

## FY26 One-Time Allocation Request – University Bands/Spirit Travel

The Spirit of Houston has been grateful for the one-time allocations received from SFAC that have allowed the program to grow in the last 24 years. To this extent, the department would like to request a one-time allocation request of \$50,00 to support operational support for the band and spirit programs.

On a yearly basis, the Spirit of Houston Band and Spirit supports the operations of the marching band, pep band, three concert bands, the cheer team, the dance team, the mascots, and other auxiliary units (twirlers, Frontiersmen, Buggy Beauties, etc.). Yearly costs for all groups include a wide range of costs such as uniforms, flags and pom poms, rehearsal equipment (mats, metronomes, training devices), and technology (speakers for all groups, outdoor microphones, applications for drill and music learning). These costs are yearly costs, with some years having higher needs due to replacement costs and new needs.

We are asking for this one-time allocation to primarily assist in the purchase of fill-in uniforms for all spirit groups, new speaker equipment to be shared amongst the marching band and spirit groups, and replacement parts for the mascot uniforms to prolong uniform shelf life. Any additional funding would be incredibly value to sustaining the programs as they currently are heading into FY26.