

## CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION TALKING POINTS 2020

- The colleges desire to remain an important community asset but also to play an integral role in our state's workforce and economic strategies.
  - The colleges need to change the current course of funding reductions.
- The state's community college projects undergo a rigorous 13-point evaluation within the Wyoming Community College Commission, which are then evaluated at the State Building Commission according to their standards.
- WACCT maintains that it is imperative to provide the facilities to maintain the quality in our higher education system. This year's request involves both new and maintenance construction costs.

2019 Priority Number*	College		Construction Budget	Request
1	CWC - Jackson Outreach Center	Level III design and construction	\$15,154,660	\$7,577,330
2	NWC Student Center	Level III design and construction	\$20,398,342	\$10,199,171
3	WWCC Nursing Facility	Level III design and construction.	\$3,800,000	\$1,900,000
4	LCCC RAC Renovation	Level III design and construction.	\$18,058,800	\$9,029,400
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$57,411,802</b>	<b>\$28,705,901</b>
Infrastructure	WWCC Infrastructure	Mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire suppression	\$11,740,000	\$11,740,000
Level II	NWCCD-GC Academic Center	Level II Schematic Design	\$350,000	\$350,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$69,501,802</b>	<b>\$40,795,901</b>
<b>Additional Capital Project Added by JAC</b>	NWCCD-SC Ctr for Advanced Technologies	Level II & III Design and Construction	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>

## Optional Responses:

**There are currently four projects totaling over \$57.4M awaiting action to be taken so they may proceed. The colleges are responsible for raising one-half that amount and the other half is being requested from the state.**

**What is the need for these projects?** Projects submitted by the colleges undergo a rigorous evaluation and prioritization process both at the commission and at the state. They represent the highest concern for the colleges to ensure a quality education and experience for students.

1. CWC Jackson Outreach Center - To build an outreach facility on land that has been purchased with the help of a special purpose excise tax for \$3.8M.
2. NWC Student Center - To replace a 54-year old building that has become costly to maintain and keep safe for students; to modernize dining options and to expand student activity and recreational opportunities.
3. WWCC Nursing Facility - To expand the nursing program and align with workforce opportunities.
4. LCCC RAC Renovation - To update one of the oldest and most heavily used buildings on campus.

**What happens if these projects are not funded by the state? Are there alternative sources of money to fund them?** The colleges are already committed to securing donations and other sources for funding one-half the cost of the construction projects. For the larger projects this means that those communities and donors are already stretched financially.

**Will these projects increase student enrollment or fill a specific community need?**

The projects represent new construction and improvements that will enhance student experience and improve each college's visible image across the board that will have a positive impact for them. Two of the projects are being built to directly impact enrollment in strategic areas.

**Wasn't there an emergency allocation to Western Wyoming Community College recently?** Yes. WWCC is a good example of the importance in funding ongoing maintenance expense at the colleges. WWCC was originally funded by the 2017 Legislature with \$200,000 for emergency boiler repairs and fire suppression systems. The project grew with the discovery of bacterial infestation of closed internal piping resulting in an additional \$1,400,000 appropriation in 2018. In 2019, WWCC was provided with an additional \$2,060,000 to complete a study to determine total funding needs, estimated to be a total of \$13,800,000 and \$11,740,000 is included in the current capital construction budget proposal from the governor.

\* Source: WCCC 2021-22 Cap Con Biennial Budget Request