The state has appropriated $6.2 million in capital improvements funding to State Fair Community College over the last decade, but nearly $4.2 million, or approximately 68%, has been vetoed.
State Fair Community College's (SFCC) main campus is located in Sedalia. Extended campus sites are located in Boonville, Clinton, Eldon, Lake of the Ozarks, Warsaw, and on Whiteman Air Force Base. State Fair’s service area extends into 14 central Missouri counties and includes the communities of Boonville, Camdenton, Carrollton, Clinton, Eldon, Harrisonville, Jefferson City, Knob Noster, Marshall, and Warrensburg. Total enrollment is approximately 5,100 students.

Capital Improvement & Facilities History

In fiscal year 2015, $4.175 million for renovations to State Fair Community College’s Automotive and Metal Technology Center was vetoed by Governor Nixon to balance the budget. The only capital improvements funding the college has received over the last decade was just under $2 million in 2016 Board of Public Building bond funds. The bond funds were put toward repair and renovations projects. Projects were completed in seven buildings including heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning upgrades at the Daum Museum; renovated restrooms at the Fielding/CTC building; and foundation repairs, window replacement, entrance repairs, a new elevator, and restroom upgrades at the Hopkins Building. Other improvements include roof coating, new flooring, and painting at the Melita Day Building; a new roof, foundation repairs, restroom renovations, and heating and air-conditioning upgrades at the Potter Ewing Building; restroom renovations and exterior stucco repairs at the Stauffacher Building; and foundation repairs at the Yeater Building.

Facility Challenges

The State Fair Community College campus consists of 12 Education & General Buildings and three Auxiliary Buildings with 391,908 gross square feet (GSF).

Currently, the campus has over $3.7 million in deferred maintenance. Facility needs include those necessary to maintain current capacity, such as repairing asphalt experiencing structural failure and an outdated, obsolete chiller; and those to increase capacity and address Missouri’s and the region’s workforce needs through a new center dedicated to improving existing and developing new technical education programs.
Capital Priorities

State Fair Community College has identified the following as the college’s top three capital priorities for the future. The total state request for these projects is approximately $19 million.

1. Technical Education Facility

State Fair Community College has identified the need for a new technical education facility. There is currently a workforce shortage in Missouri, and State Fair can support the state’s efforts to remedy this shortage by building a new facility to keep up with student and industry demand for an increasingly technical workforce.

There is a need for more technically-trained workers in Pettis and Benton counties, and an essential component of State Fair’s master plan determined that the Technical Education Facility will be necessary to meet these needs. The college’s current facility, Fielding Technical Center, was built in 1978 and lacks adequate space and state-of-the-art equipment to expand current programs and develop new ones. Three of the center’s eight programs — automotive service technology, precision machining, and welding — will move to the proposed 76,000 square foot facility. The new facility will allow the institution to offer programs in diesel technology, agriculture mechanics, and HVAC/advanced environmental systems.

This will create an estimated enrollment increase of approximately 275 students. The expansion is necessary because the current facility is functioning beyond its intended capacity; the demand for welding is already high and will increase by 6 percent by 2024. There is limited lab space for students to train on welding equipment. The college also has a limited number of Computer Numeric Control tools, which are used in the automation of machine tools in industrial mechanics. The demand for training on these machines will increase locally by 16 percent by 2024. These increases will further strain State Fair’s limited resources, but through the construction of new facilities could present valuable opportunities. The Technical Education Center will consist of 14 classrooms, six labs, and eight overhead doors; drive-in classrooms for the automotive program; two multi-purpose lecture/lab classrooms for industrial maintenance; and separate labs for welding, fabrication, grinding, and plasma cutting to meet these growing needs.

Request from State: $17,365,000
2. Asphalt Repairs

State Fair Community College has approximately 530,000 square feet of asphalt parking area and an additional 100,000 square feet (5 miles) of roadways and walking track. Although the college has made an effort to patch, crack seal, and seal coat on a routine basis there has been an uptick in defects and failures on parking lots and roadways. The specific defects — alligator cracking, block cracking, transverse cracking, edge cracks, potholes and depressions — are indicators of structural failure and indicate the need to remove a portion of the pavement layer and replace it with overlay to correct.

Request from State: $1,800,000

3. Yeater Chiller Replacement

The cooling system in Yeater Hall consists of two chillers; the oldest of which was built in 2005. One of the two compressors on the chiller leaks oil and causes the system to shut down. Replacement parts are no longer available. The compressor has been rebuilt on two previous occasions, and has started to leak oil again and cannot be repaired further. This system cools approximately 25% of the square footage of the campus, most of which is academic classroom space. The second chiller does not have the capacity to cool the space to an acceptable level during hot weather. This project provides for the removal of the existing chiller and replaces it with a 250-ton water-cooled chiller.

Request from State: $443,520

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