

## Your Question:

You asked about state policies that mention facilities maintenance and/or construction in their postsecondary education budget requests.

## Our Response:

Yes, there are states that require postsecondary institutions to include facilities maintenance in their budget requests (typically found in the operational fund request), in addition to a few states that require institutions to request capital construction. This information requests offers a few state examples with those policies.

## State Examples: Budget Requests Including Maintenance and Capital Construction

### Arizona

For its community college sector, **Arizona** ([Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-1461](#)) requires institutions to include the estimated cost of all operational, capital outlay and debt service expenses, as well as any increase or decrease of each category compared to the current budget year, in institutional budget requests. In **Arizona**, a coordinating or governing board creates a consolidated request on behalf of the sector, with authority to suggest increases in facilities' maintenance funds and funds for capital construction to the state Legislature.

### Nebraska

All postsecondary institutions are required to submit capital construction requests to each sector's respective governing body ([Neb. Rev. St. § 85-1416](#)). Those bodies submit sector-wide requests to the **Nebraska** Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, which reviews each request and recommends projects to the governor and Legislature. Approved projects will then be ranked by the commission in a unified prioritization plan.

### Oregon

In **Oregon** ([Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 350.075](#)) the higher education commission receives budget requests from both two- and four-year institutions. These requests must include proposals for "new facilities" and funds for "capital improvements and deferred maintenance," which the commission evaluates and recommends to the governor.

### Utah

**Utah's** statewide budget recommendation must contain "mandatory costs, including building operations and maintenance, fuel and power" ([Utah Code Ann. § 53B-7-101](#)). In addition, capital construction and land purchase requests made by institutions must be submitted to the State Building Board — not to be included in the statewide budget recommendation.

### Washington

Similar to Nebraska's policy, **Washington** requires two- and four-year institutions to submit capital budget outlines to propose capital construction projects ([Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28B.77.070](#)). The Student Achievement Council then develops a prioritized list of capital projects for the legislature to consider.