

# ST MARY'S

## COLLEGE *of* MARYLAND

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**FY2025 Capital Budget Request**

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**Delegate Mark Chang, Chair**  
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## Introduction – The Public Honors College

As the State's designated public honors college, St. Mary's College of Maryland 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 of Maryland provides a challenging curriculum within an academically nurturing environment. Additionally, 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*

The College's statutory mission — providing an accessible, honors-level liberal arts education for Maryland students — uniquely sets it in both the State and the national higher education sector. The College has also been highly successful in supporting State-wide goals, with one of the highest retention and completion rates among Maryland public institutions of higher education, as well as a commitment to affordability and diversity.

Although implementing this mission is challenging, St. Mary's College of Maryland 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 also 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 of Maryland has become **The National Public Honors College**.

**LEAD**

As always, the College remains 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.

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## **Capital Budget Request for FY 2025:**

### Summary of the Governor's Allowance

The Governor's FY25 Capital Budget includes \$2.1M in General Obligation bond funding toward North Campus Nodal Loop Improvements as part of the College's Campus Infrastructure Improvements Project. Additional changes by DBM from the FY24 Capital Improvement Plan include the deferral and reduction of design funding for the College's Montgomery Hall Renovation Project from \$1.65M in FY25 and \$1.057M in FY26 to zero FY25 support and \$1.226M in FY26.

### Campus Infrastructure Improvements

The College's request for the funding of various infrastructure improvements in multiple phases addresses critical deferred maintenance and renewal needs. Funding for these capital investments in the College's physical plant is essential to implementing Pillar 1 of our most recent strategic plan – "The Rising Tide" – by attracting, recruiting, and retaining talented students, faculty, and staff. The allocated FY25 campus infrastructure funding is designated for North Campus Nodal Loop Improvements. Outyear capital priorities include the Kent Hall HVAC Replacement, Schaefer Hall fume hood replacement and automation control upgrades, St. Mary's Hall restoration, Schaefer Hall window replacement, Campus Center boiler replacement, and Kent Hall envelope and parking lot upgrades.

The Governor's FY26-29 CIP includes a total of \$10.1M for additional renewal projects across campus.

## **Outyear Projects Proposed in the FY26 - FY29 Capital Improvement Plan:**

### 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 Nancy R. & Norton T. Dodge Performing Arts Center & Learning Commons complex in 2022, 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 \$1.226M in FY26 to finalize design, \$33.34M through FY26-28 for construction, and \$3.85M through FY26-27 for capital equipping. Total project costs are currently forecast at \$41.01M.

### Calvert Hall Interior Renovation

This renovation project will address critical life-safety improvements, as well as current gaps in ADA accessibility, to the College's main administrative building constructed in 1932. Recent infrastructure projects have addressed significant building envelope deficiencies, including HVAC and electrical system upgrades, masonry repair, slate roof replacement, and window replacement.

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This project will provide elevator access to all floors, fire egress stairwells to International Building Code and National Fire Protection Agency standards, upgraded restrooms, and other internal improvements.

The Governor's CIP recommends \$1.195M in FY28 and \$896K in FY29 for design, with construction and capital equipping costs beyond FY29. Total project costs are estimated at \$25.88M.