

## Fiscal Highlights

### **Capital Improvement Funding - Mark Bleazard**

The Legislature annually appropriates funds to the capital improvements line item in the capital budget for repairs of existing buildings. The Legislature approves a list of all requested capital improvement projects from state agencies and institutions, and allows the State Building Board to allocate funding to the most critical of those approved projects.

This past year the State Building Board and the Division of Facilities Construction and Management implemented Legislative intent language that required them to "propose a prioritized scoring process" to determine allocation of capital improvements appropriations. The new capital improvement process now includes a prioritized scoring process consisting of five steps as follows:

- (1) A Project Needs Request;
- (2) Preliminary Project Prioritization and Preliminary Scoring by the Building Board Director;
- (3) Preliminary Building Board Director Scored Project Review and Revisions Process involving agencies and institutions, the Division of Facilities Construction and Management, and the Building Board Director;
- (4) Submitting the revised Scored List to Board and a Utah State Legislature subcommittee involved with state facility design and construction; and
- (5) Review and Final Approval by the Utah State Building Board of the list for submittal to the Utah Legislature.

This process replaces a policy that prioritized distribution of appropriated funds based on the ratio of square footage of building space owned by the agency or institution. The new process will examine actual needs, and appropriations are distributed accordingly.

During the 2014 General Session, the Legislature approved requested capital improvement projects amounting to over \$195 million and appropriated \$100.2 million to the capital improvements line item. The State building Board met in April 2014 and allocated the \$100.2 million as listed in the table below. Projects receiving funding include infrastructure upgrades, roofing improvements, paving improvements, and general repairs to buildings.

<b>FY 2015 Capital Improvement Allocations</b>	
<b><i>Higher Education</i></b>	
Dixie State University	\$2,009,100
Salt Lake Community College	4,383,600
Snow College	1,907,300
Southern Utah University	2,393,500
University of Utah	27,423,700
Utah State University	8,690,000
Utah Valley State University	3,867,000
Weber State University	4,066,500
Utah College of Applied Tech	4,074,200
<b><i>Subtotal Higher Ed</i></b>	<b>\$58,814,900</b>
<b><i>State Agency</i></b>	
Agriculture	\$954,500
Alcoholic Beverage Control	593,700
Capitol Preservation Board	1,703,500
Community & Culture	158,200
Corrections	3,351,400
Courts	3,103,600
DFCM	4,844,700
Fair Park	3,503,300
Health	931,800
Human Services	3,889,300
National Guard	2,596,500
Natural Resources	3,337,000
Public Ed/Rehab/Deaf & Blind	1,409,000
Public Safety	861,100
Tax Commission	965,700
Transportation	1,695,000
Workforce Services	820,800
Statewide Programs	6,709,600
<b><i>Subtotal State Agencies</i></b>	<b>\$41,428,700</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$100,243,600</b>