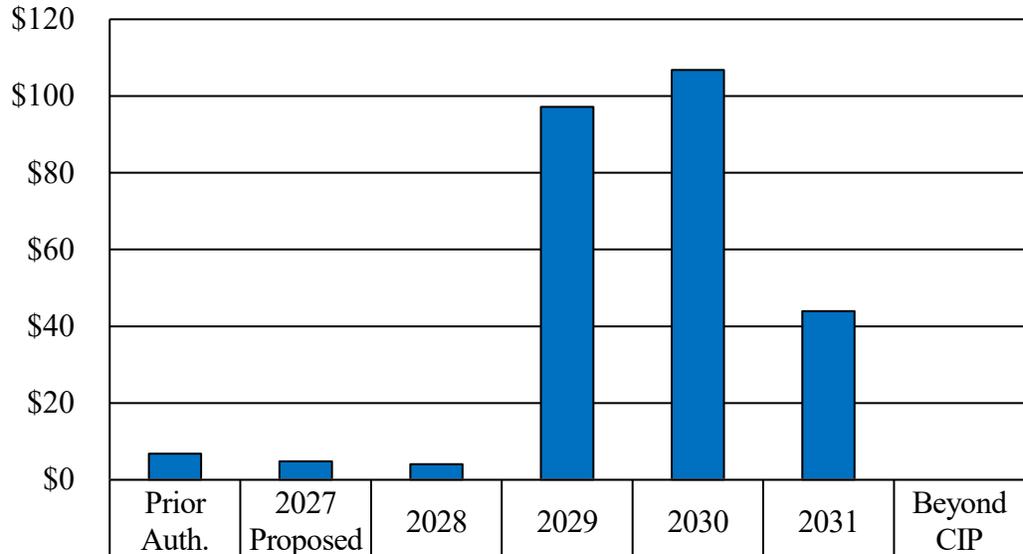


R30B23*
Bowie State University – Capital
University System of Maryland

Capital Budget Summary

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



	Prior Auth.	2027 Proposed	2028	2029	2030	2031	Beyond CIP
■ New Thurgood Marshall Library and Academic Commons	\$6.830	\$4.802	\$4.071	\$97.187	\$106.828	\$43.977	\$0.00

CIP: *Capital Improvement Program*

Note: In addition to general obligation bonds, the funding plan includes \$10 million of academic revenue bonds in each of fiscal 2029 to 2031 for a total of \$30 million.

Key Observations

- New Library and Academic Commons:*** The start date for design was delayed from July 2025 to January 2026 to allow the university more time to select and hire a design firm, but the estimated start and end dates for construction remain unchanged (July 2028 and January 2031, respectively). Total project costs increase by 5.0% (\$12.7 million) compared to the estimate provided in the 2025 session, primarily attributable to revised cost per square foot calculations and increased equipment costs.

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GO Bond Recommended Actions

1. Approve all general obligation bond authorizations and amendments to prior authorizations for Bowie State University.

Updates

- ***Deauthorized Funds for Pedestrian and Vehicular Infrastructure Improvements:*** The fiscal 2027 capital budget bill deauthorizes \$150,000 authorized in fiscal 2020 for pedestrian and vehicular infrastructure improvements for the MARC line station on campus. The funds are no longer needed, as the work was completed using funds remaining from the recently completed Communication Arts and Humanities project.

Summary of Fiscal 2026 Funded State-owned Projects

New Thurgood Marshall Library and Academic Commons

Project Summary: This project will construct a new Academic Commons to replace the existing Thurgood Marshall Library, which is not cost-effective to renovate. The existing 48-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 facility is too small to accommodate the university’s current enrollment. The new building will have larger seating capacity and include individual and group study space. Total costs have risen to \$263.7 million in the 2026 *Capital Improvement Program (CIP)*, and \$30 million in academic revenue bonds for this project are newly included in the CIP.

New/Ongoing: Ongoing	
Start Date: January 2026	Est. Completion Date: January 2031

Fund Sources:								
(\$ in Millions)	Prior Auth.	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Beyond CIP	Total
GO Bonds	\$6.830	\$4.802	\$4.071	\$87.187	\$96.828	\$33.977	\$0.000	\$233.695
Revenue Bonds	0.000	0.000	0.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	0.000	30.000
Total	\$6.830	\$4.802	\$4.071	\$97.187	\$106.828	\$43.977	\$0.000	\$263.695

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Fund Uses:								
(\$ in Millions)	Prior Auth.	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Beyond CIP	Total
Planning	\$6.830	\$4.802	\$4.071	\$6.234	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$21.937
Construction	0.000	0.000	0.000	87.953	87.953	43.977	0.000	219.883
Equipment	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.000	18.875	0.000	0.000	21.875
Total	\$6.830	\$4.802	\$4.071	\$97.187	\$106.828	\$43.977	\$0.000	\$263.695

- Need:** Originally constructed in 1977, the Thurgood Marshall Library is functionally obsolete, and most major building systems have reached the end of their useful life. A building condition assessment recommends full replacement; renovation is not cost-effective. The electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems have exceeded their expected lifespans and have never been updated. While the central cooling tower was replaced in calendar 2021, it too will have exceeded its useful life by the time the new building is placed into service in fiscal 2031. Due to increased enrollment, portions of the library have been reallocated to serve other purposes, including the Information Technology department, the Comptroller, Institutional Advancement, and Continuing Education, which occupies 42% of the current library’s space. This reallocation of space has reduced the seating capacity in the library by approximately 70% (from over 1,000 to 312), resulting in campus space deficit of 35,000 square feet of library space. The guidelines produced by the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Association of College and Research Libraries recommend seating capacity equal to 25% of the full-time day equivalent students, and the current capacity is only 6.17%.
- Project Status and Schedule:** The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) approved the Part I Program in June 2024 and the Part II Program in September 2025. The legislature has already authorized \$6.8 million to start project design pending DBM program review and approval. The design phase was expected to commence in July 2025 but was delayed to January 2026 to allow the university more time to bid, select, and award the design contract. The design is expected to take 27 months to complete, with the start of construction now scheduled for July 2028 and substantial completion in January 2031.
- Changes:** The amount included in the fiscal 2027 capital budget is \$2.0 million less than what was planned to account for the delayed design start. However, the project’s total estimated cost increased by \$12.7 million (5.0%) to \$263.7 million compared to the estimate provided last session. The revised cost estimate reflects an adjusted cost per square foot calculation, which increased from \$696 to \$734 per square foot from the previous estimate to account for construction inflation in calendar 2024. Current estimates should be considered preliminary, as they have yet to be informed by the efforts of the recently contracted design team. The funding plan set forth in the 2026 CIP reflects the use of \$30 million of Academic Revenue bonds, which reduce the amount of general obligation bonds needed to fund the project.

Appendix 1
Executive’s Operating Budget Impact Statement – State-owned Projects
Fiscal 2027-2031
(\$ in Millions)

		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
New Thurgood Marshall Library and Academic Commons						
	Estimated Operating Costs	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$2.500
	Estimated Staffing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0*

*full-time equivalents

An estimated 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) employee per 40,000 gross square feet is included for a total cost of \$0.6 million (wages and fringe benefits) for 5 FTEs. Additionally, equipment (\$0.6 million), supplies and materials (\$0.1 million), communications equipment (\$0.2 million), contractual services (\$0.7 million), and fuel and utilities (\$0.2) are included in the total operating cost.