The state has appropriated $4.1 million in capital improvements funding to the State Technical College of Missouri over the last decade, but $1 million, or approximately 25%, has been restricted.
The State Technical College of Missouri, located in Linn and serving statewide, is an associate of applied science degree-granting institution with open enrollment. The college operates an off-campus site at the Lewis and Clark Career Center in St. Charles, where it offers a manufacturing program. Approximately 1,200 students attend the State Technical College.

Capital Improvement & Facilities History

State Tech addressed maintenance and repair needs with just over $1 million Board of Public Building bond funds in 2016. The following year, a $1 million project to relocate multiple health programs from Jefferson City’s Nichols Career Center to the Linn campus was restricted. After the $1 million was restricted, State Tech identified other resources to construct the building and relocated all four programs to the new building for the start of the fall 2018 semester. In fiscal year 2019, $2 million was appropriated for the construction of a utility technician center to satisfy the needs of the college’s new utility technician program. The estimated project cost is actually $5.9 million, leaving a balance of $3.9 million to be funded by non-state sources.

Facility Challenges

State Tech campus consists of 20 Education & General Buildings and 14 Auxiliary Buildings with 516,987 gross square feet (GSF).

Currently, the campus has over $3 million in deferred maintenance needs, $2.2 million of which is in education and general building needs. Deferred maintenance is the top priority for State Tech above the projects described on page 186. The campus has grown significantly since the first building was constructed in 1986, and as such the focus has been on maintaining and accommodating this growth to meet Missouri’s workforce needs. With this focus, the list of deferred maintenance projects has begun to grow. A significant portion of the deferred maintenance is in HVAC and lighting upgrades and cosmetic rehabs. The current budget does not allow for annual capital investment, which will result in these costs increasing in size and severity over time.
Capital Priorities

The State Technical College of Missouri has identified the following as the college’s top three capital priorities for the future. The total state request for these projects is approximately $18 million.

1. Heavy Equipment Operations Upgrade

The dilapidated portable classrooms/job trailers located between the Heavy Equipment Operations and Multi-Purpose buildings will be replaced with a permanent structure in the same location. Five classrooms will be added, two designed for 75 students and three designed for 30 students. Bathroom and circulation space will be shared with the adjoining Multi-Purpose Building.

Additionally, heavy equipment such as dozers, graders, and excavators currently sit outside year-round, contributing to premature wear. A facility to house this equipment adjoining the current Heavy Equipment Operations Building or on the backside of campus will be constructed to remedy these problems and save maintenance costs in the long run. These new classrooms will be approximately 54,000 square feet in total.

Request from State: $1,900,000

2. Engineering Technology Center

The original facility master plan called for a multipurpose classroom and laboratory building to fill out the campus’s “quad.” This 97,000 square foot building will accommodate future program growth in engineering-related technologies. The addition of this building will enable the campus to facilitate growth from the current 1,256 students to 2,000. As many as ten additional academic programs will be located in the new Engineering Technology Center.

The construction of this center will vastly improve State Tech’s ability to meet Missouri’s workforce needs and to be a competitive resource for economic development for the state of Missouri and the entire Midwest region for years to come.

Request from State: $14 Million
3. New Sporting Complex

Shooting sports is one of the fastest growing high school sports in the Midwest region. State Tech has identified shooting sports as a recruitment tool that will attract new students to Linn and ultimately into the Missouri workforce. Currently, State Tech houses both an air rifle and archery range in the activity center. The proposed complex will include a 250-yard rifle range, ten 50-yard pistol ranges, four skeet/trap courses for shotguns, and a 3-D archery range for bows and arrows.

This capital priority is key to State Tech’s ability to be responsive to the demands of students in the Midwest and competitive as a force for regional workforce development. State Tech anticipates private funding being a major contributor to this project.

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