

UM Music Building Remediation

Total Cost: \$7.25 million from LRBP CD Fund with a \$7.25 million match from UM

This project will provide essential life, safety, and accessibility remediation to one of the most heavily-used buildings on the UM campus. Constructed in 1953 to serve 100 students, the UM music program has more than doubled in size since then. It also hosts numerous high school competitions and campus throughout the year. Specific remediation includes an elevator replacement, practice room upgrades, ventilation system installation, improve storage capacity, as well as address concerns raised by local fire marshal. Each semester, the Music Building serves more than 750 UM students who take music courses and participate in the Grizzly Marching Band, as well as over 3,300 Montana high school and middle school students who use the building for festivals, camps, and competitions. In 2013, accreditors identified facility issues and flagged them for improvement by the next accreditation visit in 2024. Many of the remediation challenges remained unresolved.

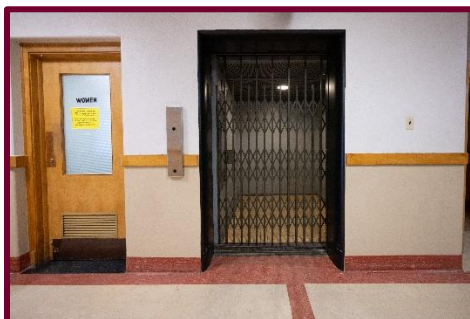
Estimated total square footage: 37,180 square feet

Why this project is critical: If this 70-year-old building does not receive the funding needed for essential life, safety, and accessibility remediation, it puts Montana's primary workforce development program for music educators in jeopardy. Currently there are:

- 40 unfilled music teacher positions across Montana according to OPI.
- The UM Music School has a 100% job placement rate with a large majority of graduates remaining in Montana to work at K-12 school districts.

UM has invested more than \$3 million in Music Building improvements since 2021, at no cost to the State of Montana. The University is prepared to match the state's LRBP investment at 100%.

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Elevator is unsafe for human transport.



Practice rooms are too small.



Storage lockers are broken and small.