

The background of the document is a photograph of a modern university building at dusk. The building features a mix of red brick and large glass windows, some of which are illuminated from within. A wide set of stairs leads up to the entrance on the left, and a paved plaza with some landscaping is in the foreground. A semi-transparent white box with an orange ribbon-like top is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the title and other text.

# Coppin State University Capital Funding Request

A statement of request on behalf of Coppin State University  
Presented to the Capital Budget Subcommittee

House Appropriations Committee  
and  
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

President Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D. | MARCH 2024



## **Vision Statement**

Coppin State University will become a leader in urban higher education, recognized nationally for transforming the lives of students from all socio-economic backgrounds.

## **Mission Statement**

Coppin State University, a Historically Black University in a dynamic urban setting, serves a multi-generational student population and provides education opportunities while promoting lifelong learning. The university fosters leadership, social responsibility, civic and community engagement, cultural diversity and inclusion, and economic development.

## **Strategic Priorities**

Become a university of choice;  
Improve the holistic development and completion rates of our students;  
Strengthen our brand and reputation as a leader in urban higher education;  
Become a great university at which to work; and  
Enhance our teaching and research excellence.

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## Coppin State University Capital Funding Request

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Capital Budget Subcommittee:

Coppin State University is respectfully requesting **\$11.136 million dollars** for our capital improvement project which will enhance the educational experience and quality of life of our university community.

### Project: Coppin State University New Residence Hall

A new 350-bed residence hall is part of the approved Facilities Master Plan. Our campus data – retention, housing request - indicates there is a growing demand and need for campus housing.



### Justification:

Coppin State University is an urban institution that witnesses continued demand for its on-campus housing. We are consistently at 100 percent occupancy, and because there are no suitable living alternatives near or around the university, we have routinely lost new incoming students due to this dilemma. In addition, we continue to see more Baltimore City students, adjacent to campus, request on-campus housing. This matter will be further exacerbated when our mandatory living requirement is enforced beginning Fall 2025 for incoming freshmen.

Our feasibility study consisted of meetings and interviews with key stakeholders, students, and parents, and off-campus market analysis. The analysis resulted in an estimate of over 350 beds of demand from students not currently living on campus. It impacts our retention and success rates. Students living on campus have higher GPAs, retention, and graduation rates.

Coppin State educates the highest percentage of Pell-eligible students of any Maryland 4-year college or university. At Coppin, we work hard and do more with less so we can keep our tuition as low as possible. Substantial tuition increases have a far more profound adverse effect on our students than at sister institutions. Such increases in our student population could be the difference between them starting, dropping out, or finishing their degree.

It is important to note that we are not asking to have the state fully fund the housing project. We are merely requesting state support to offset some of the cost.





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