

Critical UW System-wide Capital Project Investments Approved

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Governor signs legislation allowing UW System to retain net revenue generated by attending Minnesota students, supporting System-wide capital improvements, including projects at UW-Madison and UW-Whitewater.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today signed legislation to enumerate critical capital project investments for the University of Wisconsin (UW) System for System-wide capital improvements, renovations at UW-Whitewater, and the UW-Madison engineering building project, which has long been a top UW budget priority for years.

Gov. Evers previously proposed investing in the UW-Madison engineering building in his 2023-25 Capital Budget, but legislative Republicans, in a surprise move, [rejected the governor's effort](#) despite broad business community support for the project. Gov. Evers' comprehensive workforce plan, [part of his September 2023 Special Session call of the Wisconsin State Legislature](#), also would have enumerated the UW-Madison engineering building project and invested an additional \$100 million into Wisconsin's higher education institutions as well as key priorities like direct investments in the state's child care industry, but [legislative Republicans gutted the effort](#). The governor today, in addition to approving critical capital project investments, also approved changes he has long sought during his time in office to allow the UW System to retain net revenue generated by students from Minnesota attending UW institutions, which had previously also been rejected by Republicans in the Legislature.

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Project	FWS	S&G	Gifts, Grants, Other		Total
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UW Madison - Knowledge Commons-Humphrey Residence Halls	\$69,211,000		\$10,000,000		\$79,211,000
UW Madison - Engineering Facility		\$197,336,000		\$150,000,000	347,336,000
UW Whitewater - Western Trade Mall		75,489,000			75,489,000
Systemwide - Central Plaza & Utility Distribution Improvements	41,008,000	105,048,000	3,213,000		149,269,000
Systemwide -		45,400,000			45,400,000