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**RIDER NO. 5 TO AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND APPROPRIATION**

The text of Rider No. 5 to the Available University Fund Appropriation in House Bill 1, 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, is as follows:

**“Reporting.**

a. The University of Texas System Board of Regents and the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents shall report to the Legislature and the Governor no later than December 1 of each year the uses of the Available University Fund (AUF) for each system component and for the system office operations for the two previous fiscal years, the current fiscal year, and two future fiscal years (projected). Each report shall contain detailed information on the following:

- (1) debt service allocations, by component;
- (2) bond proceeds allocations, by component;
- (3) excellence allocations, by component or system office, and their purposes;
- (4) Available University Fund income, interest, beginning-and-end-of-year balances; and
- (5) the rationale used by the respective boards to distribute AUF funds.

b. In addition, by December 1 of each year, authorized managers of permanent funds and endowments whose earnings are appropriated above shall submit an annual financial report which shall include, at a minimum, an income statement and balance sheet and a summary of the investment return of the fund during the preceding fiscal year. The annual financial report shall also contain:

- (1) a summary of all gains, losses and income from investments and an itemized list of all securities held for the fund on August 31;
- (2) any other information needed by the Governor or the Legislative Budget Board to clearly indicate the nature and extent of investments made of the fund and all income realized from the components of the fund.

The annual financial report shall be distributed to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board by December 1 of each year of the biennium.”

## AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND

***RATIONALE FOR DISTRIBUTION FROM PERMANENT UNIVERSITY FUND***

The *Texas Constitution* defines the Available University Fund (AUF) as consisting of the distributions made to it from the total return on all investment assets of the Permanent University Fund (PUF), including the net income attributable to the surface of PUF land. The *Texas Constitution* authorizes The University of Texas System (U. T. System) Board of Regents (Board of Regents) to determine the amount of distributions to the AUF from the PUF in a manner intended to provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of distributions over time, as well as to maintain the purchasing power of both the PUF investments and annual AUF distributions. Deposits credited to the AUF are administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and, along with other funds of the State of Texas, are invested in accordance with State law.

The *Texas Constitution* further limits the discretion of the Board of Regents to determine the amount of PUF distributions in any given year by requiring satisfaction of three tests: 1) PUF distributions to the AUF must not be less than the amount needed to pay the principal and interest due and owing in that fiscal year on PUF bonds and notes; 2) PUF distributions to the AUF cannot increase year to year if the purchasing power of PUF investments has not been preserved over rolling 10-year periods; and 3) annual distributions from the PUF to the AUF cannot exceed seven percent of the average net fair market value of PUF investments as determined by the Board of Regents. The only exception to these provisions is that distributions must be sufficient to meet annual debt service requirements on PUF bonds and notes.

The Board of Regents approved distributions of \$1,870,475,000 and \$1,524,925,000 from the PUF to the AUF for the fiscal years ending August 31, 2024, and August 31, 2025, respectively, which satisfy the constitutional tests (see [Appendix A](#)). The Board of Regents has established Board of Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80303](#) (Regents' Rule 80303) on "Uses of the Available University Fund.", which includes a model by which unless otherwise approved by the Board of Regents or prohibited by the *Texas Constitution*, the proposed distribution is increased over the prior year's distribution by a rate equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) average over the previous 12 quarters plus 2.65 percent (subject to the above limits on annual PUF distributions) provided the distribution is within a range of 3.5 percent to 6.0 percent of the average net fair market value of PUF investments over the trailing 20-quarter period average.

*Table 1* presents actual results for the AUF for the prior two fiscal years, budget for the current year and projected results for the two future years. Projected annual PUF distributions for the future years are based on the estimated CPI average plus 2.65 percent.

Table 1

<b>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND FY 2023 – FY 2027</b>		
	<b>Actual FY 2023</b>	<b>Actual FY 2024</b>
<b>Income and PUF Distributions</b>		
Divisible with Texas A&M University		
Investment Income and Distributions	\$1,231,115,000	\$1,870,475,000
Surface and Other Income	121,269,633	126,631,233
Divisible Expenses	<u>(1,702,540)</u>	<u>(2,054,998)</u>
<b>Net Divisible Income and Distributions</b>	1,350,682,093	1,995,051,235
Less: Texas A&M Share (1/3rd)	<u>(450,227,364)</u>	<u>(665,017,078)</u>
U. T. Share (2/3rds)	900,454,728	1,330,034,157
AUF Interest Income	<u>33,730,908</u>	<u>54,206,709</u>
<b>Income and Distributions Available to the U. T. System</b>	<u>934,185,636</u>	<u>1,384,240,865</u>
<b>Transfers/Expenditures</b>		
Debt Service on PUF Bonds	(287,603,809)	(342,547,511)
U. T. System Administration:		
Direct Campus Support	(61,700,000)	(71,518,345)
System Administration	(56,087,318)	(58,670,988)
Capital Project Reserve	-	(308,453,000)
U. T. System Initiatives	-	(67,045,000)
U. T. Austin:		
Excellence	(479,405,000)	(522,975,000)
Systemwide Technology and Telecommunications	(1,992,000)	(1,992,000)
Other U. T. Austin Support	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Transfers/Expenditures</b>	<u>(886,888,127)</u>	<u>(1,373,201,844)</u>
<b>Net Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	47,297,509	11,039,021
<b>Net Assets – Beginning of Year</b>	<u>103,005,647</u>	<u>150,303,156</u>
<b>Net Assets – End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 150,303,156</u>	<u>\$ 161,342,177</u>

Note: FY 2025 Budget and FY 2026-2027 Projections are subject to change due to market conditions and unforeseen emergencies or opportunities.

Source: U. T. System Administration Financial Statements, Annual Operating Budget, and projections from the U. T. System Office of Finance.

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Table 1 (Continued)

Budgeted FY 2025	Projected FY 2026	Projected FY 2027
\$ 1,524,925,000	\$ 1,626,790,000	\$ 1,717,075,000
125,000,000	105,841,321	109,336,742
<u>(2,100,000)</u>	<u>(2,100,000)</u>	<u>(2,100,000)</u>
1,647,825,000	1,730,531,321	1,824,311,742
(549,275,000)	(576,843,774)	(608,103,914)
1,098,550,000	1,153,687,547	1,216,207,828
<u>29,015,000</u>	<u>26,737,000</u>	<u>25,271,000</u>
<u>1,127,565,000</u>	<u>1,180,424,547</u>	<u>1,241,478,828</u>
(351,645,567)	(444,450,989)	(449,496,556)
(76,396,700)	(79,452,600)	(82,630,700)
(61,015,200)	(63,455,800)	(65,994,000)
-	-	-
(60,000,000)	(60,722,800)	(115,751,712)
-	-	-
(522,975,000)	(522,975,000)	(522,975,000)
(1,992,000)	(1,992,000)	(1,992,000)
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>(1,074,024,461)</u>	<u>(1,173,049,189)</u>	<u>(1,238,839,968)</u>
53,540,533	7,375,359	2,638,860
<u>161,342,177</u>	<u>214,882,710</u>	<u>222,258,069</u>
<u>\$ 214,882,710</u>	<u>\$ 222,258,069</u>	<u>\$ 224,896,929</u>

As of 12.01.2024

***USES OF THE AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND BY U. T. SYSTEM***

The AUF is used for four primary purposes:

- (1) to pay interest and principal due on PUF bonds,
- (2) to provide for support and maintenance of the U. T. System Administration,
- (3) to provide for academic excellence and other support for U. T. Austin, and
- (4) to fund special U. T. System initiatives.

***PUF Bond Debt Service***

Bonds supported by income generated by the PUF are periodically issued by the Board of Regents to finance land, capital improvements, equipment, and library books or materials for U. T. System Administration and all U. T. System institutions. U. T. System institutions eligible for PUF bond funding, as specified by the *Texas Constitution*, are:

U. T. Arlington	U. T. Southwestern Medical Center
U. T. Austin	U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston
U. T. Dallas	U. T. Health Science Center - Houston
U. T. El Paso	U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio
U. T. Permian Basin	U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
U. T. Rio Grande Valley	U. T. Health Science Center - Tyler
U. T. San Antonio	U. T. System Administration
Stephen F. Austin State University	
U. T. Tyler	

Stephen F. Austin State University was reestablished in statute as a member of the U. T. System effective September 1, 2023, and became eligible for PUF bond funding as of that date.

Capital improvement needs of the institutions are extensively evaluated on an ongoing basis and incorporated in a six-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The General Policies applicable to the formulation of the CIP are illustrated in [Appendix B](#).

Issuance of PUF bonds for capital improvements reflects the assessments made in the CIP process, the availability of other resources, and the projected availability of AUF funds to finance the bonds in conformance with the Regents' Rule 80303 (see [Appendix C](#) for a discussion of this rule).

The first and primary use of AUF funds authorized by the *Texas Constitution* is to service the PUF-backed debt discussed above. [Appendix D](#) provides a history of the actual U. T. System PUF Bond Proceeds appropriations to each institution through FY 2024 as well as projected appropriations through FY 2027. While U. T. System Administration pays all PUF debt service directly from the AUF, [Appendix E](#) provides estimates of PUF debt service attributable to each institution for FY 2023 through FY 2027.

#### *U. T. System Administration*

A second use of the AUF is for support and maintenance of U. T. System Administration. Chapter 65 of the *Texas Education Code* authorizes “oversight and coordination of the activities of the system and each component institution within the system.” The uses of these funds are further described in [Appendix F](#).

#### *Academic Excellence Funds – U. T. Austin*

Pursuant to the terms of the *Texas Constitution*, U. T. Austin is the only U. T. System institution other than U. T. System Administration eligible to directly receive resources from the AUF for support and maintenance purposes.

For FY 2023 through FY 2025 the Board of Regents considered Regents’ Rule 80303 in its approval of the allocation to U. T. Austin.

U. T. Austin depends on academic excellence funding from the AUF for needs such as library enhancement; enhancement of academic department operations; specialized science, engineering, and computing equipment; scholarships and fellowships; and support of special units. These special units conduct research, disseminate research and scholarship information to the general public, and provide public service. Beginning in FY 2018, this excellence allocation includes support for U. T. Austin Dell Medical School. [Appendix G](#) further describes the uses of the AUF transfers to U. T. Austin for excellence and other purposes.



### *Other Support – U. T. Austin*

In addition to academic excellence, the Board of Regents may elect to make additional support allocations to U. T. Austin.

For FY 2023, approved support allocations to U. T. Austin included:

- \$100,000 to support the work of Dr. John B. Goodenough.

For FY 2025, approved support allocations to U. T. Austin included:

- An amount to be determined by the Board of Regents at a future date to augment the U. T. Austin Texas Advance Commitment scholarship program for Texans from middle- and low-income families.

### *U. T. System Initiatives*

The AUF is used to support operational programs at U. T. System Administration and various strategic priorities and initiatives undertaken by the Board of Regents, all of which benefit U. T. System institutions and students. As with the many operational programs provided by U. T. System Administration, each of the initiatives either provides a service across a broad number of institutional campuses or provides oversight and coordination of activities that benefit a broad number of institutions and the students of those institutions. In addition to a review by U. T. System Administration staff, the Board of Regents makes a determination that the system initiatives represent an appropriate use of the AUF and meets the applicable constitutional standards.

If there are any System Initiatives identified, U. T. System provides advanced 30-day notification to the Legislative Budget Board prior to the Board of Regents taking action as required by Rider 7 of the AUF appropriation within the *General Appropriations Act*.

For FY 2024, approved support allocations to U. T. System Administration included:

- \$55.0 million for the Regents' Research Excellence Program (RREP) to support faculty and post-doctoral research through FY 2026;
- \$13.5 million for the extension of the cooperative higher education and research agreement with the National Council of Humanities, Science and Technology (CONAHCYT) of Mexico; and
- \$695,000 to support the U. T. System Legislative Fellowship Program during the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session.

For FY 2025, approved support allocations to U. T. System Administration include:

- \$25.0 million for the Regents' Strategic Research Fund to further the goals of the RREP; and
- Up to \$35.0 million to supplement the Promise Plus scholarship program support at U. T. System Administration for eligible students at U. T. academic institutions other than U. T. Austin in furtherance of the U. T. System Administration's responsibility to provide oversight and coordination of the activities of the U. T. System.

#### *Other Support – U. T. System*

In August 2024, the Board of Regents set aside \$308.45 million from the U. T. System share of the special one-time supplemental AUF allocation made by the Board of Regents in November 2023 for future capital projects uses.

#### ***U. T. SYSTEM ENDING AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND NET ASSETS***

As of August 31, 2024, the AUF cash balance in the State Treasury as reflected in the annual financial report was \$1.383 billion with AUF net assets totaling \$161.3 million. A detailed analysis is found in *Table 1*.

The minimum AUF balance of \$50 million set by Regents' Rule 80303 would repair or replace less than 1 percent of the facilities in the event unexpected needs for repair or replacement should arise. The AUF balance also serves as a financial cushion against capital market volatility, which can adversely impact future PUF distributions to the AUF. In the event of any negative variance between projected and actual distributions from the PUF or unexpected capital needs, the AUF balance would be used to support the operating expenses or to pay PUF debt service.

AUF-funded operations of U. T. System Administration and most special initiatives are primarily accounted for in the Educational and General (E&G) Fund. As of August 31, 2024, the unexpended net assets resulting from transfers from the AUF and available for expenditure were approximately \$144.6 million including those held for System Administration operations and for Systemwide initiatives, excluding balances associated with \$8.1 million of investment assets held for the U. T. Horizon Fund and \$8.6 million of appropriated state general revenue. AUF net assets of approximately \$309.6 million are also held by U. T. System Administration in Unexpended Plant Funds, primarily resulting from the capital projects reserve established by the Board of Regents at their August 2024 meeting.

In addition to the funds held by U. T. System Administration, U. T. Austin also maintains AUF net assets. As of August 31, 2024, U. T. Austin had ending AUF net assets in its E&G fund as reflected in its annual financial report of \$560.7 million. This balance includes reservations for encumbrances and prepaid expenses of \$10.3 million. Net of reservations, the AUF E&G net assets at U. T. Austin were \$550.4 million at August 31, 2024.

*Table 2* presents a reconciliation of U. T. System Administration AUF cash held in the State Treasury with net assets for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

<b>Table 2</b>		
<b>Reconciliation of U. T. System AUF Cash</b>		
	<b>At Aug. 31, 2023 (Actual)</b>	<b>At Aug. 31, 2024 (Actual)</b>
Cash in Treasury	977,396,448	1,383,037,209
Receivables	11,051,510	7,034,296
Sub-total	988,447,958	1,390,071,505
Due to Other Funds	(123,477,625)	(504,304,869)
Due to U. T. Austin	(711,351,400)	(720,791,126)
Other Payables	(3,315,777)	(3,633,333)
AUF Net Assets	\$ 150,303,156	\$ 161,342,177

# Appendices

**APPENDIX A – PERMANENT UNIVERSITY FUND DISTRIBUTION TO THE AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND FOR FY 2025**

The Board of Regents approved a distribution of \$1,524,925,000 for FY 2025. Article VII, Section 18 of the Texas *Constitution* provides that the Board of Regents will determine the annual distribution from the PUF to the AUF and requires that the amount of any distribution to the AUF be determined by the Board of Regents in a manner intended to provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of annual distributions and to maintain over time the purchasing power of PUF investments and annual distributions to the AUF. The *Constitution* further limits the Board of Regents’ discretion to set annual PUF distributions to the satisfaction of three tests (based on information available at the time of approval):

1. The amount of PUF distributions to the AUF in a fiscal year must be not less than the amount needed to pay the principal and interest due and owing in that fiscal year on PUF bonds and notes. The proposed distribution of \$1,524,925,000 is substantially greater than PUF bond debt service of \$593,200,000 projected for FY 2025.

System	Debt Service
U. T.	\$367,600,000
TAMU	\$225,600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$593,200,000</b>

Sources: U. T. System Office of Finance

Texas A&M University System Office of Treasury Services

2. The Board of Regents may not increase annual PUF distributions to the AUF (except as necessary to pay PUF debt service) if the purchasing power of PUF investments for any rolling 10-year period has not been preserved. As the schedule below indicates, the average annual increase in the rate of growth of the value of PUF investments (net of expenses, inflation, and distributions) for the trailing 10-year period ended February 29, 2024, was 5.05 percent, which indicates that the purchasing power test was met.

Annual Average	Percent
Rate of Total Return, Net of Investment Manager Fees	7.86%
Mineral Interest Receipts	4.68%
Expense Rate <sup>1</sup>	(0.20%)
Inflation Rate	(2.83%)
Distribution Rate	(4.46%)
<b>Net Real Return</b>	<b>5.05%</b>

<sup>1</sup>The expense rate as shown is a 10-year annualized average and includes PUF Land Expenses and PUF investment management costs other than investment manager fees. Investment management fees are a reduction to the Rate of Total Return.

**APPENDIX A – PERMANENT UNIVERSITY FUND DISTRIBUTION TO THE AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND FOR FY 2025 (CONTINUED)**

3. The annual distribution from the PUF to the AUF during any fiscal year made by the Board of Regents may not exceed an amount equal to 7 percent of the average net fair market value of PUF investment assets as determined by the Board of Regents (except as necessary to pay PUF bond debt service). The annual distribution rate calculated using the trailing 20-quarter average value of the PUF is within the 7 percent maximum allowable distribution rate.

Value of PUF Investments <sup>1</sup>	Proposed Distribution	Proposed Distribution as a % of Value of PUF Investments	Maximum Allowed Rate
\$29,046,022,226	\$1,524,925,000	5.25%	7.00%

<sup>1</sup>Source: UTIMCO

**APPENDIX B – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – GENERAL POLICIES**

U. T. System Board of Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80301](#) establishes the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP, which details the U. T. System's long-range plan to preserve and enhance facility assets, is a six-year projection of major new construction and repair and rehabilitation projects to be implemented and funded from institution and Systemwide revenue sources. The CIP is a current reflection of the institutions' continuous processes of strategic planning and master planning for institutional programs and is subject to modification at any Board of Regents' meeting. Candidate projects may be routinely added to the CIP, and project information such as funding sources, project cost, and delivery dates can routinely be revised.

The Board of Regents has established criteria for adding projects to the CIP specifically related to appropriating funds from the AUF or from PUF bond proceeds for those projects. In evaluating the assignment of AUF or PUF funding to a project, the following justification criteria documented in Regents' Rule 80303 are considered:

- (1) consistency with institution's mission;
- (2) project need;
- (3) unique opportunity;
- (4) matching funds/leverage;
- (5) cost effectiveness;
- (6) state of existing facility condition; and
- (7) other available funding sources.

**APPENDIX C – U. T. SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS’ RULE 80303 ON “USES OF AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND”**

Regents’ Rule 80303 establishes procedures for the approval of AUF or PUF-funded projects, criteria for project selection, minimum debt service coverage, and a minimum reserve balance. The rule specifies:

“No project will be recommended for approval, if in any of the forecasted years the required appropriations from AUF or PUF bond proceeds would cause:

- (a) the forecasted AUF expenditures for program enrichment at U. T. Austin to fall below the previously approved percentage of the sum of the projected U. T. System share of the net divisible AUF annual income and interest income on AUF balances [subject to the limits imposed by (b) and (c) below];
- (b) debt service coverage to be less than 1.50:1.00; and
- (c) the forecasted end-of-year AUF balance to be less than \$50 million.”

**PUF Bond Ratings**

In late 1997 and 1998, the three major rating agencies that rate PUF debt (Moody’s, Standard & Poor’s, and Fitch) assigned to the PUF outstanding bonds the highest ratings of Aaa, AAA and AAA, respectively. These ratings continue to be reaffirmed and were most recently reaffirmed in 2024 by each credit rating agency.

In its May 2024 report, Moody’s Investors Service reaffirmed The University of Texas System’s long-term Aaa rating, stating “The stable outlook for PUF debt reflects strong coverage by pledged revenues, constitutional limitations on additional PUF debt issuance and spending and the fund’s diversified asset allocation. It also incorporates strong investment oversight provided by The University of Texas Management Company (UTIMCO).”

Standard & Poor’s reaffirmed its AAA long-term rating in its May 2024 report, citing the absolute size of the PUF, the dedicated nature of the PUF supporting the U. T. and Texas A&M systems, the “robust” debt service coverage for PUF bonds and notes, and the “strong oversight and capable asset management by UT/Texas A&M Investment Management Co. (UTIMCO).”

Fitch reaffirmed its AAA rating on outstanding U. T. System PUF debt in May 2024 with a stable outlook, stating “The ‘AAA’ rating is supported by the PUF’s highly diversified investment holdings...” and that “Credit risks are minimal due to Texas state constitutional debt limits and resulting strong debt service coverage.”



***APPENDIX C – U. T. SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS’ RULE 80303 ON “USES OF AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND” (CONTINUED)***

The Board of Regents expects management to implement policies that will help U. T. System continue to maintain the highest possible credit ratings while pursuing its mission, thereby allowing debt to be issued at the lowest possible rates.

**APPENDIX D – ANALYSIS OF PERMANENT UNIVERSITY FUND BONDS ISSUED AND ALLOCATIONS**

FISCAL YEAR	PUF BONDS/ VAR. RATE NOTES ISSUED	ALLOCATIONS					
		UT SYSTEM ADMIN	UT ARLINGTON	UT AUSTIN	UT DALLAS	UT EL PASO	UT PERMIAN BASIN
1932-1992 \$	983,500,000	72,255,382	72,434,759	369,316,366	46,189,139	100,014,714	7,122,835
1993	-	-	(582,153)	(11,500,000)	641,149	600,000	769,000
1994	40,000,000	165,348	(4,128,000)	(397,207)	557,246	552,424	1,731,000
1995	-	(18,991,942)	1,844,438	34,196,322	1,410,000	1,054,106	1,886,000
1996	25,000,000	(223,631)	3,934,989	1,246,914	5,259,774	2,806,876	460,000
1997	85,000,000	2,300,000	8,015,015	5,598,930	1,939,004	6,335,000	590,000
1998	52,000,000	5,314,606	4,241,735	5,620,000	1,689,074	2,512,000	553,748
1999	30,000,000	-	1,750,000	3,646,100	1,350,000	1,625,000	240,900
2000	70,000,000	-	5,273,646	5,037,806	31,799,347	2,470,000	3,114,200
2001	100,000,000	3,845,250	14,304,633	499,733	1,600,000	-	200,000
2002	234,000,000	(284,632)	1,900,427	43,629,994	33,990,000	19,104,998	1,300,000
2003	125,000,000	1,830,910	15,322,500	3,381,859	2,100,000	10,500,000	3,734,000
2004	100,000,000	1,752,879	2,359,600	4,266,717	19,691,465	2,994,603	1,160,000
2005	125,000,000	23,250,329	7,989,541	15,254,316	13,739,061	9,002,474	1,814,929
2006	100,000,000	14,599,048	5,199,762	11,513,900	18,726,000	4,649,600	974,000
2007	100,000,000	23,585,912	6,825,267	63,510,045	10,011,360	17,410,559	3,131,248
2008	300,000,000	(15,417,377)	44,386,107	65,605,373	28,525,000	4,085,232	879,000
2009	250,000,000	3,309,025	30,547,383	13,388,016	4,650,000	71,964,000	13,330,000
2010	260,000,000	28,297,567	1,866,735	47,924,991	19,249,413	20,600,000	518,000
2011	-	29,192,627	3,375,241	4,722,986	40,762,000	2,899,035	777,500
2012	75,000,000	(9,134,488)	2,514,353	19,892,431	6,709,390	5,242,678	2,254,700
2013	133,000,000	(10,508,449)	10,010,000	356,137	12,732,531	15,555,000	2,684,200
2014	267,500,000	23,151,829	11,369,999	127,753,932	91,384,568	3,410,000	2,278,400
2015	294,500,000	(4,277,754)	6,944,491	30,168,700	14,719,242	5,757,243	1,974,455
2016	502,500,000	210,759,033	37,481,644	47,191,439	50,041,476	6,123,377	4,283,999
2017	175,000,000	12,206,518	7,417,958	51,794,214	9,039,623	13,778,000	6,452,641
2018	300,000,000	(17,351,147)	11,292,543	22,169,322	94,445,812	6,096,559	18,542,503
2019	295,000,000	(904,708)	8,674,931	130,541,815	4,580,000	5,374,995	11,783,060
2020	260,000,000	(2,623,028)	4,130,000	45,503,010	3,952,736	3,759,995	1,564,484
2021	335,000,000	(666,643)	64,581,962	22,762,004	5,140,500	11,900,000	4,950,923
2022	280,000,000	(601,455)	4,163,304	12,538,577	6,024,999	85,069,896	1,939,747
2023	350,000,000	14,254,206	11,119,783	137,296,704	19,609,047	63,005,100	9,917,3269
2024	450,000,000	13,455,207	77,136,695	31,605,677	46,207,785	4,597,642	36,167,672
Subtotal	6,697,000,000	402,540,421	483,699,290	1,366,037,122	648,466,740	510,851,106	149,080,469
Est. 2025	-	7,000,000	7,420,083	-	7,427,500	7,096,249	3,203,378
Est. 2026	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Est. 2027	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL \$	6,697,000,000	409,540,421	491,119,373	1,366,037,122	655,894,240	517,947,355	152,283,847

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Note: Estimates for FY 2025 include Library, Equipment, Repair, and Rehabilitation (LERR) and Faculty STARs projects approved through November 2024.

**APPENDIX D – ANALYSIS OF PERMANENT UNIVERSITY FUND BONDS ISSUED AND ALLOCATIONS (CONTINUED)**

ALLOCATIONS						
FISCAL YEAR	UT RIO GRANDE VALLEY	UT SAN ANTONIO	STEPHEN F AUSTIN	UT TYLER	UT SOUTHWESTERN	UTMB GALVESTON
1932-1992 \$	-	32,009,536	-	18,838,694	104,804,541	100,111,752
1993	-	599,120	-	360,000	20,925,000	648,000
1994	-	500,000	-	985,482	800,000	(504,000)
1995	-	1,216,200	-	719,716	375,000	393,540
1996	-	13,537,160	-	410,000	22,461,000	1,721,000
1997	-	7,754,433	-	4,847,000	4,500,000	2,272,000
1998	-	241,000	-	670,000	5,700,000	451,115
1999	-	1,150,000	-	225,000	(1,462,990)	1,350,000
2000	-	51,032,154	-	1,030,000	2,350,000	2,094,855
2001	-	55,750	-	14,500,000	89,000,000	4,192,000
2002	-	56,390,000	-	1,050,000	1,800,000	1,909,000
2003	-	2,446,303	-	2,970,474	2,400,000	20,165,489
2004	-	2,902,500	-	13,135,000	2,100,000	2,720,857
2005	-	7,851,307	-	2,549,776	3,400,000	7,630,000
2006	-	3,200,000	-	1,200,000	6,418,517	4,398,182
2007	-	49,152,183	-	9,445,152	48,390,000	4,844,369
2008	-	2,629,903	-	1,500,000	6,730,000	3,497,011
2009	-	2,225,676	-	1,310,979	3,145,000	3,826,107
2010	-	2,020,000	-	506,768	2,760,000	2,050,000
2011	-	1,974,006	-	877,465	7,798,666	5,383,077
2012	-	25,902,064	-	1,227,460	10,662,964	1,911,931
2013	-	2,847,360	-	4,983,300	8,123,017	1,978,944
2014	19,898,597	4,289,270	-	954,543	1,205,000	2,418,438
2015	63,422,600	3,898,649	-	7,090,500	19,202,307	35,816,597
2016	96,795,623	10,014,834	-	12,211,208	50,749,449	3,200,000
2017	6,691,946	14,512,494	-	3,862,500	5,318,589	12,752,201
2018	26,534,029	6,397,124	-	2,935,871	5,450,000	5,944,649
2019	13,077,552	7,104,746	-	1,077,963	46,950,000	5,101,294
2020	61,211,205	11,527,327	-	2,838,212	7,450,000	4,715,644
2021	11,733,048	78,144,802	-	2,273,844	6,412,000	6,323,733
2022	46,194,128	5,394,663	-	1,681,478	101,524,838	3,378,120
2023	9,185,844	85,009,763	-	39,191,228	6,400,000	34,170,000
2024	3,548,345	3,713,529	50,000,000	42,976,483	44,258,679	13,039,613
Subtotal	358,292,918	497,643,856	50,000,000	200,436,096	648,101,577	299,905,519
Est. 2025	4,676,816	7,343,118	5,000,000	4,232,856	5,900,000	5,900,000
Est. 2026	-	-	-	-	-	-
Est. 2027	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL \$	362,969,734	504,986,974	55,000,000	204,668,952	654,001,577	305,805,519

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**APPENDIX D – ANALYSIS OF PERMANENT UNIVERSITY FUND BONDS ISSUED AND ALLOCATIONS (CONTINUED)**

ALLOCATIONS					
FISCAL YEAR	UTHSC HOUSTON	UTHSC SAN ANTONIO	UT MD ANDERSON	UTHSC TYLER	TOTAL ALL INSTITUTIONS
1932-1992 \$	39,769,549	54,811,902	23,045,165	7,693,549	1,048,417,883
1993	856,000	30,000	29,452	917,000	14,292,568
1994	3,500,000	(124,160)	545,000	5,730,000	9,913,133
1995	950,000	(823,000)	414,000	603,000	25,247,380
1996	2,000,000	(61,917)	556,555	746,628	54,855,348
1997	1,100,000	11,140,200	2,133,315	2,093,650	60,618,547
1998	1,695,000	6,200,000	-	502,500	35,390,778
1999	11,850,000	(519,000)	1,263,000	1,350,000	23,818,010
2000	20,504,148	10,699,712	32,097,915	3,720,000	171,223,783
2001	(200,433)	16,000,000	(128)	2,370,000	146,366,805
2002	2,015,763	16,520,290	1,219,349	1,999,022	182,544,211
2003	51,714,373	8,700,000	2,051,048	805,472	128,122,428
2004	2,290,000	2,800,000	403,000	2,284,531	60,861,152
2005	2,500,000	4,520,000	1,897,485	1,850,000	103,249,218
2006	11,866,911	590,000	3,070,000	2,000,000	88,405,920
2007	61,914,307	53,899,588	5,839,000	2,355,476	360,314,466
2008	22,546,376	12,503,197	33,400,000	2,150,000	213,019,822
2009	4,466,929	14,649,981	4,873,560	11,994,995	183,681,651
2010	4,760,000	2,108,100	4,559,998	1,260,000	138,481,571
2011	3,065,994	5,436,151	8,105,373	2,118,070	116,488,191
2012	2,095,604	22,768,325	5,397,958	25,853,700	123,299,071
2013	2,945,661	125,054,375	7,594,485	5,250,000	189,606,562
2014	3,427,216	62,145,300	9,229,448	3,875,000	366,791,539
2015	5,942,478	59,809,000	6,380,484	3,080,000	259,928,993
2016	9,839,306	4,519,330	13,467,139	10,277,000	566,954,856
2017	11,006,005	14,580,000	10,868,184	41,870,214	222,151,088
2018	5,384,590	33,342,550	6,032,225	2,550,000	229,766,630
2019	6,659,180	1,083,284	4,683,730	2,431,148	248,218,990
2020	36,236,103	6,336,302	77,298,375	500,000	264,400,365
2021	5,633,012	85,957,345	7,175,127	2,300,000	314,621,658
2022	5,577,006	58,373,850	5,747,649	6,925,348	343,932,147
2023	66,125,362	7,767,673	49,438,259	198,547,942	751,038,237
2024	5,822,702	14,400,000	5,787,271	987,035	393,704,335
Subtotal	415,859,142	715,218,379	334,603,420	358,991,280	7,439,727,335
Est. 2025	5,900,000	5,900,000	-	-	77,000,000
Est. 2026	-	-	-	-	-
Est. 2027	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>421,759,142</b>	<b>721,118,379</b>	<b>334,603,420</b>	<b>358,991,280</b>	<b>7,516,727,335</b>

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**APPENDIX E – ANALYSIS OF ESTIMATED PERMANENT UNIVERSITY FUND BOND DEBT SERVICE**

INSTITUTION	FISCAL YEAR				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
UT System Administration	\$ 18,047,802	21,114,056	20,559,693	25,185,346	25,179,197
UT Arlington	15,777,066	22,530,896	23,050,177	29,184,041	31,067,182
UT Austin	48,862,942	56,890,427	58,526,471	74,244,241	74,780,986
UT Dallas	26,480,496	31,569,240	32,128,795	39,704,322	42,199,400
UT El Paso	20,049,175	22,736,226	23,198,154	29,420,926	30,348,666
UT Permian Basin	5,098,461	7,965,271	8,215,523	10,476,381	11,089,594
UT Rio Grande Valley	19,829,287	22,404,364	23,411,819	30,078,355	32,610,604
UT San Antonio	18,278,365	20,498,223	21,111,192	26,857,447	24,702,510
Stephen F. Austin	-	3,126,543	3,547,541	4,557,707	4,941,413
UT Tyler	6,196,405	8,797,763	9,183,475	11,699,037	11,835,371
UT Southwestern	19,574,718	24,533,922	25,468,057	32,188,224	30,550,554
UTMB Galveston	8,499,818	10,153,756	10,362,039	12,948,173	13,603,022
UTHSC Houston	15,331,644	17,371,995	18,138,561	22,320,153	18,636,630
UTHSC San Antonio	32,322,337	36,883,475	38,134,412	48,944,329	48,222,326
UT MD Anderson	14,838,598	16,936,218	17,347,364	22,032,639	23,362,933
UTHSC Tyler	18,416,697	20,521,123	21,048,266	26,876,044	28,927,070
	\$ 287,603,809	342,547,511	351,645,567	444,450,989	449,496,556

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Note: This schedule includes estimated allocations of PUF bond debt service paid by the AUF. In reality, the debt is not serviced by individual institutional allocations, but as a Systemwide total. The allocation is based on a rolling 20-year average of PUF appropriations received by each institution consistent with *Appendix D*.

**APPENDIX F – U. T. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION APPLICATION OF AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND**

The University of Texas System Administration depends on funding from the AUF for needs such as major repairs and rehabilitation, equipment, maintenance and operation, salaries, and support for units that provide assistance to the Board of Regents and the U. T. institutions.

The categories of spending from the AUF are shown in *Table 4* and are explained further in the following sections.

**ADMINISTRATION**

Table 4		
U. T. System Administration – Uses of AUF		
	FY 2024 (Actual)	FY 2025 (Budget)
<b>Administration</b>		
Board of Regents	\$ 2,798,328	\$ 3,090,786
System Operations	54,486,214	59,045,914
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$ 57,284,542</b>	<b>\$ 62,136,700</b>
Direct Campus Support	\$ 71,518,345	\$ 76,396,700
External Audit	\$ 1,386,446	\$ 1,499,884
System Initiatives	\$ 67,045,000	\$ 60,000,000

**Board of Regents.** This budget item supports operations of the staff and other expenses associated with the activities of the Office of the Board of Regents. This item includes associated staff benefits. No AUF is expensed or budgeted for Board travel, food or meeting arrangements.

**System Administration Operations.** As directed by *Texas Education Code* Section 65.16, U. T. System Administration is the central administrative office providing oversight, coordination, leadership and administrative support for the fourteen institutions of the U. T. System. Among the areas requiring more specialized expertise, which can be more efficiently provided by a central administrative unit, are compliance management, internal audit, legal counsel, intellectual property protection, governmental relations, policy planning and development for academic and health-related programs, information security, and various business operation support activities. Business operations include financial reporting, historically underutilized business programs, budget, finance, human resources, employee benefits, security, planning of facilities, information resources, and real estate. U. T. System Administration also provides assistance to development programs of the institutions. The amount reported is inclusive of associated staff benefits.

**APPENDIX F – U. T. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION APPLICATION OF AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND (CONTINUED)***DIRECT CAMPUS SUPPORT*

U. T. System Administration also administers a shared administrative computing system (ERP) and provides relief from Systemwide shared technology, risk, and digital library assessments. The amount reported is inclusive of associated staff benefits.

*EXTERNAL AUDIT*

The Board of Regents continues to engage an external audit firm to conduct an audit of the annual financial report of the U. T. System. This cost is expected to be recurring.

*SYSTEM INITIATIVES*

No System Initiatives were funded in FY 2023.

For FY 2024, the U. T. System Board of Regents approved funding for:

- The Regents' Research Excellence Program (RREP) to accelerate national research prominence and the state's economy and to enhance the U. T. System's global research competitiveness by supporting faculty and post-doctoral research. The current allocation is anticipated to be utilized through FY 2026. Funding is expected to be recurring beginning in FY 2027 once the program is fully implemented.
- Programs of cooperation between U. T. System and the National Council of Humanities, Science and Technology (CONAHCYT) of Mexico to promote and strengthen relations between the United States and Mexico with respect to higher education and research. The programs supported through this agreement include Mexican PhD student education at U. T. System institutions, exchange of postdoctoral fellows, exchange of non-degree students and faculty, and collaborative research projects. Additional funding is expected to provide program and administration support through FY 2030.
- The Legislative Fellowship Program, which serves students across U.T. System institutions. Students intern in legislative offices, committees, and state agencies, elevating the reputation of the U.T. System and its campuses while providing students with valuable leadership and professional experience.

For FY 2025, the U. T. System Board of Regents approved funding for:

- A supplement to the Promise Plus scholarship program for eligible students at U. T. System academic institutions other than U. T. Austin to implement the Board's goal that each academic institution establishes their respective family income eligibility level for students participating in the Promise Plus program at a minimum of \$100,000.

- The Regents' Strategic Research Fund, which provides support required to continue to develop capabilities that align with current or emerging state or federal priorities, advance research programs from prominence to preeminence, and to support collaborative engagement with industry and agencies, while enhancing the competitiveness of Texas and its research universities. This program, in combination with other investment funds, ensures that the U. T. System and U. T. institutions achieve national research prominence at the highest levels, in areas of critical need and importance, and continue to help drive the state's innovation economy. Funding is expected to be recurring once the program is fully implemented.



**APPENDIX G – U. T. AUSTIN APPLICATION OF AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND**

	Actual FY 2024	Budget FY 2025
<b>EXCELLENCE IN MISSION</b>		
<b>INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE</b>		
Enhanced Academic Programs	\$ 95,855,647	\$ 260,563,156
Instructional Program Services	14,684,804	13,898,202
Instructional Initiatives and Programs	12,852,419	17,170,072
Academic Infrastructure (Libraries, Instructional Technology)	33,391,615	27,525,817
Student Programs and Services	14,864,188	8,857,996
<b>RESEARCH EXCELLENCE</b>		
Research Competitiveness	38,344,550	27,247,645
<b>OUTREACH EXCELLENCE</b>		
Academic Program/Community Interface	3,639,488	2,902,461
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213,632,711</b>	<b>358,165,350</b>
<b>RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF TALENT</b>		
Faculty	13,455,801	591,594
K-12 Outreach and Undergraduate Students	28,573,294	26,038,585
Graduate Students	52,828,298	46,818,261
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94,857,193</b>	<b>73,448,440</b>
<b>INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENHANCED CONNECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC</b>	<b>77,836,361</b>	<b>61,544,926</b>
<b>DELL MEDICAL SCHOOL</b>	<b>40,687,340</b>	<b>29,049,892</b>
<b>SYSTEMWIDE TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUND</b>	<b>7,566,599</b>	<b>2,758,392</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$434,580,204</b>	<b>\$524,967,000</b>

**APPENDIX G – U. T. AUSTIN APPLICATION OF AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND (CONTINUED)****EXPLANATION OF U. T. AUSTIN AUF EXPENDITURES**

The mission of U. T. Austin is to achieve excellence in the interrelated areas of undergraduate education, graduate education, research, and public service. And all sources of funds (appropriated, AUF, tuition, grants, and gifts) are expended to this end.

According to the *Texas Constitution*, one of the permitted uses of the AUF is the support and maintenance of U. T. Austin. Over the years, the AUF has provided the margin of excellence that permits U. T. Austin to achieve and maintain its place as one of the premier public institutions of higher education in the nation. The margin of excellence and operations support of U. T. Austin are described below:

**EXCELLENCE IN MISSION:***INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE*

**Enhanced Academic Programs.** Academic initiatives at the college and departmental level enhanced by the AUF include curriculum innovation, development of new degree programs, interdisciplinary program planning and coordination, honors programs, internship programs, academic technology and facility support, K-12 and community outreach activities, and continuing education. It also includes reserves to be allocated by executive leadership.

**Instructional Program Services.** These services include educational innovation, student success initiatives, college computing and networking services, instructional and technology enhanced teaching support, provision of web-based student-faculty communication platforms, teaching effectiveness services, credit by examination, new and experienced faculty training, assessment methods, student course-instructor evaluations, the UT Elementary School, and coordination of University-wide K-12 activities. Services also includes administration and coordination of classroom space for the College of Natural Sciences.

**APPENDIX G – U. T. AUSTIN APPLICATION OF AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND (CONTINUED)**

**Instructional Initiatives and Programs.** The School of Undergraduate Studies was developed to enhance the education for all undergraduates through core curriculum, advising, learning communities, signature courses, interdisciplinary programs, and research. Other instructional initiatives and programs include course transformation and innovation as well as visiting lecturers. Students have access to specialized centers for design and creative technology; pharmacy and nursing experiences; and fine arts productions. Instructional initiatives also includes funds for support for Texas Student Media as well as the Distinguished Service Academy.

**Academic Infrastructure (Libraries and Instructional Technology).** Instructional technology services include providing access to computing, voice and data networks, internet, and email. Library services include access to comprehensive print and digital resources supporting all disciplines, and access to specialized collections within the Humanities Research Center, and the Benson Latin American Collection.

**Student Programs and Services.** These services encompass new student orientation, career services, welcoming and mentoring programs, enrollment management, student organizations, campus and community involvement, Greek life, services for students with disabilities, student governance, judicial services and volunteer and service learning. Services include funding for the Center for Career Exploration and Development to help students achieve the skills, experiences, and co-curricular knowledge needed for life after graduation. Funding is included for the Graduation Help Desk as well as AUF student support for the College of Natural Sciences.

**RESEARCH EXCELLENCE**

**Research Competitiveness.** Support is provided for the critical research infrastructure required for faculty to be competitive for federal, state, and private sector research grant funding, to meet the ever increasing regulatory and compliance requirements associated with this external funding, to provide specialized services for areas such as animal care and high performance computing, and to help support research centers and institutes targeting areas critical to the economic development of Texas and the nation. Additionally, debt service funding for a centralized portion of Dell Medical School's Health Discovery Building is included. In FY 2023 this also includes AUF support for the new Civitas Institute.

**APPENDIX G – U. T. AUSTIN APPLICATION OF AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND (CONTINUED)***OUTREACH EXCELLENCE*

**Academic Program/Community Interface.** These programs help define and characterize the role of a flagship institution within the larger community and include such units as: Texas Performing Arts, Blanton Museum, and Winedale Historical Center.

**RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF TALENT:***FACULTY*

U. T. Austin is committed to continuing to advance as one of the world's finest universities. Achieving this goal is directly connected to the ability to recruit and retain faculty of the highest caliber. U. T. Austin must compete for this top talent.

*K-12 OUTREACH AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS*

Funds for various admission, scholarship, and retention programs help ensure the quality and diversity of students and make a high quality education affordable and accessible to qualified students. The University Outreach Centers provide an intensive college preparatory program for underrepresented students beginning in eighth grade and continuing through high school. The purpose is to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who graduate from Texas high schools prepared to matriculate and be successful in Texas colleges and universities.

*GRADUATE STUDENTS*

The intellectual and research accomplishments of the University depend critically on the ability to recruit and retain the very best graduate students from across the nation. These funds provide the scholarships, fellowships, and infrastructure support necessary for U. T. Austin to compete with peer institutions for these excellent students. Funding includes support for the graduate student investment initiative providing fellowship funds to selective colleges/programs to improve quality of students and to enable graduate student support and funding packages competitive with peer universities. Funding is included for teaching assistants and assistant instructor salaries and to support recruitment fellowships. In FY 2023, this includes additional funds for fellowships in science, technology, engineering, and math programs.

**APPENDIX G – U. T. AUSTIN APPLICATION OF AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND (CONTINUED)****INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENHANCED CONNECTION TO THE PUBLIC:**

Institutional accountability programs and offices are dedicated to providing support services for excellence in teaching, research, and public service. Development efforts expand private support by presenting evidence of the University's distinctive character, valuable service, and efficient management. University Communications has leadership responsibility for the institution's interaction with the media and with the public at large. The Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost serves as the chief academic officer of the University overseeing the academic programs on campus. The Office of Institutional Reporting, Research, and Information Systems provides information and analytical support to University decision makers and submits numerous reports to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Department of Education. Financial and Administrative Services is dedicated to enhancing the development and delivery of most supporting services for oncampus clients, including public and environmental safety and the integrity of the physical infrastructure of the institution. Project Information Quest uses business intelligence tools to provide critical information to University decision makers. Support also includes funding for Workday, the Senior Vice Provost for Global Engagement, and the Division of Investigation and Adjudication, which investigations allegations of discrimination, harassment and other prohibited conduct. FY 2023 includes funding for Enterprise Business Information Technology Solutions.

**DELL MEDICAL SCHOOL:**

The Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin improves health in Travis County and throughout the country by training new physicians, providing treatment in a new teaching hospital and conducting research to expand knowledge of medicine and medical technology.

**SYSTEMWIDE TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUND:**

The U. T. System Office of Telecommunication Services and the Network Bandwidth were established by the U.T. Board of Regents to provide other U. T. campuses with inter-institutional voice, video, and computer communications in support of their missions of instruction and research. These services are managed by U. T. Austin, and therefore, appear in U. T. Austin's budget. Funding includes Cyberinfrastructure Support to provide additional computing power for research throughout the U. T. System.