



Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

August 22, 2025

The Honorable Mike Braun
Governor of the State of Indiana
Statehouse
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor Braun:

At its meeting on August 8, 2025, the Purdue University Board of Trustees approved the planning, financing, construction and award of construction contracts for the Hicks Undergraduate Library Masonry Renovation on the West Lafayette campus.

This project will repair deteriorating masonry, replace the mortar and sealant and install metal coverings over the sloped masonry walls on the Hicks Undergraduate Library.

The renovation work will address and restore the building envelope to prevent water infiltration and interior damage, while providing a reliable student space and safeguarding library materials.

The estimated total project cost is \$2,100,000 and will be fully funded by R&R Appropriation. This project is included in the university's approved FY26 operating budget as part of Purdue's annual Repair and Rehabilitation plan.

Subject to review by the Commission for Higher Education and recommendation by the State Budget Committee and the Budget Agency, we request your approval to proceed with this project. Attached are the completed forms that the Commission has prescribed for its review of such projects. We will be happy to answer any questions you or your staff may have or to provide any additional information that is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Ruhl', written over a horizontal line.

Christopher A. Ruhl
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Attachments

c: Brooke Kile, Senior Associate Commissioner for Business Solutions, Indiana Commission for Higher Education
Chad Ranney, State Budget Director, Indiana State Budget Agency
Jonathan Eccles, Division Director, Indiana State Budget Agency
Kay Parker, Comptroller, Purdue University
Anne Hazlett, Senior Director, Government Relations, Purdue University

PROJECT COST SUMMARY
Hicks Undergraduate Library Masonry Renovation

Institution:	Purdue University	Budget Agency Project No.:	B-1-26-2-03
Campus:	West Lafayette	Institutional Priority:	N/A
Previously approved by General Assembly:	No	Previously recommended by CHE:	No
Part of the Institution's Long-term Capital Plan:	Yes		

Project Size:	N/A	GSF (1)	N/A	ASF (2)	#VALUE!	ASF/GSF
Net change in overall campus space:	0	GSF	0	ASF		

Total cost of the project (3):	\$ 2,100,000	Cost per ASF/GSF:	#VALUE!	GSF
Total cost of the demolition:	\$ 100,000		#VALUE!	ASF

Funding Source(s) for project (4):	Amount	Type
	\$ 2,100,000	R&R Appropriation

Estimated annual debt payment (6):	0
Are all funds for the project secured:	Yes

Project Funding:

The project is being fully funded by R&R Appropriation, and all funds are secured.

Project Cost Justification

Since the project is exterior-based, there is not a ASF or GSF associated with the work. This project's scope and cost are described more in the Capital Project Details section.

Estimated annual change in cost of building operations based on the project:	N/A
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Estimated annual repair and rehabilitation investment (5):	\$ 31,500
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PROJECT DETAILED DESCRIPTION - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hicks Undergraduate Library Masonry Renovation

Institution: Purdue University
Campus: West Lafayette

Budget Agency Project No.: B-1-26-2-03
Institutional Priority: N/A

Description of Project

This project will repair deteriorating masonry on the Hicks Undergraduate Library on the West Lafayette campus. Repairs will include mortar and sealant replacement along with the installation of metal coverings over the four sloped masonry walls.

Need and Purpose of the Program

The Hicks Undergraduate Library is part of Purdue University Libraries and School of Information Studies, which was renamed from Purdue Libraries in December 2018 to better reflect the unit's many teaching duties and instructional initiatives. The Hicks Undergraduate Library opened in 1982 and is one of 10 libraries located on the West Lafayette campus. Much of Libraries' spaces have been re-purposed to support and enable study, teaching and learning to meet students' needs for team-, active- and collaborative-learning spaces in the digital age. The Hicks Undergraduate Library provides an active learning environment with an interactive classroom and computer lab. As a whole, Purdue University Libraries is a congressionally designated depository for U.S. Government information, and access to the government information collection is open to the public. Additionally, some university archives and special collections that are important to Purdue are housed in this building and need to be protected from the elements. This project will restore the exterior building envelope to prevent future water infiltration and interior damage.

This project is part of Purdue's annual Repair and Rehabilitation planning efforts and is included in the university's approved FY26 operations budget.

Space Utilization

This project does not have a net impact on total assignable campus space.

Comparable Projects

First Street Towers West Tower Masonry and Sealant Repair (2021)

\$879,000

Repaired exterior stone and limestone on the west building and replaced masonry sealant joints around windows and doors

The proposed project includes a larger building which requires more materials than the comparable project, and multiple years of high inflation recently contribute to the higher costs.

Background Materials

CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST FORM
INDIANA PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
INSTITUTION CAMPUS SPACE DETAILS FOR Hicks Undergraduate Library Masonry Renovation

(INSERT PROJECT TITLE AND SBA No.)	Current Campus Totals			Capital Request		Net Future Space
	Current Space in Use	Space Under Construction (1)	Space Planned and Funded (1)	Subtotal Current and Future Space	Space to be Terminated (1)	
A. OVERALL SPACE IN ASF						
Classroom (110 & 115)	324,254	51,092	-	375,346	-	375,346
Class Lab (210,215,220,225,230,235)	765,104	10,789	-	775,892	-	775,892
Non-class Lab (250 & 255)	1,761,714	29,332	-	1,791,046	-	1,791,046
Office Facilities (300)	2,288,249	9,457	(3,195)	2,294,511	-	2,294,511
Study Facilities (400)	457,018	41,979	(1,027)	497,970	-	497,970
Special Use Facilities (500)	1,245,282	(3,099)	-	1,242,182	-	1,242,182
General Use Facilities (600)	957,751	17,424	(60)	975,115	-	975,115
Support Facilities (700)	2,982,113	(53,301)	6,959	2,935,771	-	2,935,771
Health Care Facilities (800)	217,884	90	-	217,974	-	217,974
Resident Facilities (900)	2,424,637	111,146	-	2,535,783	-	2,535,783
Unclassified (000)	82,649	-	-	82,649	-	82,649
B. OTHER FACILITIES (Please list major categories)						
TOTAL SPACE	13,506,654	214,909	2,677	13,724,240	-	13,724,240

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ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
Bid Date	January	2026
Start Construction	May	2026
Occupancy (End Date)	September	2026

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST FOR PROJECT

	<u>Cost Basis (1)</u>	<u>Estimated Escalation Factors (2)</u>	<u>Project Cost</u>
<u>Planning Costs</u>			
a. Engineering	\$ 200,000		\$ 200,000
b. Architectural	\$ -		\$ -
c. Consulting	\$ -		\$ -
<u>Construction</u>			
a. Structure	\$ 1,600,000		\$ 1,600,000
b. Mechanical (HVAC, plumbing, etc.)	\$ -		\$ -
c. Electrical	\$ -		\$ -
<u>Movable Equipment</u>	\$ -		\$ -
<u>Fixed Equipment</u>	\$ -		\$ -
<u>Site Development/Land Acquisition</u>	\$ -		\$ -
<u>Other (PM fee, contingencies, insurance, etc.)</u>	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	\$ 2,100,000	\$ -	\$ 2,100,000

CAPITAL PROJECT OPERATING COST DETAILS

Hicks Undergraduate Library Masonry Renovation

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<u>ANNUAL OPERATING COST/SAVINGS (1)</u>	<u>GSF OF AREA AFFECTED BY PROJECT</u>			
	Cost per GSF	Total Operating Cost	Personal Services	Supplies and Expenses
1. Operations	-	\$ -		
2. Maintenance	-	\$ -		
3. Fuel	-	\$ -		
4. Utilities	#DIV/0!	\$ -		
5. Other	-	\$ -		
TOTAL ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL COST/SAVINGS	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Description of any unusual factors affecting operating and maintenance costs/savings.

The project will not have a significant effect on annual operations expenditures.