

FY 17 One-Time Allocation Request – University Bands/Spirit

There are two areas of need for University Bands in FY 17.

First, we are requesting a one-time allocation of \$75,000.00 for additional travel related expenses. We often work with donors for financial assistance specifically for these trips so that we are exploring all avenues for funding. As we work to become more nationally visible as the University of Houston, a one-time amount of \$75,000.00 for travel will allow us to provide transportation for our Spirit of Houston students to support our teams next year at more away games, as well as to support our fans and alumni across the country.

Secondly, two years ago, SFAC provided very generous funding for 12 new trumpets, 14 new saxophones, 8 new baritones and 10 new trombones for the Spirit of Houston. For FY 17, we are requesting a one-time allocation of \$74,000.00 for new instruments: five flutes, five clarinets, six trumpets, six trombones, and 6 sousaphones.

Marching Band instrument breakdown:

Flutes (5) - \$5,000.00

Clarinets (5) – \$2,500.00

Trumpets with case – (6) - \$11,000

Trombones with case (6) - \$13,500

Sousaphones with case (6) - \$42,000

These instruments have been a tremendously important recruiting point for our program and improved the appearance and sound of the Spirit of Houston in a very positive manner. As we predicted, we have seen an increase in the number of students seeking membership in our program that either own a poor quality instrument or do not own an instrument at all. It is our goal to provide every member of the program with a durable, serviceable, quality instrument. Providing matched instruments for the athletic bands is a practice common at many nationally recognized programs around the country such as Ohio State University and the University of Michigan. Our six-year goal is to provide instruments for all students in the program. Please see the chart at the end of this document to examine our long-term plan for this goal. Additionally, we will utilize these instruments in our Cougar Brass Basketball Bands, and our University Concert Band. This non-major concert band is vital to the continued quality and growth of the marching band. The non-major concert band it serves as “spring training” for these student musicians that participate in athletic bands.

Instrument replacement plan through FY 22

Marching Band Recruitment Goals:	Current New Instruments	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	Instrument Goal Reached
30 Flutes		5	5	5	5	5	5	30
40 Clarinets		5	5	5	5	10	10	40
30 Saxophones	14							30
50 Trumpets	12	6		8	8	8	8	50
24 Mellophones				6	6	6	6	24
20 Baritones	8			3	3	3	3	20
50 Trombones	10	6		8	8	8	8	50
4 Bass Trombones				1	1	1	1	4
24 Tubas		6	18					24
30 Color Guard	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30
30 Percussion	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30
332 TOTAL MARCHING BAND STUDENTS								332 Total

The chart above demonstrates purchase priority based on need, and demonstrates an effort to balance funding across the 6-year plan as evenly as possible. Thank you for your consideration in both of these one-time requests. We understand that funding is limited and we appreciate any request you feel that you can support.