In summer of 2001, College of the Canyons launched a grassroots campaign to secure badly needed local bond funds that would allow the college to embark on a series of construction projects that would reshape the college and serve Santa Clarita Valley students for decades to come.

At that time, COC was serving approximately 12,000 students, but still operating on a campus designed to serve just 5,000. As a result, several key campus facilities were in need of renovation, classrooms were severely overcrowded, and college officials lacked the space and resources needed to develop, and house, new certificate, degree and job training programs.

That November local voters showed their support for COC at the ballots, passing an $82.1 million general obligation bond more formally known as Measure C.

A decade later, that funding has been used to complete all of the facility upgrades, renovations and construction projects originally included in the bond proposal.

“When our community passed Measure C, it made an investment in the future,” said COC Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook. “Their investment has paid enormous dividends in terms of the academic programs and workforce training we can now offer thanks to these outstanding facilities.”

Through interest earnings and the refunding of bond proceeds, College officials successfully leveraged the Measure C funding to create more than $92 million. Having that bond money also allowed the college to receive approximately $40 million in matching construction funds from the state – bringing Measure C’s total value to more than $132 million.

Below are some of the major construction projects that have been at least in part paid for by Measure C.
In fall 2008 the college officially opened its new East Physical Education building and adjacent tennis courts. The new 21,543-square-foot building – which also includes basketball and volleyball courts, locker rooms and a training room – marked the first physical education facilities project undertaken by the college since 1976.

Pico Canyon Hall
In August 2005, less than one year after opening the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center (PAC), the college unveiled a nearly 20,000-square-foot adjoining music and dance building known as Pico Canyon Hall. The building houses the college’s music and dance programs, and features a choir room, instrumental room, dance studio, electronic music room and music library.

Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center
Though already in the early stages of development, in 2001 college officials learned that the University Center project could be designated as an allowable Measure C expenditure. Cited as the college’s solution to the lack of upper division, graduate school and continuing education programs in the area, the University Center concept was established with a goal to increase student access to advanced degrees by forging partnerships with surrounding four-year colleges and universities.

The University Center also houses the William S. Hart Union High School District’s Academy of the Canyons, the SCV Worksource Center, the SCV Economic Development Corporation and a number of key college departments.