



Capital Development Committee

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FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION REQUEST

Trinidad State College
Freudenthal Library Renovation

2017-057
Regular Supplemental Request

Motion

Recommend the supplemental request from Trinidad State College for the Freudenthal Library Renovation project Phase I (-\$124,102 CCF, \$695,139 CF).

Supplemental Criterion

The request is due to new data. The college wishes to reduce the state-funded appropriation for Phase I of the project and use the amount of the reduction for Phase II; the college also seeks cash funds spending authority for Phase I.

Approval by OSPB and CCHE

The project has been approved by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and the Office of State Planning and Budgeting.

Prior Appropriation and Request Information

The appropriation to be amended was authorized in Senate Bill 21-205.

Table 1
Prior Appropriation and Request Information

Fund Source	Prior Appropriations	Supplemental Request	Future Requests	Total Cost
CCF	\$6,276,339	-\$124,102	\$1,289,227	\$7,441,464
CF	\$0	\$695,139	\$0	\$695,139
Total	6,276,339	\$571,037	\$1,289,227	\$8,136,603

Reason for Supplemental Request

Trinidad State College (TSC) received its first appropriation in 2021 for the two-phase project based on a program plan published in April 2020. High inflation coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic drove cost estimates to at least \$2.8 million above the money appropriated for the project. The college sought value engineering options to decrease the cost of the project, resulting in reductions to the project's scope. The committee approved nonmonetary supplemental requests in January and October 2023 for scope-reduction purposes.

This supplemental request seeks to reduce state funds for the project's first phase and use the reduced amount (\$124,102) for the project's second phase. TSC says its efforts to budget Phase I conservatively led to cost savings. No new state funds are sought under the request. The supplemental request also seeks cash funds spending authority, which will allow the college to complete the project as originally designed. The source of funding for the cash contribution is a grant and fundraising by TSC's foundation through a naming-rights campaign.

Summary of Project

The two-phase project renovates Freudenthal Library, which houses the campus library, student services, classroom space, faculty offices, and the Loudon-Henritze Archaeology Museum. The project modernizes a building that has not been improved since construction in the mid-1960s, and repurposes underutilized spaces. Phase I of the project, which is associated with this supplemental request, focused on repurposing the library's stack space into student study space, realigning the student support services office space, and repurposing classrooms into unique teaching spaces and conference rooms.

Questions/Outstanding Issues

None.