Seismic Safety Funding Overview

The full cost to make the needed retrofits of buildings across UC campuses will be assessed as the campuses receive more information from the seismic evaluations. As of the end of 2019, approximately 56 million square feet, or about 40 percent, of the total systemwide building area have been seismically evaluated.

The university’s Capital Financial Plan (CFP) provides an estimated plan of seismic improvement projects. Based on the partial information available, campuses have estimated construction costs of $6.7 billion that may be required to address seismic improvement needs identified to date. Those needs may change as work continues on seismic evaluations. UC is currently using available state funds for eligible buildings as well as university resources for projects identified as high priority.

The university is exploring additional sources of funding to help with building retrofits or replacements. These other sources include the California State Budget for eligible buildings, and campus or auxiliary funds.

After all building assessments and ratings updates are completed in 2020, campuses will incorporate seismic projects in the university’s Capital Programs process.