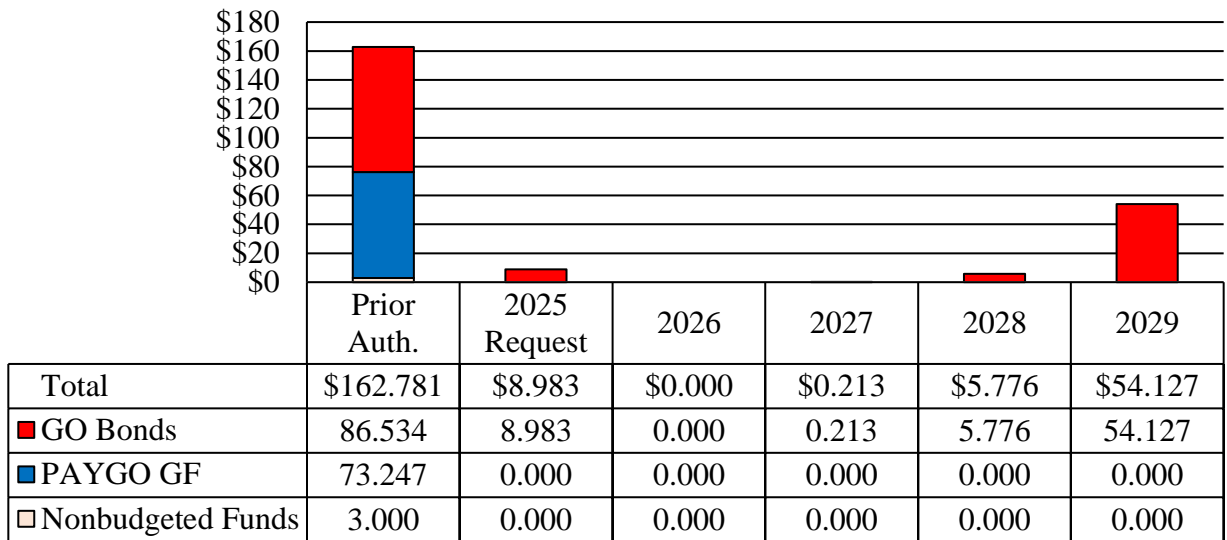
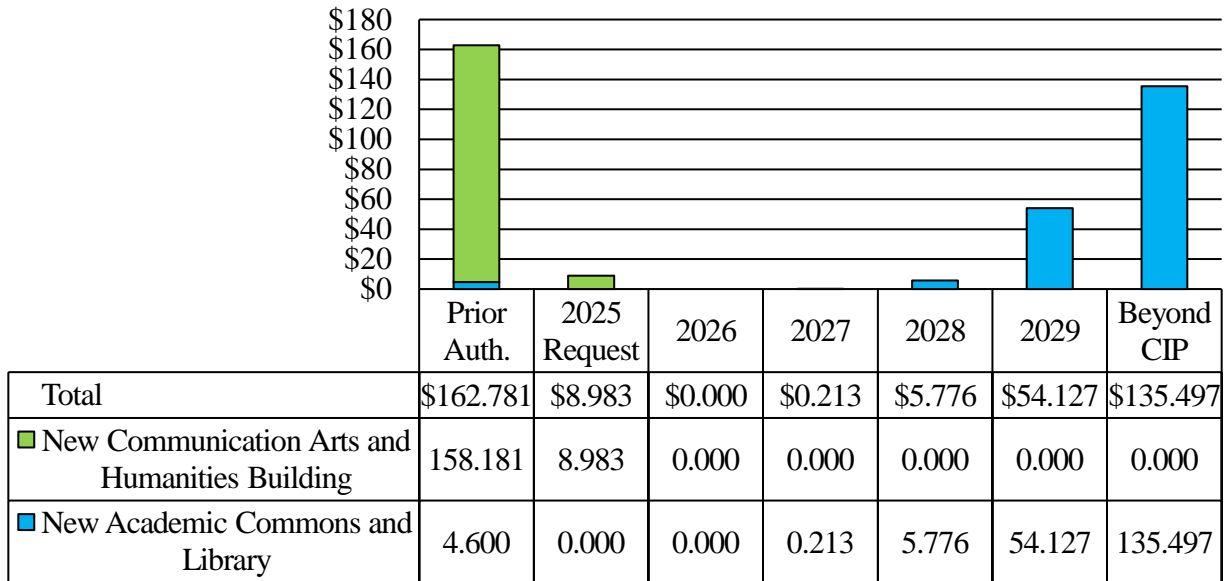


**RB23**  
**Bowie State University – Capital**  
**University System of Maryland**

***Capital Budget Summary***

**State-owned Capital Improvement Program**  
**(\$ in Millions)**



CIP: Capital Improvement Program  
 GF: general funds

GO: general obligation  
 PAYGO: pay-as-you-go

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## Key Observations

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- **New Academic Commons and Library Project Schedule:** The 2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes funding in the out-years for the New Academic Commons and Library. That project has received \$4.6 million in prior authorizations for design, despite design not scheduled to begin until fiscal 2027.

## GO Bond Recommended Actions

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1. Approve all proposed authorizations for Bowie State University.
2. Deauthorize prior authorizations to align with project schedule.

ZF1850	SECTION 2 – Bowie State University – New Thurgood Marshall Library Commons .....	\$ 3,500,000
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Add the following language:

<u>RB23</u>	<u>BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY</u> <u>(Prince George’s County)</u>
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(B)	<u>Facilities Renewal. Provide funds to design, construct, and equip [the Thurgood Marshall Library,] Jericho Park Road, and Campus Security at Bowie State University .....</u>	<u>[6,110,000]</u>
		<b><u>2,610,000</u></b>

**Explanation:** The Thurgood Marshall Library has changed into the New Academic Commons and Library. That project is not expected to start design until fiscal 2027. If prior authorizations are used now to start design, the plans would be outdated by fiscal 2027.

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3. Deauthorize prior authorizations to align with project schedule

ZF2250	SECTION 2 – Bowie State University – New Thurgood Marshall Library Commons.....	\$ 1,100,000
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Add the following language:

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(B)	<u>New Thurgood Marshall Library Commons. Provide funds to design the construction of a new library commons.....</u>	<u>[1,100,000]</u> <u>0</u>
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**Explanation:** The Thurgood Marshall Library has changed into the New Academic Commons and Library. That project is not expected to start design until fiscal 2027. If prior authorizations are used now to start design, the plans would be outdated by fiscal 2027.

<b>Total Deauthorization GO Bonds</b>	<b>-\$4,600,000</b>
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## ***Summary of Fiscal 2025 Funded State-owned Projects***

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### **New Communication Arts and Humanities Building**

**Project Summary:** Construction of a new Communication Arts and Humanities building to accommodate the departments of communications; language, literature and cultural studies; history and government; and Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). The project includes the demolition of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Building. The new facility will replace functionally inadequate and poorly configured space in the existing building. The new building will include multimedia classrooms, specialized laboratories, media production facilities, and a 1,500-seat auditorium. The fiscal 2025 budget includes funding to complete construction and equip the facility as well as to repay a university bridge loan (listed under “Other”).

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<b>New/Ongoing: Ongoing</b>								
<b>Start Date:</b> April 2020					<b>Est. Completion Date:</b> August 2024			
<b>Fund Sources:</b>								
<b>(\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>Prior Auth.</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Beyond CIP</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>GO Bonds</b>	\$81.934	\$8.983	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$90.917
<b>GF</b>	73.247	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	73.247
<b>Nonbudgeted</b>	3.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$158.181</b>	<b>\$8.983</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$167.16</b>
<b>Fund Uses:</b>								
<b>(\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>Prior Auth.</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>Beyond CIP</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Planning</b>	\$12.430	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$12.430
<b>Construction</b>	141.045	4.689	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	145.734
<b>Equipment</b>	4.706	1.294	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	6.000
<b>Other</b>	0.000	3.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$158.181</b>	<b>\$8.983</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$167.16</b>

- **Need:** The new facility will address the following problems with the existing building:
  - **Existing Classrooms Are Too Small:** The current Martin Luther King, Jr. Building has 2 existing lecture halls and 22 general purpose classrooms. The average station size for these 2 lecture halls and 22 classrooms currently are roughly half of the net assignable square footage (NASF) per student, based on current standards.
  - **Lack of Specialized Class Laboratory and Functionally Inadequate Laboratories:** Disciplines such as history and government do not have required class laboratories. In addition, spaces such as the Channel 74 Studio were not designed for the purposes for which they are now used and are functionally inadequate.
  - **Existing Building Does Not Meet Current Codes:** Several instructional spaces are not Americans with Disabilities Act accessible. In addition, the existing elevator and electrical and fire protection systems do not meet current codes.
  - **Failing Infrastructure:** The current Martin Luther King, Jr. Building is 50 years old, and its mechanical and electrical systems have exceeded their useful lives and are failing. The recommended service life for mechanical systems is 20 years. Due to the inadequate mechanical system, building users frequently complain of the lack of cooling in summer and heating in winter.
  - **Lack of ROTC Space:** The scope was modified to include a total of 4,485 NASF for the university’s ROTC program. The ROTC program has never had an

appropriate location and has always been fitted into available space where it existed.

- ***Project Status and Schedule:*** The project is on schedule and is expected to be completed in August 2024.
- ***Other Comments:*** Between fiscal 2012 and 2023, the number of full-time freshmen students has increased from 477 to 965, or 102.3%, and there is insufficient space to offer general education requirements, all of which currently require the students to take courses in the current Martin Luther King, Jr. Building. Larger classrooms with between 50 and 100 stations are needed for these courses. While the current Martin Luther King, Jr. Building broadly impacts the general student population, it directly negatively affects the Department of Communications – which, as of fall 2023, had the second highest enrollment in the College of Arts and Sciences and the fifth highest student enrollment at Bowie State University (BSU) – by providing a substandard student learning experience for these students.

## ***Summary of Out-year State-owned Projects***

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- ***New Academic Commons and Library:*** This project will construct a new Academic Commons to replace the existing Thurgood Marshall Library, which is not cost-effective to renovate. The existing 46-year-old library has never had a significant renovation, and its mechanical and electrical systems have exceeded their useful lives. In addition, the roof and building envelope are compromised, resulting in water intrusion. The current facility is too small to accommodate the growth in university enrollment. The new building will have a larger seating capacity and include individual and group study space. The 2023 CIP programmed initial design funds for fiscal 2027, with a total estimated project cost of \$120.0 million. However, BSU submitted a revised program plan to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) that would increase the scope of the project and project cost to an estimated \$200 million. While the 2024 CIP reflects the increased cost, DBM has not completed its review of the revised program plan. Furthermore, the CIP continues to schedule design commencement in fiscal 2027. This project has \$4.6 million in prior authorizations that the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) recommends deauthorizing to better align the funding with the schedule. It would be premature to initiate design at this time, as it would require additional costs to keep the design team on board for two additional years awaiting the remainder of the design authorization, which is not scheduled until fiscal 2028 and will likely require additional design effort and cost to update any prior completed design work to current codes and standards after a two-year hiatus. **DLS recommends deauthorizing the \$4.6 million or prior authorizations.**

**Appendix 1**  
**Executive’s Operating Budget Impact Statement – State-owned Projects**  
**Fiscal 2025-2029**  
**(\$ in Millions)**

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>New Communication Arts and Humanities Building</b>					
Estimated Operating Cost	\$2.052	\$2.217	\$2.300	\$2.352	\$2.172
Estimated Staffing	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

The project is expected to require 5 staff positions for maintenance of the new building. The expected costs for these positions are \$0.3 million in fiscal 2025 and will grow to \$0.4 million in fiscal 2029. The remainder expected operating costs will go toward communications, utilities, contractual services, supplies and materials, and equipment. These costs are expected to be \$1.8 million from fiscal 2025 to 2029.