

SECTION III

PART R POLICY REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT REQUESTS FOR STATE-SUPPORTED CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

1.00 General

- 1.1 Due to the constraints on Colorado's annual budget from statutory requirements and the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), it will generally be necessary to supplement state support for capital construction projects with funds contributed on behalf of the project and identified by the institution requesting the project. Governing board and institutional offers of fund contributions toward capital construction projects will be one of the criteria considered by the Commission in developing its annual prioritization list of state funded capital construction requests as required in C.R.S. 23-1-106 (7) (a).
- 1.2 The success of governing boards and institutions in providing such contributions to their capital construction needs campus-wide shall be reflected positively in the Commission's annual prioritization list.
- 1.3 The Commission may consider the amount of cash and other funds contributed by institution for campus-wide non-auxiliary capital needs, not merely the funds used to supplement state funding for the project in question. This will allow greater flexibility to institutions in their fund raising efforts, given that large donations often prescribe how the donation may be spent. In addition, the Commission may consider cash and other funds contributed over multiple years so that institutions will receive credit for prior contributions. This recognizes limits in debt capacity and fundraising ability which exist at every institution.
- 1.4 The Commission retains discretion to prioritize projects based on a multitude of factors contributing to overall higher education capital construction need. Projects meeting the requirements or intent of this policy will not necessarily be prioritized above projects with critical programmatic space needs, health/life safety needs, or those that have received a high governing board priority.

2.00 Implementation

- 2.2 Within the Commission's capital construction prioritization process as authorized in C.R.S. 23-1-106, the Commission can consider the proportion of cash and other funds supplementing state-funded requests when making higher education capital construction priority recommendations. In doing so, the Commission will recognize that the

ability to raise cash funds for capital construction varies by institution throughout Colorado.

- 2.3 The commission may establish guidelines to clarify cash and other fund contributions expectations by institution or by governing board if necessary. Any such guidelines will be adopted through an interactive process with governing board representatives and Department staff.

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