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Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022

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Chairmen Oelslager and Callender, Vice Chair Scherer, Ranking Member Cera, and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Kim Murnieks, and I am Director of the Office of Budget and Management. I am pleased to be with you today to present Governor DeWine's Capital Improvements Budget for fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

The capital budget will make appropriations for the renovation, reconstruction, and construction of capital assets of state agencies, colleges, universities, and school districts. It also funds a program of grants and loans to local governments for infrastructure projects throughout the state. Additionally, a portion of appropriations in the capital budget will provide funds to support targeted projects of local or regional importance.

The \$2.0 billion in capital appropriations in this proposal, along with the \$512.5 million appropriated for the Public Works Commission and the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission in Senate Bill 4, total \$2.5 billion in GRF bond funded appropriations for the FY 2021-2022 capital biennium. The capital appropriations recommended are manageable and affordable within our current and future budget capacity, keeping the State well under the constitutional five percent limitation on debt service as a percent of revenue. In fact, OBM anticipates that our debt service will continue to be below four percent of the state's annual GRF plus lottery proceeds. The size of the recommended capital budget supports the credit rating agencies' metric that currently views Ohio's debt burden as moderate and affordable. The State has held stable, high-quality investment ratings from the three main rating agencies for more than twenty years. Our general obligation bonds carry the second highest possible credit ratings.

Most of the appropriations in this proposal are supported by long-term debt issued by the State of Ohio, with the principle and interest payments funded by General Revenue Fund (GRF) appropriations made in operating budgets. Ohio continues to take advantage of a historically low interest rate environment on new debt issuances. For example, the state's \$200 million bond sale yesterday for previously appropriated Infrastructure and Conservation projects priced at an interest cost of 1.68 percent. Typically, OBM issues debt no more than 18 months in advance of the proceeds being spent, so we anticipate that the full \$2.5 billion to be authorized in this capital biennium would be borrowed over the next four to five fiscal years.

The recommended capital plan is being presented for your consideration following a careful

process that has prioritized the most pressing needs of state government, K-12 schools and higher education institutions, with particular emphasis given to each project's impact on jobs and economic growth. Most of the proposed capital spending is focused on sustaining and improving the state's current capital assets.

Placing jobs and economic growth as the priority, the capital budget can be viewed as a jobs bill intended to grow Ohio's economy during these unprecedented times. In Ohio, employment numbers show that construction is one of the top 10 private industries in terms of employing workers and serves as a major contributor to our economy.

FYs 2021 and 2022 Capital Appropriations

The capital budget contains \$2.1 billion in appropriations, with \$2.0 billion of that amount supported by GRF-backed debt obligations and the remaining \$112.7 million supported by non-GRF-backed bonds and cash funds. Table 1, attached to my testimony, provides a detailed breakdown of capital appropriations by agency and funding source.

I would now like to take a few minutes to highlight some of the recommendations.

Higher Education Institutions and Statewide Higher Education Projects

The capital budget includes \$452 million for the Department of Higher Education and for colleges and universities across the state. The Governor asked the higher education community to develop a collaborative capital funding request prioritizing the needs of the entire university system ahead of the desires of individual institutions. Led by the Inter-University Council of Ohio and the Ohio Association of Community Colleges, they delivered a strategic, comprehensive capital funding plan endorsed by each of the state's public higher education institutions.

In addition to campus-specific allocations, there are several projects of statewide benefit recommended in the budget for the Department of Higher Education. These include:

- \$14 million to support the Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet), which serves as the broadband backbone for the state connecting Ohio's education, healthcare, public broadcasting, and government entities;
- \$7.6 million to support the acquisition of Workforce Based Training and Equipment, commonly known as RAPIDS grants, that are used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment to address specific regional workforce needs; and
- \$7.2 million to support the Ohio Supercomputer Center by securing sensitive systems and replacing end-of-life technology.

Ohio Facilities Construction Commission

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) administers the state's K-12 school building construction program, which provides state support to assist local school districts in the construction and renovation of Ohio's primary and secondary education facilities.

The capital budget provides \$300 million in spending authority for the continuation of the K-12 school program, the energy conservation program, and the state building assessment and

planning program in the upcoming capital biennium. With this appropriation level, the OFCC will continue funding 41 districts with projects currently in process and offer funding to additional school districts based on rankings of need in statute. The K-12 capital appropriations recommended are in addition to the \$300 million in School Building Program Assistance approved by the General Assembly in Senate Bill 4, which was effective October 13.

\$10 million for Strong Ohio Safety Grants

The capital budget includes \$10 million for Strong Ohio Safety Grants, with \$5 million to be appropriated for colleges and universities through the Ohio Department of Higher Education and \$5 million appropriated for Ohio's K-12 schools through OFCC. These competitive grant programs will be administered in coordination with the Department of Public Safety. Colleges, universities, and schools will submit a vulnerability assessment conducted by experienced security, law enforcement, or military personnel and will be required to describe how the grant will be used to address the vulnerabilities identified in the assessment. Applications will also describe how the grant will be used to integrate organizational preparedness with broader state and local preparedness efforts.

Ohio Public Works Commission

The Ohio Public Works Commission provides financing for local public infrastructure needs through the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) which has been approved by voters four times, most recently in May of 2014. Senate Bill 4 provided appropriations totaling \$255 million. This budget continues support for this program and includes \$280 million in appropriations for PWC - \$237.5 million in GRF-backed debt appropriations and \$42.5 million in Revolving Loan Fund appropriations. \$200 million of the GRF-backed appropriations will be used to provide grants and loans to local governments for infrastructure projects such as roads and bridges, water supply and wastewater treatment systems, storm water collection, and solid waste disposal. The \$42.5 million in Revolving Loan Fund appropriations uses the proceeds of repayments from past loans to make additional loans to local governments for these same types of local infrastructure projects. Also included in the PWC appropriation is funding for the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program which I will now discuss.

Clean Ohio Fund

The recommended capital budget includes \$62.5 million in new appropriations for the Clean Ohio Program within the budgets of three state agencies, with \$37.5 million provided for the Public Works Commission's Green Space Conservation Program to fund the preservation of open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and river and stream corridors. This is in addition to the \$37.5 million appropriated in Senate Bill 4. Both the Department of Natural Resources' Clean Ohio Trails Program and the Department of Agriculture's Easement Purchase Program are provided with \$12.5 million. The Department of Natural Resources applies these funds to improve outdoor recreational opportunities by funding trail development. The Department of Agriculture uses Clean Ohio funding to purchase agricultural easements from landowners who volunteer to keep their land in agricultural production in perpetuity.

State Agency Capital Appropriations

The following are notable agency appropriations contained in the proposed capital budget:

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

The public behavioral health system in Ohio serves as a safety net for the uninsured and impoverished, as well as for individuals needing specialized care. One of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service's core functions is to provide administrative oversight to the six state psychiatric hospitals and the Moritz maximum security facility, as well as the state pharmacy. Across all six hospitals, the Department maintains 1,065 beds and admitted 5,896 individuals for treatment in fiscal year 2019 while providing over 390,000 bed days of service. Collaboration with local Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Boards allows the Department to reach deep into the community to provide the necessary infrastructure to facilitate ease of access to care at that level.

The recommended capital budget provides \$95.6 million in new appropriations for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to fund the general renovations at the state psychiatric hospitals and our continued support of community recovery housing and program space for the mentally ill and drug addicted.

Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) has a current inmate population of 44,598 across 28 different facilities. DRC also funds 19 Community-Based Correctional Facilities (CBCF), which serve as secure residential treatment programs for felony offenders and help divert low level felons from prison. CBCFs served 8,047 offenders during fiscal year 2019. Lastly, DRC operates three halfway houses, which provide transitional supervision and services to offenders as their sentences come to an end.

The capital budget provides \$280.7 million in new appropriations for the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to support several major facility renovations as well as general improvements at the 27 state-owned adult correctional institutions.

\$50 million for Grants for Construction and Renovation of Local Jails

Included in the DRC capital budget is a \$50 million grant program to support construction and renovation of local jails. In recommending a jail funding amount, DRC reviewed jail conditions using the data that the Bureau of Adult Detention (BAD) collects during inspections. The capital budget as proposed will provide \$50 million for DRC to competitively award funds to counties with the greatest need based on DRC review, the ability to improve safety, and shared use amongst multiple counties.

Department of Administrative Services

The recommended capital budget includes a total of \$51 million for the Department of Administrative Services, including \$18 million in GRF-backed debt and \$33 million from non-GRF cash funds. The recommended appropriations provide \$11 million for continued implementation of secure identity management for agency websites and applications and to enable agency data sharing and data analytics capabilities. The Governor's proposal also includes \$7.1 million to replace aging MARCS tower infrastructure and construct new towers when needed. Finally, the recommendation includes \$33.1 million for planned improvements at state office buildings and the State of Ohio Computer Center. This includes replacements and upgrades for heating and cooling systems, elevators, electrical power supply, and fire suppression systems.

Department of Natural Resources

The solace of nature was never more essential than in this year when millions of Ohioans found escape from the challenges of a global pandemic by taking advantage of outdoor recreation, parks, and waterways. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has an expansive footprint with properties in all 88 counties. Many ODNR facilities and their underlying infrastructure are decades old, some even more than a century old. This capital budget provides ODNR with \$253 million to preserve the safety of Ohioans and protect critical infrastructure such as dams and wastewater treatment facilities. This capital budget also supports necessary upgrades and infrastructure improvements for the campgrounds and cabins that hosted record numbers of visitors throughout the spring, summer, and fall of this year. The capital investment in these properties will allow ODNR to continue to safely provide high-quality recreational experiences for all visitors.

Community Projects

The DeWine-Husted Administration is committed to ensuring that Ohio communities thrive and we are working in cooperation with the leadership of the General Assembly to focus capital funding for targeted projects of local or regional importance similar to recent capital budgets. During the last several months, community representatives throughout the state worked with the Administration and legislators to identify priority projects in every region. As a result of this process and collaboration with state legislators and the Administration, the capital budget will include several projects that have strong community support, most of which also include commitments of local resources.

Conclusion

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to present Governor DeWine's Capital Improvements Budget for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022.

I want thank Governor DeWine and his staff, Lt. Governor Husted, all members of the Governor's Cabinet, and especially the staff of OBM who developed the proposal that I am happy to present today. We look forward to working together with each of you as the General Assembly considers this proposal.

As I mentioned earlier, the capital budget is intended to help grow our economy during these challenging times and to allow Ohio businesses to retain and grow jobs. Additionally, without a capital budget, agencies would have no choice but to turn to operating funds for things like critical renovations and safety projects that could otherwise be funded with capital funds. Delaying investment can add to future costs.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Finance Committee, for your time and consideration today. I am happy to answer your questions.

Attachments: Table 1 – Summary of Capital Appropriations – FYs 2021-2022
Higher Education Project List
Inter-University Council of Ohio Letter
Ohio Association of Community Colleges Letter

Table 1
Summary of Capital Appropriations
Capital Appropriations Bill for FYs 2021-2022
December 8, 2020

Capital Appropriation Recommendations Arranged by Agency and Source of Funding

State Agency	GRF-Backed Debt	Other Sources	Total
Adjutant General	\$ 10,147,211	\$ 14,577,062	\$ 24,724,273
Administrative Services	\$ 18,093,977	\$ 33,054,775	\$ 51,148,752
Agriculture ¹	\$ 20,211,388	\$ -	\$ 20,211,388
Attorney General	\$ 4,729,981	\$ -	\$ 4,729,981
Higher Education	\$ 452,288,973	\$ -	\$ 452,288,973
Broadcast Education Media (ETC)	\$ 3,625,072	\$ -	\$ 3,625,072
Capital Square Review and Advisory Board	\$ 1,700,000	\$ -	\$ 1,700,000
Commerce	\$ -	\$ 2,215,662	\$ 2,215,662
Development Services Agency	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 17,500,000
Developmental Disabilities	\$ 32,922,250	\$ -	\$ 32,922,250
Expositions Commission	\$ 11,500,000	\$ -	\$ 11,500,000
Facilities Construction Commission	\$ 309,560,000	\$ -	\$ 309,560,000
Ohio History Connection	\$ 14,145,500	\$ -	\$ 14,145,500
Mental Health and Addiction Services	\$ 95,604,800	\$ -	\$ 95,604,800
Natural Resources ¹	\$ 253,192,684	\$ -	\$ 253,192,684
Public Safety	\$ 8,021,542	\$ -	\$ 8,021,542
Public Works Commission ¹	\$ 237,500,000	\$ 42,500,000	\$ 280,000,000
Rehabilitation and Correction	\$ 280,675,000	\$ -	\$ 280,675,000
School for the Blind	\$ 1,995,000	\$ -	\$ 1,995,000
School for the Deaf	\$ 725,576	\$ -	\$ 725,576
Supreme Court	\$ 1,159,000	\$ -	\$ 1,159,000
Taxation	\$ 27,550,000	\$ -	\$ 27,550,000
Veterans' Services	\$ -	\$ 7,882,949	\$ 7,882,949
Youth Services	\$ 39,704,114	\$ -	\$ 39,704,114

1- Clean Ohio appropriations are included in Public Works Commission (\$37.5 million), Agriculture (\$12.5 million), and Natural Resources (\$12.5 million) totals.

Higher Education Project List

Agency	Source	Fund Code	ALI	ALI Description	FY21-22 Approps
BGU	GRF	7034	C24001	Basic Renovations- Firelands	\$320,000
BGU	GRF	7034	C24068	Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering and Applied Science Corridor	\$16,000,000
BTC	GRF	7034	C36809	Industrial Trades Center	\$739,846
BTC	GRF	7034	C36800	Basic Renovations	\$274,589
CCC	GRF	7034	C37800	Basic Renovations	\$6,226,408
CCC	GRF	7034	C37852	East Campus Exterior Plaza	\$6,400,000
CCC	GRF	7034	C37860	West Nursing Renovations	\$3,000,000
CLS	GRF	7034	C26083	Science Research Building Renovation and Expansion	\$16,000,000
CLS	GRF	7034	C26084	IT Security Upgrade and Data Center Restructuring	\$1,820,000
CLT	GRF	7034	C38527	Rhodes Hall and Applied Science Center Renovation	\$3,039,265
COT	GRF	7034	C36905	Founders/Hopewell Hall Renovations	\$2,500,000
COT	GRF	7034	C36925	Hopewell Hall Improvements	\$275,286
CSU	GRF	7034	C25520	Campus Security Update	\$500,000
CSU	GRF	7034	C25521	Classroom Technology Upgrades	\$370,000
CSU	GRF	7034	C25525	ADA and Fire Safety Campus Updates	\$1,000,000
CSU	GRF	7034	C25526	Campus Parking Lots, Building Entrances and Sidewalks	\$950,000
CSU	GRF	7034	C25527	HVAC Upgrades and Improvements	\$950,000
CSU	GRF	7034	C25528	Center for Academic Research and Innovation Rehabilitation	\$550,000
CTC	GRF	7034	C36140	Main Building Renovations	\$3,328,363
CTC	GRF	7034	C36141	IT System Upgrades	\$2,000,000
CTC	GRF	7034	C36143	Training and Education Infrastructure Upgrades	\$1,000,000
CTI	GRF	7034	C38435	Student Success Renovations	\$5,500,000
CTI	GRF	7034	C38437	Building Infrastructure Repairs	\$9,251,300
DHE	GRF	7034	C23501	SUPERCOMPUTER CENTER EXPANSION	\$7,224,750
DHE	GRF	7034	C23516	OHIO LIBRARY & INFORMTN NTRK	\$13,966,773
DHE	GRF	7034	C23524	SUPP RENO LIBRARY DEPOSITORIES	\$519,650
DHE	GRF	7034	C23529	WORKFORCE BASED TRNG & EQ	\$7,600,000
DHE	GRF	7034	C23530	TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES	\$2,375,000
DHE	GRF	7034	C23532	OARNET	\$14,177,800
DHE	GRF	7034	C23560	HEI CRITICAL MAINT & UPGRADE	\$1,425,000
DHE	GRF	7034	C23566	OHIO COLLEGE SAFETY AND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM	\$5,000,000
ESC	GRF	7034	C39019	Parking Lot Resurfacing	\$400,000

ESC	GRF	7034	C39000	Basic Renovations	\$716,100
ESC	GRF	7034	C39018	HVAC Repair and Replacements	\$350,000
ESC	GRF	7034	C39015	IT Upgrades	\$307,000
HTC	GRF	7034	C36332	fire tower upgrade	\$252,000
HTC	GRF	7034	C36327	Public Safety and Natural Resources Program Laboratory Renovation and Expansion	\$1,000,000
HTC	GRF	7034	C36333	John Light Boiler Repair	\$70,000
HTC	GRF	7034	C36328	McClenaghan Center for Culinary Hospitality - Renovation	\$1,479,171
JTC	GRF	7034	C38623	HVAC/Plumbing Maintenance	\$1,895,842
KSU	GRF	7034	C270I5	White Hall Rehabilitation	\$12,000,000
KSU	GRF	7034	C270I7	Library Asbestos Abatement and Renovation - Ashtabula	\$550,000
KSU	GRF	7034	C270G2	Satterfield Hall - HVAC	\$500,000
KSU	GRF	7034	C270H2	Founders Hall HVAC Upgrades - Tuscarawas	\$500,000
KSU	GRF	7034	C270K3	Critical Deferred Maintenance - Kent	\$1,575,000
KSU	GRF	7034	C270K4	Campus ADA Improvements - Kent	\$1,000,000
KSU	GRF	7034	C270K5	Fine Arts Building Roof Replacement Phase I - Stark	\$900,000
KSU	GRF	7034	C270K6	Classroom 127 Renovation/ Electrical System Upgrades - Salem	\$475,000
KSU	GRF	7034	C270K7	Nursing Skills Lab Renovation- Geauga	\$450,000
KSU	GRF	7034	C270K8	Mary Patterson Building Roof Replacement - East Liverpool	\$300,000
KSU	GRF	7034	C270K9	Rockwell Hall Renovation and Expansion - Kent	\$4,500,000
KSU	GRF	7034	C270L1	Link Building Window/Envelope Rehab - Trumbull	\$500,000
LCC	GRF	7034	C37922	Renovate Existing Teaching & Teaching Support Space	\$2,829,110
LCC	GRF	7034	C37923	IT Infrastructure & Security Improvements	\$459,599
LCC	GRF	7034	C37924	C Building Roof Replacement	\$1,100,000
LOR	GRF	7034	C38322	Mechanical Tunnel Repairs	\$1,003,715
LOR	GRF	7034	C38323	Parking Lot 2 and Lot 3	\$3,011,146
LOR	GRF	7034	C38324	Business Building	\$1,154,272
LOR	GRF	7034	C28325	Spitzer Conference Center	\$1,154,272
LTC	GRF	7034	C38100	Basic Renovations	\$600,000
LTC	GRF	7034	C38116	Center for Health Science Education and Innovation	\$1,000,000
LTC	GRF	7034	C38117	Technology Infrastructure	\$737,156
MAT	GRF	7034	C36217	Parking/Walkway Improvements	\$400,000
MAT	GRF	7034	C36218	Zanesville Campus Renovations	\$1,250,000
MAT	GRF	7034	C36216	Campus Center Renovations	\$205,267

MTC	GRF	7034	C35916	Bryson Hall Renovations	\$1,620,217
MUN	GRF	7034	C28597	Clinical Health Science and Student Wellness Building	\$21,210,000
NCC	GRF	7034	C38024	Fallerius Chillers and Boiler & Byron Kee Boilers Replacement	\$500,000
NCC	GRF	7034	C38025	Information Technology and Emergency Power Generators	\$663,293
NCC	GRF	7034	C38026	Campus Wide Buildings-Front Doors and Windows	\$565,000
NEM	GRF	7034	C30541	Replacement of Lab Air Handlers and Deferred Maintenance	\$600,000
NEM	GRF	7034	C30542	Distributed Antenna System (DAS) & Enhanced Video Security Surveillance System	\$700,000
NEM	GRF	7034	C30543	Renovation of Regula Corridor, Conversion to Small Group Active Teaching Format Academic Learning Classroom	\$260,000
NEM	GRF	7034	C30544	Replacement and Enhanced Network Fire Wall	\$250,000
NEM	GRF	7034	C30545	Research Lab Space in Research & Graduate Education Bldg Renovation	\$200,000
NTC	GRF	7034	C38219	Building B Renovations	\$2,376,366
OHU	GRF	7034	C30158	Academic Space Improvements	\$13,902,778
OHU	GRF	7034	C30136	Building Envelope Restorations	\$2,640,000
OHU	GRF	7034	C30157	Building and Safety System Improvements	\$2,816,572
OHU	GRF	7034	C30075	Infrastructure Improvements	\$1,345,000
OHU	GRF	7034	C30171	Campus Infrastructure Improvements - Regional Campuses	\$4,675,650
OSU	GRF	7034	C315DM	Roof Repair and Replacements	\$4,800,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315DP	HVAC Repair and Replacements	\$3,600,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315DQ	Elevator Safety Repairs and Replacements	\$4,900,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315DN	Fire System Replacements	\$3,900,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315DT	Plumbing Repair	\$1,800,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315FD	Electrical Repairs	\$2,300,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315DS	Building Envelope Repair	\$1,000,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315BR	Emergency Generators	\$900,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315DU	Road/Bridge Improvements	\$800,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315GL	Founders Hall Renovations - Newark	\$1,050,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315GY	Campbell Hall Renovation/Addition	\$23,760,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315GZ	Biomedical and Materials Engineering Complex	\$23,760,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315HA	Infrastructure Renewal	\$1,000,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315HB	Galvin Hall Basement Renovation-Lima	\$1,700,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315HC	Boiler Replacements-Mansfield	\$500,000

OSU	GRF	7034	C315HD	Recreation Center Life Safety-Mansfield	\$375,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315HE	HVAC and Emergency Generators-Mansfield	\$275,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315HF	Building Entries Renewal and Renovation-Mansfield	\$250,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315HG	Exterior Signs and Walk Renovation-Mansfield	\$300,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315HH	Alber Student Center Renovation-Marion	\$1,175,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315HI	Building Standby Generator Replacements-Marion	\$525,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315HJ	Hopewell Hall Improvements-Newark	\$275,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315HK	Reese Center HVAC Renovations-Newark	\$125,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315HL	Alford Science Center Lab Equipment-Newark	\$250,000
OSU	GRF	7034	C315HM	Fisher Hall Renovation-Wooster	\$6,000,000
OTC	GRF	7034	C38826	College Hall Renovation	\$5,261,171
OTC	GRF	7034	C38833	IT Campus Security Upgrades	\$450,000
OTC	GRF	7034	C38834	HVAC Renovation and Replacement	\$155,000
OTC	GRF	7034	C38830	Transportation Technology Building Renovation	\$475,000
OTC	GRF	7034	C38824	Access Improvement Projects	\$300,000
RGC	GRF	7034	C35617	IT Infrastructure and Information System Upgrades	\$1,332,754
SCC	GRF	7034	C37739	Building Clean and Seal Masonry	\$1,800,000
SCC	GRF	7034	C37740	Campus Wide HVAC-Chillers and Boilers Upgrades	\$4,500,000
SCC	GRF	7034	C37741	Electric Grid & Utility System Replacements	\$1,000,000
SCC	GRF	7034	C37742	Replace Diesel Generators with Natural Gas Generators	\$700,000
SCC	GRF	7034	C37743	Installation of Fire Sprinkler System (Bldgs. 1-7)	\$1,603,245
SCC	GRF	7034	C37745	Advanced Manufacturing & Skilled Trades Training Hubs	\$1,000,000
SOC	GRF	7034	C32200	Basic Renovations	\$785,140
SOC	GRF	7034	C32224	Instructional & Campus Technology Project	\$646,850
SOC	GRF	7034	C32225	Campus Security Systems Project	\$279,497
SSC	GRF	7034	C32400	Basic Renovation	\$3,810,000
STC	GRF	7034	C38937	21st Century Campus Digital Transformation Project	\$1,300,000
STC	GRF	7034	C38929	Akron Center for Education and Workforce	\$1,420,000
STC	GRF	7034	C38921	HVAC Repair and Replacements	\$675,000
STC	GRF	7034	C38900	Basic Renovations	\$1,160,370

STC	GRF	7034	C38935	Roof Replacements	\$1,900,000
TTC	GRF	7034	C36419	Repaving Parking Lots	\$488,000
TTC	GRF	7034	C36420	Building E Renovations	\$223,869
TTC	GRF	7034	C36421	IT Infrastructure Upgrades	\$317,500
TTC	GRF	7034	C36422	Building B Server Room Duct Work	\$183,000
TTC	GRF	7034	C36423	Campus Safety Door System	\$59,800
TTC	GRF	7034	C36424	Renovation of Math Lab	\$165,415
UAK	GRF	7034	C25082	Crouse/Ayer Hall Consolidation	\$18,060,000
UCN	GRF	7034	C26678	Muntz Hall - Blue Ash	\$2,400,000
UCN	GRF	7034	C266B3	Renovations of Old Lindner Hall- College of Law	\$29,560,000
UCN	GRF	7034	C266B4	Probasco Auditorium Renovation	\$4,500,000
UCN	GRF	7034	C266B5	McDonough Hall & Student Services Building Roofs-UC Clermont	\$1,250,000
UCN	GRF	7034	C266B6	Kettering Façade Window Replacement	\$750,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C34080	Building Envelope/Weatherproofing	\$2,000,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C34073	Mechanical Systems Improvements	\$2,000,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C34071	Elevator Safety Repairs and Replacements	\$1,300,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C34094	Electrical Systems Enhancements	\$1,500,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C34072	Building Automation Systems Upgrade	\$1,500,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C34097	North Engineering Lab/Classroom Renovations	\$3,000,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C34098	Classroom Renovations	\$1,600,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C34089	Research Laboratory Renovations	\$600,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C34083	Accessibility/ADA Improvements/Enhancements	\$345,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C340A7	Underground Utility Infrastructure Improvements	\$1,000,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C340A8	Centennial Mall Hardscape Improvements	\$1,000,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C340A9	Raymon H. Mulford Library Renovations	\$1,000,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C340B1	Network Security and Flow Monitoring Systems Upgrade	\$1,200,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C340B2	Wireless Infrastructure Upgrade	\$1,250,000
UTO	GRF	7034	C340B3	Reverse Osmosis Auto Watering System for Research Animals	\$625,000
WSU	GRF	7034	C27585	Campus Energy Efficiency and Controls	\$2,721,000
WSU	GRF	7034	C27578	University Safety Initiative	\$1,070,000
WSU	GRF	7034	C27582	Campus Paving and Grounds	\$343,000
WSU	GRF	7034	C27589	Gas Line Replacement	\$5,221,000
WSU	GRF	7034	C27590	Workforce Development Center-Lake Campus	\$1,500,000
WSU	GRF	7034	C27591	Trenary Hall Renovation-Lake Campus	\$500,000

WSU	GRF	7034	C27592	Laboratory Animal Resources Occupational Safety	\$580,000
WSU	GRF	7034	C27593	Information Technology Infrastructure Upgrades	\$1,606,000
WSU	GRF	7034	C27594	Health College Renovation	\$319,000
WTC	GRF	7034	C35800	Basic Renovations	\$1,183,806
YSU	GRF	7034	C34553	Campus Development	\$750,000
YSU	GRF	7034	C34561	Building Envelope Renovations	\$1,500,000
YSU	GRF	7034	C34500	Basic Renovations	\$260,000
YSU	GRF	7034	C34562	Utility Distribution Upgrades/Expansion	\$2,250,000
YSU	GRF	7034	C34563	Moser Hall Renovations	\$2,500,000
YSU	GRF	7034	C34564	Elevator Safety Repairs and Replacements	\$1,500,000
YSU	GRF	7034	C34565	IT Infrastructure Upgrades	\$1,000,000
YSU	GRF	7034	C34566	Lincoln Building Renovations	\$500,000

December 1, 2019

The Honorable Randy Gardner
Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education
25 South Front Street, 7th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Chancellor Gardner,

Ohio's public university Presidents submit this letter to affirm their support of the Inter- University Council's funding request for the FY2021-2022 state capital budget.

As you know, the need for capital investment in Ohio's public university campuses and infrastructure is significant. We appreciate the funding made available for capital projects during this FY21-22 period and, with those funds, will make every effort, to maintain the investments the state has already made in existing facilities, continue to offer world-class programs, and increase Ohio's competitive advantage by capitalizing on our existing strengths.

Sincerely,

Ohio's Public University Presidents

Signature Page Attached

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January 16, 2020

Chancellor Randy Gardner:
Ohio Department of Higher Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chancellor Gardner,

It is with gratitude and pleasure that we submit our recommendations for capital funding for Ohio's community colleges.

Through various iterations of this capital appropriations process our top priority, like yours and Governor DeWine's, has been to protect, maintain, and fully utilize our current capital assets for the benefit of Ohio's students, businesses, and communities. In our submission, we are proud to embrace the Governor's priorities and recommend that all of this year's capital funding be used to renovate, repair, and expand academic space of *existing* campus facilities, with only a few exceptions.

You will notice the majority of the our requests are dedicated to protecting the state's prior investments in our facilities, not wholesale renovations of entire buildings as is more often seen with other capital funding requests. Instead, our requests are a variety of patchwork deferred maintenance repairs for heating, electrical, and plumbing systems, roof and window replacements, upgrades to individual classrooms and labs, parking and pedestrian safety, and improvements to campus security systems.

As higher education leaders, we believe that the current system of how capital funds are allocated is in dire need of an update, and we are very appreciative that the DeWine Administration has agreed to listen to these concerns. While the state's universities have funded their capital needs through an approach that relies heavily on issuing local debt often backed through student fees, our cost structure and mission does not allow us that option if we wish to remain affordable and accessible to those Ohioans who need us most. Because of our more limited resources, our colleges rely far more on direct state capital support to help our ongoing maintenance needs while also providing updated facilities, equipment and technology necessary to help prepare a locally trained workforce for the modern economy.

While the state capital funding allocation may have made sense decades ago when it was first established, it now produces severely inequitable outcomes throughout the system. This longstanding way of allocating capital funds has led to examples in communities across the state where the institution of higher education that serves fewer students actually receives substantially more in state funding than the one that serves more local residents.

As you are aware, this is not a new concern for our sector. The overall allocation of capital funds compared to the needs and available resources has been a topic raised by OACC for the past several capital budget cycles. Unfortunately, every time the request for a comprehensive study of our capital needs and utilization is raised, that request has either been tabled for a later time or simply ignored. That is why we cannot stress enough how much we appreciate the willingness of the DeWine Administration to start discussing these funding inequities.

We are grateful for the Governor's leadership and support on so many issues facing community colleges during his first year in office, but none more so than his unprecedented embrace of our core mission to fill the workforce needs of the employers in the communities we serve. By signature below, the Presidents of Ohio's community colleges affirm our approval of the attached recommendations and express sincere gratitude for the continuing support of the DeWine Administration.

Sincerely,



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Central Ohio Technical College



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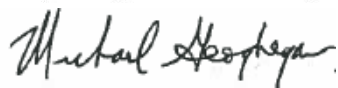
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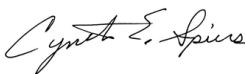
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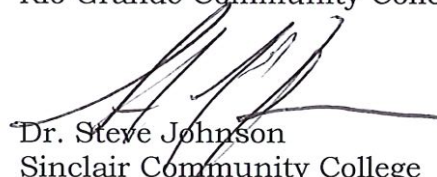
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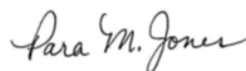
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