

APPROVED

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**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF NONINSTRUCTIONAL CAPITAL
PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Submitted for: Approval.

Summary: This item recommends approving the Governors State University (GSU) noninstructional capital plan for the following project:

A new soccer field within the existing athletic complex to accommodate Varsity Reserve squads (better known as Junior Varsity or JV).

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the project listed in this item.



Project Scope

Governors State University is seeking to build one soccer field within the athletic complex. Improvements include the following:

- Synthetic turf field and markings; location to be confirmed
- Field amenities including goals, backstops, corner flags and site furnishings
- Pedestrian and vehicular access options aligned with the Master Plan will be considered
- Associated infrastructure improvements including earthwork, surface and subsoil drainage and stormwater management.

Project Rationale

The GSU Athletic Master Plan for 2021-2026 is a framework for continued growth of athletics for the next five years. The plan builds on the first athletic master plan with the addition of sports and revisits facilities needs of the programs. By 2026, Governors State University will be positioned to grow its athletics enrollment by nearly 250 percent and establish a core of students whose GPA averages close to 3.0 and is more likely to graduate than a non-athlete student. The Athletic Master Plan Committee researched sports with capacity to grow in the Chicagoland market and available competition for scheduling games within the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA). The expansion of sports would be a controlled and sustainable growth based on the programs selected.

Project Financing

This project will be funded with proceeds from Certificates of Participation originally issued in 2018. The estimated project total is \$1,925,894 plus a 10% contingency.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommends adoption of the following resolution:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the Governors State University Noninstructional Capital Project included in this item.