



Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

August 22, 2025

The Honorable Mike Braun
Governor of the State of Indiana
Statehouse
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor Braun:

At its meeting on August 8, 2025, the Purdue University Board of Trustees approved the planning, financing, construction and award of construction contracts for the Elliott Hall of Music Ceiling Tile Replacement on the West Lafayette campus.

This project will remove and replace the original, 85-year-old existing ceiling tiles and adhesive in the facility with those that have equal to or better acoustic qualities than the current ones.

This project will address concerns associated with the aging materials and provide a safe and reliable environment for event attendees.

The estimated total project cost is \$2,520,000 and will be fully funded by Auxiliary Funds – Other.

Subject to review by the Commission for Higher Education and recommendation by the State Budget Committee and the Budget Agency, we request your approval to proceed with this project. Attached are the completed forms that the Commission has prescribed for its review of such projects. We will be happy to answer any questions you or your staff may have or to provide any additional information that is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Ruhl', written over a horizontal line.

Christopher A. Ruhl
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Attachments

c: Brooke Kile, Senior Associate Commissioner for Business Solutions, Indiana Commission for Higher Education
Chad Ranney, State Budget Director, Indiana State Budget Agency
Jonathan Eccles, Division Director, Indiana State Budget Agency
Kay Parker, Comptroller, Purdue University
Anne Hazlett, Senior Director, Government Relations, Purdue University

PROJECT COST SUMMARY
Elliot Hall of Music Ceiling Tile Replacement

Institution:	<u>Purdue University</u>	Budget Agency Project No.:	<u>B-1-26-2-02</u>
Campus:	<u>West Lafayette</u>	Institutional Priority:	<u>N/A</u>
Previously approved by General Assembly:	<u>No</u>	Previously recommended by CHE:	<u>No</u>
Part of the Institution's Long-term Capital Plan:	<u>Yes</u>		

Project Size:	<u>N/A</u> GSF (1)	<u>N/A</u> ASF (2)	<u>#VALUE!</u> ASF/GSF
Net change in overall campus space:	<u>0</u> GSF	<u>0</u> ASF	

Total cost of the project (3):	<u>\$ 2,520,000</u>	Cost per ASF/GSF:	<u>#VALUE!</u> GSF
Total cost of the demolition:	<u>\$ 200,000</u>		<u>#VALUE!</u> ASF

Funding Source(s) for project (4):	Amount	Type
	<u>\$ 2,520,000</u>	<u>Auxiliary Funds - Other</u>

Estimated annual debt payment (6): 0

Are all funds for the project secured: Yes

Project Funding:

The project is being fully funded by Auxiliary Funds - Other, and all funds are secured.

Project Cost Justification

Since the project is roofing-based, there is not a ASF or GSF associated with the work. This project's scope and cost are described more in the Capital Project Details section.

Estimated annual change in cost of building operations based on the project: N/A

Estimated annual repair and rehabilitation investment (5): \$ 37,800

PROJECT DETAILED DESCRIPTION - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Description of Project

This project will remove and replace the aging ceiling tiles and adhesive in the facility. The new tiles will have similar or better acoustic qualities than the current ones to optimize and support events in the large open space. The ceilings are 60 feet tall and will require extensive scaffolding to be used during construction.

Need and Purpose of the Program

Elliott Hall of Music opened in 1940 and seats 6,005 people on the main floor and two balconies. It is one of the largest proscenium (i.e. the stage space in front of the curtain) theatres in the U.S. This facility serves the Greater Lafayette community and members of Purdue by hosting Broadway musicals, operas, ballets, rock, country and pop groups, as well as comedians, lecturers and symphonies. Elliott Hall is home to the nationally recognized Purdue Musical Organizations' Christmas Show. The university's commencement exercises, honors programs and conference events also take place here.

This project will address concerns associated with the existing 85-year-old ceiling tiles and adhesive that are original to the building and provide a safe and reliable environment for event attendees.

Space Utilization

This project does not have a net impact on total assignable campus space.

Comparable Projects

The requested project does not have a direct comparable due to the type of space and scope of work. The most similar project is summarized below.

Hagle Hall (2019)

\$22,000,000

This project built a new approximately 37,000 GSF facility to support the Bands and Orchestras program with shared academic and rehearsal spaces, practice rooms and instruction rooms.

Hagle Hall and Elliott Hall of Music support similar programming and require specialized or additional materials for appropriate sound projection and control. The Elliott Hall of Music project has a much smaller scope and associated cost compared to Hagle Hall since it is only renovating the ceiling, as opposed to constructing a new building.

Background Materials

CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST FORM
INDIANA PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
INSTITUTION CAMPUS SPACE DETAILS FOR Elliott Hall of Music Ceiling Tile Replacement

	Current Campus Totals			Subtotal Current and Future Space	Capital Request		Net Future Space
	Current Space in Use	Space Under Construction (1)	Space Planned and Funded (1)		Space to be Terminated (1)	New Space in Capital Request (2)	
(INSERT PROJECT TITLE AND SBA No.)							
<u>A. OVERALL SPACE IN ASF</u>							
Classroom (110 & 115)	324,254	51,092	-	375,346	-	-	375,346
Class Lab (210,215,220,225,230,235)	765,104	10,789	-	775,892	-	-	775,892
Non-class Lab (250 & 255)	1,761,714	29,332	-	1,791,046	-	-	1,791,046
Office Facilities (300)	2,288,249	9,457	(3,195)	2,294,511	-	-	2,294,511
Study Facilities (400)	457,018	41,979	(1,027)	497,970	-	-	497,970
Special Use Facilities (500)	1,245,282	(3,099)	-	1,242,182	-	-	1,242,182
General Use Facilities (600)	957,751	17,424	(60)	975,115	-	-	975,115
Support Facilities (700)	2,982,113	(53,301)	6,959	2,935,771	-	-	2,935,771
Health Care Facilities (800)	217,884	90	-	217,974	-	-	217,974
Resident Facilities (900)	2,424,637	111,146	-	2,535,783	-	-	2,535,783
Unclassified (000)	82,649	-	-	82,649	-	-	82,649
<u>B. OTHER FACILITIES</u>							
(Please list major categories)				-			-
TOTAL SPACE	13,506,654	214,909	2,677	13,724,240	-	-	13,724,240

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ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
GMP Delivery	January	2026
Start Construction	June	2026
Occupancy (End Date)	February	2027

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST FOR PROJECT

	Cost Basis (1)	Estimated Escalation Factors (2)	Project Cost
<u>Planning Costs</u>			
a. Engineering	\$ -		\$ -
b. Architectural	\$ 179,000		\$ 179,000
c. Consulting	\$ -		\$ -
<u>Construction</u>			
a. Structure	\$ 1,925,000		\$ 1,925,000
b. Mechanical (HVAC, plumbing, etc.)	\$ -		\$ -
c. Electrical	\$ -		\$ -
<u>Movable Equipment</u>	\$ -		\$ -
<u>Fixed Equipment</u>	\$ -		\$ -
<u>Site Development/Land Acquisition</u>	\$ -		\$ -
<u>Other (PM fee, contingencies, insurance, etc.)</u>	\$ 416,000		\$ 416,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	\$ 2,520,000	\$ -	\$ 2,520,000

CAPITAL PROJECT OPERATING COST DETAILS

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<u>ANNUAL OPERATING COST/SAVINGS (1)</u>	<u>GSF OF AREA AFFECTED BY PROJECT</u>			
	Cost per GSF	Total Operating Cost	Personal Services	Supplies and Expenses
1. Operations	-	\$ -		
2. Maintenance	-	\$ -		
3. Fuel	-	\$ -		
4. Utilities	#DIV/0!	\$ -		
5. Other	-	\$ -		
TOTAL ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL COST/SAVINGS	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Description of any unusual factors affecting operating and maintenance costs/savings.

The project will not have a significant effect on annual operations expenditures.