



FY 2025-26 Budget Briefing Summary

Capital Construction

The capital construction section of the Long Bill includes funding appropriated to state departments and institutions of higher education for controlled maintenance, capital renewal and recapitalization, and capital expansion. Capital construction appropriations are typically supported by General Fund transferred to the Capital Construction Fund (CCF). The FY 2025-26 General Fund transfers related to Capital Construction represent 0.8 percent of FY 2025-26 General Fund expenditures, based on the September 2025 Legislative Council Staff forecast.

Summary of Request

Capital Construction: Year-over-year change

Funding Source	FY 2025-26 [1]	FY 2026-27 [2]	Change (\$)	Change(%)
Capital Construction Fund	\$139,721,972	\$149,856,146	\$10,134,174	7.3%
Cash Funds	179,646,263	75,376,656	-104,269,607	-58.0%
Reappropriated Funds	0	0	0	n/a
Federal Funds	4,644,311	0	-4,644,311	-100.0%
Total	\$324,012,546	\$225,232,802	-\$98,779,744	-30.5%

[1] All FY 2025-26 were made through S.B. 25-206 (Long Bill).

[2] Requested appropriation.

The following tables show the FY 2026-27 Capital Construction request and corresponding rankings assigned by OSPB and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) where applicable.

FY 2026-27 State-Funded OSPB Capital Request

OSPB	CCHE	Project	Total	General Fund/ CCF	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds
1		Controlled Maintenance Level 1	\$109,383,329	\$109,383,329	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	1	Higher Ed: CSU Clark Building renovation & addition ph 4/4	25,798,175	25,798,175	0	0	0
3		DOC: Electronic security system replacement, Colorado State Penitentiary ph 1/2 (capital renewal)	748,289	748,289	0	0	0
4		DOC: Level 2 perimeter security, Delta Correctional Facility	13,926,353	13,926,353	0	0	0
Total - State-Funded, Recommended			\$149,856,146	\$149,856,146	\$0	\$0	\$0

FY 2026-27 Cash-Funded OSPB Capital Request

Project	Total	General Fund/ CCF	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds
DHS: Depreciation Fund for regional center group homes	\$832,718	\$0	\$832,718	\$0	\$0
DNR: CPW Property acquisition and improvements	12,100,000	0	12,100,000	0	0
DNR: CPW Infrastructure and property maintenance	11,293,800	0	11,293,800	0	0
DOC: Colorado Correctional Industries small projects	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	0
DPA: Capitol Complex renovation and footprint reduction ph 3/4	41,450,138	0	41,450,138	0	0
HistCO: Collections care facility construction ph 3/3	8,000,000	0	8,000,000	0	0
HistCO: Regional property preservation projects	700,000	0	700,000	0	0
Total - Cash-Funded, Recommended	\$75,376,656	\$0	\$75,376,656	\$0	\$0

Issues Presented

This is a summary of the briefing issues presented to the Joint Budget Committee by their dedicated non-partisan staff.

Project Descriptions: This section describes each of the four state-fund (General Fund/Capital Construction Fund) projects included in the November 1st request.

Capitol Complex Renovation Project: The Capitol Complex Renovation project includes four phases appropriated over seven years for a total estimated cost of \$216.7 million. The main funding source for the project is annual depreciation lease-equivalent payments, which primarily originate as General Fund appropriations. This issue brief discusses the history of the project and challenges related to funding the out-year costs.

Budget Reduction Options: The Capital Construction portion of the Long Bill starts from a zero base budget; options for savings are therefore limited. This issue brief discusses available cash fund balances available for budget balancing and suggests the possibility of pausing annual depreciation lease-equivalent payments, which would effectively halt the Capitol Complex Renovation project.

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