

FY21-22 Capital Construction/Renewal Scoring Appeals

Clark Building Renovation and Additions, Colorado State University - Fort Collins

Space Needs Analysis

Original Score: 7/10

Revised Score: 9/10

Justification: CSU has provided additional information on the Psychological Services Center (PSC) that would be housed in this building. This community mental health agency is affiliated with the psychology graduate training program and offers therapy to the community. The current location of the program is inadequate for student success and does not have clinical space for the addictions counseling program. This information meets the requirement of affecting one of the "Top 30 Occupations with Highest Projected Openings with More than Half of Workers with Post-Secondary Experience."

CSU also provided statistics that 95% of students take classes in Clark over the course of their education. Between this, the Academic Advancement Center, and the Psychological Services Center, it is reasonable to conclude this project impacts CSU's general population.

Total Project Score

Initial Score: 62/68 = 91.18%

New Score: 64/68 = 94.12%

Kinesiology Renovation and Expansion, Colorado Mesa University

Other Fund Sources

Original Score: 10/15

Revised Score: 12/15

Justification: Technical error made by CDHE during initial scoring. CMU's cash contribution is 25% of the project total.

Total Project Score

Initial Score: 48/58 = 82.76%

New Score: 50/58 = 86.21%

Electrical and Computer Engineering Building, Colorado Mesa University

Space Needs Analysis

Original Score: 9/10

Revised Score: 10/10

Justification: CMU has provided detail on some aspects of this building that would impact the entire campus population. Elements of the computer engineering program such as a general computer lab for all students and hosting a computer general education course all students must take. CMU would add an IRIS site to this building, which provides a one-stop shop for all students to access student accounts, financial aid, registrar and advising services.

Clear Identification of Beneficiaries

Original Score: 6/8

Revised Score: 8/8

Justification: See above.

Total Project Score

Initial Score: 40/58 = 68.97%

New Score: 43/58 = 74.14%

Student Parking Garage, Colorado Mesa University

Space Needs Analysis

Original Score: 9/10

Revised Score: 9/10

Justification: While this project does address a specific problem on campus, it is auxiliary and therefore does not include wait lists. Further, not all students commute or own a car.

Total Project Score

Initial Score: $34/58 = 58.62\%$

New Score: $34/58 = 58.62\%$

Performing Arts Renovation and Expansion, Colorado Mesa University

Space Needs Analysis

Original Score: 9/10

Revised Score: 10/10

Justification: This building regularly hosts campus-wide gatherings due to its location and spaces. Events include welcome back events, town hall meetings, and debates. Art, drama, and music teacher - post-secondary is one of the "Top 30 Occupations with Highest Projected Openings with More than Half of Workers with Postsecondary Experience." CMU stated that students in programs catering to these occupations are central beneficiaries of this project.

Total Project Score

Initial Score: 38/58 = 65.52%

New Score: 39/58 = 67.24%

Energy Independence, Colorado Mesa University

CMU's appeal: "CMU's Energy Independence Project does not seem to fit nicely into the current scoring rubric. It has scored highly in all categories that apply, and yet it has only achieved a 56.25% rating, despite the fact that it is an innovative and green solution to a longstanding dependence on traditional energy supplies, reducing CMU's costs and carbon footprint.

We would suggest this project be dealt with separately or that the scoring metrics be revised to address projects that clearly demonstrate significant cost savings and reduced carbon footprint."

Staff response: The project scored 29 of the 48 points it was eligible for (Other Fund Sources: 8/15, Clear Identification of Beneficiaries: 8/8, Achieves Goals: 5/5, and Governing Board Priority: 6/20). CMU was not penalized for the inapplicable categories (Health, Life Safety, and Code Issues; Space Needs Analysis). Many other projects only fit five of the six criteria, but this is the only project that does not fit two of the six. This project does differ in nature from the other projects, and the Commission could consider it separately. However, given that the project is the fifth priority of Colorado Mesa University it would not be equitable to score it highly. The governing board priority criterion carries the most weight in scoring and ensures funding doesn't all go to just a few institutions. It is meant to force the governing boards to prioritize their capital needs. Further, CMU's cash contribution on this project is 9%, which is why it scored only 8/15 points on the other fund sources criterion. For this reason, staff recommends the project stay where it is currently ranked this year.

Renovation of Existing Engineering Building (EAS), University of Colorado - Colorado Springs

CU's request: CU requests this project be withdrawn from state funding consideration.

Staff response: Granted.

FY21-22 Capital IT Scoring Appeals

Network Security and Resiliency Project, Colorado Mesa University

IT Health, Safety and Industry Standards

Original Score: 7/10

Revised Score: 7/10

Justification: CMU pointed out that this past year, a water incident impacted the core network switch, causing several buildings to go offline for most of the day. Redundant line card ports in the core network switch limited the effects of water damage, but the need for higher network redundancy was identified. This still seems to earn one of the two points available for mitigating an urgent/serious IT risk, since current redundancy exists to an extent. Improvement of VOIP calling in case of equipment failure does not constitute a significant enough impact on life safety to earn points in this area.

Quality of Planning/Proposal

Original Score: 8/10

Revised Score: 8/10

Justification: A sufficiently robust cost-benefit analysis with positive outcome has not occurred. While this project would improve security and reliability of the network, it would also involve new equipment and maintenance costs. There was no robust comparison of the increased costs versus the benefits of network improvements.

Clear Identification of Beneficiaries

Original Score: 6/8

Revised Score: 6/8

Justification: CMU and CU-Boulder have agreements in place allowing students in a select few programs to attend CMU, but graduate with a CU degree. While this is a formidable collaboration, the network improvements would not impact two separate institutions' physical campuses.

Total Project Score

Initial Score: $54/68 = 79.41\%$

New Score: $54/68 = 79.41\%$

CRM Initiative, University of Colorado System

CU's request: CU requests this project be withdrawn from state funding consideration.

Staff response: Granted.