

2019-21 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: 14, 17, 18, 20, 49

Overview

For 85 years, Clark College has provided the residents of Southwest Washington a path to prosperity by providing affordable, high-quality academic and technical education. We serve as a regional hub for learning and development through educational programs, cultural events, and community services. Clark College serves more than 10,000 students each quarter and has one of the largest Running Start programs in the state.

Clark’s graduates power this region’s economy, providing it with highly trained technicians, entrepreneurs, and health care professionals. Many graduates continue their education at four-year universities, where the individual attention and hands-on learning opportunities they received at Clark give them the foundation they need for long-term academic success.

Meet Sunshine Hill

When Sunshine Hill left her husband, she knew she’d need new skills to support herself and her three children. She enrolled in Clark College’s machining program, making use of the college’s network of support services, including its child care facility. Hill graduated in 2018, carrying her youngest daughter as she received her diploma.

Return on Investment

Fully funding our 2019-2021 operating and capital budget requests will have real returns for the people and employers in our area — including a state-of-the-art facility in Ridgefield, slated to open in fall 2021, that will be dedicated to advanced manufacturing. A fully funded capital budget will make Clark College at Boschma Farms a reality, ensuring that a new generation of students like Sunshine Hill get the training they need for today’s industry.

Operating funds allow Clark’s students to learn from exceptional instructors who receive competitive compensation. They also support the college’s transformation into the “Guided Pathways” model of higher education that reduces achievement gaps, creates easy-to-navigate routes to degree completion, and ensures students are preparing for viable careers.



Our Students

Total headcount.....	21,913
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	8,971
Full-time	45%
Part-time	55%
Students of color.....	34%

Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$189 million is fully funded, Clark College would receive approximately \$8.7 million in additional funding.

Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s capital request for \$627 million is fully funded Clark College will receive approximately \$6.3 million for operation, maintenance, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities, approximately \$2.3 million for design of the Hanna/Foster/Hawkins Complex Replacement project and approximately \$49.8 million for construction of the North Clark County Satellite project.

