

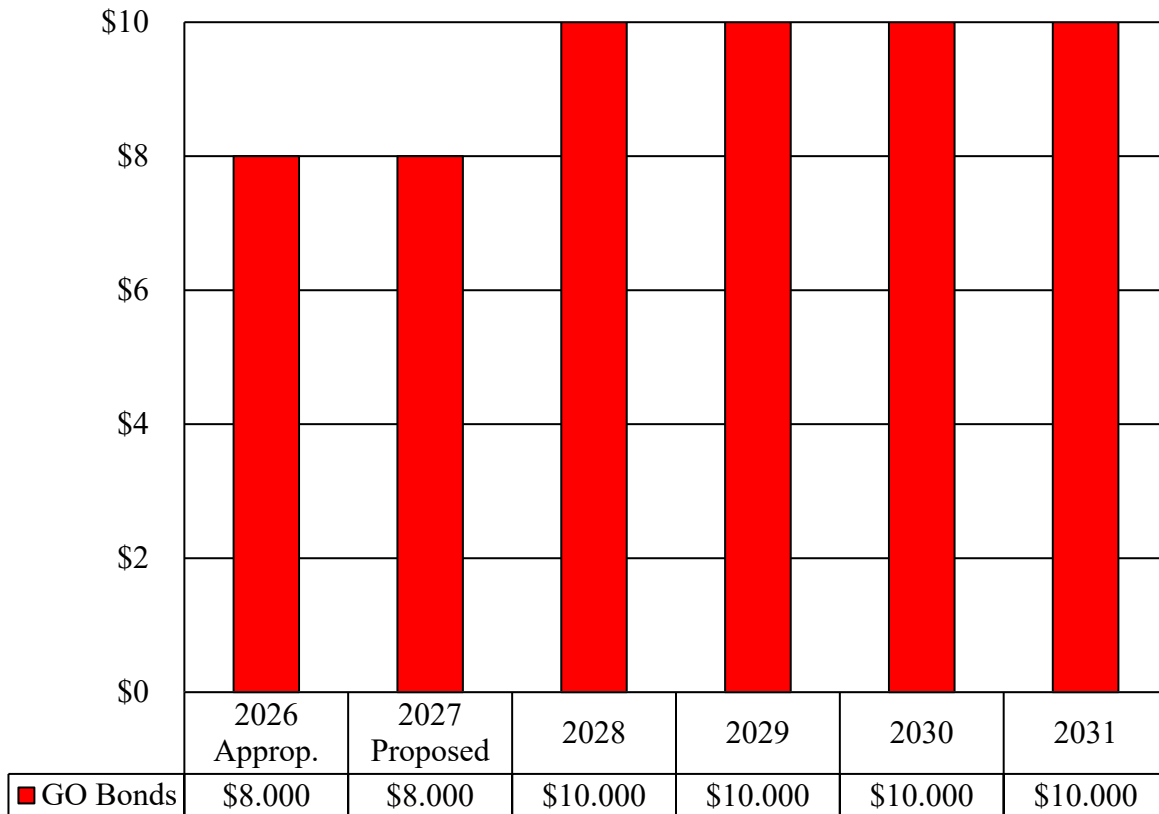
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**Maryland Independent College and University Association – Capital  
Miscellaneous Grant Program**

***Capital Budget Summary***

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**Grant and Loan *Capital Improvement Program*  
MICUA Private Higher Education Facilities Grant Program  
(\$ in Millions)**



GO: general obligation  
MICUA: Maryland Independent College and University Association

***GO Bond Recommended Actions***

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1. Approve all general obligation bond authorizations for the Maryland Independent College and University Association.

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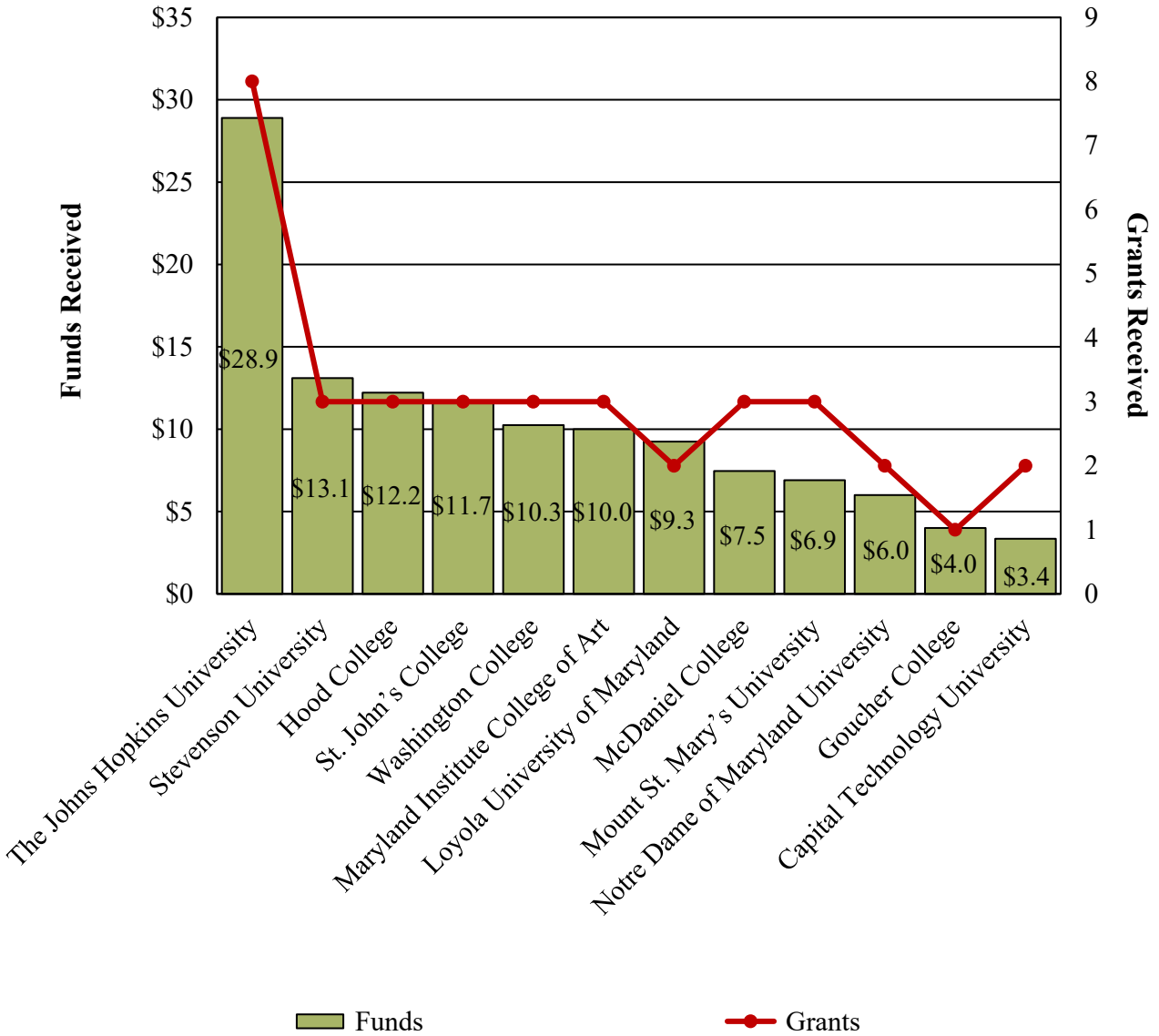
## ***Budget Overview of Grant and Loan Programs***

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The Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) Higher Education Facilities Grant Program provides funds to Maryland's private colleges and universities to assist with costs of constructing and renovating academic facilities and infrastructure. The grants awarded through this program leverage institutional resources and private donations that must at least match the State appropriation for each project. Established in calendar 1971, MICUA represents 13 member institutions that serve nearly 56,000 students annually, representing approximately 16% of student enrollment in statewide higher education and 27% of all degrees conferred annually by four-year institutions in the State. Of all MICUA undergraduates, 25% are Pell recipients, 28% are underrepresented minority students, and 39% are students of color.

MICUA's process for selecting projects includes providing eligibility criteria to constrain requests and limiting the frequency and amount of funds that institutions may request each year. Requests for funding through the State's capital budget made by member institutions are reviewed annually by the MICUA Capital Projects Committee and are endorsed based on project readiness, ability to meet the State's matching fund requirement, and State and institutional needs. Endorsed projects augment the State's higher education agenda and are aligned with the goals identified in the 2022 Maryland State Plan for Postsecondary Education. **Exhibit 1** shows the MICUA capital program appropriations by member institution from fiscal 2017 through the fiscal 2027 request, including the number of grants that each institution received. During this period, the State has provided approximately \$123.3 million for 36 projects at 12 institutions through the MICUA Higher Education Facilities Grant Program. This does not include grants for member institutions made outside of the MICUA grant process.

**Exhibit 1  
Overview of MICUA Capital Grants  
Fiscal 2017-2027  
(\$ in Millions)**



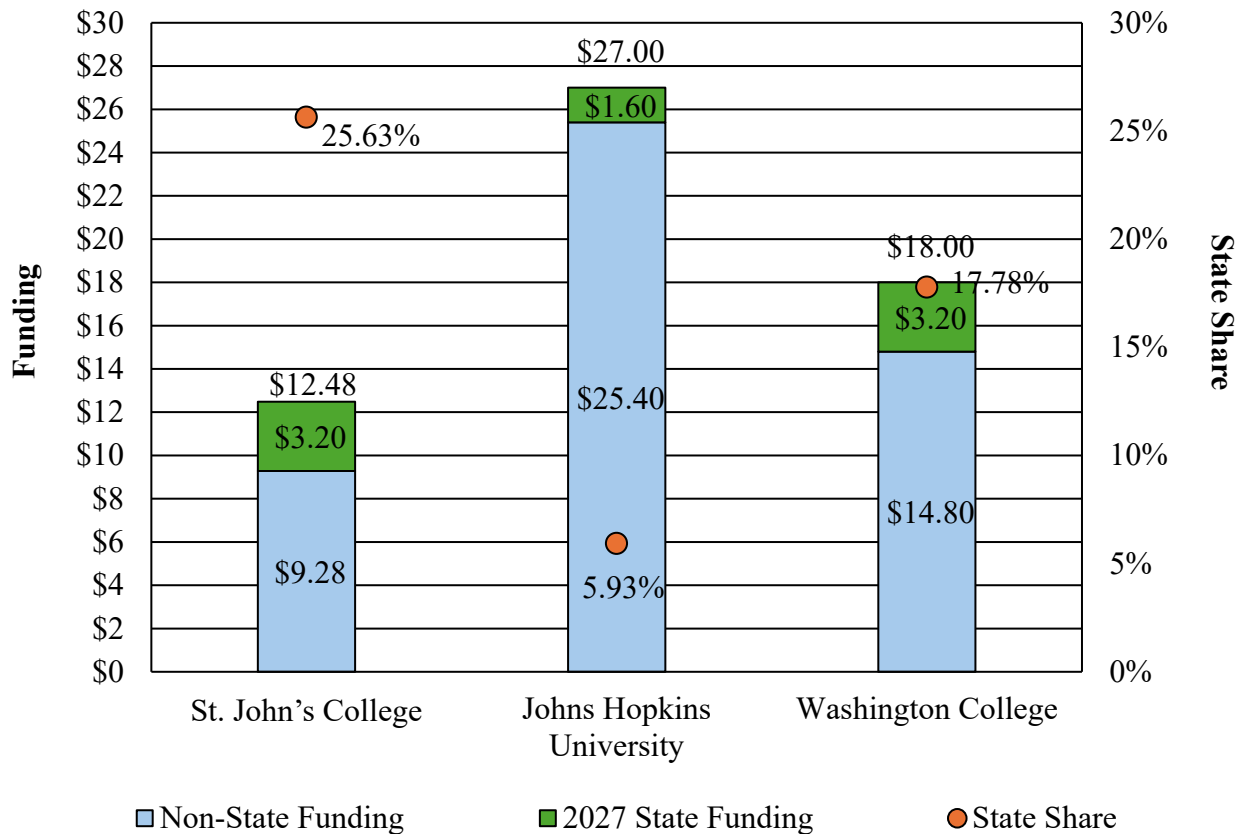
MICUA: Maryland Independent College and University Association

Source: Department of Budget and Management

## Fiscal 2027 Grants

As introduced, the capital budget provides \$8.0 million in general obligation bonds for projects at three MICUA institutions: St. John’s College; Johns Hopkins University; and Washington College. The proposed funding level is the same as the \$8.0 million programmed for fiscal 2027 in the 2026 *Capital Improvement Program*. **Exhibit 2** summarizes the fiscal 2027 capital grant projects by total cost and share that is State funded. As shown, St. John’s College received \$3.2 million (25.6% of the total project), John Hopkins University received \$1.6 million (5.9% of the total project), and Washington College received \$3.2 million (17.8% of the total project).

**Exhibit 2**  
**Capital Grants by Total Cost and State Share**  
**Fiscal 2027**  
**(\$ in Millions)**



Source: Department of Budget and Management

## **1. St. John’s College – New Arts and Academic Hall**

The fiscal 2027 capital budget includes a \$3.2 million grant for construction of Arts and Academic Hall at St. John’s College. MICUA reports that existing arts spaces are functionally inadequate and are not compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Additionally, existing arts spaces are spread out over different floors, limiting collaborative projects. MICUA also notes lack of sufficient space to offer new arts courses and accommodate all interested students. The new Arts and Academic Hall will be ADA compliant and will include accessible spaces, including a ceramics studio, wood shop, kiln room, sculpture studio, dark room, dry room, arts studio, and additional classroom space. The construction of a new building will create 8,510 net square feet (NSF) of classroom and exhibit space and when completed allow the college to renovate Mellon Hall to create more fully accessible classroom spaces once the current studio offerings are relocated to the new building. The cost of the future renovation of Mellon Hall is not included in the eligible costs of this project.

The proposed fiscal 2027 grant of \$3.2 million is approximately 25.6% of the total project cost estimated at \$12.5 million. The design phase commenced in September 2025 using institutional funds prior to any State commitment to the project to advance the project schedule. When design concludes, the college anticipates proceeding directly to construction beginning in September 2026 with substantial project completion estimated for September 2028.

## **2. Johns Hopkins University – Peabody Institute Building Renovations**

The fiscal 2027 capital budget includes a \$1.6 million grant for renovation of two former residence halls located on Peabody’s Mount Vernon campus. MICUA reports that the renovation will create 27,217 NSF of new classrooms, studios, rehearsal and performance venues, and collaborative spaces. The project will also improve operational efficiency, safety, and energy use of the buildings. MICUA notes that the current academic facilities at the Mount Vernon campus lack adequate classrooms, studios, rehearsal and performance venues, and are insufficient to meet the demands of growing student body. This will enhance Peabody’s academic and artistic growth, allow program expansion, and support enrollment increases. Additionally, the updated space will assist with the recruitment and retention of faculty and students.

The proposed fiscal 2027 grant of \$1.6 million is approximately 5.9% of the total project cost, which is estimated at \$25.4 million. The design phase commenced in May 2025 using institutional funds prior to any State commitment to the project to advance the project schedule. When design concludes, the college anticipates proceeding directly to construction beginning in December 2026 with substantial project completion estimated for December 2029.

### **3. Washington College – New Warehime School of Global Business, Economic, and Social Impact**

The fiscal 2027 capital budget includes a \$3.2 million grant to construct a new building for the Warehime School of Global Business, Economics, and Social Impact at Washington College. The new building will include technology-enabled classrooms and study and meeting spaces. MICUA reports that the new building will accommodate enrollment growth in the business program, which is expected to increase by 37% in the next five years. Currently, business management classes are held throughout various buildings on campus due to insufficient classroom space. MICUA also notes that the existing classrooms lack modern technologies and do not support active learning, which are necessary for business education. The new building will feature larger, technology-enabled classrooms, that will support interdisciplinary teaching and active learning.

The proposed fiscal 2027 grant of \$3.2 million is approximately 17.8% of the total project cost, which is estimated at \$14.8 million. The project design phase commenced in August 2025 using institutional funds prior to any State commitment to the project to advance the project schedule. The design phase is expected to conclude in June 2026, and the college anticipates proceeding directly to construction beginning in August 2026 with substantial project completion estimated for November 2027.

## ***Updates***

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### **1. Status of Projects with Unexpended Funds**

Once a capital project receives approval for the project grant agreement from the Board of Public Works, funding for projects transition from being unencumbered to encumbered. The encumbered funds represent the institution's contractual commitments to vendors for projects. Any remaining funds reflect funds that were not expended. After a project has satisfied any match requirement, the institution requests reimbursement for the State portion of the expended funds. **Exhibit 3** provides a status update on the projects from fiscal 2021 to 2025 that have unexpended funds. A total of \$9.8 million are unexpended. Two of the five listed projects are in the process of requesting reimbursement for completed projects.

**Exhibit 3**  
**Projects with Unexpended Funds**  
**Fiscal 2021-2025**  
**(\$ in Millions)**

<b><u>Institution and Capital Project</u></b>	<b><u>Unexpended Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Status Update</u></b>
MICA (2021) – Mosher Street Building Renovation	\$0.3	Remaining funds expected to be expended in fiscal 2026
Johns Hopkins (2022) – Eisenhower Library Renovation	5.0	Reimbursement request in progress
McDaniel College (2023) – Environmental Spaces Renovation	0.8	Reimbursement request in progress
Capitol Technology University (2024) – Laboratory Spaces Renovation	1.8	Construction in progress
Notre Dame of MD University (2025) – Fourier Hall Renovation	2.0	Construction to begin in fiscal 2026
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9.8</b>	

MICA: Maryland Institute College of Art

Source: Maryland Independent College and University Association; Department of Legislative Services

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