



December 22, 2025

Mr. Chad Ranney, State Budget Director  
Indiana State Budget Agency

Dear Mr. Ranney:

On behalf of Vincennes University, I am requesting the review and approval of two critical capital projects: 1) Steam Plant Renovation Project and 2) George Rogers Clark Residence Hall Renovation. These projects are aligned with VU's commitment to maintaining a safe, efficient and high-quality learning and living environment for our students, faculty and staff.

**1. Steam Plant Renovation Project - Estimated Cost \$3,500,000**

This project addresses critical deferred maintenance within our central utility infrastructure. It involves the replacement of two of the three steam boilers in the central steam plant.

- **Necessity:** Boiler One (32 years old) and Boiler Two (42 years old) have both reached the end of their serviceable lifecycle and have required multiple major repairs to remain operational. Replacement is necessary to prevent significant utility disruptions.
- **Benefits:** The new systems are projected to be 10 to 15% more efficient than their predecessors. This core project will not only ensure reliable heating and hot water for academic buildings but will also utilize modern, code-compliant systems that operate in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

**2. George Rogers Clark Residence Hall Renovation – Estimated Cost \$2,900,000**

This project is a continuation of Vincennes University's commitment to improve energy efficiency while offering economical and comfortable student housing.

- **Necessity:** The existing HVAC systems have reached the end of their lifecycle. Their replacement is necessary to maintain environmental comfort and air quality for residents without interruption due to emergency repairs.
- **Benefits:** The renovation will significantly improve air quality, HVAC controls and overall comfort, ensuring Clark Hall remains a desirable living option for our students. By replacing outdated mechanical systems with modern, energy-efficient and maintenance-friendly alternatives, the University is enhancing the quality of the living/learning environment and achieving long-term cost savings.

These projects represent responsible stewardship of our facilities and are crucial for the uninterrupted operation of the University. Both projects will be funded by the University's reserves. Thank you for your review and consideration of these projects.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Johnson  
President

cc: Cody Robison, Indiana Commission for Higher Education