UT Health Science Center at San Antonio
Funding Priorities, 84th Texas Legislature

- Enhance formula funding for Health Related Institutions (HRIs)
- Enhanced Funding for Graduate Medical Education (GME)
- Maintain, Enhance or Secure New funding for Exceptional/Special Items:
  - Barshop Institute for Longevity & Aging Studies, $4M
  - Regional Campus Laredo (RCL), $11.3M
  - San Antonio Life Sciences Institute (SALSI), $4M
- Authorization of Tuition Revenue Bond (TRB), Facilities Renewal and Renovation, $114M

Brief descriptions:

**Health Related Institutions (HRIs):** To provide based funding to support our mission of instruction and operations of our Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Health Professions, and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, plus supporting our infrastructure and research related activities.

**Graduate Medical Education (GME):** Formal medical education, usually hospital-sponsored or hospital-based training, pursued after receipt of the M.D. or D.O. degree. This education includes internship, residency, subspecialty and fellowship programs, and leads to state licensure and board certification. Enhancing GME formula funding will be important in enhancing the number of physicians ultimately practicing in San Antonio and the South Texas Border Region.

**Exceptional/Special Items:**

**Barshop Institute for Longevity & Aging Studies:** To continue our Translational Aging Research Program that is taking scientific discoveries made in the laboratory to the patient bedside and help address health problems due to the aging of the American population, which will dominate the exploding medical expenditures in the 21st century.

**Regional Campus Laredo (RCL):** To continue providing professional health education, research, and service in Laredo and surrounding communities through undergraduate, graduate educational and research programs, and provide dental and dental hygiene educational programs to meet the educational and health care needs of Texans in this area of the state.

**San Antonio Life Sciences Institute (SALSI):** To continue our collaboration with UTSA, specifically through the creation of the SALSI Academy, which will be a long-standing, co-operative structure between us and UTSA that will have multiple points for collaborations and interactions for research projects, research infrastructure, and research education? Several new joint initiatives will be launched within the SALSI Academy to enhance interdisciplinary research collaborations, significantly raise our international research profile and competitiveness, and foster excellence and innovation for both institutions.

**Tuition Revenue Bonds (TRBs), Facilities Renewal and Renovation:** Critical need to renovate our oldest building (School of Medicine/School of Dentistry) and renovating our original 40 year-old School of Nursing building, totaling 1.6 million square feet comprising about 40.7% of our campus space. Proposed renovations will support increased student enrollments and address major fire and life safety issues, including deferred maintenance. The projected cost for these renovations is $130 million, $114 million through an authorized TRB and UTHSCSA’s investment of $16 million to support this effort.

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