Fiscal Year 2023-24 Information Technology Request

Community College of Aurora
Improving Student Access to Technology

SHORT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Community College of Aurora (CCA) is requesting state funds and cash funds spending authority to reallocate unspent funds appropriated in FY 2022-23 towards other related needs due to an emergency decision to repair and make improvements to its core infrastructure prior to receiving funds.

PROJECT STATUS

This is an emergency supplemental request to reallocate a portion of $529,915 encumbered state and cash funds approved for IT capital in FY 2022-23.

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CCA is requesting spending authority to reallocate funds appropriated in FY 2022-23 originally intended for professional services to instead spend on equipment upgrades. The reason for this request is that the college needed to invest in repairs and improvements to its core infrastructure to avoid catastrophic equipment failure and/or disruption to mission critical services in advance of receiving capital funds. As a result, CCA is requesting authority to reallocate $34,842 in funding for classroom computing needs. CCA was initially appropriated $469,839 for Equipment and is requesting authority to reallocate Professional Services funds to increase Equipment funding to a total of $504,861.

CCA states that it has been able to use capital IT funds to improve student access to technology by addressing its wireless infrastructure and by providing a more robust wireless coverage. CCA further states that it is experiencing some challenges with classroom infrastructure, and believes that a reallocation in funding will allow it to make significant improvements to these areas. CCA indicates that much of the reallocated funds will be utilized to improve accessibility to technology for its students through investing in computer labs, student laptops, and remote learning infrastructure.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

CCA states that this request still falls within the scope of the original JTC request, and the main focus would be to use these funds for advancing classroom technology services.

COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

CCA was unable to provide a cost-benefit analysis as related to the request. As there are no changes in amount to total funds requested from original submission, no additional costs are associated with the supplemental request.

QUESTIONS

1. Page 1 of the request indicates that Fiscal Year to be Modified is 2023-24. However, CCA's Improving Student Access to Technology request was initially requested in FY 2022-23. Can you confirm this is the correct fiscal year to be modified?

Yes, the correct fiscal year is FY 2022-23.

2. Will the loaner laptops have security to prevent theft and hacking vulnerabilities?

Yes. Our information technology team is finalizing details to have the laptops secure before loaning them out.