

Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Guide

The capital planning process consists of several components:

- The **Campus Master Plan** is developed every five years and provides a macro-level vision for major project priorities over a 10-year period, considering the needs identified in the University's **Educational Plant Survey** for new construction and expansion/renovation projects.
- **Facility Condition Assessment Reports** and other building analytics are used for existing structures and deferred maintenance.
- The **Capital Improvement Plan** is developed annually to request state funding for the university's priority major projects. It is informed by other capital planning documents and is a component of the university's state funding request (**Legislative Budget Request**).
- The **Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) Budget** is developed annually. It is the culmination of these planning documents and serves as a spending plan for the fiscal year.

Florida Statute 1013.61 *Annual Capital Outlay Budget* requires the adoption of a capital outlay budget, which is referred to as the Fixed Capital Outlay Budget (FCOB). This budget is prepared in accordance with Board of Governors Regulation 14.003 *Fixed Capital Outlay Projects – University Budgeting Procedures* and other prescribed instructions, guidelines, and standard formats provided by the Chancellor. The Board of Governors also requires written certification of the FCOB by the President, Chief Financial Officer, and Board of Trustees Chair.

FCO projects are defined in Board Regulation 14.001 *Definitions*. They consist of construction that materially extends the life or materially improves functionality of space. The projects must have an expected useful life of 20 years with a project cost of more than \$100,000 (the university's capitalization policy). All projects appropriated by the state as FCO must also be included, regardless of thresholds. Lastly, projects, acquired, constructed, and owned by a Direct Support Organization or under a Public Private Partnership are not applicable and are omitted from this presentation (Board of Governors Regulation 14.003(3)).

The Board of Governors has provided a template for presenting the FCO budget, including the following:

- **CFSP Item #:** Projects funded from the university's available E&G carryforward balance as of July 1 are required to be reported on both the University E&G Carryforward Spending Plan – Supplemental Details (Fixed Capital Outlay Plans) and the FCOB. This field indicates the project's corresponding line item on the E&G Carryforward Spending Plan. The reporting should be consistent.
- **Category:** Represents the project's major funding source. Categorizing projects with multiple funding sources involves a level of judgement. Individual projects are not split into different funding category rows; therefore, the full project cost is always presented. The template does allow for projects below certain thresholds to be consolidated into single line items depending on the funding source.
- **Total Project Cost:** Includes anticipated hard costs (construction, furniture, etc.) and soft costs (design, permitting, etc.) to complete a project.
- **Funding Sources:** The FCOB includes projects from all funding sources, including both state and non-state. Identified funding sources must be in accordance with state statutes and Board of Governors regulations.
- **Funds Expended to Date:** Actual expenses paid as of the end of the preceding fiscal year.

- **Funds to be Expended this Year:** Projected expenditures through the end of the current fiscal year, excluding encumbrances.
- **Project Timeline:** Estimate of project start and completion dates.

Other related processes and procedures include:

- **Capital Project Certification:** The UCF Board of Trustees *Capital Projects Funding Policy* requires certification to be completed and signed by university senior leadership for projects exceeding \$2 million.
- **Mid-Year Amendments:** Board of Governors Regulation 14.003 *Fixed Capital Outlay Projects – University Budgeting Procedures* and the UCF Board of Trustees Policy BOT-4 *Delegation of Authority to the President* provide guidance for mid-year amendment procedures.
- **Mid-Year Updates to the Board of Trustees:** UCF Policy 3-211 *University Budget Process* provides guidance for mid-year updates of budget to actuals and projections to the Board of Trustees.