

# What are the capital budget priorities for two-year colleges?

## ***Economic Demand – meeting the needs of industries & students***

- This budget request will help colleges respond to critical economic demands in their communities
- One third of the major projects will expand and upgrade health and science buildings to educate future healthcare workers
- Additional space is needed to serve more students and produce future employees with the skills and knowledge in demand

## ***Student Success – Supporting success in the classroom***

- The capital budget request focuses on building modern facilities, technology and equipment, making the learning environment mirror the earning environment
- Half of the budget request provides critical improvements to building systems such as roofs, electrical distribution, HVAC and plumbing. Students learn better in adequate facilities.
- Students are crowded. These facilities are being used at almost twice the level recommended by the Higher Education Coordinating Board

## ***Innovation – Better serving businesses, students now & into the future***

- Matching fund projects encourage colleges to forge innovative partnerships with private donors to improve their facilities and equipment without depending entirely on state funds
- This request assumes a large increase in distance learning, thus reducing the need for “bricks and mortar”
- Colleges are planning and designing buildings with flexibility for future adaptation

