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Maryland Department of General Services Awards $32 Million of Grant Funding to Higher Education Institutions

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BALTIMORE, MD – The Hogan administration today announced the approval of eight capital grants to eight higher education institutions, totaling over $32 million dedicated to fostering essential capital projects. The grants are administered through the Maryland Department of General Services' Public Schools & Community Colleges Construction Program.

"Maryland has some of the best higher education institutions in the nation, and it is critical that we always look for ways to build upon that success," said Governor Larry Hogan. "Every Maryland citizen deserves higher education that can provide quality education, and the capital funding approved today helps to fulfill those goals."

The recipients of the funding are: Allegany College of Maryland (Cumberland, MD), Cecil Community College (North East, MD), Chesapeake College (Wye Mills, MD), College of Southern Maryland – Hughesville Campus (Hughesville, MD), Community College of Baltimore County – Essex Campus (Baltimore, MD), Frederick

Community College (Frederick, MD), Howard Community College (Columbia, MD), and Wor-Wic Community College (Salisbury, MD).

“The awarded grants will allow these institutions to renovate, expand, implement needed repairs, and construct additions and upgrades,” said General Services Secretary Ellington E. Churchill Jr. “General Services takes pride in promoting and supporting the higher education institutions of our great state.”

The overall objective for all of the organizations is for the capital grant funds to help their organizations renovate, expand, and/or update their existing facilities in order to amplify their organization’s services.

Allegany College of Maryland’s grant totaling over $2.9 million will help with the renovation of the old Technologies Building. The project will create modern classrooms and labspace. Renovations will also rectify problems including lack of natural lighting, small student congregation areas, outdated equipment, poor building systems, and inadequate and old classroom space.

Cecil Community College is using their $5 million grant to assist in the construction of a second, multi-lane entrance to the college campus and roadways within the campus to connect the campus core, opening the northern acres of the campus for vehicular and emergency services. The grant will also help with the construction of the new Facilities Management building and the demolition of the existing facilities management building.

Chesapeake College’s grant totaling $833 thousand will help upgrade and install new fiber network connections, network access switches, wireless network, and security cameras at the college campuses located in Wye Mills and Cambridge, MD.

College of Southern Maryland-Hughesville Campus’s $14 million grant will assist with the construction of a new Health Science Center. The new building will provide education for nursing and other health science professionals.

The Community College of Baltimore County-Essex Campus‘s grant totaling $230 thousand will help with the construction of an addition to the Wellness and Athletics Center for the new Fitness Center. The grant will also assist with renovations on the existing Wellness and Athletics Center mezzanine to create two large dance studios.

Frederick Community College is using their $3.3 million grant to assist with the renovation and construction of an addition to the Linganore Hall. The grant will also provide upgrades and improvements to the Allied Health and Nursing Labs, enhance the Testing Center, create additional general classrooms, provide collaborative student learning areas, and upgrade the data center.

Through their $4.2 million grant, Howard Community College will be demolishing their existing Athletic and Fitness Center and construct two new buildings to contain the Mathematics and Athletics departments.

Wor-Wic Community College’s grant totaling $1.5 million will assist in the construction of a new Applied Technology building and associated road and parking lot improvements. The new building will house Supply Chain Management; Logistics; Transportation; Industrial Technology; and Alternative Energy programs and the college’s information technology department.

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