

## LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

# DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

UTSA requests funding to address deferred maintenance projects, resulting in significant improvements to infrastructure and an enhanced campus experience

### OVERVIEW

Deferred maintenance refers to repairs to infrastructure or other assets that are backlogged due to budget limitations or a lack of funding. UTSA keeps a deferred maintenance list of those projects where equipment is approaching the end of its lifespan, but the university does not have the capital to make those improvements immediately. Funding for these projects will provide critical support for UTSA's mission to be an institution of excellence by renewing the university's oldest buildings and associated infrastructure.

### THE CHALLENGE

UTSA's deferred maintenance backlog has increased over the years. Many core academic and support buildings on the Main Campus, along with critical infrastructure, were built in the mid-1970s and are nearly 50 years old. Typically, key building systems reach obsolescence at 25 to 40 years, requiring replacement or major refurbishment. Targeted systems currently include electrical power, network infrastructure, roofs, utilities (including sanitary sewer), elevators, interiors, plumbing, HVAC, controls and life safety, such as fire detection. While normal day-to-day maintenance continues, a significant and focused investment to revitalize buildings is needed.

### THE IMPACT

Improving or replacing aging infrastructure and major systems in core buildings on the Main Campus will support an enhanced campus experience, ensuring the university continues to provide the reliable, high-quality environments needed for teaching and research excellence. Funding for this project will help ensure that classrooms and laboratories remain open and available with appropriate air quality and EPA standards for public health. Upgrades to power, water and HVAC systems will support advanced technology used in modern laboratories. Additionally, by replacing critically aging network infrastructure, students, faculty and staff will have a stronger online experience with reduced safety risks.



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### HOW FUNDS WILL BE USED

Improve or replace infrastructure and major systems in five core buildings on the Main Campus:

- McKinney Humanities Building
- Flawn Sciences Building
- Arts Building
- John Peace Library
- Multidisciplinary Studies Building

Additionally, funds will ensure the university is able to:

- Replace critically aging network infrastructure to enhance student and faculty experience when using the internet.
- Strengthen our security posture and reduce risk by eliminating equipment that can no longer be patched
- Complete ongoing repairs at the Main Building, including exterior repairs to the lower three levels, replacement of the exterior water and vapor barrier, installation of new masonry and stucco, and associated environmental remediation



### TAKEAWAY

Upgrading outdated core buildings, classrooms and systems will have an immediate and direct positive impact on student and employee experience and wellbeing, including enhanced course delivery. By increasing campus efficiency, UTSA will see cost and energy savings and will ensure that classrooms and laboratories remain open and available, while also safeguarding public health.