



Deferred Maintenance & Modernization Strategy

- In lieu of one-time capital DM funding, UA is pursuing a legislative strategy for consistent annual state funding to the “University of Alaska Major Maintenance and Modernization Fund”.
- A modest revenue stream of \$35 million annually would bring UA greater financial stability. When similar funding levels were received in the past, UA was able to flatten the deferred maintenance curve.
- Legislation will be proposed to establish a UA Major Maintenance and Modernization Fund and spending would be limited to projects on UA’s approved projects list.
- A \$60 million request for deferred maintenance funding is being concurrently pursued through the capital budget process should this legislative strategy not get approved.
- Sustained focus on long-term capital planning allows for better project execution. Predictable funding will also strengthen the construction industry by allowing contractors to scale operations and supporting new job growth across the State.
- There will be a focus on efficiency and cost reductions. UA will drive for smaller footprints and space optimization.

Attaining R1 Research Status at UAF

- UA holds the potential to reshape Alaska’s role in the Arctic and contribute significantly to the lives of people living in the Arctic.
- UAF currently ranks as an R2, “high research activity” university, which puts UAF within the top 7% of U.S. universities in research achievement.
- Attaining “very high research activity”, R1 status, would place UAF within the top 4% of U.S. universities with respect to research and have wide ranging positive impacts on UAF, the UA system, and Alaska’s economy.
- UAF achieving R1 research status is not just about growing research, it’s about growing Alaska.



Facility deferred maintenance and renewal has been the UA Board of Regents’ top capital priority for more than twenty years.

Healthcare workforce training expansion

- No industry has grown as much as health care over the last decade, and the University of Alaska has focused on meeting that strong demand, which is forecasted to continue for at least the next decade.
- A project to renovate the Sally Monserud Hall on the UAA campus is vital to filling the demand for healthcare workforce in Alaska.
- This request represents an investment in creating a flexible simulation lab, additional debrief space, and supporting infrastructure and the relocation of the Learning Commons into the Library.

Mariculture Program Expansion

- The Mariculture Program Expansion project will increase the square footage and create new infrastructure to support the Applied Fisheries Mariculture program at the UAS Sitka campus.
- The project will construct a new laboratory space that includes access to fresh seawater, rearing tanks, and equipment for the operation of growing Mariculture shellfish.

