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Foundation Project Proposal

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Projects Overview

Recording Studio

As construction for the Center for Worship Studios continues, completion depends on finishing the infrastructure and purchasing and installing the equipment necessary to open the studio for use. Faculty, along with a studio consultant, have constructed a list of equipment deemed appropriate to bring the studio to life.

Fleet Vehicles

This capital expenditure to update the Operations Division's fleet vehicles is an investment that will enhance operational efficiency, reduce maintenance costs, and align with our institution's goals while ensuring reliable transportation for essential campus operations.

Willingham Apartment Remodel

Beginning in 2022 as part of a broader \$11m campus renovation program, 10 Willingham apartments were remodeled. These remodels received updated plumbing, electrical, flooring, cabinetry, and appliances.

There are 25 of the 35 apartments that remain to be remodeled at this time.

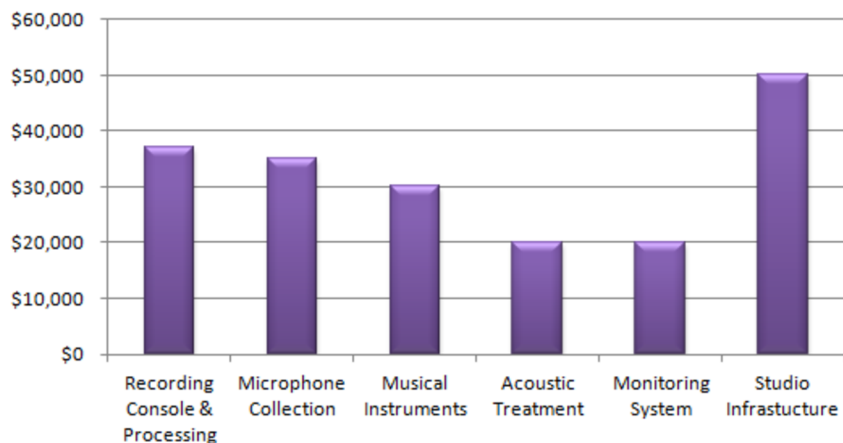


Project 1 - Recording Studio

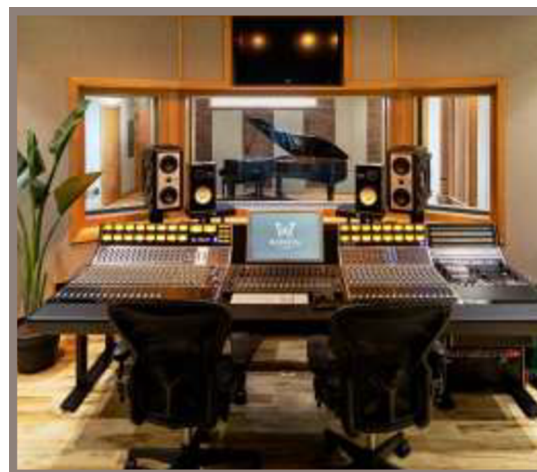
The Center for Worship studio will be more than just a recording studio; it will be a place where students and aspiring musicians come to life. It will be the epicenter of innovation and creativity, fostering an environment where beautiful worship music is born and nurtured. With your support, we can prepare our students to be leaders in a world where technology shapes the future of worship and music ministry.

1. Recording Console & Processing (\$37,000)
 - Leads with the core technology that powers the studio
 - Emphasizes professional-grade equipment that will ensure long-term value
 - Includes the Neve console - the industry standard
2. Microphone Collection (\$35,000)
 - Showcases the range of recording capabilities
 - Includes prestigious brands that donors may recognize
 - Emphasizes quality and versatility
3. Musical Instruments (\$30,000)
 - Appeals to musicians and music enthusiasts
 - Features brands like Nord, Martin, and Gibson
 - Demonstrates commitment to quality performance
4. Acoustic Treatment (\$20,000)
 - Highlights the professional nature of the facility
 - Emphasizes the technical requirements for professional recording
 - Shows investment in sound quality
5. Monitoring System (\$20,000)
 - Features high-end Focal monitors
 - Demonstrates commitment to accurate sound reproduction
 - Essential for professional results
6. Studio Infrastructure (\$50,000)
 - Construction completion
 - Covers the essential support equipment
 - Shows attention to professional workflow
 - Includes necessary furniture and technical infrastructure

Recording Studio by Category



Project Completion \$192,000



Recording Booth with Neve Console



Project 2 - Fleet Vehicle Update

CURRENT SITUATION

The Operations Division's existing fleet:

- Facilities vehicles average age: 15+ years annual maintenance costs exceeding \$65,000+
- Increasing frequency of vehicle downtime:
- 4 vehicles currently inoperable
- Low fuel efficiency vs. current models
- Limited safety features vs. models today
- Mechanic staffing in NOLA prohibitive for operations

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Investment in newer fleet vehicles will provide:

1. Cost Reduction
 - Estimated 40% decrease in annual maintenance costs (\$26,000 savings)
 - 25% improvement in fuel efficiency (\$16,000 annual savings)
 - Reduced rental vehicle expenses during maintenance periods (\$5,000 annual savings)
 - Total projected annual savings: \$47,000
2. Operational Benefits
 - Increased vehicle reliability and uptime
 - Enhanced staff productivity through reduced maintenance-related disruptions
 - Modern safety features including backup cameras and blind-spot monitoring
 - Improved cargo capacity and organization
 - Extended service life of 10+ years per vehicle
3. Risk Mitigation
 - Reduced liability exposure through modern safety features
 - Decreased probability of breakdown-related service interruptions
 - Enhanced emergency response capability
 - Improved compliance with current safety standards

ROI Projections

\$192,000*

Purchase & Repair Fleet Vehicles

\$35,000

Projected Annual Cost Savings

5.5 years

ROI Timeline



Added Benefits:

Enhanced operational efficiency
Improved safety compliance

*Estimated Expenditures

Vehicle Repair/Update: \$42,000
Used Vehicle Purchase (6): \$125,000
UTV/Alternative Purchase (5): \$25,000



Project 3 - Willingham Apartment Remodel

Willingham Apartments, adjacent to Sunshine Park, has undergone extensive renovation, but there is yet more to be done. Two-thirds of the apartments are still in need of remodeling. Remodeled units bring higher rent, \$625, compared to original units at \$550, providing greater housing income for the Seminary.

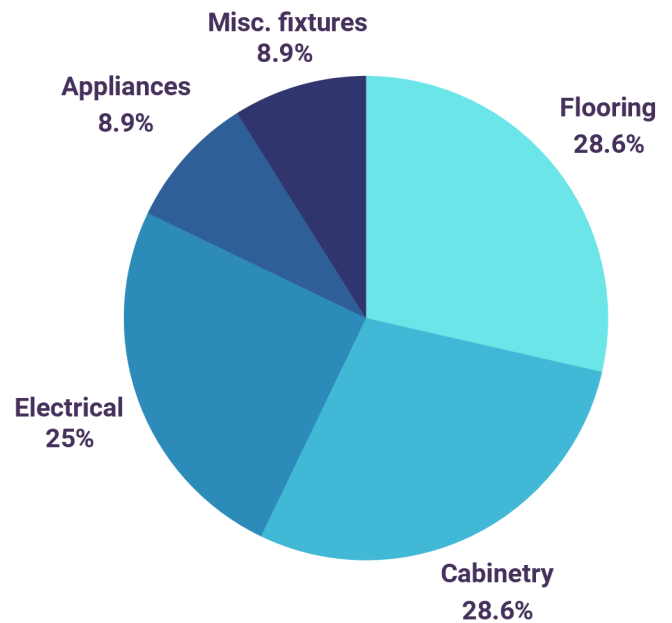
remodel six apartments - \$168,000 est.

The projected expense to remodel a unit is approximately \$25k-\$30k depending on the condition of electrical and plumbing infrastructure.

Cost Breakdown per Unit:

- Flooring: \$8,000
- Cabinetry: \$8,000
- Electrical/Plumbing: \$5,000-\$7,000
- Appliances: \$2,500
- Misc. (light fixtures, trim, knobs, etc): \$1,500-\$2,500

\$24,000, or 12.5%, of the \$192,000 spendable will be reserved for unforeseen remodel expenditures.



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A gift of \$750,000 would allow for the complete renovation of the remaining 25 apartments.

A gift of \$2,000,000 allows for the building to be renamed while providing an endowed fund that will aid in ongoing maintenance, making it fresh for all student residents for years to come. The gift will be used to finish the renovation at \$750k, and \$1,250,000 would create an endowed fund for annual building maintenance.



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