

Hurricane Ike Recovery Needs and FY 2010-2011 Legislative Appropriations Request

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Hurricane Ike dealt UTMB a devastating blow when it came ashore in September 2008. Faculty, staff and students responded with the skill, heart and resolve that have characterized the university and its people for 118 years, and their efforts have resulted in a rate of recovery few disaster-stricken communities or institutions can claim. Texas has seen a robust and consistent return on its generous investment in UTMB: an annual economic impact of more than \$1B statewide, a diverse and highly skilled health workforce, research programs that advance patient care and attract millions in funding to Texas each year, and a leading source of medical care for people throughout the state. Continued investment in UTMB at this critical juncture in the university's and our state's history will help ensure the health and well-being of all Texans and the vitality of the Texas economy.

UTMB Hurricane Ike Recovery Needs (HB 4586, SB 1)

Pursuant to ongoing work with the UT System Board of Regents and Texas Legislature, UTMB is seeking the following from the Texas Legislature for recovery from Hurricane Ike:

- \$54.5M—To restore business losses
- \$150M—State's matching share of FEMA-estimated capital repair and mitigation costs (existing UTMB facilities, incl. John Sealy Hospital; included in House-passed version of HB 4586)
- \$150M—Capital funding for new Galveston construction to add 214 beds needed for return to pre-Ike hospital capacity (Jennie Sealy replacement hospital; included in House-passed version of HB 4586)
- Assurance of ongoing adequate operational funding to support restoration of bed capacity on Galveston Island
 - o Maintain current general revenue appropriations for UTMB health care operations (in SB 1), and
 - o Allow UTMB's hospital to retain full benefit of the federal Disproportionate-Share Hospital (DSH) and Upper Payment Limit (UPL) funds it generates

First three issues are under discussion in HB 4586, the supplemental bill for disaster recovery. Ongoing hospital funding, including DSH and UPL, are under discussion in SB 1, the 2010–2011 appropriations bill.

UTMB FY 2010–2011 Legislative Appropriations Request (SB 1)

1. Formula Funding (included in both versions of SB 1)
 - Restore base formula rates for all health-related institutions to FY 2000–2001 levels over the next two biennia, as recommended by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and increase GME funding
2. Base Request
 - Continue FY 2008–2009 levels of general revenue funding for all non-formula items (included in both versions of SB 1) and allow UTMB to retain DSH/UPL benefit
3. Exceptional Items (*see reverse for details*)
 - Bugs: Emerging Infectious Diseases—\$18.8M
 - Burns: Conquering Burns, Inflammation and Tissue Damage—\$18.3M
 - Building: Center for Educational Excellence—\$40M Tuition Revenue Bond

Exceptional Item Requests



Protecting Texans from Emerging Infectious Diseases—\$18.8M

Global Health/Infectious Diseases

Since 2005, UTMB has operated the only full-sized Biosafety Level 4 laboratory at a U.S. university. We are also home to the Galveston National Laboratory (GNL), one of only two national biocontainment laboratories for the safe study of infectious threats to human health, helping us to greatly increase the capacity of UTMB experts to develop diagnostics, preventive measures and treatments to combat infectious diseases. Inspiring national and international research collaborations, the GNL places Texas first in the war on bioterrorism and the naturally emerging diseases that can devastate lives and economies in our state, our nation and the world.

This Exceptional Item funding will be utilized to recruit faculty and develop programs focused on the treatment of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, a serious threat to health in the U.S. and abroad.



Conquering Burns, Inflammation and Tissue Damage—\$18.3M

Adult Burn Care

In 1966, the Shriners of North America built the first of their pediatric burn centers on the UTMB campus, beginning a long history of collaboration that has resulted in now-standard treatments—including pressure garments to reduce scarring and more effective pain management protocols—that have dramatically increased survival rates and quality of life for children who've sustained life-threatening burns. Building on lessons learned from our internationally renowned progress in treating burns in children, UTMB is focusing on advancing our understanding of tissue damage and burn recovery in adults.

Funds for this Exceptional Item will be used to recruit faculty, create research and treatment programs, and expand facilities to advance the treatment of adult burn injury. These funds will complement those that have been provided by the philanthropic community for the improvement of acute burn treatment and rehabilitation programs.



Center for Educational Excellence—\$40M Tuition Revenue Bond

Future Workforce

Tomorrow's health workforce must be adept at working in diverse, collaborative teams. Health sciences education must focus on providing an environment that encourages synergistic, interprofessional learning. UTMB's problem-based curriculum is nationally recognized for its ability to attract a diverse student body, provide an exceptional team-based learning environment, and produce graduates with outstanding performance on board exams and in practice.

This Exceptional Item funding will enable UTMB to consolidate its advanced simulation laboratories and standardized patient program, testing centers, learning laboratories, distance education studios, and telehealth resources into a state-of-the-art learning center that will accommodate students from UTMB's four schools. In addition, the facility will increase UTMB's capacity to teach nursing and allied health students, thereby helping relieve a growing shortage of these critical health professionals in the future.
