



**2026-2028  
Biennial Budget Request**

**Capital Plan General Fund Priorities**

**Priority #1: Asset Preservation Pool - \$75,000,000**

The asset preservation funds previously provided by the General Assembly have been very helpful to Murray State University. However, rising labor and material costs have limited the scope of completed work. Additional funding is needed to address deferred maintenance and replace aging, end-of-life infrastructure, including HVAC systems, electrical components, elevators, fire alarms, emergency generators, and structural building elements such as exterior doors, windows, waterproofing, and tuckpointing. Asset Preservation protects state-owned facilities and prevents escalating long-term repair costs.

**Priority #2: E&G Building Systems Improvement Pool - \$125,000,000**

The E&G Systems Improvement Pool supports modernization and compliance initiatives that enhance safety, accessibility, efficiency, and academic functionality. Funding will address ADA compliance, restroom modernization, life-safety upgrades, plumbing improvements, energy-efficiency enhancements, and programmatic retrofits necessary to adapt existing space to evolving instructional needs and meet current safety and building code standards.

**Priority #3: \$60,000,000 - Construct UofL Medical Sciences Bldg. Partnership**

This project is a partnership with the University of Louisville (UofL) to develop a Medical Sciences Building at Murray State University. Through this collaboration, the two universities aim to establish a University of Louisville medical school program on the Murray State University campus to help address the rural healthcare shortage in western Kentucky and across the Commonwealth. This funding will support the construction of the medical school facility and the purchase of essential medical teaching equipment needed to support the program. A dedicated facility is necessary due to the full-time nature of medical education and the specialized technology and instructional spaces required to train future physicians.

**Additional Budget Support**

**Breathitt Veterinary Center - \$8,600,000**

Request \$4.3M each year of the biennium for the only Level 1 Diagnostic Center to effectively support regional animal needs.

**Inflationary Adjustment**

Maintain state appropriation inflationary adjustments for each year of the biennium.

**State-Mandated Tuition Waivers**

Request to apply for federal/state funds and then last-dollar university waivers.

**Performance Funding**

Support increase requested in the model.

**State Retirement Needs - \$4,000,000**

Support costs exceeding the university's baseline contribution as in 2024-26 (\$2M annually).

**Fire and Tornado Fund Insurance Premium - \$6,000,000**

Provide \$3M each fiscal year to cover the increases, as has been done for other state agencies. It is optimal to include 2024-2026 insurance in the recurring base.

**Capital Projects Not Seeking General Fund Support in the 2026–2028 Biennium****\$48,500,000 - Construct Emergency Veterinary & Teaching Clinic**

This project is in direct response to state-wide veterinarians, cattle farmers and other animal agricultural providers who have stated that there is a great need for the construction of an emergency veterinary and teaching clinic and equipment for after-hours care of large animal livestock and other animals. This would be utilized by our students, as well for teaching and learning purposes for our current pre-veterinary and veterinary technology students, as well as future Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) students.

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