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State grants awarded to 2 Staten Island colleges for upgrades

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Two Staten Island colleges will receive grants to go toward tech and facilities upgrades from the Higher Education Capital Matching Grant Program (HECap Program).

Gov. Andrew Cuomo this week announced \$21.3 million in grants for capital projects at 35 colleges and universities across New York. The grants are awarded by the HECap Board, which provides matching grants to private, not-for-profit colleges and universities for projects that create construction jobs and drive investment in communities.

St. John's University received a \$381,035 grant for technology upgrades at its Grymes Hill campus. Wagner College received a \$600,000 grant for construction of an athletic facility.¹

“New York has a world-class education system, and we must continue to invest in our educational institutions to provide New York students with an optimal living and learning environment to succeed,” said Cuomo. “These investments in our college campuses will not only benefit our next generation of leaders, they will also strengthen our communities and provide an economic boost to the entire state.”

Other state college and university projects include, but aren't limited to, the construction of new residence halls and conference facilities, athletic facility expansions and the equipping of state-of-the-art science facilities with innovative technology and equipment.

Under the governor's leadership, the Higher Education Capital Matching Grant Program has allowed campuses to make critical investments in their infrastructure and equipment while creating construction jobs. Campuses that receive grants are required to invest at least \$3 of its own funds for every \$1 of state funds it receives.

[You can go here for a full list of projects](#) awarded funding from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), which administers the program on behalf of the HECap Board.

¹ The grant will be put toward the extension of Wagner College's stadium locker and training rooms, which the college has been planning for about 4 years. For more about the extension project, [read the story in Wagner Magazine](#).