upgrades and window and entry door replacement; Library IT generator and transfer switch replacement and lower roof replacement; and roadway and parking lot upgrades.

The Governor's FY25-28 CIP includes a total of \$8.0M for additional renewal projects across campus.

**Montgomery Hall Renovation**

This renovation project remains core to our strategic planning efforts to provide adequate facilities for our academic programs as identified in the College's 2012-2027 Master Plan. With the completion of the New Academic Building and Auditorium (now the Learning Commons and the Dodge Performing Arts Center) complex this summer, the College's music department relocated from Montgomery Hall, freeing space for other disciplines in the building. An extensive renovation of the entire 40-year-old building is anticipated to improve energy efficiency, update code compliance, and address programmatic space deficiencies. The Governor's CIP recommends \$2.6M in design support in FY24.

**Outyear Projects Proposed in the FY25 - FY28 Capital Improvement Plan**Montgomery Hall Renovation

The final design funding of \$1.650M is requested for FY25. We are requesting \$14.34M in initial construction support in FY26, and the remaining \$23.77M in construction and equipment funding in FY27 and FY28 to finish the renovation. Total project costs are forecasted at \$42.369M.

Calvert Hall Interior Renovation

The College requested \$2.08M in FY28 for design funding to begin planning for the interior renovations of Calvert Hall, the primary administrative building for the College, constructed in 1932. Recent DBM funded infrastructure projects have addressed significant building envelope deficiencies (HVAC and electrical system upgrades, masonry repair and slate roof replacement, and window replacement); we now focus on life safety improvements for this ninety-year-old building and interior upgrades in order to meet ADA code compliance, installation of a fire suppression system, upgrades to restrooms, and other internal improvements. Renovation construction costs are estimated at approximately \$20.03M, and the renovation funding will be split equally over two fiscal years (FY29 and FY30). Total project costs are \$22.59M.

