

# Investment Fund for Core Needs (IFCN)

## Entry #135

### A. PROPOSAL SUMMARY

**Title: Operations and Maintenance Asbestos Abatement Team**

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**Amount Requested:** \$8011.8

**Name of Sponsor 1:** James Willis  
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**Name of Sponsor 2:**

**Name of Sponsor 3:**

#### A-1. Description of the Initiative

If approved this proposal will create a fully trained and qualified operations and maintenance asbestos abatement team. Under NYS regulations operations and maintenance certification:

"permits the holder to perform OSHA Class III asbestos work only on Minor asbestos projects. These minor asbestos projects must be associated with repairs required in the performance of emergency or routine maintenance activity, and is not intended solely as asbestos abatement. Such work may not exceed minor quantities of ACM to be disturbed within a single glovebag or a single negative pressure tent enclosure."

This team would not be certified or able to perform large scale abatements such as before construction projects, etc.

#### A-2. Impact Statement: What change will this project deliver in the short term? What are the expected longer term impacts?

If approved this proposal would quickly:

- 1) Create savings by bringing contractor work in-house
- 2) Improve response speed for maintenance requests and many facilities emergencies
- 3) Reduce collateral damage to facilities by being able to make repairs more quickly (e.g. stopping leaks before they cause other damage)

4) Improve campus compliance with asbestos regulations by ensuring only trained and qualified staff are allowed to disturb it

Longer term affects would be:

1) Continuing accrual of savings over time

2) Increase of campus confidence and trust that asbestos issues are being handled by fully trained and qualified staff

## B. STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

### B-1. To be a Great College at which to Learn

Currently students are occasionally involved when there are asbestos incidents in the residence halls. Examples of these incidents are wall tiles that fall from the wall, exposing asbestos-containing mastic beneath and potentially requiring that students be moved or other stop-gap measures while a contractor is brought in for repairs. Another example is inadvertent damage to an asbestos-containing wall requiring cleanup in a residence, such as damaging a wall with a hand cart during move in. These experiences do not portray the college as a quality, high value institution that values student safety.

Approving this initiative can not prevent these occurrences but it would allow the college to respond within minutes or hours rather than the current response time of days or even weeks.

### B-2. To be a College engaged with its Community

### B-3. To be a Sustainable Institution for the 21st Century

Financial control and regulatory compliance are essential for the continuation of the College into the future. The risks of a lack of financial control are obvious. Regulatory compliance issues are less obvious but can result in fines and penalties, lawsuits, increased regulatory oversight, and damage to the institutions reputation.

This proposal, if enacted, will reduce the use of contractors for very small asbestos jobs, thus saving money over time. It will also increase the campus's asbestos compliance by ensuring that a team of fully trained and qualified staff are readily available to respond to asbestos issues.

### B-4. To be a Great College at which to Work

Currently any work with asbestos, no matter how small, is delayed by the need to bring in contractors. Often, to save money, the College will wait until several small jobs need to be done which can take several weeks. This causes delays which the campus community often views as a lack of customer service, especially when students are impacted.

By having an in-house team the college will be able to respond to small jobs nearly immediately, thus facilitating speedy repairs and increasing the perception of Facilities as a responsive organization.

Finally, being able to demonstrate a commitment to safety and regulatory compliance by having trained and qualified staff on hand will increase trust on campus and foster a feeling that the college actively works to provide a safe and healthy workplace for everyone.

## C. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND BUDGET

C-1. Identify the specific activities to be funded from the Investment Fund, estimated time-line for implementation, and for activities anticipated to be ongoing, plans for continued funding.

**Item 1:** Training

**Item 1 Amount:** \$3250

**Item 2:** Medical Clearance and Surveillance

**Item 2 Amount:** \$2450

**Item 3:** Equipment and Supplies

**Item 3 Amount:** \$1811.8

**Item 4:** State permit fee

**Item 4 Amount:** \$500

**Item 5:**

**Item 5 Amount:** \$

**Item 6:**

**Item 6 Amount:** \$

**Item 7:**

**Item 7 Amount:** \$

**Item 8:**

**Item 8 Amount:** \$

**Item 9:**

**Item 9 Amount:** \$

**Item 10:**

**Item 10 Amount:** \$

**TOTAL EXPENSES, ALL ITEMS:** \$8011.8

**Matching Fund:** \$

**In-Kind Services:** Provide FTE and name of personnel who have committed to in-kind services.

## D. ASSESSMENT PLAN:

D-1. What are the anticipated outcomes and specific measurements for success?

The primary measure of success will be the number of small asbestos projects kept in-house.

## E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

E-1. Please provide any additional information to assist in the review of the proposal, including why the initiative cannot be funded from divisional resources.

**Upload up to three supplemental files here (not required):** [On file]

**Signature of Project Lead:** [on file]

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**Signatures of sponsors are on file in the Administration and Finance Division.**

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