



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the President

April 10, 2025

Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer, Co-Chair
Representative Shawn McPherson, Co-Chair
Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee
Legislative Research Commission
700 Capital Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: Interim Authorization Request-Curris Center Roof Replacement

Dear Senator Frommeyer and Representative McPherson:

Pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 164A.575(15), Murray State University is requesting review by the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee (CPBOC) for interim authorization for Board for the Curris Center Roof Replacement project with a total budget of \$1,510,000.

Construction of the Curris Center was completed in 1981. As the most public building on campus, the 134,246 square foot building serves as the student center providing many services for the campus, community and region. The building consists of several meeting spaces, event space, dining options, University Bookstore and houses offices and student organizations.

The project will replace the 32,862 square feet of flat built-up roofing which was previously replaced in 1990 with a warranty expiration of 2015. Murray State University's Board of Regents approved this project at its meeting on December 13, 2024, and the Program Statement denoting the Board's action is attached. The project was submitted to the Council on Postsecondary Education for consideration by its Finance Committee on April 14 and the full Council on April 17, 2025.

This project will not use any current general funds or any funds allotted for another purpose. The funding source for this project will be institutionally-generated revenues. This request is being submitted now in hopes that it can be added to the agenda for the April 28 meeting of the CPBOC. Documentation to support the approval of the Board of Regents is attached. Action by the Council on Postsecondary Education will be forwarded as soon as it is available.

Should you or members of the Committee have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Murray State University representatives plan to attend the CPBOC's scheduled meeting on April 28, 2025, via remote access.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Jackson, Ed.D.
President

cc: Jackie Dudley, Murray State University
Jordan Smith, Murray State University
Adam Blevins, Council for Postsecondary Education
Carla Wright, Office of State Budget Director

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BOARD OF REGENTS: 12.13.24

Agenda Item: 8.D.2.c.

TOPIC: Buildings and Grounds Committee – Program Statement – Curris Center Roof Replacement*

STAFF CONTACTS: Jackie Dudley – Senior Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services
Jason Youngblood – Director of Facilities Management

BACKGROUND:

Design of the Curris Center began in 1978 and construction was completed in 1981. The 134,246 square foot building serves as the student center providing many services for the campus, community and region. The building consists of several meeting spaces, event spaces, dining options, University Bookstore and houses offices and student organizations.

The most recent renovations in the Curris Center include a major interior renovation, including the new Center for Student Involvement Office Suite, a new Esports Arena, a Welcome Center and facility branding. Although the standing seam metal roof was replaced in 2012, the flat roof sections were last replaced in 1990 and the warranty expired in 2015.

ANALYSIS:

The project will replace the 32,862 square feet of flat built-up roofing. The estimated total project cost is \$1,510,000. Replacement would begin in the spring or summer of 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, approve the Program Statement for the Curris Center Roof Replacement.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL: Robert L Jackson, President

COMMITTEE ACTION: Approved, Buildings and Grounds Committee.

BOARD ACTION: Approved.



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April 22, 2025

Dear Senator Funke Frommeyer and Representative McPherson,

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on April 17, 2025, and, per KRS 164.020(11), approved an interim capital project for Murray State University (MuSU) using agency restricted funds:

- Murray State University Curris Center Roof Replacement
 - The MuSU Board of Regents approved a total project scope of \$1,510,000 for this project at its December 13, 2024, meeting.
 - The project is funded with interest earnings from MuSU's cash accounts.
 - The project will replace 32,862 square feet of flat built-up roofing that is past its expected useful life of 25 years. Replacement of the roof will not impact the standing seam metal roof that was replaced in 2012.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (502) 892-4198.

Sincerely,

Adam Blevins
CPE Associate Director, Finance Policy and Programs

C: Dr. Robert (Bob) Jackson, MuSU President
Jackie Dudley, MuSU Sr. VP
Carla Wright, OSBD

TITLE: Interim Capital Project Request – Murray State University, Curris Center Roof Replacement

DESCRIPTION: The Finance Committee recommends the Council approve a \$1,510,000 agency restricted funds interim capital project at Murray State University's main campus that will replace the roof of the Curris Center.

STAFF CONTACT: Adam Blevins, Associate Director, Finance Policy and Programs

COMMITTEE REVIEW & APPROVAL

The Finance Committee reviewed and endorsed for final approval the proposed interim capital project at its April 14, 2025, meeting.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Murray State University (MuSU) officials have requested authorization for an interim capital project to replace the roof of the Curris Center on the university's main campus. The project will replace 32,862 square feet of built-up roofing, which was last replaced in 1990 and had a 25-year useful-life expectancy. The MuSU Board of Regents approved the project on December 13, 2024. The project's total scope is \$1,510,000 and will be funded with agency-restricted funds.

House Bill 592 (RS 18) created a new provision in KRS 164A.575, which allows public postsecondary institutions to authorize capital projects not specifically listed in the state budget as long as: (1) the projects are funded with non-general fund appropriations; (2) do not jeopardize funding for existing programs; and (3) are reported by the institution to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee. The relevant section of KRS 164A.575 is provided below:

- (15) Notwithstanding KRS 45.760, the governing board may authorize a capital construction project or a major item of equipment even though it is not specifically listed in any branch budget bill, subject to the following conditions and procedures:
 - (a) The full cost shall be funded solely by non-General Fund appropriations;
 - (b) Moneys specifically budgeted and appropriated by the General Assembly for another purpose shall not be allotted or re-allotted for expenditure on the project or major item of equipment. Moneys utilized shall not jeopardize any

existing program and shall not require the use of any current General Funds specifically dedicated to existing programs; and

- (c) The institution's president, or designee, shall submit the project or major item of equipment to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee for review as provided by KRS 45.800.

During the interim, the approval process for a capital project that exceeds \$1,000,000 and the agencies involved is as follows:

- The project must be approved by an institution's board of trustees or regents;
- The project must be submitted to the Council on Postsecondary Education for review and action;
- If approved by the Council, projects at KSU are submitted to the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet for review and action, and subsequently submitted by the Secretary to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee for review;
- If approved by the Council, projects at EKU, MoSU, MuSU, NKU, UK, UofL, WKU and KCTCS are submitted by the requesting institution to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee for review, and a copy is provided to the Finance and Administration Cabinet as information; and
- Following review and action by the appropriate boards and agencies, the project may be initiated by the requesting institution.

Because this project was not previously approved by the Council and was not authorized by the General Assembly in the enacted 2024-2026 budget (RS 24, HB 6), Council approval is now required to authorize this project. MuSU will use restricted funds to finance this project. Debt will not be used to finance any portion of this project; therefore, provisions of KRS 45.763 do not apply.

NEXT STEPS

Following action by the Council, CPE staff will notify the president of MuSU, the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet and the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee regarding this interim capital project.