

Authorization of New Capital Improvements Projects – East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, and North Carolina Central University

East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, and North Carolina Central University have requested authority to establish new capital improvements projects.

ECU: This project would provide a new fire alarm system for Aycock Residence Hall (four-story, built in 1960, 480 beds, 89,516 square feet). Work would replace the outdated analog fire alarm system with a fully addressable system meeting current code requirements. Existing plaster and lay-in ceiling systems would also be repaired or replaced as needed. The project, estimated to cost \$339,000, would be funded from housing receipts (available fund balance of \$5,000,000) and would be completed by the 2010 fall semester.

ECSU: This project would partially renovate the 5,420 square feet, 600-seat auditorium in Moore Hall (two-story, built in 1922, 41,457 square feet). The auditorium was closed in 2004 due to safety concerns. This project would repair the fire escape serving the auditorium and make other improvements that enhance accessibility and compliance with current code requirements while preserving the historical character and use of the space. The auditorium project would also replace windows and doors, upgrade the electrical service, upgrade the HVAC system, and replace or repair wall, ceiling and floor finishes. The project, estimated to cost \$500,000, would be funded from a National Park Service Grant (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds) that was awarded to ECSU in September 2009. The project would be completed by the 2011 fall semester.

NCCU: This project would upgrade campus communication and electrical infrastructure and renovate 3,288 square feet of space located in the basement level of the Student Health Building to become the NCCU Campus Police Communications Center. The existing communication center is too small to

support the expansion of the campus central telephone and communications system and the central security camera, security access, and fire alarm monitoring station. The project requires the installation of a fiber optic cable between the Shepard Library and the Student Health Building, the upgrade of the electrical distribution system to and within the Student Health Building, and the installation of an emergency generator. The project will also create a secure communications/monitoring area and include five new offices and restrooms. The project, estimated to cost \$744,000, would be funded from a combination of Title III Federal Funds (\$600,000) and Repairs & Renovations funds (\$144,000). The project would be completed by the 2010 fall semester.

It is recommended that these projects be authorized and that the methods of financing as proposed by East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, and North Carolina Central University be approved.