

GOVERNMENT AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

September 13, 2024

The Honorable Matt Deneen
The Honorable Bobby McCool
The Honorable Kim Banta
Budget Review Subcommittee on Education
700 Capital Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Co-Chairs Deneen, McCool, Banta and members of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education:

Western Kentucky University is appreciative of the asset preservation pool provided to Kentucky's public universities to address deferred maintenance across our campuses. Between HB1 and the University match from 2022 and HB6 from 2024, WKU will utilize \$135,454,000 to complete asset preservation projects.

Projects at WKU include roofing restoration, HVAC Replacements, life safety projects, generators, infrastructure repairs such as boiler upgrades, steam line upgrades and high voltage upgrades. WKU currently has 62 asset preservation projects underway. These projects would not be possible without the support of the General Assembly through the asset preservation pool.

Once again, WKU would like to extend its gratitude toward the General Assembly for the support of Kentucky's public universities.

Regards,

Jennifer Smith

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