California State University, Northridge is a comprehensive university that serves as the educational, intellectual, and cultural center for the large and diverse population of the San Fernando Valley. Its goals, as identified in the university's strategic plan, are to instill passion for contemporary scholarship and advanced studies, encourage interdisciplinary study opportunities, involve students in research, develop mutually beneficial alliances with the community, and enable students to reach their goals.

The capital outlay program plays a vital role in support of the campus’ strategic plan by providing the funding to construct modern sophisticated facilities, necessary for today’s methods of instruction, which require telecommunication links and multimedia.

The renovation of the Engineering and Computer Science Building, originally constructed in 1965, will provide a greatly needed facility that will meet the current and future needs of the engineering disciplines. This project is proposed for funding from the general obligation bond that is going before the voters in November 2002.

The phased Replacement of the Science I and II buildings is critical to the university and the College of Science and Mathematics in ensuring that our students are prepared for their professional careers. Completed in 1958, Science I and II were among the first campus buildings. Since that time the science and mathematics disciplines have advanced dramatically and have become increasingly interconnected. The facilities have not kept pace with these trends, and it is essential that these antiquated buildings be replaced. Furthermore, the mathematics department faculty and administration are located separately in two other buildings on opposite sides of campus. In order to support the current and increasing interconnection, it is vital that the mathematics faculty be located with the science faculty. This project will play an important role in support of the university’s strategic plan.

California State University, Northridge is nationally recognized for its music and theater academic and performance programs. The campus is situated in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, which has more than 1.8 million residents and is the center.
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PROJECTS IN BUDGET YEAR

Science I and II Replacement, Phase I Addition  
PWC  
$14,557,000

This project is the first of three phases for a new facility for the department of science and mathematics. The project will replace the existing Science I and II buildings of 105,000 ASF/170,000 GSF and also accommodate growth. The existing buildings were built in the late 1950s for the initial engineering and science programs. A new engineering building was built in 1964. Science programs such as biology, geology, physics/astronomy, and chemistry moved into buildings that are still outfitted for engineering. Science has seen remarkable changes, and the current laboratories are not configured to teach a modern-day program. Existing fume hoods, mechanical systems, electrical systems, and fire/life safety systems do not comply with current codes. The buildings do not meet ADA standards and current code for adequate restrooms for both sexes. Both the science and mathematics programs require larger classrooms to accommodate lower division students, which will be accomplished in this project. This project will also provide new faculty office space to consolidate offices for the mathematics department, which now are scattered in several buildings. The first phase is an addition of 32,300 ASF/50,300 GSF to accommodate 2,790 (net 36) FTE in lecture space, and 45 (net 2) faculty offices for the mathematics and science programs that will address campuswide deficiencies. Subsequent phases of construction will build a laboratory-intensive facility to replace Science I, and then Science II. The future cost for equipment is $939,000.

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PROJECTS IN BUDGET YEAR

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of the Southern California entertainment industry. At present, the largest venue for the College of Arts, Media and Communications is the 40-year-old 400-seat Campus Theater. As the campus and the community appetite for the arts continues to grow, the need for a modern performing arts center has become critical. The entire campus is excited as we launch the capital campaign in support of the new performing arts center. We are developing the project program, and our initial contacts with local civic and cultural leaders have shown strong support for a performing arts center for the San Fernando Valley.

The Eisner Foundation donated $7 million to Northridge for the establishment of a new teacher-training program. The gift is the largest single donation in the university’s history. The CSU trustees voted to name Cal State Northridge’s College of Education in Michael D. Eisner’s honor. The Eisner gift provides financial support for the establishment of The Center for Teaching and Learning.

Cal State Northridge’s library has been awarded a five-year $1.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to bolster student success by strengthening the library’s outreach to the Latino community.