

Deferred Maintenance Oversight Plan

While the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (“State Regents”) serve a coordinating function rather than a governance function, it falls to the State Regents to coordinate and oversee the allocation of funding from the Oklahoma Legislature to address higher education institutions’ deferred maintenance needs. In light of this responsibility, the plan sets forth next steps to exercise the State Regents’ fiduciary responsibilities.

1. Legislative Allocation and Year One Projects:

- a. In the 2nd Regular Session of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature, the State Legislature appropriated \$125.0 million for deferred maintenance to state assets under the provisions of the Oklahoma Capital Assets Maintenance and Protection Act (SB 1399), to be split among higher education, state buildings and tourism.
- b. In fiscal year 2025, forty-five percent (45.0%) of the appropriated funds, or \$56.25 million, will go to higher education. Of that amount, seventy percent (70.0%), or \$39.375 million, is allocated among regional four (4) year institutions, including USAO and Langston. Thirty percent (30.0%), or \$16.875 million, is allocated among two-year institutions, including OSU-OKC and OSU-IT.
- c. In fiscal years 2026, 2027 and 2028, higher education will receive \$33.75 million each year. Allocations are twenty percent (20.0%) to research universities; fifty percent (50.0) to regional universities; and thirty percent (30.0%) to two-year institutions. The allocation by educational tier is as follows:
 - i. Research Universities (OU and OSU): \$6.75 million each year
 - ii. Regional Universities (including USAO and Langston): \$16.875 million each year
 - iii. Two-year Institutions: \$10.125 million each year
- d. The fiscal year ~~one~~ 2025 allocations, which exclude the research universities, were made at the June, 2024 Board of Regents meeting. The State Regents allocated \$3,579,545 to each regional and non-research four-year university and \$1,205,357 to each two-year institution.
- e. Year One projects should be “shovel ready.” In other words, each institution should be able to move quickly to bid, commence and complete the projects within the fiscal year. Year One allocations are to be spent on projects identified by each institution and provided to the State Regents. Each institution will provide quarterly reporting to the Fiscal Division of the State Regents regarding project status. Where possible, photographs of project progress shall be included in the report, along with an estimate of the percentage of completion, amounts expended to date, amount needed to complete the project and other information as requested by the State Regents. If additional funds are used beyond the those allocated through OCAMP, the institution should identify the source(s) and amounts of such funds.

2. Assessment Phase:

- a. Every higher education institution in Oklahoma provides a regularly updated Campus Master Plan to the Long-Range Capital Planning Commission (State Regents' Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter Four, 4.14)
- b. The State Regents will survey system institutions to determine which institutions have had ~~recent~~ deferred maintenance reviews by independent organizations. For example, Oklahoma State University engaged ISES Corp. to perform facility condition assessments on 49 buildings encompassing over 3.6 million gross square feet of general education and related support space in April, 2017.
- c. For institutions that have not had a deferred maintenance assessment within the prior ten years, the State Regents may contract for a system-wide assessment to be performed and for the organization performing the assessment to harmonize their assessments with any completed ~~existing~~ assessments for institutions.

3. Administration Phase:

- a. The State Regents will prioritize needs among the institutions based on the following criteria:
 - i. Student health and safety
 - ii. Compliance (e.g., fire code, ADA)
 - iii. Avoidance of future costs
 - iv. Building systems and envelopes
 - v. Campus shared services, such as heating and cooling systems and parking lots.

Projects for consideration will exclude self-sustaining athletic facilities or superficial updates, including paint and carpet

- b. The State Regents will establish a committee of the Board to oversee projects for which funding is sought through OCAMP. If, as contemplated by the Oklahoma Constitution, the State Regents exercise full authority over the deferred maintenance funding, the deferred maintenance committee will recommend to the Board, no later than April 1 of each year, the projects eligible for funding in the following fiscal year. The recommendations will fall within the allocations by tier as specified by the OCAMP Act.