



# Capital Development Committee

## Legislative Council Staff

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### FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION REQUEST

**Colorado State University  
Veterinary Health and Education Center**

**2024-136**

#### Motion

Recommend the Colorado State University remaining cash funds contribution to the Veterinary Health and Education Center project (\$94,000,021 CF).

#### Project Status

The first phase of the project was approved on Colorado State University's (CSU) two-year projection of cash need in August 2023. For FY 2024-25, CSU requested \$25 million in state funds and \$75 million in cash funds spending authority. Instead, House Bill 24-1231 provided \$50 million for the project from the issuance of certificates of participation, covering the entire anticipated request for state funds. This request is for the remaining cash funds spending authority, including that identified in the FY 2024-25 request and the anticipated FY 2025-26 request.

**Table 1  
Prior Appropriation and Request Information**

<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>Prior Appropriation</b>	<b>Budget Year FY 2025-26</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Future Requests</b>	<b>Total Costs</b>
CCF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CF	\$136,000,000	\$94,000,021	\$0	\$0	\$230,000,021
<b>Total</b>					

#### Program Plan Status

Approved Program Plan: Yes

Date Approved: 2023

FCI: n/a

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## Project Description/Scope of Work

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CSU is requesting cash funds spending authority to complete a project that constructs additions to the existing James L. Voss Veterinary Teaching Hospital. The project will allow the veterinary program to consolidate on the Veterinary Health Complex on South Campus and increase the size of the veterinary student population.

The project constructs additions to the Johnson Family Equine Hospital on the South Campus in Fort Collins, along with a new shop building and associated infrastructure. The new construction totals 210,532 GSF, and will house a livestock clinic and maintenance shop for the Veterinary Health Complex. The livestock facility provides animal holding and training for veterinarians in individual animal and herd production medicine. The Veterinary Teaching Hospital offers basic livestock care, surgery, internal medicine, and field services for the community in conjunction with veterinary training.

Phase I included project design and improved the Johnson Family Equine Hospital, and Phase II began renovating the existing veterinary hospital, deconstructing the Equine and Food Animal Barns, and completing the community practice space on the first floor. This request completes Phase II and Phase III, which addresses classroom, laboratory, and office spaces on the second and third floors.

**Cost assumption.** Costs derive from estimates from a CSU partner firm, and the project accounts for inflation. The cost per GSF is \$1,092 for the entire project. The project includes funding for the Art in Public Places program, but below the required threshold, and it complies with High Performance Certification Program, targeting LEED Gold.

**Table 4**  
**Project Schedule**

<b>Project Component</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Design		
Construction	May 2025	December 2025
Equipment		
Occupancy		

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## Project Justification

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The project benefits the veterinary program by consolidating all four classes of students into a single learning environment, instead of dividing classes across CSU campuses due to lack of space in the Veterinary Health Complex. In addition, the project enables CSU to overhaul the

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curriculum and increase the cohort size by 30 students each year. Currently, the university receives over 4,000 applications annually and accepts 140.

## Program Information

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CSU's Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program has been ranked as one of the country's top programs in recent years by U.S. News and World Report. The four-year program includes two years of biomedical education and clinical experience, followed by two years of clinical work in rotations at the university's teaching hospital. The College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences also hosts approximately 80 veterinary interns and residents.

## Source of Cash Funds

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The source of cash funds for the project is university resources and bonds.

## Operating Budget

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Operating expenses are paid from institutional sources.

## Staff Questions and Issues

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None.