

FY 19 One-Time Allocation Request – University Bands/Spirit

The Spirit of Houston has been grateful for the additional travel funding provided for FY 18. The addition of \$75,000 permitted the Spirit of Houston to send the cheerleaders to Temple and Tulsa, a large group of band, cheer and dance to Tulane and a pep band to South Florida. There were plans to send the full band, cheer and dance to San Antonio for the game against UTSA; however, it was canceled due to the hurricane.

Our goal is to provide Spirit of Houston support at all games, home and away. To this end, we request a one-time allocation of \$75,000 for additional travel related expenses during FY 19. As we work to become more nationally visible at the University of Houston, a one-time amount of \$75,000 for travel will allow us to provide transportation for Spirit of Houston students to support our team at additional away games, as well as support for our fans and alumni across the country. The continued success of the UH football team increases the demand for our spirit groups to be present at all away games in some capacity.

For FY 19, we are requesting a one-time allocation of \$75,000 to support the purchase of new instruments. We find ourselves in dire need to replace our aging sousaphones. 17 of our 24 sousaphones were purchased during or before 1984-85 and were overhauled in 2000. The overhaul process attempts to put the instruments into a condition that would be almost like new. During the overhaul process, the instruments are buffed to remove oxidation and polished. Both of these processes remove metal and it is not recommended that an instrument be overhauled more than once over its lifespan due to the thinning of the metal. It has been 17 years since the overhaul and many of these instruments are not going to be usable for much longer. Under normal circumstances brass instruments have a limited life span of around 20 years. It will cost approximately \$6,900 to purchase one new sousaphone and we would like to purchase 10. Please see below a chart of our inventory of sousaphones and their dates of acquisition:

Sousaphone	Jupiter	594	G02365	1	2006
Sousaphone	Jupiter	594	G02329	2	2006
Sousaphone	Jupiter	594	G02366	3	2006
Sousaphone	King	2350	140321	4	before 1953
Sousaphone	King	2350	354459	5	1955-1960
Sousaphone	King	2350	394433	6	1960-1965
Sousaphone	Conn	20 K	401964	7	1953
Sousaphone	King	2350	909488	8	1984-1985
Sousaphone	King	2350	909505	9	1984-1985
Sousaphone	King	2350	909563	10	1984-1985

Sousaphone	King	2350	909575	11	1984-1985
Sousaphone	King	2350	910477	12	1984-1985
Sousaphone	Yamaha	YSH-411	424830	13	Sep-08
Sousaphone	King	2350	910521	14	1984-1985
Sousaphone	King	2350	910536	15	1984-1985
Sousaphone	Yamaha	YSH-411	424918	16	Sep-08
Sousaphone	King	2350	910544	17	1984-1985
Sousaphone	King	2350	951112	18	1984-1985
Sousaphone	King	2350	956453	19	1984-1985
Sousaphone	Yamaha	YSH-411	424974	20	Sep-08
Sousaphone	King	2350	962077	21	1984-1985
Sousaphone	King	2350	962007	22	1984-1985
Sousaphone	King	2350	962104	23	1984-1985
Sousaphone	Yamaha	YSH-411	425330	24	Sep-08